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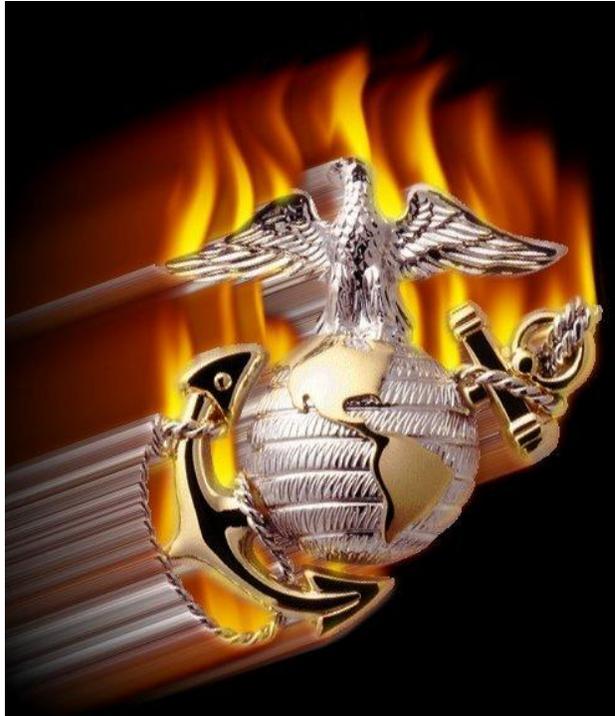


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Welcome to the Marine Corps League, Eastex Detachment #779. You have just joined a fellowship of camaraderie and brotherhood that is unlike no other. The Detachment is proud to have you and remember that it's the combined effort of each regular and associate member to continue the tradition and success our Detachment has had to the community and families we served.



Without the member there is no detachment. The Detachment supports the community, active duty, reserve, honorably discharged and their families. This is only possible when our members volunteer. The more the detachment grows, the better we can serve the community.

About the Marine Corps League

Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League joint together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to the widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

History

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Chapter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America, signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and Reserve establishments of the United States Marine Corps. Today, the League boasts a membership of nearly 76,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty, Reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine Veterans and qualified Navy FMF Corpsmen and is one of the few Veterans Organizations that experiences increases in its membership each year.



The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected National Staff Officers who serve as trustees. The National Board of Trustees coordinates the efforts of 48 department, or state, entities and the activities of over 900 community based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas. The day-to-day operations of the League are under the control of the National Executive Director with the responsibility for the management and directions of all programs, activities, and affairs of the Marine Corps League as well as supervising the National headquarters staff.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its Congressional charter and from its annual National Convention held each August in different major U.S. cities throughout the nation. It is a not for profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.

Programs of the Marine Corps League

MARINES HELPING MARINES – WOUNDED MARINES PROGRAM

The program was created to support injured Marine Corps personnel located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, Brooke Army hospital in San Antonio, as well as the Naval Hospitals at Balboa, Camp Pendleton and elsewhere. The scope of support encompasses; financial, visits from Marine Corps League members, offsite day trips to include family outings, dinners, short trips in support of the individual Marines' needs and professional spotting events as tickets and opportunities present themselves.

YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

A youth program emphasizing honesty, courage, respect, industry, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family. The Young Marines program receives funding from Congress and the United States Marine Corps primarily because of their drug interdiction focus on drug education and prevention.

U.S. MARINES YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

The League developed and administers a program that provides a physical fitness regimen that promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle for elementary and high school students.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Marine Corps League has long regarded the program of the Boy Scouts of America as in support of the Preamble of the Constitution of the League. The League supports the Boy Scouts of America as they promote traditional family values to America's youth. The Marine Corps League participates in Scouting through assistance with units, districts, and councils, in community projects, merit badge programs, and special recognition of Eagle Scouts.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Members of the Marine Corps League fund scholarships through donations from individual members and subordinate units of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. Children and former Marines are eligible for academic scholarships for attendance at accredited colleges and universities.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Marine Corps League is a member of The Military Coalition and participates in National and State legislative issues that affect military readiness, benefits and entitlements of active duty personnel as well as Veterans Benefits programs effecting former and retired Marines.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

The National Headquarters retains a full-time staff member who assists veterans in adjudicating claims against the government as a result of active duty service. Claims are processed through the Department of Veterans Affairs or other appropriate agencies of the federal government.

VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM (VAVS)

Marine Corps League members contribute thousands of man-hours each year supplementing staffs at VA Hospitals and facilities in providing morale, comfort and assistance to institutionalized veterans.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary was chartered on September 4, 1937 as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League. On August 25, 1950, the Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as an affiliate of the Marine Corps League. The Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U.S. Marine Corps League, the Marine Corps League and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this Nation, young and old.

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

The fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League.

TOYS-FOR-TOTS

Marine Corps League Detachments in nearly every community take part annually in the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots campaign to raise funds and collect and distribute toys to needy children. In communities where there is an existing Marine Corps Reserve Unit, the league works hand in hand supporting their campaign. In other communities, the Marine Corps League takes the lead, ensuring a successful campaign.

MARINE-4-LIFE/INJURED MARINE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The League works very closely with the Marine Corps' M-4-L program, providing mentors nationwide. In areas of the country where there is no Marine Corps "point of contact", the League works directly with M-4-L Headquarters to provide services to transitioning Marines.

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Members find the State and National Conventions of the League ideal vacation venues for themselves and family members. Held in a different city each year, many families attend year after year and particularly enjoy the many planned activities and tours related to these get-togethers.

The Marine Corps League is a charter member of The Military Coalition, The National Marine Corps Council, AdHoc Committee, Navy and Marine Corps Council, the National Veterans Day Committee, and is represented on countless committees and programs serving the military and veteran's community.

The League participates in patriotic functions such as the National Memorial Day Parade and the National 4th of July Parade in Washington as well as countless statewide and community parades around the country. We provide representation to the U.S. Congress in legislative matters affecting the United States Marine Corps, national security and veteran's benefits through our National Legislative Committee. Most importantly, Marine Corps League Detachments are actively involved in community-based programs throughout the country.

To learn more about the League, visit the following websites:

National at www.mcleague.com

Eastex Detachment at www.mcleastex.com



Three things you are encouraged to do: Attend monthly detachment meetings. Volunteer. Recruit new members.

Offices of the Marine Corps League

There is no rank or status within the League and the elected offices are representatives for the detachment to the community. The 3 levels of the League are National, State Department and local Detachment level. All the major offices are the same at each level with exceptions for additional positions at each level. The below offices are the minimum required and represent the board of trustees for the detachment. **All positions within the League are made up of volunteers who serve for the pleasures of the members and are elected by the members and are open to regular members. There are also many volunteer positions for associate members. Volunteering is highly encouraged and even the smallest participation is greatly appreciated.**

Officer Titles

Commandant
Sr. Vice Commandant
Jr. Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate
Jr. Past Commandant
Adjutant
Paymaster
Sergeant-At-Arms
Chaplin

Officer and Staff Duties

Below is a synopsis of responsibilities of the Officers and Staff as they pertain to a detachment. Some office descriptions may vary slightly from other detachments. These descriptions are for general information and are not intended to be all inclusive of the responsibilities for a given office.

Commandant – Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees

The Commandant is the Chief Executive Officer of the detachment Board of Trustees, primary contact for the community and is responsible for the activities and financial standing of the detachment. He/she presides at

meetings, represents the detachment at functions, formulates and develops programs to improve detachment operations and achieving goals, appoints staff officers and committees.

Sr. Vice Commandant – Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees

He/she gives assistance and support to the Commandant, is second in command of the detachment, presides in absence of Commandant at meetings or events and prepares for succession to the Commandant's office. The SVC chairs committees as requested by the Commandant, performs special tasks as requested by the Commandant and assists in two-way communications between members and officers.

Jr. Vice Commandant – Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees

The JVC is usually primarily responsible for recruiting and retention of members should be familiar with the operations and projects of the detachment, be a spokesman to the board of Trustees on what members are looking for from the organization. He/she promotes special events aimed at enhancing membership, maintains contact with other veteran's organizations and generate interest in the Marine Corps League.

Judge Advocate – Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees

The JA provides legal counsel and opinions on the by-laws, policies, corporate regulations and parliamentary procedure for the detachment. He/she must see that the policies, voted issues and procedures are in conformance with the by-laws and policies of the detachment, department, and national levels. The JA participates in the writing or modification of the by-laws and renders opinions based on the policies, by-laws or precedents of the detachment. The Commandant may direct the JA to perform periodic reviews of procedures and finances to assure compliance with detachment policies and procedures.

Jr. Past Commandant – Appointed, Staff

The JPC assists in providing continuity from one administration of officers to the next. His/her experience should be utilized for the purposes of educating and assisting officers.

Adjutant – Elected or Appointed, Staff

The Adjutant is the recording secretary for detachment meetings and affairs and is responsible for official notification to members. He/she must keep accurate minutes of meetings, prepare and transcribe minutes for permanent record of the detachment and assure that resolutions are maintained as corporate records. The Adjutant is responsible for the official correspondence, bulletins and other written communications of the detachment. He/she prepares and submits the "Installation of Officers Report", may assist in the completion of the "Membership Transmittal" forms, prepares a variety of other forms that go to department and national levels, and signs certificates of awards. The Adjutant is typically chairman of the Awards Committee.

Paymaster – Elected or Appointed, Staff

The Paymaster acts as corporate controller of the detachment funds and is responsible for the accounting of revenues and expenditures. He/she must keep accurate fiscal records, responsible for banking and financial accounts, signer on fiscal and banking documents, makes fiscal and financial reports at meetings, receives dues and forwards transmittals to department and national levels, and handles tax and licensing functions of the detachment.

Sergeant-At-Arms – Elected or Appointed, Staff

The SA is responsible for the physical set up and cleans up of the meeting facilities, maintains order at the business meetings, participates in the presentation and honoring of the Colors at meetings and ceremonies, and greet and introduce members, guests and program participants. He/she must determine the qualifications for members to attend meetings and excuse those who are not qualified.

Chaplain – Elected or Appointed, Staff

The Chaplain tends to the needs of members and members families during periods of distress, illness and/or death. The Chaplain is called on to offer invocations and prayer at meetings and ceremonies. He/she may participate in funeral arrangements and publicize needs of the sick. The Chaplain prepares notification to department and national levels regarding deceased members of the detachment.

Historian – Appointed, Projects Officer

The Historian is primarily responsible for the historical records of the detachment. He/she may solicit photography, biographical sketches and other items of value that tell the detachment's history.

Newsletter Editor – Appointed, Projects Officer

The Newsletter Editor is to prepare the newsletter on a monthly basis about what is going on in the detachment. The Editor should solicit articles from officers and members and include the calendar of events for the detachment.

Color Guard Commander – Appointed, Projects Officer

The CGC is responsible to select and train members of the Color Guard. He/she is to plan and coordinate events with parade committees, veteran's organizations and other community groups.

Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS)/Veterans Service – Appointed, Projects Officer

The VAVS coordinator's primary goal is to spend time at the VA Hospitals on visitation, planning and coordinating events, and soliciting donations of funds needed by occupants of the Hospital. He/she should provide direction to various veteran assistance programs.

Conduct of the Board

As duly elected Officers of the Detachment, your Board members have a **FIDUCIARY** responsibility to always remember:

- We serve our Members, Associates and guests before all others!
- Each of us gathered here from the past and into the future are VOLUNTEERS.
- Each of us gathered are Marines, Corpsman or the family member of a marine or Corpsman.
- Our families come first and then our business to support our families is second.
- Volunteers by nature will participate in events, programs and assist the League as they feel they can – simply stated, we need to have members who enjoy participating in the events they want to support.
- The purpose of our Detachment is, as defined by our Founder, General John A Lejeune to: “promote the interests and preserve the traditions of the United States Marine Corps, assist fellow Marines, their widows and orphans and participate in various patriotic ceremonies.”
- Our mission is: “to joint together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.”
- Have some fun while we enjoy being with Marines!

Marine Corps League Uniform

This section is very basic so please refer to the national uniform manual for detailed information. The red Marine Corps League cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered “in uniform”. Although you will see many of the members wearing only the red cover to meetings, it is highly encouraged to wear the full uniform. Women wear the exact same uniform as the men with the exception they can wear trousers or skirts.



Undress Short and Long Sleeve Shirt
Dress Blues and Black Trousers



Formal Dress



Women's and Men's

Casual Dress





Detachment Cover



State Department Offices,
Staff or Committees



National Offices,
Staff or Committees



Women's Detachment Cover



Associate Member Cover



Left Side

MCL emblem for Associate Member

Right Side: Detachment Number, Office Title,
Life Member strips are only items to be put on cover,
MODD members are authorized to wear patch.



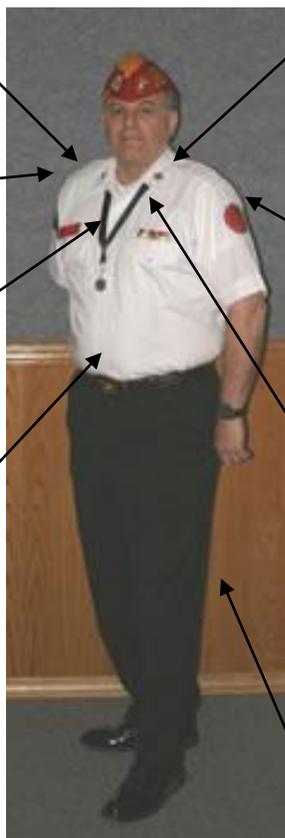
Associate Member collar insignia



Regular Member collar insignia
1/2" inside the collar tip. Sunburst emblems facing inboard and wings parallel to deck.



American Flag or MODD patch 1 1/2" down from shoulder seam.



MCL patch or Associate patch 1 1/2" down from shoulder of seam.

MODD Collar

DOD Military Ribbons & Badges or MCL ribbons. **You cannot mix both.**



Black leather belt with Marine Corps buckle.
Associate members wear regular gold buckle with no emblem.

Black trousers – Regular & Associate members can wear.
Dress Blue trousers – Regular members wear blood stripe and **Associate members DO NOT** wear blood stripe.

Casual Dress – White formal shirt with standard collar. Black tie, tie clasp or Marine Corps tie clasp.
Formal Dress – Tuxedo shirt with bow tie. Gold vest or cummerbund.



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Please go to www.mcleastex.com and check Marine Corps League Ribbon Chart for correct order and placement of ribbons.

****** Special Note ******

Refer to National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures for Placement of patches on uniform and covers as the graphics in this handout are not to scale.

The Marine's Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli,
We fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine.

Our Flag's unfurled to every breeze from dawn to setting sun.
We have fought in every clime and place, where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far off northern lands and in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job, the United States Marine.

Here's health to you and to our Corps, which we are proud to serve.
In many a strife we've fought for life and never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy every look on heaven's scenes,
they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.



Once A Marine Always A Marine

Long after the uniform has been laid aside, the last order has been given,
the final salute returned, the last handshake shared, and the occasional tear
brushed away by a determined hand.

Long after that, it still runs in your veins, lives on in your mid, and
dominates your will.

Long after that you feel the call, the esprit that can only be shared among
brothers. Among individuals bonded together by the truest of ideals.

“Once a Marine always a Marine.”



Hospital Corpsman's Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and these witnesses to practice faithfully all of my duties as a member of the Hospital Corps. I hold the care of the sick and injured to be a privilege and sacred trust, and will assist the Medical Officer with loyalty and honesty. I will not knowingly permit harm to come to any patient. I will hold all personal matters pertaining to the private lives of patients in strict confidence. I dedicate my heart, mind, and strength to the work before me. I shall do all within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good throughout my naval career.



I'm the one called "Doc"

I shall not walk in your footsteps, but I will walk by your side.
I shall not walk in your image; I've earned my own title of pride.
We've answered the call together, on sea and foreign land.
When the cry for help was given, I've been there right at hand.
Whether I am on the ocean, or in the jungle wearing greens,
Giving aid to my fellow man, be it Sailors or Marines.
So the next time you see a Corpsman, and you think of calling him "squid",
Think of the job he's doing, as those before him did.
And if you ever have to go out there, and your life is on the block,
Look at the one right next to you...
I'm the one called "Doc".