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Next General Membership Meeting Oct. 28, 2008 at 7 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

This month is ELECTION Month. The time each year when the membership gets to vote for their next slate of officers. This time around, the nominees are as follows: Commandant: Jack O'Rourke; Sr. Vice Commandant: Vinnie Sherman; Jr. Vice Commandant: Richard Szyck; Judge Advocate: Cheryl Gardner and Sean Moore; Adjutant: Dave McGrath; Paymaster: Scott Kruse; Sgt at Arms: Caroll George; Chaplain: Rich Moran. Those nominated for the two seats on the Finance Committee are: Joe Morgan, Earl Rutledge, Pete Caimi and Bruce Russell. These members are going to be the next Officers Committee ... so please come out and cast your vote.

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Deadlines for next issue will be Oct. 21, 2008

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

I hope everyone enjoyed the food at the last General Meeting. We will have a different meal at each month's meeting.

By the time you receive this months copy of "The Word" the bunker will be done and the back wall of the bar will be finished and the pictures will be back up.

We now have two new 32" flat screen TV's and one 42" flat screen. The two 32" TV's were donated by Vinnie Sherman and the other 42" was donated by several of our members; who prefer to be anonymous. Let's give them a big thank you! These are members who ask for nothing, don't bitch about everything and when you need something they are here for the Club.

When you see Gary Johnson and Vinnie Sherman please go to them and thank them. Gary did the wrought iron railing and Vinnie poured the concrete . Vinnie got the concrete donated and the total cost for the above items was zero.

Also, I would like to thank Alan Lyman, who is the son of our editor of "The Word" (Mary). for building our stand for our big TV and donating it.

Please keep in mind that we are still looking for one more 32" flat screen TV to be donated.

We now have Dish TV. It is not the NFL package but we do get some extra games, along with college and racing channels. So come on down and enjoy your favorite show.

If anyone would like to cook Saturday Night's meal for our "Social Night" just let me know ... we will buy the food if you prepare it. Caroll George prepared a roast pork dinner with all the trimmings for our last Social Night and it was great. Thanks Caroll!

On another note, we have a AK47 that we will be raffling off on "Super Bowl Night". Tickets can be purchased at the bar for \$5.

See you at the Club.

MASTER CARD AND VISA ARE NOW ACCEPTED AT THE BAR.

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10-1 - 10-5	Las Vegas Bikefest
10-5	Ride for Kids - PBTF Fund Raiser
10-9	Confederation of Clubs Meeting
10-11	Skoner's MC Party
10-13	Marine Riders' Monthly Meeting - 7 p.m. - Leatherneck Club
10-16 - 10-19	Daytona Biketoberfest
10-19	Church in the Wind "Ride In Bike Show"
10-21	ABATE Meeting at Mr. D's (702) 731-6453

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.

NICK POPADITCH'S BOOK SIGNING EVENT

In April 2004, Nick fights heroically in the battle for Fallujah and suffers grievous head wounds that leave him legally blind and partially deaf. The USMC awards him with a Silver Star for his valor and combat innovations. "Gunny Pop" comes home to face the toughest fight of his life ... a battle to remain the man and Marine he was. Nick will be at the Club on Nov. 12th from noon until 4:00 p.m., for a book signing of his book "Once a Marine"; which is a must read story of one of today's real heroes. Please mark your calendars and join us for the special event.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

So far everyone is in good health ...of which I am overjoyed.

I have to pay tribute to the most overlooked people that we have taken for granted ... our wives. Without them we would not be where we are today. Please honor them at all times.

Veterans Day is almost upon us, so lets get out there and show everybody why we celebrate the day; it is our day in the sun. See you at the parade! Be proud ... be a former Marine.

Let us reflect:

TODAY

I wish you a day of ordinary miracles...
A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself.
An unexpected phone call from an old friend.
Green stop lights on your way to work or shopping.
I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in ...
The fastest line at the grocery store.
A good sing along song on the radio.
Your keys right where you look for them.
I wish you a day of happiness and perfection ...
Little bite size pieces of perfection
That give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you,
Holding you so gently because you are
Someone SPECIAL and rare.
I wish you a day of piece, happiness and joy.

God Bless,
Your Chaplain R. Moran

BALL MEETING REMINDER

A Ball Meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 10:00 a.m. This is very important so please everyone involved plan to attend.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COLOR GUARD ACTIVITY

This last month was rather slow compared to the previous three months. We participated in two color guard events, the Annual Convention of the National Order of the Purple Heart Association at the Marriot Hotel and the Showgirls Invitational Bowling Tournament at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino. The participants were Mike Lamb, Bruce Russell, Earl Rutledge, Steve Sanson and Jack O'Rourke.

It is always a special rush when the colors are presented and the National Anthem is sung. Standing there at "Present Arms" facing the crowd sends chills up and down your spine.

The group of available volunteers seems to be getting smaller. Richard Z is having surgery on his foot and Eddie Hicks has relocated to California. If you have a uniform, are proud of our flags and country, and would like to participate in something bigger than yourself, call me, Jack O'Rourke at (702) 399-3209. No one is asking you to be in every event, though it may seem like it.

SEMPER FI,

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL TICKETS

Birthday Ball tickets are on sale. They are \$60.00 each and are non-refundable. 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 or call Jack O'Rourke at 702-399-3209.

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.

GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

Next General Meeting is Oct. 28th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH AT THE LEATHERNECK CLUB

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

10-1	Bottle Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10-4	American Legion Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
10-4	Finance Meeting - Noon
10-5	Amer. Legion Auxiliary Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
10-6	Officers Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10-6	Chicago Police Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10-11	Devil Pups - 2:00 p.m..
10-12	JWV - 11 a.m.
10-13	Marine Riders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10-14	Chips Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
10-15	Nevada Gems - 11:00 a.m.
10-18	Ball Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
10-18	Purple Hearts - 10:00 a.m.
10-18	Blue Star Mothers Meeting - Noon
10-25	Private Party - Wedding - 7:00 p.m.
10-28	General Meeting - 7:00 p.m..

MESSAGE FROM THE ADJUTANT

Fellow Marines:

I would like to thank all of you that attended our August general meeting. The increase in attendance over the previous month was an outstanding fifty percent.

A private dinner was provided in the museum for everyone that attended, immediately after the meeting. Tables and chairs were set up for all.

During the dinner I was told by many of the ladies and gentlemen that they found the meeting to be friendly, interesting, informative and most of all "enjoyable".

I am looking forward to welcoming you to our next meeting and dinner. We will enjoy the same format with a different dinner menu. Please join us and enjoy yourselves.

SEMPER FI,
Adjutant David McGrath

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.

Voting for the 2008-2009 officers will take place on October 28th from noon until 7:00 p.m. You MUST be in line at 7:00 p.m. to cast your vote. Marine Robert Veloz has stated that the line will close promptly at 7:00. Be sure your dues are up to date and that you have your ID card. If you cannot find your ID card, Robert will have a list at the ballot table.

The results of the election will be announced at the meeting immediately after the balloting closes. Installation of the new officers will be at the November General Meeting.

For the past two months attendance at the general membership meetings has been great. The officers thank you. Let's keep it up. Remember that dinner will be served after each General Membership Meeting. The last meal was lasagna and it was pretty good!

We have been having a "Social Night" on the third Saturday of each month. We will serve dinner and we hope to see more members show up. The last meal was a pork dish cooked by Sgt. at Arms Carroll George. The meal was excellent and the leftovers were served late Sunday afternoon for NFL football. See what you've been missing?

Two short announcements: On October 25th at 2:00 p.m. we will have a CCW class open to all members and their close friends. This class will be held in the meeting room at the Leatherneck Club. The class will cover training for both Nevada and Utah. Cost per individual will be \$125.00. If you have any questions, call Mike Lamb at 702-595-3294.

Don't forget the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Nov. 8th at South Point Casino. The Guest of Honor will be Lt. Gen. "Buck" Bedard USMC. Festivities will commence at 17:30 with cocktails. Dinner will be served at 20:00 sharp! Tickets are \$60.00 per person and cash, check, VISA or MasterCard are accepted. Call Jack O'Rourke for details at: 702-399-3209.

That's all for now. See you at the October meeting!

Semper Fi!

AN AMERICAN WEDDING STORY

On or about August 11, 2008 , two young Marines both serving at 29 Palms Marine Corps Ground Combat Center in California received separate orders to their respective duty stations; One to the west coast at Camp Pendleton, the other to Camp Lejuene on the east coast.

One problem; Matt, of Scottish ancestry and a Russian Orthodox Christian, and the Native American, Monique, were engaged to be married, but had not yet had the time to tie the knot. Even after the two Marines explained their problem to their Commanding Officer, the Marine Corps' only answer was "We can only change your orders if you were indeed married."

Well, when the mother of the groom, a Marine Corps veteran herself called Cheryl Gardner, another Marine veteran to tell her about the problem, and with the wonders of modern communication tools, the ball was rolling... and rolling, and rolling.

Word of the problem flew through the channels of the local Marine Corps, Veteran and Blue Star Mothers community, and within two days, a wedding was scheduled for the following Saturday... now only two days away.

Of course, with these plans being made in such haste, no immediate family members would be able to travel to Las Vegas for this event. But these young Marines had no idea how big their family had truly become.

The Marine veterans of the local Las Vegas Marine Corps Leatherneck Club, home to the Greater Nevada Detachment of the Marine Corps League, threw their doors wide open for the ceremony, as the local Marine Corps League members mustered in crisp ironed uniforms, with swords in-hand.

The President of the Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada, Chere' Pedersen was one of the first to be contacted about this problem, and as providence would have it, her husband Flemming just happened to be a professional pastry chef... and a beautiful wedding cake was freshly prepared.

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AN AMERICAN WEDDING STORY, CONT'D.

And of course, Pastor Ron Fairbairn, a Marine veteran who happens to be an ordained minister with a congregation in Pahrump, made the 140-mile round trip to add even more substance to this great story - a Marine marrying two Marines.

The Best Man and Usher were quite honored to spend time chatting with an aging Marine Corps veteran of the battle for Iwo Jima, Chet Foulke.

In the short span of five days, ON August 16, 2008, there were at least 40 wedding guests in attendance, mainly comprised of veterans from the American Legion Paradise Post 149, numerous Marine Corps vets and their spouses... all of whom had never met Matt or Monique.

And as the wedding services began, the guests were quite tickled to see the groom enter the service playing his bag pipes... as Maid of Honor Lance Corporal Amy Lapointe, Best Man PFC Thomas Dixon, and Chaplain Ron Fairbairn stand ready.

Indeed... not your average "Las Vegas Wedding"

And "Always Faithful" as the Marine Corps League is, the traditional swat on the rear with the sword ushered out the new couple.

Color Guard were Jack O'Rourke, Pete Caimi, Bruce Russell, Richard Moran and Mike Lamb.

Problem too tough?... For the Marines... it's a piece of cake!

To view the pictures of the event go to <http://www.pearlsofhonor.com/anamericanweddingstory.html>

Photos and story courtesy of
Liberty Recon Freelance Digital Photography

***"Once a Marine, always a Marine!"
For love of duty...
and for the duty of love.***

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2008

<u>MEMBERS #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
93046	Knauer, Lawrence	10/31/08
109758	Skidmore, Robert	10/31/08
109903	Siebentritt, Michael	10/31/08
132384	Radel, Bruce	10/31/08
152502	Miller, Julius	10/31/08
161065	Kelly, Douglas	10/31/08
166022	Duffy, Kenneth	10/31/08
166033	Czech, Thomas	10/32/08
166038	Wood, Rodney	10/31/08
181103	Romo, Rafael	10/31/08
181107	Kachikis, Carl	10/31/08
188906	Fishel, David	10/31/08
188909	King, Steven	10/31/08
188912	Jayjack, Thomas	10/31/08
195918	Neal, Lannie	10/31/08
210022	Bretz, Paul	10/31/08
X20589	Gates, Thomas	10/31/08
190634	Glaves, Jeff	10/31/08
209822	Wilcox, Ronald	10/31/08
210020	Miller, Tamila	10/31/08
216955	Lowe, Derek	10/31/08
219187	Cozad, Arthur	10/31/08
219198	Lee, Deborah	10/31/08
219199	Seidenglanz, James	10/31/08
219200	Lamberty III, Raymond	10/31/08
219201	Minuto, Alexander	10/31/08
219202	Marino, Charles	10/31/08
219364	Phelps, Ron	10/31/08
145100	Pitchford, Steve	10/31/08
219365	Green, Douglas	10/31/08
213316	Anderson, Fred	10/31/08
X22525	Moss, Victor	10/31/08

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 for one (1) year prior to application.

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.

DON'T FORGET THE TOYS FOR TOTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament will be held on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at Nellis AFB. All information including the application form is on the USMC Toys For Tots website at <http://www.toysfortotsvegas.Org>. Let's support this event and help make a difference in a child's life.

MEDICAL STUDIES FOR PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS

In a follow up study to a breaking news story that found evidence linking illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to exposure to certain chemicals, a group of researchers at UC San Diego School of Medicine is launching the next in a series of studies related to Gulf War Illnesses - this time seeking to help these veterans' health. More information is available at: <http://gulfstudy.ucsd.edu/>

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**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.