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Next General Membership Meeting July 22, 2008 at 7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Summer is here! And with the arrival of summer comes the heat. Getting to the Club gets tougher and as a result we don't see as many members on a regular basis. Remember to take care of yourselves during these hot months...stay out of the sun, drink lots of water, etc. If you haven't heard from a fellow Marine buddy for a while, give them a call. Keep in touch and check up on each other. Matter of fact, why not come down to the club and have a cool beverage. Travis has the kitchen running strong and the drinks are COLD!

In case you haven't heard, the economy has slowed during the past few months. A good indicator is the statistic that gaming revenue is reputedly down almost 40% for Terrible Herbst, the company that operates our slots. Strip revenue is down almost 10% over last year. What this means to the Leatherneck Club is that "things are tight." Bottom line we need your support and we need it bad.

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Deadlines for next issue will be July 21, 2008

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

Thanks to all the people who showed up for the “Spaghetti Night” at the Club; we did about 21 dinners. Let’s have a better turn out for Phil C’s Famous Fish Fry, which will be held on July 19, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The price is \$8.00 which includes French fries, coleslaw and a roll. You can also celebrate the 4th and 5th of July with us at the Club. We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers while they last ... donations will be accepted.

We are planning one Saturday night a month to host a “Social Night” for dinner, friends and Karaoke (more information on this will follow in the next edition).

We have a new sign on the north side of the building. The sign was donated by Yesco Sign Company. Thank you Yesco Sign Company and Bob Russell!

Deb (Giggles) will have her “Karaoke Night” on Friday and Sunday evenings. Come in and sing along!

Every Thursday I go to Lucky’s Supermarket on Lake Mead Blvd., and get food donations from them ... such as produce, bread, cakes, etc. If you want any of these items please come in on Thursday and Friday, because after that I throw them away.

LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH AT THE LEATHERNECK CLUB

Note: Dates are subject to change or events may be added per management.

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| 7-01 | Chicago Police Meeting - 7:00 p.m. |
| 7-02 | Bottle Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m. |
| 7-05 | American Legion Meeting - 10:00 a.m. |
| 7-05 | Finance Meeting - Noon |
| 7-07 | Officers Meeting - 7 p.m. |
| 7-08 | Chips Meeting - 7:00 pm. |
| 7-14 | Marine Corps Ball Meeting - 10:00 a.m. |
| 7-14 | Marine Riders Meeting - 7 p.m. |
| 7-16 | Nevada Gems Meeting - 11:00 a.m. |
| 7-19 | Fish Fry - 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. |
| 7-22 | General Meeting - 7 p.m. |

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7-10	Confederation of Clubs Meeting
7-14	Marine Riders' Monthly Meeting - 7 p.m. - Leatherneck Club.
7-15	ABATE Meeting @ Mr. D's
7-29 - 7-30	Marine Riders' Sturgis Ride

For information on upcoming events visit the Marine Riders' website at <http://marineriders.us>.

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - MEETING INFORMATION

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.	Marine Riders of Las Vegas Monthly Meeting	Marine Corps League
2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.	Confederation of Clubs	Eagles Club (Corner of Bruce & Washington by Cashman Field)
1st Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.	Marine Corps League Officers Meeting	Marine Corps League

Please email "SNOOPY" with all updates, changes or corrections at snoopy@marineriders.us. or you can email the editor of The Word at editor@mcldet186.org.

AIRGAS SUPPORTS OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Airgas, Inc., has pledged \$300,000 to Operation Homefront to be paid in increments of \$100,000 per year over the next three years. Seventy percent of that donation will go toward Operation Homefront's projects to assist wounded soldiers. Airgas has set a goal to hire 100 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan service over the next twelve months. The company also will offer the Airgas "Welding 101" course to any veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan service who is interested in exploring a career in welding. For more information go to <http://airgas.com>.

RENTAL OF CHILDRESS HALL FOR REUNIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

If you wish to use the space for a party or a meeting place, please contact the club manager, Jimmy Grach, (702)368-1775 or email clubmgr@mcldet186.org for pricing and availability.

CONTINUED MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

The Board of Officers and the Finance Committee have been discussing a plan to make the Leatherneck more “recession proof.” It involves moving from “renting” the slots from Terrible’s, to “participating” in the gaming revenue. This would be a very detailed and possible difficult transition but the end result would be the Leatherneck Club would no longer have any financial issues. I will go into more detail in next month’s column as details are worked out. If you have any questions; I am always available at the club.

It is time to begin thinking about the October elections for Detachment Officers. In addition, we will need a small election committee to be selected during the July general membership meeting. Should you desire to run for office and/or would like to be on the election committee, let the officers know or let your desires be known during the next membership meeting.

Remember, the July membership meeting will be held Tuesday, July 22 at 1900 hours (7:00 PM for those of you in Rio Linda!) See you there!

Semper Fi,

SUMMERLIN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Summerlin will be hosting their 4th of July Parade on Friday the 4th. The Marine Corps League is the last entry in the “Escort Division” ... which means that we will be the first in the parade. The Marine Corps Hymn will be played before the National Anthem and then the parade begins at 8:30 a.m. We know it is hot but since we are first in the parade we should be done about 9:15 a.m. Anyone interested in participating needs to be at the Club at 7:30 a.m. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

VA Helping Vets Avoid Foreclosure

WASHINGTON (June 12, 2008) - Many home owners have found it difficult recently to pay their mortgages, but quick intervention by loan counselors at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has actually reduced the number of veterans defaulting on their home loans. To obtain help from a VA financial counselor, veterans can call VA toll-free at 1-877-827-3702. Information about VA's home loan guaranty program can be obtained at <http://www.homeloans.va.gov>.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE STOCK IN THE LEATHERNECK CLUB?

Help us achieve our goals by purchasing stock in our Club.

Leathernecks Stock Purchase
(Minimum 10 shares)

I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ shares at \$12.00 per share. The certificate should be made out to:

(Print the name exactly as you want the stock certificate to read.)

Street address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone No: _____

OR

Installment Payments of \$ _____ is enclosed to apply against the final purchase of _____ shares. Payments will be sent each month for _____ months until the total sum of \$ _____ has been paid.

Signature of Purchaser

Mail this form to: Marine Corps League
4360 Spring Mountain Road
Las Vegas, NV 89102

YOUR BUSINESS CAN NOW BE ADVERTISED IN THE WORD

Advertising space is now available in The Word. Contact Rick Reynolds at (702) 633-7577 or email captainrick47@yahoo.com for advertising pricing or additional information.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Memorial Day at the Veterans Cemetery was well attended. My appreciation goes to the Marine Riders and to all the other riders ... I say thank you. I take Memorial Day as a day that is set aside as just that, to remember those who gave their all so we can take time to remember a day of reverence.

“Top” Roger’s stepfather passed in June. Col. E. Rutledge’s daughter has cancer and was operated on in June. Our prayers are with Earl and his family.

What I wish would take place is “Recognition Night” for all who take the time to keep our house in order. This is part of being a Marine. Apparently some people criticize, but do nothing. As Chaplain I urge the hierarchy to pursue this idea ... like today. Summer is here lets make it a safe one. Accolades to Jim Grach for doing one heck of a job ... thank you ever so much. The Club looks great and running greater.

A big thank you to M & G Sporting Goods, on S. Decatur Blvd., for their donations for our troops.

Remember ... Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift. That is why they call it the present.
Your Chaplain R. Moran.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL TICKETS

Birthday Ball tickets are now on sale. They are \$60.00 each and are non-refundable. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. This year we have cut the seating to 10 people per table. Don’t wait until the last minute. Make your check payable to the Marine Corps League. Include a self-addressed envelope and mail it to the Marine Corps League, 4360 Spring Mountain, Las Vegas, NV 89102, attention Jack O’Rourke. The tickets will be returned directly to you in the envelope you provide. A reminder ... we have a Marine Corps Ball meeting scheduled for July 14, 2008 at the Club at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Get The Word sent to your email address by notifying the editor at editor@mcldet186.org. Also please remember that the electronic version of THE WORD will be available online, on the website, as well as all past issues.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS

A list of members names for expiring membership were not available at the time of this publication. Please be sure your dues are current and that they do not expire in the month of July.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRICE INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2007

Up to and including age 35:	\$400.00
Age 36 up to and including age 50:	\$350.00
Age 51 up to and including age 60:	\$250.00
Age 61 and over:	\$125.00

Consider a life membership on your next renewal date.

The person applying for life membership must be a regular member in good standing.

National Bylaws Article Six—Members Section 645—Life Members

Any member of the Marine Corps League who is in good standing may become a life member, upon proper payment of the fee, as required herein. A life member shall be subject to the payment of no further dues of a detachment, department, or national, such member shall have all privileges, rights and benefits enjoyed as a member as long as that member shall live.

- *"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The **Marines** don't have that problem."*
 - *--President Ronald Reagan, 1985*

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***All renewal dues and new memberships for will now cost \$30. Please consider becoming a life member. Life Membership information is on page 6 and Membership Expirations are on page 7.**



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

Name: _____

Street: _____ # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Phone Number _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retire: _____

Type of Application: New () Renewal () Dual () Regular () Associate ()

() I hereby apply for membership in the Greater Nevada Detachment, and enclosure \$30.00 for one year's membership

() I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-At-Large (MAL) and enclose \$30.00 for one year's membership

*Includes free subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor-where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment. Applicants for MAL Membership, remit this form with check or money order in the amount of \$30.00 to: Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 3070, Merrifield, VA 22116.