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**Next General Membership Meeting
August 25, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

A lot of things are going on within the League and the Club.

We will have had the first stage of the nomination process for new officers completed by the time you get this issue of The Word. Bob Veloz is the Chairman of the nominating committee. I am just getting comfortable in my role as Commandant and it's time to think of next year's elections.

We are making an all out effort to update our membership roster and database. Paul Lightfoot is leading the charge. If you would like to confirm your information, call Paul at (702) 448-6186.

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**Deadline for next issue will be August 14, 2009
(early deadline due to vacation)**

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LEATHERNECK CLUB SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
August 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Finance Meeting Noon Marine Riders 5 p.m. |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Chicago Police 7 p.m. | 5 Bottle Club 7 p.m. | 6 | 7 Booked 10 p.m. | 8 Garage Sale 9 a.m. Booked 7 p.m. |
| 9 | 10 Officers Meeting 7 p.m. Marine Riders 7 p.m. | 11 Chips 7 p.m. | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Booked 11 am. | 20 Booked 4 p.m. | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 General Meeting 7 p.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER - JIMMY GRACH

Well summer is definitely here. It is hot! A great way to cool off is to come on down to the Club.

Football season is almost here, so come on down. Remember, we have the big screens to watch and enjoy all your favorite teams on ... plus our other television sets are always tuned to football or other sports. We also have the Wii, pool, darts and karaoke ... something for everyone.

Message from Club Manager continued on Page 3.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER CONT'D.

If anyone would like to make a donation, so the Club can purchase about 35 more banquet chairs, it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop your donation off at the Club or see me personally.

See you at the Club!

PISTOL TEAM

With the encouragement of our Commandant, Jack O'Rourke, a group of Marines started a pistol team in July. The first meet was July 7th, with 9 League members. Our last meeting was Wednesday, July 22nd, with 17 members.

As we recall our days on the range, whether it be Camp LeJune, Camp Pendleton or Quantico, "qualification" was always important. Now we have an opportunity to see just how much we have forgotten. Last Wednesday an unnamed First Sergeant claimed he had not fired in 15 years. Of course, he fired a perfect score.

You can bring any pistol, semi-auto or revolver. Center fire is preferred, but rim fire is accepted. Coaching and pre-fire talks from experienced pistol marksmen will be given 15 minutes before each match in the League's conference room.

Matches are held on Wednesday nights, at 7 p.m., at American Shooter's next to our Club.

All are welcome!

Semper Fi,

Art Guterding
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captainahg@gmail.com

ADVERTISING AVAILABLE ON THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S WEB-SITE

If you would like to advertise on the Marine Corps League's web-site contact Rick Reynolds at (702) 633-7577 for more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT CONT'D.

The Devil Pups are all accounted for and there will be 19 attending training at Camp Pendleton. The Eagles, graduated Pups, left Las Vegas at 0500 on Monday, July 27th, to prepare for the arrival of the main group on July 30th. The Pups of 2009 and the Eagles will be attending our August 25th General meeting and will have an opportunity to share their experience.

The Birthday Ball is right around the corner ... so mark your calendars for November 14th. The ball will be held at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. Ticket prices are \$60.00 which is the same as last year. Our Guest of Honor is Lt. General Marty Brantner, USMC (Retired). The Orleans will provide Ball attendees with a discount. I would like to ask if the Membership would help make up the cost of the comp tickets? If you see it in your heart, when you get your tickets, add in another \$40.00. It all goes in the pot and, as a League, we do support a lot of activities and people. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Our Color Guard was awarded 2nd Place, in the marching category, at the 4th of July Summerlin Parade. That means we were all in step when we passed the judges booth. Thank you to all who participated.

Troy Krieder, a former member and officer of our League and his Marine buddies from the FAST Company, formally stationed at Mare Island Shipyard in Vallejo, California, held a reunion in Las Vegas recently. They enjoyed visiting our Club and the delicious BBQ sparerib dinner served by Greg and his fabulous kitchen crew. It was a great party.

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I want to thank you all for your loyalty and participation in our League and Club activities.

Semper Fi,
Capt. Jack

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

MARINE RIDERS OF LAS VEGAS - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---------|---|
| 8/1/09 | Hot August Night—Toys For Tots Kick Off Party |
| 8/3/09 | Sturgis Bike Rally (goes through Aug. 9th) |
| 8/10/09 | Marine Riders Monthly Meeting |
| 8/13/09 | COC Meeting |
| 8/14/09 | IOOB MC 2nd Friday Party |
| 8/18/09 | ABATE Meeting (TBA) |
| 8/27/09 | MCRD San Diego Graduation |
| 8/28/09 | MCRD Sand Diego Graduation |

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

"HOT AUGUST NIGHT" - TOYS FOR TOTS KICK-OFF PARTY

The Marine Riders of Las Vegas will hold their annual Toys For Tots Kick-Off party at the Leatherneck Club on August 1st. There will be food, beer and live music provided by Slim Henry & the Good'Uns. The cost to attend this event is \$15.00 per person. Remember, all benefits help the less fortunate children of the Las Vegas valley enjoy the holiday season. This event is for adults only ... so you must be 21 years or older to attend.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 14th and join the Marine Riders Toys For Tots Poker Run. This is another annual event that benefits the children. You can get a pre-registration form by sending an email to:
t4t09prereg@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 Aug. 25th. All associate/regular members are welcome.

READ "THE WORD" ON-LINE AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

We are getting closer to our goal of eliminating 100 names from our mailing list. Those people are now reading "The Word" on-line. Thank you all.

We are asking our members, who have access to a computer, to visit our web-site at <http://www.mldet186.org/newsletters.cfm> to view the current issue. No emails will be sent out to members to remind them of the posting. The new monthly edition is posted to the site the 1st of each month.

If you would like to help your **Club** keep their mailing and printing cost to a minimum to **save money**, please send a email to editor@mldet186.org , so you can be removed from the mailing list. **Thank you for supporting your Club!**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Col. Earl Rutledge is at Heritage Spring, which is off Flamingo and west of Durango. They have open hours for visitors ... just ask for room 223. Should you want to go see Col. Rutledge and need further directions or information call (702) 528-5961. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Also, let us all keep our brothers and sisters, who fight each day to give us our freedom, in our thoughts and prayers. Remember, those too, that are ill or have gone before us.

Try to stay dry, cool and safe this summer.

God bless you all.
Richard Moran

BIRTHDAY BALL TICKETS

Just a reminder, that Birthday Ball tickets are on sale now. They are \$60.00 each and are non-refundable. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. 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 Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, attention Jack O'Rourke. The tickets will be returned directly to you in the envelope you provide.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRICE INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2009

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Up to and including age 35: | \$500.00 |
| Age 36 up to and including age 50: | \$400.00 |
| Age 51 up to and including age 60: | \$300.00 |
| Age 61 and over: | \$150.00 |

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.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS FOR AUGUST 2009

| <u>MEMBERS #</u> | <u>NAME</u> | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|
| 130916 | BORTKO | WALTER |
| 78512 | BRAZIL | DENNIS |
| 179665 | BYLUND | MARK |
| 209341 | D'AVANZO | PETER |
| 218683 | HARRIGAN | KEVIN |
| 209345 | MUELLER | BRADLEY |
| 218537 | PALAZZO | DANIEL |
| 144591 | SOUSA | BERT |
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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.