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**Next General Membership Meeting
April 24, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

This last month we said goodbye to a charter member of our brotherhood, Park Potter. He was truly one from the Greatest Generation. I will always remember his smile and the gleam in his eyes. Park would have been pleased with his send off. He is surely on the roster of Marines guarding the streets of Heaven.

Ellie and I were in a coffee shop in Lake Tahoe recently and a elderly gentlemen entered the shop and sat down close to us. I asked him how long had he lived in Lake Tahoe and he asked me if I was a Marine. He had seen the emblem on my shirt. He stuck out his hand and said me too. I asked him if he was a Sgt. Major or a Col. He said, "I started as Pvt. and finished my career as a Col.

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Deadlines for next issue will be April 21, 2009

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LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bottle Club 7 p.m.	2 Booked 5 p.m.	3 Booked 5 p.m.	4 Finance Meeting Noon & Ball Meeting 10:30 a.m.
5 Marine Riders BBQ 1 p.m.	6 Ladies Aux 7 p.m.	7 Chicago Police 7 p.m.	8	9	10 Booked 6 p.m.	11 Amer. Legion 10:30 a.m. Blue Star 1:00 p.m. Booked 7 p.m.
12 JWV 11 a.m.	13 Officers Meeting 7 p.m. Marine Riders 7 p.m.	14 Chips Meeting 7 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Booked 5 p.m.
19 JWV 11 a.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Devil Pups 1 p.m.	27	28 Gen. Meeting 7 p.m.	29	30		

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

I hope everyone had a good time at the Club on St. Patrick's Day. The food was great and everyone was Irish for the day!

It looks like we are going to have the Lobster Feast on May 23rd. You need to put your orders in by the end of April. I should have a price for the "Feast" by mid-April as the price of lobster changes from month to month. Also, our 3rd Cigar Smoke-Out will be held on May 16th which includes food and raffle prizes. Please let us know if you are going to attend..

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MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - CONT'D.

The Golf Tournament registration form is attached below. You can simply tear out this page and return it to the Club or you can pick up a registration form at the Club. Remember, the fee is \$100 per player; which includes a golf shirt with a MCL logo, two drinks at the golf course, (beer, soda or water), plus lunch and raffle prizes at the Leatherneck Club after the tournament. This is a great way to raise much needed funds for all our charities, plus have a fun filled day with your fellow Marines!

GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Date: 5 June 2009
Time: 7:00 a.m. Shotgun
Place: Las Vegas National Golf Club
1911 E. Desert Inn Rd., LV., NV. 89169
Cost: \$100 per player

Entry fees due no later than June 1, 2009

- Limited to 144 players
- Early Arrival Recommended

Name/Shirt Size (XXL, XL, L, M, S)

Captain: _____
Contact No. _____
Email: _____
Player 2: _____
Player 3: _____
Player 4: _____

T-BOX SPONSORS

Tee box signs are available @ \$300 per sign.

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mail payments to: Marine Corps League, 4360 W. Spring Mountain Rd., LV,
NV. 89102. Phone: 702-368-1775.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE:

TAX ID# 94-3003623.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.

I landed in Okinawa, served in Korea and Vietnam. I was in the Corps for 30 years and have lived in Lake Tahoe for 40 years.” It can't get any better than that. The moral of this little quip is that you never know who you might meet. I invited him to come to Las Vegas and visit us all at the Club.

Some members and friends of our League volunteered to work in the four Margarita booths at the LV Motor Speedway NASCAR races a few weeks ago. They all had a grand time. Gary Johnson was the ramrod for this event. I want to thank Gary and all of those who gave of their time.

There are some very significant discussions going on in our government concerning medical benefits for our veterans. I don't have all the information but I encourage each of you to research these concerns and learn the information, so you can take the necessary steps to ensure the correct results.

The UNLV Student Veteran's Organization is moving right along with their fund raising efforts to build a Memorial on the UNLV campus honoring all Nevada fallen heroes. Vinnie Sherman donated \$500 to the effort. Way to go Vinnie!

The State Department's annual convention will be held in Sparks, Nevada in May. There is an announcement on the bulletin board and more information will be passed out at our April meeting. It would be great if we could get a good turn out.

Keep our troops, who are in harms way, in your prayers.

Jack O'Rourke

GENERAL MEETING REMINDER

Next General Meeting is March 24th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

THE WORD ON-LINE

In order to keep mailing costs/printing expenses to a minimum we are asking our members, who have access to a computer, to get "The Word" on-line. Go to <http://www.mcldet186.org/newsletters.cfm> then click on "The Word" Current Issue. If you decide that this will work for you, please email Mary at editor@mcldet186.org so you can be removed from the mailing list. Thanks for your support.

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-4	Legion Riders Post 149 "Rock the Troops" poker run
4-4	Eagles Lodge - 2nd Annual Charity Run
4-5	Marine Riders BBQ 1 p.m.
4-11	Sober Riders MC Run to the Hills
4-12	One-Way Riders Easter Putt
4-13	Marine Riders' Monthly Meeting
4-16 thru 4-19	Marine Riders trip to MCRD for Graduations
4-21	ABATE Meeting @ TBA
4-22 thru 4-26	Laughlin River Run
4-23 thru 4-26	Marine Riders Laughlin-Williams trip

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

WERE YOU AT CAMP LEJEUNE?.

The Marine Corps is actively seeking individuals who resided or worked aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC., between 1957 and 1987. During this time unregulated chemicals were discovered in some of the base drinking water systems. The Marine Corps is funding health studies to determine when the drinking water was first impacted, who consumed it, and whether or not there is any association between exposure to the water and health conditions. For more information visit the website at <http://www.Marines.mil> or call toll free (877) 261-9782.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COLOR GUARD ACTIVITY

The Color Guard participated in three memorial services this last month: Park Potter, Ed Saunders and Doug Leigh. Park was one of our founding members. Ed was a lifetime member from Oregon before he transferred to Las Vegas. He suffered a stroke and a heart attack, and never had a chance to transfer to our League. Doug Leigh was a member of the League and the Marine Riders of Las Vegas. Thank you to those who participated.

WANTED

The Club is looking for pictures of the conflicts between Vietnam and Iraq (such as Panama, Grenada, Somalia, Lebanon, etc.). We would like to place them in the display case in the banquet room at the Club. You can drop them off at the Club to my attention. Thanks ... Jim Grach

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THIS SEMINAR

At this FREE informational seminar you will learn, in less than an hour, how to alleviate stress and worry for your family by recording and communicating your end-of-life wishes. There is no cost and no obligation to attend. Two dates have been set aside for this event, May 6th at 12:30 p.m. and May 9th at 6:00 p.m. The seminars will be held at the Leatherneck Club. Lunch will be served on the 6th and dinner will be served on the 9th. Seating is limited, so please R.S.V.P. today by letting Jack O'Rourke or Jimmy Grach know which seminar you wish to attend. The seminars are sponsored by Davis Funeral Home ... which is a Dignity Memorial Provider.

NASCAR FUNDRAISER

I wish to thank all the volunteers who spent long days and hard work to make this fundraiser become a reality. The Marine Corps League will be receiving \$2,500 for all of our efforts. This will greatly help the scholarship fund for JROTC students. I would also like to thank those individuals who took the time to get qualified to help and were ready to help if needed. Thanks to the standby crews.

Regards,
Gary Johnson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It's the Soldier, not the reporter Who has given us the freedom of the press.
It's the Soldier, not the poet, Who has given us the freedom of speech.
It's the Soldier, not the politicians that
ensure our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.
It's the Soldier Who salutes the flag, Who serves beneath the flag,
and Whose coffin is draped by the flag.
It you care to offer the smallest token of recognition
and appreciation for the Military
pray for our men and women Who have served and are currently serving
our country and
pray for those Who have given the ultimate
sacrifice for freedom.

-Author Unknown-

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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR APRIL 2009

<u>MEMBERS #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
NEW25	Joseph Amey, Jr.	04/30/09
NEW26	James Belanger	04/30/09
XNEW27	Travis McGriff	04/30/09
127832	Jeffrey Redding	04/30/09
129997	Albert Saluta	04/30/09
166037	Lamonte Cunningham	04/30/09
166035	Randy Jones	04/30/09
180359	Anthony Klinkhamme	04/30/09
158148	Lloyd Vickers	04/30/09
177203	Adam Summers	04/30/09

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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.