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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE: by Larock Benford



MCL Detachment 1057 Warriors

The holiday season has attacked us & we were & are ready for its frontal assault. Our first official meeting on 28 October at **Wildomar VFW Post 1508** was hugely successful. We had 30 members and 4 guests on deck that enjoyed a productive 1 hour & 10 minute meeting that followed with a tasty breakfast. We had 1st-time guests *Bob Horn (Sponsored by Scott Burris)* & *David Munoz (Sponsored by Nick Vultaggio)* on deck. They both would later fill out their membership application and pay their dues. We will swear them in & welcome them aboard at our upcoming meeting. As you can see, recruiting is an on-going responsibility that we all share, so keep on recruiting. With that said, I hope to have a former *Staff Sergeant and a retired Sergeant Major* come onboard. Other good news, *Gunnery Sergeant Marcelo "Speedy" Gonzalez, Jr., Tereza Lepore, & David Munoz* all paid for Life Membership! Also, during our October meeting, we had a few members bring in new unwrapped toys in support of **Toys for Tots**. We hope to collect more at our November meeting. Additionally, we collected the following:

Opportunity Drawing Raffle	\$1	78.00
Scholarship Fund	\$1	08.00
Coffee Fund	\$	9.00

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: by Scott Burris



On December 24th, 1944 around the time of midnight Allied and Axis Forces faced each other across a battlefield in Europe. Fighting had been fierce with artillery and air support. Being that far north, night had come early and with it a growing silence. Rifles stopped shooting. Shells stopped whistling overhead, bombs stopped falling. And by the time midnight rolled around, both sides were completely silent. Despite the need for sound integrity on a night when the air was so crisp that sound could travel across dozens if not hundreds of miles, and could be accurately triangulated to its position of origin, a soldier broke out a harmonica and began to play. Instead of being "shushed" by his fellow soldiers, he was allowed to continue. Instead of being shot at by the enemy, he was allowed to continue. His music grew louder and bolder.

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Founder: Don Krampe

Commandant: Larock Benford

Senior Vice Commandant: Anthony "Doc" Borges

Junior Vice Commandant: Paul Kraxberger

Judge Advocate: Martin Vogt

Adjutant: James "Chino" Pereyra

Paymaster: Carole Vogt

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Lepore

Chaplain: Bradley "Scott" Burris

Junior Past Vice Commandant:



Edgar Wiggs

Detachment 1057 2018 meetings

January 27 February 24 March 31 April 28 May 26 June 30 July 28 August 25 September 29 October 27 November 24

*No meeting in December

*Location: Wildomar VFW Post 1508 21180 Waite Street Wildomar, California 92595 * Phone number (951) 674-4735

*Meetings: Last Saturday of every month

*Time: 0900



COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE: by Larock Benford (Continue from page 1)

Remember, we have "no December meeting"! I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving and the upcoming Christmas & New Year! Officer nominations are open at our Saturday 27 January meeting. We elect a *Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and the Judge Advocate.* All other positions are appointed by the Commandant. We are also looking for a Newsletter Editor to replace Tonya's big shoes. If you are a multi-tasker, imaginative, and computer literate, this is the position for you.

Our *Senior Vice Commandant, Tony "Doc" Borges*, will have the <u>new address labels</u> to place on any of our/your existing MCL recruiting business cards and existing brochures you may have. However, he also has the <u>new business cards & the new brochures</u> should be in by this upcoming November meeting. With luck, we should have out MCL Detachment 1057 <u>Challenge Coin</u> by this upcoming November meeting.



Also <u>Sonoma County California Wines with our "MCL Detachment 1057" Label</u> has been ordered and is awaiting pick up by me or someone else that will be heading to the San Francisco area.

Welcome Aboard: Bob Horn, and David Munoz.

Let's keep the momentum going as we enter a new year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2018. Take care and remain Semper Fidelis!

ENTER TO WIN!

Ticket Donation: \$10.00 each



Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle-Value: \$1,000

Includes: 2 Magazines, Scope Rings & Case

Purchaser affirms legal eligibility to own and possess a firearm.

Winner Must:

- 1. Must have a Firearms Safety Card (active/retired Military or Peace Officers exempt, bring ID card for proof).
- 2. Must be 21 years of age or older.
- 3. Must present ID and 2nd proof of residency.
- 4. Must complete and pass a background check with a 10 day waiting period.

All proceeds will be used to assist Veterans and their families.

The Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Our goal was to sell at least 500 tickets by 24 February 2018, the day of the drawing. This is definitely a realistic goal and we are closing in on it! I am proud of our efforts so far but we still have work to do. Humbly, I must say that I have already sold & handed over to *Sandy Wiggs* at least 110 ticket stubs and the accompanying \$1,100. I will admit I used every advantage I could possible use.

During 1st Marine Division Association's event, everyone I attacked purchased at least 1 ticket. When I ran out after selling at least 40, I continued my frontal assault using the picture flyer to allow the person to view the rifle. Once they bit, I wrote down their name, their cell #, how many tickets they wanted, and graciously took their money. Once I replenished my tickets, I snapped a picture of their ticket & sent it to them. I then made a tactical error by not picking up enough tickets from Sandy when I returned from Oceanside because that night was the VFW Post 4089's MC Cake-Cutting Event. It was a full house of motivated partying Marines & Veterans.

I quickly ran out of those recently picked up tickets, selling 40. Intelligently, once again, I implemented my previous procedure of writing down their pertinent information. Here is what I know concerning ticket sales: *Lynn Mattocks* has sold at least 25, *Doc Borges* 17, *Tom Mattocks* at least 20, *Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez* 10, *Ed Wiggs* 10, *Wiggs' relative Nychole Taft* 20, *David Munoz* 10, *John Hernandez* 10, *David Barragan* bought 10, and *Gene Evans* has sold his 10. I know others like Gene & John have already sold their 10; however, have not dropped off the stubs and money to Sandy.

Keep pushing all – UURRHH!



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: by Scott Burris (Continue from page 1)

Voices began to join the whine of the harmonic sound, from both sides, soldiers recognized this as a miracle and began to sing, each in his own language:

"Silent Night. Holy Night. All is calm. All is bright. Round yon virgin Mother and Child. Holy so infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace."

At that miraculous moment. In the concluding days of *World War II*, in that place of battle, there were no *Catholics vs Protestants*. There were no *Jews vs Christians vs Muslims*. There were no *Atheists*. No one got upset about the words of the song not representing THEIR particular belief or lack of belief. *Germans*, singing with *French*, singing with *British*, singing with *Italians*, singing with *Dutch*, singing with *Americans* in that Western Front battlefield, all sang with one voice that night.

A fellow human being smiles as they approach you and extends a hand, or starts a bow, their greeting is extended and the intention of "*Peace*" and "*Welcome*" is being communicated even before they speak, yet they go the extra step and offer a verbal greeting, "*Happy Holidays*!". It is at moments like these when we can put aside our differences and accept the spirit behind the greeting. No matter which verbal greeting has just been smiled and extended to us, we can respond with our own gracious reply, and allow the season to remain a Silent night where all is calm and bright.

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Happy Thanksgiving Marines! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

TOYS – FOR – TOTS

Rita the "Christmas Elf"



It is that time of the year, where Rita, the Christmas Elf is out and about bringing in toys for TOYS FOR TOTS! Rita, and Mike Hammer collect toys to ensure every child has something underneath ones' Christmas tree. Please bring one unwrapped toy between now and November 25 (the last meeting of the year). One can also make arrangements with Rita, Mike, or others involved in the collecting of toys, if this is not durable.

Wildomar Elks requests a support to help assemble gift bags for patients at the Loma Linda VA on Thursday November 30th at 10:00 AM. Gift bags will be delivered on Wednesday, December 6th.

Marine Corps League Detachment 1057 Newsletter Editor: by Tonya Dallas

This edition is my last, as the Marine Corps League Detachment 1057 newsletter editor. This has been an amazing journey in that I have not only continued the tradition of being a Marine, but I have also became close and learned a lot about my Marine Corps family. As I move on, within the MCL I encourage others to step up and take the lead in continuing to spread the word about the Marine Corps!

I will continue to be the *Marine Corps Rose* liaison, and the Detachment's Instagram Administrator: <u>www.Instagram.com</u> Username: MCLDetachment1057

*Email photos to be posted, along with a caption (what is going on and/or people's name), to me at <u>tgdallasusmc@gmail.com</u>

Semper Fi,

Tonya Dallas

All From the Heart's 14th Annual Support Our Troops Christmas/Santa event will be Sunday, December 3^{rd.} 2017 from 11:00 am-2:00 PM in a hanger on Camp Pendleton. Our detachment will be presenting them with 2 checks. One for W4W & the other to sponsor a family for Christmas (*Jean & Don Krampe* will be representing/attending).

VSSN's 7th Annual Winter Wonderland Military & Veteran Holiday Festival. Date & Time: December 08, 2017 5:30pm-9:00pm. Location: Temecula Valley High School: 31555 Rancho Vista Rd, Temecula, CA 92592. Local schools and community organizations join together to transform their gymnasium and outside areas into a land of holiday extravaganza for military and veteran families.



HAPPENINGS:

*Membership information: Contact Larock Benford, Commandant

*Quartermaster, Newsletter Editor, and Judge Advocate positions available. Interested parties contact *Larock Benford*, Commandant

*Members' dues are to be paid to *Carole Vogt*, and <u>not</u> <u>mailed</u> to Nationals. Cash or checks only.

*Membership News: The change in the <u>expiration date</u> of members from individual dates to a single-expiration date of 1 September for all members, effective September 1, 2017. <u>National will no longer be mailing</u> <u>renewal notices. Renewal will be the responsibility of</u> <u>the individual member and his/her detachment.</u>

*Unclaimed Veterans" Memorial Service, every third Wednesday, of the month, at Riverside National Cemetery shelter "G" at 0900. POC *David "Doc" Hooper*

*Members requiring assistance, at Murrieta (CA) VA Clinic: Contact *Chaplain Scott Burris* at (951) 290-6500 ext. 50318

*Needed: Donated motorized mobility handicap scooters (working or not). There are a waiting list of Veterans who are in need of scooters. Non-operational scooters are refurbished before distribution. For pick-up contact *Ed and Sandy Wiggs* at (951) 301-9553

*Rancho Army Navy Store, will donate used uniforms for Military personnel wanting to be buried in uniform. POC *Ken Lepore or David "Doc" Hooper*

*The Semper Fi Store: http://semperfistore.org

*Detachment Cookbook: Submit your favorite recipe(s) to *Ed & Sandy Wiggs*. Include a picture

*VA Loma Linda Ambulatory Care Center (ACC), 26001 Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA 92373. Monday – Friday (not open on holidays), 0800-1630 (909) 825-7084 ***No Emergency Services

*Lestonnac Free Medical Clinic, 39429 Suite C, Los Alamos Road, Murrieta, CA. (951) 691-8204.

COMMITTEES:

Toys for Tots: Mike Hammer Rita Nastri

Riverside National Cemetery Liaison: David "Doc" Hooper

Open Arms, Open Hearts:

Jean Krampe Tereza Lepore Carole Vogt Sandy Wiggs

All from the Heart:

Jean Krampe Sandy Wiggs

Americanism/Education Officer: Jean Krampe

Historian: Dorothy Skidmore

Marine Corps Rose Program: Tonya Dallas

*Members interested in any of the above committees, contact the persons' name (s) listed.

...OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

Ray Bates & his wife Paul Bessette's friend & mother-in-law Gene Evans Marcelo (Speedy) Gonzalez, Jr. Victor "Ski" Grzybowski, Jr. Michael Regan Martin & Carole Vogt

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UNIFORM REGULATIONS

The one item that <u>all</u> members of the Marine Corps League <u>must wear at meetings or official functions</u> is the <u>MCL</u> <u>Cover, with Gold Eagle, Globe, and Anchor (EGA) Cap Ornament, or the Associate Member's Cap Ornament</u>. <u>That</u> <u>is the main/official requirement</u>.

> An excerpt from National Bylaws UNIFORM CODE-MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ENCLOSURE THREE (3): "V MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER

A. The basic uniform of the Marine Corps League is the unique cover that identifies the members of the Marine Corps League. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the "only" consistent identifier for Marine Corps League members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate Marine Corps League functions. When Marine Corps League Members are wearing the appropriate cover, they are considered to be "in uniform".

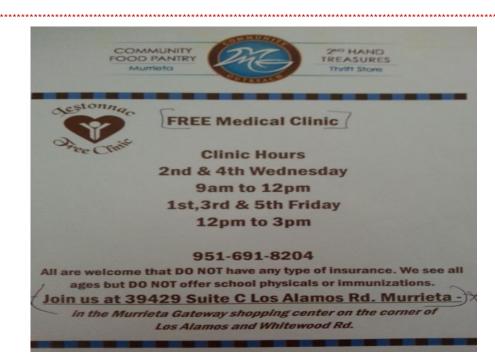
NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING

B. All members of the Marine Corps League are authorized to wear the RED COVER.



Cap Ornament Regular Member (MARINES, FMF CORPSMEN & FMF CHAPLAINS)

Cap Ornament~Associate (NON-MARINES, NON-FMF CORPSMEN & NON-FMF CHAPLAINS)



Marine Corps Ball, Toys for Tots, and the Holiday Season: by Larock Benford, Commandant

November means the *Marine Corps Ball, Toys for Tots, and the holiday season*. I trust you all experienced a Marine Corps Ball or Cake-Cutting Ceremony. Some of our members got an early start on the Marine Corps Ball season by being guests of the *Temecula Valley Young Marines (TVYM)* at their Birthday Ball onboard Pechanga. *Theresa & Frank Aguilar, Jean & Don Krampe, and Dottie Skidmore* all had a great time. I believe *Rita Nastri & Bob Cleary* attended *Murrieta Valley HS MCJROTC*'s ball. Veterans' Day activities at Murrieta Veterans Memorial Park had a USMC Birthday Celebration & Cake Cutting event at the Rotary tent, which many of our docents attended. Also, both *Temecula Valley VFW Post 4089 & Wildomar VFW Post 1508* had their respective Cake-Cutting Ceremonies. *John Hernandez, Dave Barragan,* and *Larock Benford* spearheaded Post 4089's ceremony. *Paul Kraxberger* was on deck. I recall seeing *Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez, James "Chino" Pereyra, Tony "Doc" Borges* & maybe *Nick Vultaggio.* I know *Scott Burris, Paul Bessette, Lynn Mattocks & his wife Susan*, attended Post 1508's. Both Posts were stacked with Marines & other military servicemen & women. It was definitely my highlight, as well as being the Guest of Honor & donning my uniform for *Chaparral HS NJROTC's Navy & Marine Corps Ball* Celebration. Special thanks to *Senior Chief McGovern & Lieutenant Colonel Bishop* for the invite.



9 November. Commandant MCL Detachment 1057, Sergeant Major (Ret) Benford is the Guest of Honor for Chaparral HS NJROTC's Navy & Marine Corps Ball Celebration. Pictured here with Senior Chief McGovern & Lieutenant Colonel Bishop.



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9 November. Commandant MCL Detachment 1057, Sergeant Major (Ret) Benford is the Guest of Honor for Chaparral HS NJROTC's Navy & Marine Corps Ball Celebration. Pictured here with Cadets, including Cadet Commander Renner, pictured on the Sergeant Major's left shoulder (actual).



MCL Logo Magnetic Vehicle Signs: by Larock Benford, Commandant

I have to tell you a story about a fellow *Marine/business owner/Temecula Valley VFW Post 4089 member, Colin Ford*. Doc Borges informed me we only had 2 MCL logo magnetic vehicle signs. I knew we were authorized 3 vehicles for the parade. On the Tuesday prior to Saturday's Veterans Day Parade, I immediately contacted my friend Colin, of *Ford Signs, Inc.* I sent him an email with the pertinent info. On Wednesday, I had to resend him the file because I sent him an incompatible file. Somehow while he was still on vacation in Vegas, his company accomplished the mission late Friday afternoon. I just arrived in Menifee after driving from Oceanside, attending 1st *Marine Division Association*'s Marine Corps Cake-Cutting Champagne Brunch when Ford Signs, Inc. contacted me. I informed them I would not be able to drive back down to Oceanside to pick up the signs because I needed to be at a Cake-Cutting Ceremony onboard *Temecula Valley VFW Post 4089* by 1800. By the time I eventually arrived at the Post, somehow, one of his employees already dropped off 4 "Southwest Riverside County, Marine Corps League Detachment 1057" (including the logo) magnetic vehicle signs. *That's Marine perseverance & a can-do attitude!* By the way, the owner Colin refused to charge us!



4 Magnetic Vehicle Signs. A Generous Donation from a fellow Marine/business owner/Temecula Valley VFW Post 4089 member, Colin Ford, of "Ford Signs, Inc."

Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade: by Larock Benford, Commandant

Veterans Day was a busy day for some of us. For Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade, we had *Tony "Doc" Borges*' vintage vehicle in the parade with *Red Schrader, Ed Wiggs, & Don Krampe* in his vehicle. *Paul Kraxberger's* truck was also in the parade with me driving, *Paul Kraxberger, Paul Bessette, and Master Sergeant (Ret) Lynn Mattocks* in his Dress Blue "A's" as passengers. *Nick Vultaggio* was in the parade representing & wearing his Knights of Columbus attire and *Waco Merchant* was in the parade representing us and his WAVES organization. *Clark Pace* was on deck too. It was a great time waving our flags and acknowledging the admiring fans stretched throughout the parade route. Some of us had another commitment at an event called Freedom Jam, which recognized 30 or so Veterans. *Paul Kraxberger, Paul Bessette, Ken Lepore, Waco Merchant, Nick Vultaggio*, and I were amongst that group to be recognized and awarded. Special thanks go out to *Tony "Doc" Borges* because he came out to support us and better yet, he fed us out of his own pockets when we all became famished.



11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. In the staging area. Pictured L-to-R are: Don Krampe, Ed Wiggs, Paul Kraxberger, Nick *Vultaggio* in his Knights of Columbus attire, & Larock Benford



11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. Tony "Doc" Borges' vintage vehicle & Paul Kraxberger's truck in the staging area. Pictured L-to-R: Doc Borges, Larock Benford, Paul Kraxberger, and Ed Wiggs





11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. Pictured L-to-R: Don Krampe, Larock Benford, & Bill "Red" Schrader in the staging area.



11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. Doc Borges' vintage vehicle & Paul Kraxberger's truck in the staging area. Pictured L-to-R: Doc Borges, Larock Benford, Paul Kraxberger, and Ed Wiggs.



11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. Following the parade pictured L-to-R: Ed Wiggs, Don Krampe, Paul Bessette, Paul Kraxberger, Larock Benford, Lynn Mattocks, Bill Schrader, & Doc Borges.



11 November. Murrieta's Veterans Day Parade. Waco Merchant sporting his WAVES Project attire & MCL cover posing with Larock Benford.



Low Rider Event: by Larock Benford, Commandant

4 November, *Paul Kraxberger* and *Larock Benford* attacked VFW Post 4089 to support its Low Rider Event and represent MCL Detachment 1057. That event's proceeds went to Veterans. Later on, Paul drove to the Amber Waves of Grain Beer Festival in Support of American Veterans event at The Shops at Dos Lagos, Corona. *Ken Lepore, Ed Wiggs, & Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez* were on deck to set up our tent. *Larock Benford*, would show up later & stay till closing & help *Jesus "Chuy" Ramirez and Ed Wiggs* tear down our area. *Nick Vultaggio and Charlie Cram* were on deck too.

Murrieta Veterans Memorial Park: by Larock Benford, Commandant

We had a good showing at *Veterans' Day activities at the Murrieta Veterans Memorial Park during the week of 6-10 Nov*. Kudos goes out to *Ken & Tereza Lepore*, *Don & Jean Krampe*, *Dottie Skidmore*, and *Charlie Cram*. They served as Docents and educated the youths as they rotated throughout all sites/stations. *Ed Wiggs* and *Paul Kraxberger* arrived on deck to assist as needed, also.



4 November. The early arrivals at Temecula Valley VFW Post 4089's Low Rider Event. All proceeds went to support Veterans. Pictured L-to-R, Kneeling: ?, Sergeant Major (Ret) Michael Gonzales, Post Commander & MCL Detachment 1057 Member Master Sergeant (Ret) John Hernandez, Master Sergeant (Ret) Rick "Joker" Duran. Standing: ?, Colin Ford of Ford Signs Inc., MCL Detachment 1057 Commandant Larock Benford, Detachment member CWO4 (Ret) Armando Garcia, Master Gunnery Sergeant (Ret) Roger Reed, & Chico Garcia Note: Picture in back is Staff Sergeant Louis F. Cardin's Purple Heart Memorial. Staff Sergeant Cardin was from Temecula, and attended Chaparral HS. He died 19 March 2016 serving during Operation Enduring Freedom.



4 November. *Amber Waves of Grain Beer Festival* in Support of American Veterans event at The Shops at Dos Lagos, Corona. Chuy Ramirez & Ed Wiggs manning the table.



4 November. Amber Waves of Grain Beer Festival in Support of American Veterans event at The Shops at Dos Lagos, Corona. Wildomar VFW Post 1508 Commander, Steve Regalado & MCL Detachment 1057 Commandant, Larock Benford flanking *WWII Navy Veteran, Survivor, & Author, Bill Harrison*. He authored a book, "6 Days on a Raft" a True Story of Faith and Survival.



9 November. *Veterans' Day activities at the Murrieta Veterans Memorial Park* during the week of 6-10 Nov. L-to-R: Jean, Dottie, Don, Ken, Larock, Ed, Paul K, Tereza, & Charlie Cram. Those in the black shirts served as Docents and educated the youths as they rotated throughout all sites/stations.



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