Baltimore Marines Salute Fallen Veterans * Memorial Day 2017

On a balmy Monday morning Marines and guests assembled at the Latrobe Memorial Park for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to commemorate honoring veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

With the assistance of the Sea Cadets posting the colors, Commandant Earl Ruff, Jr. led the ceremony with an introductory statement followed by the Chaplain’s dedication prayer.

The USMC Commandant General Robert Neller’s Message was presented along with the honoring of the Baltimore Detachments Marines called by the Supreme Commandant during the past year.

The ceremony concluded with placing of a wreath at the Latrobe Park Monument.

*NOTE: Later many attended a ceremony at the Korean War Memorial on Boson Street. The ceremony included guest speaker Maryland’s First Lady Yumi Hogan and a “Time Capsule” dedication. The program was followed by special ceremony of the USMC 11th Engineer Battalion with a presentation by Marine Dick Lantz.
NCL members and guests gathered on 11-13 May for the annual MCL Dept. of Maryland Convention at the Princess Royale Hotel.

Thursday 11 May: Registration for all along with the hospitality room was available. Many enjoyed the evening at the atrium near the hotel pool.

Friday 12 May: In the morning a joint meeting with several guest speakers, MDVA Deputy Director Finn, VA Health Care Rep., MCVETS Director, and OC Mayor Rep. Fred Wise. Also presentations were made the MCL DM Executive Officers. In the afternoon the Devil Dogs held their initiation for Pups followed by the Grand Growl.

Saturday 13 May: The morning consisted of business meetings for the MCL and MCLA. During the MCL meeting, reports from all were presented, a presentation of Vietnam War Commemorative Pins were awarded to twenty four Marines by Stuart Blair, PDC. Elections of 2017-18 Dept. of Maryland officers were conducted with Evie Remines Commandant, Don Benson Sr. Vice Cmtd., Bill Kelly Jr. Vice Cmtd., and Gerard Devlin JA installed by MCL National Cmtd. Richard Gore.

The convention concluded with Saturday evening banquet and MCL Nat. Cmtd. Richard Gore as keynote speaker along with awards presented; “Marine of the Year” Don Benson, “Devil Dog of the Year”, Bill Knox and “Honorary Past Department Commandant” Paul Taylor.

On Saturday, June 10th, the Baltimore Detachment 565 Pistol Team participated in the Annual Service Pistol Competition, at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. The team consisted of Joseph Crivello Jr., Chris Glinos, James Brown and Ray Vaughn. It was a typical Gap match with typical unpredictable weather, periods of rain and sun, temperature range swings from 60 degrees to the low 80’s over the course of the day. Being short one member, forced us to accept a blind member score, (an average of marksman level shooter scores for the event, added to our team score). Team scores and award notifications will be determined later in the month when the Pennsylvania Detachment completes tallying all the individual and team scores and hopefully the blind score will be enough to allow us to add to our trophies for team and individual members. Even though we are not as huge a group as in past years when we fielded 2 or 3 complete teams, we still manage to bring home the bacon, on a regular basis, in one category or another.

The next team event will be the Service Rifle Match, in the Fall, which will be held at Reade Range, in Altoona, PA. We are waiting for the match dates to be announced and expect to have new shooters added to our number for that event. Rifle team shoots 4 positions, just as we did on active duty, prone, sitting, kneeling and offhand positions, which limits participation for some older guys and girls but there are alternative rules for those with physical problems. We are always looking for new shooters for the Rifle and Pistol teams. Anyone interested just give a holler at the monthly meeting. We will be more than happy to sign you up and get you on the firing line.

Ray Vaughn
Pistol / Rifle Team Coordinator
Greetings Marines,

These past months have been very busy. I attended the Dept Convention in Ocean City, along with ten Detachment members and three Auxiliary members. We received some good information for resources from agencies and groups outside of the Marine Corps League. I would also like to say congratulation to the first female Department Commandant Evie Remines.

I can say that I have enjoyed volunteering for the BINGO night at the Green St V.A. Hospital on the first Tuesday of the month, but more volunteers are needed to help spread the duties of holding this event. It is a worthwhile and rewarding event, please lend a hand and volunteer.

In May I participated in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony accompanied by Past Dept. Cmdt. Stuart Blair. The MCL “Good Citizenship Award” was presented to Brandon Whims at the St Ursula Church in Parkville, in recognition of his promotion to Eagle Scout.

The detachment presented scholarship / monetary awards to two MCJrROTC Cadets. I made a presentation to Cadet Diamond Butler of Chesapeake High School and was accompanied by PDC Stuart Blair, for the presentation to Cadet Emmanuel Burns of Parkville High School.

Sr Vice Cmdt. Marian James, Chief of Staff Jack Colleran, Marine Dick Lantz, and I participated in the presentation of certificates and monetary awards to the top 3 eighth grade and top 3 fifth grade students at Francis Scott Keys Elementary Middle School.

I wish to send out thanks to all the members who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony and to the Sea Cadets who joined us this year and were responsible for the flag raising during the ceremony. “Great Job Everyone”, I will be looking for a large turnout for the Veteran’s Day Ceremony in November.

Our Sr Vice Cmdt. Marian James recently held a fund raising event, which went well, but more member participation is needed. I’m challenging our members to submit ideas and help organize not just fundraising activities but social activities which can bring members, family and friends together to socialize and promote our detachment.

In closing I’m looking forward to ours becoming a more active detachment and a growing detachment.

Don’t forget to recruit!

S/
Earl Ruff, Jr.,
Commandant
Sr. Vice Commandant’s Message

Greetings,

I would like to correct the statement I made in my last message about the Detachment sponsoring the Seabees. The statement should have been that we provided some monetary support to the Sea Cadets and they in turn come to our meetings and perform tasks at the Detachment. It was a pleasure to have them participate in in their dress uniforms at our Memorial Day Ceremony at Latrobe Park.

“Thank You” to all of the Detachment members who supported the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser for Toys for Tots. In addition, I would also like to thank the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 451, Northeastern Post Number 285 and Otha Spriiggs II, Memorial Post Number 294 for purchasing tickets and in some instances for providing manual labor. This event was a first and new ideas don’t always catch on immediately. However, I am willing to give it another try and hope that the next date will be more suitable to more people. Those of us who attended had an opportunity to network and discuss a lot of different topics. However, if you would like to make a monetary donation to our Toys for Tots 2017 Project, you can do it now or when the program officially opens on October 1, 2017.

Unfortunately, I do not have anything to report for VAVS because our next meeting will not be until next week but I do have an update on the Baltimore VA Medical Center Parking situation. There will be a delay in the re-opening of the garage. It is now anticipated that the parking facility will not re-open until September 2017. VA Patients can still park at the Metro West garage where shuttle service will be provided, free valet service, 24 hour access for seven days a week.

Additionally, I would like to wish everyone who is attending the Mideast Region Convention and/or the MCL National Convention a safe and informative experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian C. James,
SVC * Toys for Tots Chairperson

Young Marines . . . .
. . . . of the Marine Corps League

The Young Marines strengthens the lives of America’s youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring our veterans, good citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building and leadership and promotes a lifestyle that is conducive to being productive members of society.

The Young Marines was founded in 1959, by the Brass City detachment of the Marine Corps League in Waterbury, CT. The Young Marines received its charter on October 17, 1965, and continued its affiliation with the MCL as well as becoming US Marine Corps drug demand reduction program for youth in July 1993. In 1975 the Young Marines extended its membership to females, and in 1995 the program went international with units in Okinawa, Japan. The Young Marine program was awarded the Fulcrum Shield in 2001. This was the first Fulcrum Shield Award ever bestowed.

Upon joining a local Young Marines unit, recruits undergo a 26-hour orientation program, generally spread out over several weekly meetings. They learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure. After graduating from Young Marines Recruit Training, Young Marines have the opportunity to learn even more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marines uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education.

Contact Us
Hamilton Young Marines
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USMC 4CEB Reserve Center
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-870-0958
Jr. Vice Commandant Message

Greeting Marines,

Summer is in full swing and Baltimore
Detachment members will be enjoying the season
all over the State. Make a habit of sporting some
small emblem, symbol or pin illustrating your
association with the Marine Corps. Pop your
USMC baseball cap, on your head and strut the
beach or the boardwalk. That always draws a
"Semper Fi" or "Oorah" from fellow Marines. A
fine example was, at MicroCenter, in Parkville,
Md. yesterday, buying a new power supply, for
my laptop, I got the greeting, at the Customer
Service Desk, walking down an aisle shopping
and standing in line for a lottery ticket, in
Shopper's Supermarket. I always have a pen and
paper with me and I passed out Detachment info
to a Vietnam vet, an Iraqi vet and the grandfather
of a kid, at Parris Island right now. Just basic
data, location, address, meeting time and date,
mentioned the Rifle and Pistol teams, our
Museum, our meeting hall and bar, just enough to
spark a bit of interest in our group and hopefully,
it's enough to merit a visit to a monthly meeting.

Attendance at several Memorial Day events last
month and conversations with veterans from
various groups revealed that all the veteran
service units suffer from lack of new members
and minimal growth. Young veterans are just too
busy; they are working, raising families, going to
college and can't find the time to participate. We
have all been in their shoes. Veterans of Foreign
Wars, American Legion, Jewish War Veterans,
are all competing for members. A few minutes of
friendly chatter, could reveal points of shared
interest, perhaps mention of our monthly Bingo at
the VA Hospital or some other Detachment
functions could be enough to warrant someone
stopping by a regular meeting or a special event
we are involved in. A friendly smile and open
invitation can make all the difference in the world.

Semper Fi

Ray Vaughn
JVC

Chaplain’s Corner

Dear Lord,
This Independence Day, we thank you for our freedom.
We thank you for the rights, opportunities, and happiness
we enjoy every day as citizens of the United States.
We pray for the military men and women who serve our
country, for we know that our freedom is not free

Bless this great nation, Dear God. We pray that, as
citizens, we may follow the examples of the Americans
who founded this country and live always in courage and
brotherhood. Amen.

Semper Fi Prayer Circle

Taps
Blessings and prayer goes out to the family of Andrew
V. Zachary who was called by the Supreme
(Late Notice due to) He had moved to New Jersey,
address unable to be determined.

Sick / Distressed
Herb White, a WWII veteran, was at Augsburg, then to
Northwest Hosp, then to Keswick where he presently is.
He is limited in activities. Visits by Jack and yours truly
were made on several occasions. On June 3rd, additional
books (from the Detachment Library and Ernie) were
delivered. He is thankful for all of God's gifts to him,
Dottie being the best. Hearing is impaired when I visited.
Bobbie Hawkins, slipped and fell. She sustained a
severe fracture. Kathleen Devage advised of tough
days without Glenn who died suddenly. With courage
and faith, she persists, feeling Glenn's presence. Bill
advised that Carol Shea is improving. Her absence last
meeting was due to other obligations. She will bring
homemade “delights” at the June meeting, absent a
conflict. Good news! John Davis is to undergo full hip
replacement on or about July 7th. An original opinion as
to cause was a disease called “Vanishing Bone
Syndrome”. That opinion is now uncertain; Dottie White
reports that she is doing well, visiting Herb regularly;
Bill Wheeler was called on June 11th; message was left.
Irv Becker was called on June 11th; message was left; Al
Karchem was called on June 11th; wrong number; he
was E-Mailed. It was returned; (AL if you get this
newsletter, please give me your phone number; ); Get
Well cards were sent to: Bobbie Hawkins, Carol Shea,
Charles Luthardt, Ross Nippard, Diamond Kimos,
Bill Wheeler, Dominic Naples, Irv Becker, Fran Miller,
Ceil Handschuh, Joseph Humbenson, Jr., and John
Davis. Pray for healing, please.

If anyone knows of a member who is sick, in
distress or has passed away recently, please
contact George Adams 443-935-3185
Celebrate our veterans this Independence Day

Other than Thanksgiving and Christmas, 4th of July is perhaps the most celebrated national holiday. Families go on picnics, visit beaches and parks, and watch the fireworks. However, for many Veterans, Independence Day takes on a different meaning. To those who served in the armed forces, often fighting to preserve our freedom in far flung places, Independence Day represents the struggle, sacrifice and service of America’s brave men and women.

Now the brave are returning to the land of the free, bearing visible and invisible wounds and needing help and support to transition back into civilian life. President Theodore Roosevelt said, "A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards. More than that no man is entitled, and less than that no man shall have."

More than 200 years after our nation declared its independence, our men and women continue to shed blood to protect our freedom, and for this we owe them a great debt of gratitude for their service. If you know Veterans who needs assistance, please refer them to the VA Maryland Health Care System where we can help. To locate the nearest VA health care facility or Vet Center, Veterans can visit the VA Maryland Health Care System website at www.maryland.va.gov and click on “Become a Patient” to enroll for VA health care. If you know a Veteran of any war era, please remember to thank him or her for their service on this 4th of July. Freedom is not free, and only because of the bravery and service of our volunteer armed forces does it ring loud and clear in our nation and around the world.

VA Open Data

The VA is working to make information resources easier to find, access and use, while protecting individual personal data. VA’s Open Data initiative strives to provide easy access to information that can fuel entrepreneurship, innovation and public policy research, such as:

- Patterns and comparative rates of health conditions for vulnerable Veteran groups
- Location information for Veteran gravesites across the U.S.
- Analysis on the growing number of women Service members and Veterans

Change to MDVA Cemetery Program

As of August 15, 2017 the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Cemetery Program will implement the following changes to policy and interment costs for all five (5) Maryland State Veterans Cemeteries:

- Burial Costs: The opening/closing cost will be $749.00 for casketed or cremated interment for all eligible dependents of the veteran. Please note that veteran interments will continue to be at NO cost to the veteran.
- Disinterment Costs: $749.00 disinterment cost for casketed or cremated veteran and dependent remains unchanged.
- Liner Costs: The liner cost for eligible dependents is now included in the cost of burial. A liner is provided to the veteran at no cost.

The burial of an eligible dependent will be equal to the burial plot allowance provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for burial of a veteran in a State Veterans’ Cemetery. The cost will be subject to change yearly (October 1) when the burial plot allowance could be adjusted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 July 2017, National Colonial Farm @ Piscataway Park.

S/F,
Stuart Blair
Commissioner, MCL
Maryland Veterans Commission
Military Order of the Devil Dogs

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof woof,

Since the Grand Growl last month, there is not a lot of activity in Dogdom.

Many Dogs are preparing for the Mid-east Growl on the 23rd in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. It will be nice to go to a Growl and not have to do anything but hand out bones. Hopefully the Maryland Pack will have a large showing and support the children’s hospital in Overland Park, Kansas in August.

Speaking of Overland Park, prior to the Supreme Growl, the Maryland Pack will have five DDs vying for the prestigious degree of PDD. For anyone else going, make sure to visit our Dogs during the grueling pace of the initiation.

The next Pack Growl will be on 5 August hosted by the Cpl Arnold Detachment and Pound 333.

Also, all Dogs are invited to Pound 333s Growl and joint Pound 333/Cpl Arnold Detachment picnic on 22 July.

The next Pound Growl will be on 27 August when we will have elections of officers. If you are interested in a particular office, be there and get nominated and join in on the fun.

    Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof woof,
PDD Paul Taylor, Dog Robber

Auxiliary

Reaching Further . . .
. . . Touching More

Greetings,

At the department convention in May, the Baltimore Unit with the help of Judy Hansen and Julie Silverstein brought items to be used in baskets which were raffled off to raise funds for the department auxiliary unit. Chris Faye of the Lance Corporal Deane Unit received enough items to make 10 baskets and made a nice profit for our state treasury. In addition to making money we donated household items and money to our Little Angel project.

This year the recipient of our gifts was the Talbot Interfaith Shelter for Abused Spouses. It is a shelter which takes families as a whole unit when they are in an abusive situation. They are funded by donations only and receive no state or government aid. They receive clients from the Del Mar Va area. We felt the shelter was a very worthy cause for our donations.

The cookbook is almost ready to send to the press. We just need a few more recipes and our members to help edit the ones that we have.

God bless America,
Joan Hansen,
President

To contact the Baltimore MCL Auxiliary Unit
EMAIL  mcl565aux@gmail.com
**Detachment Programs**

**Marine Family Assistance**

The Baltimore Detachment’s "Marine Family Assistance Program" emphasis is providing assistance to Marine families in our area, specifically the Marines of 4th CEB.

**Report**

Received request on 17 May 2017 from Ms. Bea Ramos, Battalion Family Readiness Officer for the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion that there was a Marine in dire need of financial assistance. He was unemployed, did not have transportation, and was in debt $1,200.00. His immediate need was $700.00 to cover his rent and cell phone bill.

I immediately contacted our paymaster, Marine Pat Davis and was able to present a check that same day to Marine LCPL Kassai Watkins for $300.00.

I received an email thanking the Detachment for our quick response to our Marines in crisis.

Semper Fi,
John W. "Harry" Hierstetter

**Scholarships**

**Fundraiser**

New pocket calendars will be coming out in a few months. If you have not received a pocket calendar in the past and would like one or two please let me know along with your correct address & phone if you like. You who have been receiving them and would like more than one please let me know. You can e-mail to: mclbaltimore@hotmail.com or call Monday, Wednesday or Saturday between (9am & 12:30noon). THANK YOU Jack

**Scholarship Presentation Report**

On June 8, 2017, Commandant Earl Ruff, Jack Colleran, Dick Lantz and I attended the graduation of the 5th and 8th grade students at Frances Scott Key Elementary/Middle School to present awards. The students were given a certificate, a $25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card and a $50.00 bill. These are the names of the Top Students from Frances Scott Key Elementary/Middle School for the Fifth and Eighth Grades: Third Place

**FIFTH GRADE**

Jackson Dungee – First Place
Adam Schutsky – Second Place
Payse Masaites – Third Place

**EIGHTH GRADE**

Rameen Agmir – First Place
Akala Davis – Second Place
Tam Nguyen – Third Place

**Detachment Member Assist**

**Green St. VA Hospital Bingo**

**Pick Three Lottery Calendar Fundraiser**

The 2017 fund raiser forms are still available!

We are hoping you will take at least one from the mailing and/or pick up more at the detachment. Mail them back with your check as soon as possible in 2017. Remember the numbers are good throughout the year whenever you submit the form.

The proceeds from this are used for assistance to a detachment Marine or family member in need and the Baltimore Green St. VA Medical Center Project

**2017 Pick Three Calendar Monthly Winners**

**April**

04/05 Pat Clawson #412 $25.00
04/10 Chris Esposito #014 $25.00
04/15 John A. Cook #551 $25.00

**May**

05/01 Jess Kipps #567 $25.00
05/06 Jess Kipps #567 $25.00
05/07 Marian James #423 $25.00
05/08 Vernon L. Shiflett #433 $25.00
05/10 John Cooper #262 $25.00
05/13 Francis D. Miller #882 $25.00
05/21 Ralph Pritchard #435 $25.00
05/26 Jennifer Ehrman #524 $25.00
05/27 Carey Webb #483 $25.00

**VA Medical Center BINGO Report**

Tuesday 2 May and 6 June 2017

Patients at the Center enjoyed the games, prizes and refreshments provided by the Detachment. Marines Cmdt. Earl Ruff, Jr., Marian James and Ray Vaughn were able to add to the setting with their presence.
Marine Corps History
Question of the Month

In each month’s “GUNG HO” we will feature a question about U.S. Marine Corps history. The question will test your knowledge of well known facts of Marine Corps existence.

The answer to each question will be published in the following month’s issue.

Answer to May / June Question
As we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the United States entrance into World War I 1917, we are reminded of the Marine Corps historic battle at Belleau Wood, France, June 1918.

Although most Marines were deployed in Europe during this time, Marine Brigades were also deployed elsewhere in the world. Where was one of these locations?

Nicaragua

July / August Question
July 1918, the Marines along with other Allied units, were hurriedly and secretly led on forced night marches over jammed roads, through rain and mud, to a point near a commune in Northern France. Early on the morning of 18 July, the 5th Marine Regiment, in coordination with other Allied units, began a major offensive. Sweeping the Germans through the woods before them, the Marines soon captured Transom and Verte Feuille Farms. What was the name of the commune for this major offensive?

a) Oradour-sur-Glane
b) Soissons
c) Beaulne-et-Chivy
d) Ailles

Dates of Interest

- **July 7, 1898** – President William McKinley signed a resolution annexing Hawaii. In 1900, Congress made Hawaii an incorporated territory of the U.S., which it remained until becoming a state in 1959.

- **July 21, 2011** – Shuttle pilot, LtCol Doug Hurley, USMC was among our crew on the final flight of Atlantis and NASA’s shuttle programs.

- **July 22, 1919** – Two companies of Quantico Marines helped civil authorities restore order after riots in Wash., DC.

- **July 24, 1944** – Artillery, air and naval bombardments softened Tinian for the 4th Marine Division landing.

- **July 30, 1918** – The 1st Marine Aviation Force arrived in France.

- **August 9, 1935** – Fleet Marine Force Headquarters moved from Quantico to San Diego.

- **August 11, 1952** – The 1st Marine Division participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Korean War.

- **August 19, 1919** – ”The Marines’ Hymn” was registered with the US Copyright Office.

**Membership**

*Official Ruling* on MCL member’s eligibility

Can a Marine who has received a Marine Corps discharge with the “Characterization of Service” as “OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS” be considered for membership in the Marine Corps League. This Marine with this type of discharge had a “Reenlistment Code” of “RE-4.”

The answer to this question is “NO.”

**Rationale.** A Marine with this type of “Characterization of Service” as “UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS” may not enter the Marine Corps League NOR can they be retained in the Marine Corps League if they fraudulently entered the Marine Corps League with this characterization of service of the following: “UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS: A BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE; OR A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE.” SECTION 600 - MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnny Baker
National Judge Advocate

**Detachment Home Dispatch**

*Detachment Home Maintenance*

We are still looking for the few Marine Brothers to give us a hand. Just for three hours once a month, Mon., Wed. or Sat. Who knows if you try you might enjoy. There is a lot of things could be of interest or you might learn something that would be useful around the house.

*Baltimore Detachment Hall Rental*

The hall rental is our main source of income for the Detachment Home. Keep promoting the hall rental. Information call Diamond Kimos @ 443-627-3487 or Chuck Hilton @ 410-547-7699

**Marine Corps Humor**

*A good deed gets a Marine to Heaven*

A Marine goes to heaven and at the gate St Peter asks him if he has ever done anything in his life that he believes makes him worthy of admittance to heaven. The grunt replies; yes, I once went into a bar with four of my Marine buddies and saw two Seals harassing a young girl at the bar, so being a a true Marine I went up to the biggest one and told him to leave this young lady alone. When he refused I slapped him again more forcefully. This time I slapped him across the face and told this Seal to stand down. St Peter said this was a very good thing to do and asked when the pilot did this great act.

The Marine grunt replied; “about 5 minutes ago! My buddies should be here shortly!”

Members Birthdays

We would like to wish the following Marines a “HAPPY BIRTHDAY” and many more:

**JULY – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**


**AUGUST – BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**


Marines, if you had a birthday this month and your name did not appear, please let me know.

Stuart Blair, 410-665-6440, Email: thistleman@verizon.net
American Military University (AMU) Scholarship
Marine Corps League, Inc.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

The Marine Corps League has agreed with the American Military University (AMU) for AMU to award two regular Marine Corps League members a full scholarship to receive a bachelor's or a master’s degree in any degree offered by AMU. Only current, regular Marine Corps League members who are interested in applying for one of these degree programs can apply. Applications must be submitted no later than 15 July 2017. Visit http://www.amu.apus.edu/ for choices of degrees and complete information on AMU.

This is a great opportunity to further your education. These scholarships pay for tuition and undergraduate ebooks, but do not cover the cost of any required lab equipment, software, or other specialty materials that may be required by the program you choose. If you are pursuing a master's degree, you will be responsible for graduate level books and course materials.

When will the scholarship be awarded? If available, the recipient will be awarded the scholarship at the National Convention, this year it is in Overland Park, KS (2017). If the recipient is unable to travel there, other arrangement will be made at the Marine Corps League (MCL) National Headquarters, or at AMU (Manassas) if appropriate. Recipients will be notified by written letter.

The selection criteria will be focused around five (5) major areas (Required):
1. A cover letter describing their Marine Corps, MCL and their volunteerism.
2. A 500-word essay on "Why you want this scholarship & what will you accomplish with the degree?"
3. Applicant must provide three letters of recommendations from their Detachment Commandant (required); their clergy (if any); their employer (if any); co-workers, and/or friends.
4. Provide a well written Resume.
5. Provide a high school diploma, college transcripts, and other documentation that is relevant to this scholarship.

Qualifications in choosing the scholarship recipients? The recipient must be a current, regular member of the Marine Corps League. (Note – a current, regular member is a person in the League that served as a Marine, a Navy Corpsman that served with the Marines, or a Navy Chaplain that served with the Marines and is a member in good standing. Spouses, families, and/or Associate members are NOT qualified for this scholarship.)

If currently in College, must have at least a GPA of 2.0 in a 4.0 system. Must provide a high school Diploma. The recipient must be of high moral character.

Selection will not be made on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Scholarship application information will not be shared or sold with other organizations. Students must show steady progress and to maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to retain the scholarship. For selection, the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League will appoint a AMU Scholarship Selection Committee.

Point of Contact for information or submitting applications – Johnny Baker (National Judge Advocate) Bakerusmc@yahoo.com / 256-490-3916. All applications with supporting documentation must be mailed to Johnny Baker, P. O. Box 6, Leesburg, AL 35983-0006 no later than 15 July 2017.

AMU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ENCLOSED AS INSERT
“To observe a Marine is inspirational, to be a Marine is exceptional.”

What Makes A Marine

Since our inception on 10 Nov 1775 the US Marine Corps has understood that only a few good men and women are capable of completing the physical, mental, and sometimes seemingly impossible requirements that are needed to be called Marine.

So it is; the Marine Corps Core Values, Honor, Integrity, Responsibility, and Accountability. Courage is do the right thing, in the right, way, for the right reason. Commitment equals devotion to the Marine Corps and my fellow Marines.

We have a motto in the Marine Corps that say once a Marine, always a Marine. That means that there is no such thing as an ex-Marine. It also means our Core Values are for life.