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Mission Statement of Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. 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. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their 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.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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IMPROVISE—ADAPT—OVERCOME

What do those words mean to you? To me it's a good prescription for life. For Marines it also represents our mantra in not giving up and working to overcome all obstacles in the face of adversity. This is how we live our lives and how battles and wars are won. These three words represent those values required to overcome adversity and describes the essence of RESILIENCE.

Resilience helps us to survive and rebound from difficult, complex and challenging times. Helps us to improve upon and maintain mental fitness, alertness and performance under pressure. Those three words assist us to convert any negative moods to increase happiness for ourselves, with our personal relationships and help us to lead a more enjoyable life.

Why do we need resilience? Without it we would not survive. Our lives would be represented by oppression, depression, hopelessness, failure and death. There would be no reason for hope. The history of the world is filled with cases of forlornness and hopelessness from the subjugation of peoples by a cruel dictator, to the victims of crime and violence and to the horrors of the Holocaust

Resilience is embodied in each of us in different ways and at varying levels of intensity. For Marines, resilience is a mindset of never giving up and overcoming all challenges towards a victorious outcome. Our personal lives are filled with the threat of adversity/challenges in one form or another. It could be the threat of losing a job, troublesome interpersonal relationships, illness, feelings of being a failure and a host of other reasons. How we deal with those issues indicates our level of resilience. Those three words of "Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome" aligned with the core values of The Marine Corps of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment will help us through any form of challenge, adversity or oppression.

God Bless the Marine Corps League, God Bless the United States Marine Corps and God Bless the United States of America.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



You'll Never Guess

They told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Luke 24.9

Should I ever say to you, "You'll never guess who I saw today," please do not try; I've already said that you'll never guess, so don't. Take Moses, for example. Imagine he comes back with his flock after the burning bush incident and says to his wife, "You'll never guess who I saw today." Would Zipporah ever have guessed God? No.

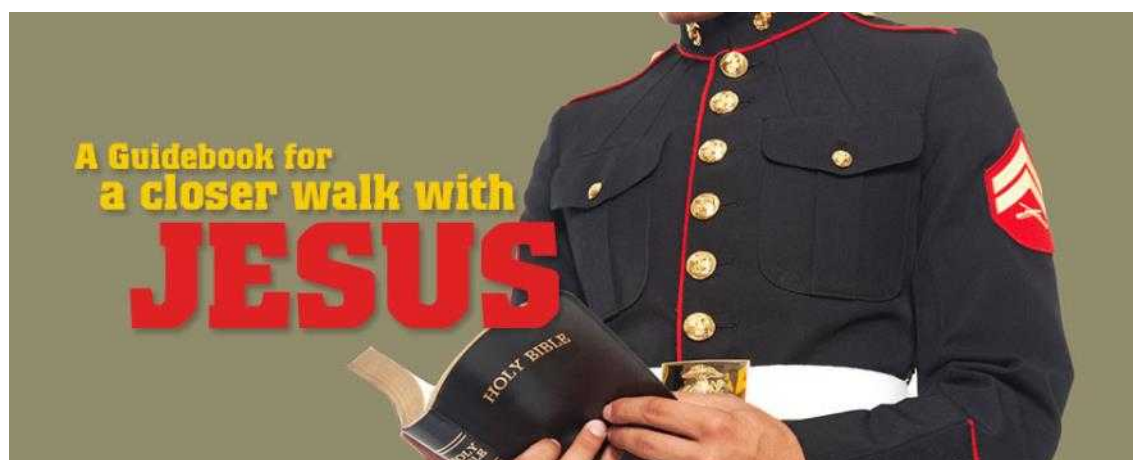


The women returning from the empty tomb, however, didn't preface their amazement with "You'll never guess who we saw today." This was not the time for guessing. They simply stated the fact that they had seen two angels with astounding news of the risen Lord!

How about us at worship? Do we see the risen Lord? He is there. We confess our sins, and there with outstretched, nail-pierced hands, He absolves us of every one of them. He then comes to us in His Word and Sacrament for us to hear, taste, and see that He, Immanuel, is right there with us. Awesome!

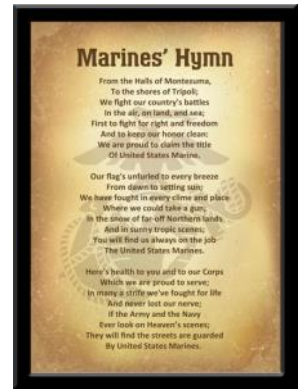
So, here's a thought. Why not start a conversation with someone this week by saying, "You'll never guess who I saw at church today"? Then share with them whom you see: Jesus Christ, who came with His Word to forgive sin.

Les Derbyshire, Chaplain



Service Officer Report

February



I hope everyone is keeping warm in this sudden Arctic Weather.

Just a reminder, our next Bingo will be on the 12th of February at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home. If you haven't had a chance to do it, you are missing the opportunity to visit with our Veterans who now live in the Nursing Home. They are a great group of men and women and they look forward to seeing us.

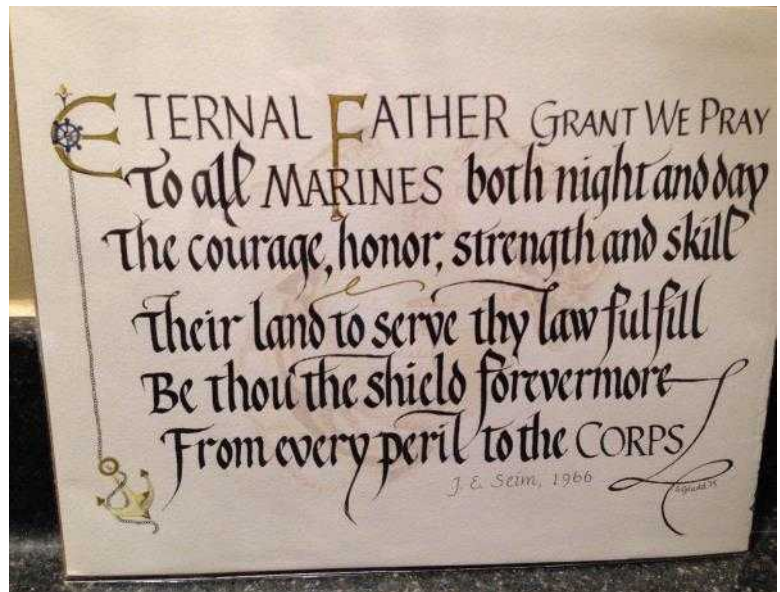
I want to take a few minutes to talk a little about our Monthly Breakfasts. These monthly breakfasts are a great success for the Detachment. We now serve month in and month out about 250 clients. As you might imagine it is a lot of work.

We still need a few good men and women to share in the work on Saturdays. Honestly with each passing month there are less and less of our members helping out. I know there are a few of you that work on weekends, but I find it disappointing that when we have a membership of 180 members we can't get 8 to 10 members to spend about 4 hours on a Saturday. We serve breakfast from 8 AM to 12 noon. We could use about 4 more members to help out from 10 to 1 for clean up and removal of Breakfast items.

Lastly, our trip to Washington will be from the 28th of June to the 30th June. Your deposit to book your room is February 18th. If you have any questions about the trip feel free to send me a note, or call me on the phone.

Most importantly, if any of you need help with the VA or has a question about your VA Benefits, give me a call. Maybe I can help you out.

Semper Fi
Ed Korek
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Greetings Marines,

I started writing this column about a week ago during the whole Immigration issue verses the wall. After writing 4 pages of material, I kind of realized that this column isn't the place for what I had written. Based upon the above statement, you can imagine how angry I was with what's been going on. So here's how I'm going to approach it.

Our duly elected representatives in the Senate and The House have once again failed the American people. Regardless of where you stand on building a wall or not, they are directly responsible for protecting our borders. Illegal immigration is a huge problem that no one wants to solve. There are approximately 12 million illegal immigrants in our country now. About 65% of that number come from Mexico. The flow needs to be stopped somehow. Below is the contact information for the representatives from our area in New Jersey. Please write them and let them know how you feel about this situation. Follow the instructions on each web site for contact information.

Oakland: Josh Gottheimer 5th Congressional District <https://gottheimer.house.gov/>

Pompton Lakes: Mikie Sherrill 11th Congressional District <https://sherrill.house.gov/>

Senator Bob Menendez <https://www.menendez.senate.gov/>

Senator Cory Booker <https://www.booker.senate.gov/>

That's all I'm going to say on this issue.

One of the many things that I enjoy about our detachment is how we all pull together to get the job done. It seems lately though, its always the same people that are helping out at events. I know many of us are older and have given a lot of time in the past. However that doesn't mean that we are off the hook. You volunteered when you joined the Marine Corps, You volunteered when you joined the Marine Corps League. We have a great thing going with the breakfasts and the Rose Events and more hands makes everything work quicker and better. We really need help at the breakfasts especially between 10 AM and 1 PM for clean up. The same applies to Rose Events. It's usually the same group of a dozen or so. So if you are able, please come down and help out. It will be greatly appreciated and it is to support the detachment.

Historically, there were 2 pivotal events in Marine Corps History in the month of February. The first one is The Battle for Iwo Jima and the second one is the ground element of Operation Desert Storm.

On February 19, 1945, Marines from the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions with the Army 147th Regiment landed on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima. The pre-invasion bombardments from the naval elements of the invasion force did little to soften the island's defense. The Japanese, which had been fortifying the defenses since March of 1944, had time to develop a sizeable series of interconnected tunnels which had solid steel blast doors to protect their artillery assets. After waiting for a build up on the beaches for about an hour or so, the Japanese defenders opened up and the Battle for Iwo began. On the fourth day with the narrowest part of the island somewhat secured and the defenders on Mount Suribachi isolated from the rest of the island, a reconnaissance patrol was sent up the mountain. It met some light resistance and went back . A



stronger patrol was ordered to go back up and secure the crest. The were given the regimental American flag to put up once the crest was secured. Joe Rosenthal's picture became the most recognized photo of the war and the basis for the National Marine Corps Monument near Arlington Cemetery.

Joe's famous picture was not of the first flag that was raised.

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal had just landed on the beach when the flag was raised and remarked that he would like to have that flag. Joe's picture is actually of the second flag being raised. For 36 Days, Marines and Soldiers fought a very tenacious enemy. In the end, the American battle plan won out. Simply put , the numbers were on our side. It was however a very costly victory. Over 26,000 Marines, Soldiers and Sailors became casualties. It was the first battle in the war that Marines lost



more than the enemy. The island was declared secured on March 26th. The 147th Infantry Regiment took on the duties of clearing out the remainder of the Japanese. This took over 3 months. In fact the last 2 surviving Japanese officers surrendered in 1949.

Operation Desert Storm (continued from the January 2019 Grunt). With the start of the Air War portion on Jan 16, 1990, the build up of coalition force continued into February. For 42 days, the coalition Air Force, Naval and Marine aviation elements bombarded Iraq and Iraqi positions in Kuwait and in Iraq. Over 100,000 sorties were flown dropping over 88,000 tons of bombs on selected targets with only 75 aircraft lost. Of that number, only 44 were lost to enemy action with only 1 a result of an air to air victory. By February 24th, the coalition had achieved complete air superiority.



There were several skirmishes between Iraqi forces and coalition forces between January 29th and February 24th with minor advances into Iraqi controlled territory. On February 24th, the ground attack began with the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions with the 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion crossing the Kuwait border and attacking toward Kuwait City. They encountered minefields, trenches, barbed wire and some light resistance. Usually the Iraqi defenders would put up a short defense and then surrender.



While the Marines and the 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion continued their advances, coalition forces from the west began their attacks. As with the Marines to the east, the pattern was a stiff defense then surrender by Iraqi troops. There were several tank battles including one involving both the 1st and 2nd Marine Division at Kuwait Airport.

Upon learning of the attacks, Saddam Hussein issued a counter attack order to all of his units against all US Forces. On all fronts, the counter attack was successfully repulsed with severe damage to the Iraqi forces. On February 27th, Saddam Hussein issued an order to withdraw into Iraq. Coalition forces managed to insert blocking forces at the borders and in Iraq and successfully destroyed a large portion of the Iraqi Army including the vaunted Republican Guard. One Iraqi unit did not get the word to retreat and for hours battled the Marines at Kuwait airport. Once the airport was secured, President Bush declared Kuwait liberated. The Iraqi forces continued to retreat along the Kuwait– Bagdad Highway which became known as the highway of death. On February 28th, after 100 hours since the Desert Storm Ground War began, President Bush declared a cease fire and units that had advanced into Iraq retreated to the border. Unfortunately, 737 of Kuwait’s Oil Wells were destroyed by the retreating Iraqi forces. For more on Desert Storm and Marine Corps participation, read Tom Clancy’s *Into the Storm* and *Battle Ready*, as well as Oscar Gilbert’s *Marine Corps Tank Battles in the Middle East*. The United States proved that the United Nations works in the post cold war era. Although Russia did not send any troops or become part of the coalition, they did give their approval to the UN Resolution.



Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers—Editor



Quartermaster's Report

We did fairly well at the January breakfast. I'm working on getting in a few requests in which are taking a little longer than I anticipated (trying to get the best deals as possible) and hope to have some of them in time for the February Breakfast. We have some new knives and hats in our inventory so come on down and check them out. We also have embroidered long sleeve t-shirts and embroidered detachment t-shirts.

If anyone is interested in ordering the detachment jacket, please contact me asap. I'm holding 2 orders and would like to give them at least 4 orders at a time.

If anyone has any ideas or something that you think we should carry for both the Ship's Store and the Rose Programs, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster

Potential items for the future



3rd Saturday Breakfast Ship's Store



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Calendar of Events

February 2019

- 02/12/2019 Bingo--Paramus Veteran's Home--1400
- 02/12/2019 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 02/16/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200
- 02/28/2019 Detachment meeting--1930



The sinking of the USS MAINE on Feb 15, 1898. 28 Marines and 232 Seamen lost their lives.



Battle for Hue City—National Museum of the Marine Corps. February 1968



Marines from the 4th Marine Division loading an M2 Browning 50 Cal Machine Gun Kwajalein Atoll Feb 1944



Operation Deckhouse VI Feb 1967 at Quang Ngai City Vietnam



Marine H34 in support of Operation Prairie II, Vietnam Feb 1967



Heading for Iwo Jima Feb 1945

Marines in Operation Desert Storm

Feb 1991





Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2019

Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 7th, June 11th, July 9th,
August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

**January 19, February 16th, March 16th, April
20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th,**

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th & December 21st

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Regular Monthly Meeting

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month (Except November)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th,
August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 26th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes

To Lakeland Marines

Congratulations Mike for your significant accomplishment on behalf of The Semper Fi Fund and for those veterans in need who will clearly benefit from your efforts.

Semper Fi.,



Marines George Vankat, Joe Piazza, & Dennis Kievet attended the 76th Anniversary Four Chaplains Mass with Cardinal Tobin. Above is the Four Chaplains Monument.



Marines Ed Korek and Mike Greig met with the Fairlawn Sunshine Rotary Club to present information about the Lakeland Marine Care Fund. Pictured above are Ed Korek, Mike Greig and John Cosgrove of Fairlawn.



Lakeland Marine Care Fund

Lakeland Marine Care Fund (a 501(c)(3) non-profit veteran service organization, created by Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744, to provide benevolent assistance to active duty military, veterans, and their families. Our streamlined structure allows for no overhead expenses, enabling us to contribute 100% of donations directly to veterans and other veteran service organizations quickly and efficiently, so that we may better serve those who have sacrificed so much to preserve our nation's freedom. All expenses incurred by the Fund are paid for by Lakeland Marine Corps League Detachment 744.

Our mission to enhance the quality of life for all veterans, their families and survivors include, but are not limited to: wounded and sick veterans, support for deployed service members' families experiencing hardships, those transitioning from military to civilian life, veterans job assistance and training, aiding homeless veterans, and veterans suffering from PTSD and related mental health issues.

In 2018, the Fund made charitable donations totaling \$15,728. Some of our recent disbursements for assistance include:

- Marine Corps League PFC Jeffrey S. Patterson Detachment 747 American Heroes Ride for Semper Fi Fund - \$1,000
- "B" Company Picnic - \$1,000
- Phone for 400 Marines of "G" company and families before embarkation to Afghanistan - \$3,000
- Bloomfield Veterans Center - New York Yankees Event for Disabled Veterans - \$1,000
- Marine Corps League John Basilone Detachment 190 Homeless Veterans Assistance - \$1,000
- Bloomfield Veterans Center & Freedom Horse Farm Horses Serving Heroes Equine Assisted Learning & Treatment Program for Veterans - \$1,200
- Marine Corps League Department of Mississippi YANKY72 Memorial for Marine Corps Reserve KC-130T Plane Crash - \$500
- American Legion Post 170 - Riders Scavenger Hunt Ride & BBQ Bergen County Trainers Program for Homeless Veterans & Operation Sisterhood Female Veterans Post-To-Peer Support Group - \$325
- Veterans Transportation Fund Transportation Assistance for Veterans' Medical Care VA Appointments - \$2,000
- Semper Fi Fund To provide immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post-9/11 combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families - \$5,000
- 2018 Women Veteran Health Symposium Benefits women veterans in transition from homeless status to healthy and stable transitional living - \$1,000

The Marine Corps League is a veteran's organization, chartered by the 75th U.S. Congress in 1937, founded to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of all Marines who proudly wear, or have worn, the uniform of the United States Marine Corps.

A common quality among the membership is that embodied by our motto "Semper Paratus" - Latin meaning Always Faithful. We are always faithful to our Country, our Corps, and our fellow Marines, in service and out. Many of our Detachments volunteer their services in our Veterans Medical Centers and local Veterans Nursing Homes. We assist our young people to stay healthy through the Youth Physical Fitness Program and the Young Marines Program in our communities.

League members share a special bond of comradeship unique to those currently serving and those who have previously served. We especially observe national holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day and render proper burial honors to our deceased Marine brothers and sisters.

Our Detachment is almost 200 members strong. We are one of the most active Detachments in the country. Over the past three years we have made donations supporting our Veterans more than \$100,000.

The detachment also supports various charitable causes in our local community - including Boy Scouts of America. We have participated in over 100 Eagle Scout ceremonies in the past 3 years.

Some of the organizations we have supported through volunteer tours and/or monetary donations are Paramus Veterans Home, Family and Friends for Freedom Fund, Malwuh Marine Home, Veterans Transportation Fund, Wounded Warrior Battalion East, Toys For Tots, various local food banks, and countless individual veterans and their families in need.

We are proud to say that in 2018, the Lakeland Marine Corps League Detachment 744 and Lakeland Marine Care Fund combined, made donations totaling \$34,829.00.

Just think what we can do with your help in 2019.

Sponsorship Opportunities

- Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500
- Gold Sponsor - \$1,000
- Silver Sponsor - \$500
- Bronze Sponsor - \$250

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Washington DC Trip

June 28th to June 30

Itinerary

Hotel in Washington DC, 20-24 rooms: Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Center

June 28th: Depart 7:30am Oakland Elks Club, 33 Route #202, Oakland, NJ

We'll travel south to Washington through New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. We will stop at the Maryland House on the way to stretch our legs and to get a quick bite to eat. The bus will arrive at the Air and Space Museum at approximately 1:00 PM. We intend to have a guided tour of the museum but since the Museum is closed at this time due to Congressional negotiations this won't be arranged till everyone comes back to work. From the Museum we will be taken to our hotel to check in, relax and have a bite to eat before going to 8th and I, as special guests for the evening Parade.

Depart for the evening Parade by 6:00pm Must be at the Parade by 7:00PM The Evening Parade is a marvelous display of planning and precision formations This parade is held at Marine Barracks in Washington DC, which is the "Oldest Post of the Corps." Marine Barracks has been used for many events since the early 20th Century including Presidential inaugurations and other special celebrations. After the parade and ceremony we will return to the hotel.

June 29: Breakfast at the hotel

We will be leaving early in the AM to go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Special arrangements have been made for our group, and we will be there for the Changing of the Guard at 9:15 AM. At which time (4) from our group will have the honor to Lay the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After the Ceremony we will take the bus to the Main building at Arlington Cemetery and we can then take the tram and have a guided tour of the Cemetery. If the restoration of the Lee Museum and Grounds have been completed we will have the opportunity to Tour the Mansion and Grounds. Around 1 PM, we will arrive at the Marine Corps Museum. At this time we are in the process of arranging for a Special Tour of the Museum and to arrange either a late lunch at Tun Tavern or early Dinner (Or Both at your expense). After this we return to our Hotel for R&R. Or perhaps some may want to see the sights and restaurants in the immediate area.

June 30: Breakfast at the Hotel

We will be doing an either or. If the weather is good, the bus will drop us off at Downtown Washington and everyone is free to sight-see on their own. Everything is in walking distance and we can see the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, (my personal favorite) the WW2 Memorial, WW1 Memorial, the Women's Vietnam Memorial, to name just a few. If weather is inclement, we will all be taken to the Smithsonian Museum to tour on our own. Shortly after noon we will get back on the bus for our trip back home.

HOTEL (Based on current availability)

Comfort Inn DC Downtown/Convention Center

1201 13th Street NW, Washington DC 20005

The Comfort Inn Downtown DC /Convention Center is conveniently located in the wonderful neighborhood of Logan Circle. We offer both Double bed and king bedrooms that come complete with a refrigerator, 40" flat screen tv, coffee makers, spacious desk with an ergonomic chair and an in-room safe. Don't forget the warm cookies served at 4 pm daily!

FOLLOWING SERVICES INCLUDED:

1. Bus tours, transfers and sightseeing as mentioned above..
2. Hotel – as mentioned or similar
3. Tour escort tour guide is with the tour
4. Breakfast at Hotel

Not Included:

1. Tips to the Driver & Tour Escort
2. Baggage Handling
3. Admission to the Evening Parade
4. Quantico

***** IMPORTANT*****

Drivers driving allowance: 10 hours of drive time and 15 hours on duty. 9 hours off before the start of the following day.

Price based per person in a Double occupancy:

<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40-44</u>	<u>45-49</u>
\$ 604.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 444.00

SGLB SUPP + \$ 130.00 PP TRPB RED - \$ 25.00 PP

Cancellation policy if entire group cancels:

30 - 15 Days 50% cancellation penalty

14 Days – 0 Days Full Cancellation - Non refundable

Individual cancellations are allowed, final price will be based on the amount of passengers traveling.

If individuals cancel, they will forfeit \$ 25.00 per person cancellation fee.

Payment Schedule :

We require \$ 1,000.00 deposit to book the tour on a definite basis by Jan 11,2019.

The balance is due, April 25, ,2019

Contact Ed Korek for details or questions: 201-317-1678 - koreke@optonline.net



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

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Military Humor

How Far To The Town

A unit of soldiers was marching a long dusty march across the rolling prairie. It was a hot blistering day and the men, longing for water and rest, were impatient to reach the next town.

A rancher rode past.

"Say, friend", called out one of the men, "how far is it to the next town?"

"Oh, a matter of two miles or so, I reckon," called back the rancher.

Another long hour dragged by, and another rancher was encountered.

"How far to the next town?" the men asked him eagerly.

"Oh, a good two miles."

A nearly half hour longer of marching, and then a third rancher. "Hey, how far's the next town?"

"Not far," was the encouraging answer, "only about two miles."

"Well," sighed the optimistic sergeant, "thank God, we're holding our own, anyhow!"

New Chemical Warfare

An instructor in chemical warfare asked soldiers in his class: "Anyone knows the formula for water?" "Sure. That's easy," said one man. "What is it?" "H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O." "What, what?" re-asked the instructor. "H to O," explained the chemistry expert.

Soldier Stands Guard

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear. No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield. A big Army car came up with a general seated in the back. The sentry said, "Halt, who goes there?" The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler." "I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield." The general said, "Drive on!" The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker." The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on!" The sentry walked up to the rear window and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the the driver?"

Fishing on a Lake

A famous admiral and an equally famous general were fishing together when a sudden squall came up. When it died down both eminent warriors were struggling helplessly in the water. The admiral floundered his way back to the boat and pulled himself painfully in. Then he fished out the general, using an oar. Catching his breath, he puffed: "Please don't say a word about this to anyone. If the Navy found I can't swim I'd be disgraced." "Don't worry," the general said. "Your secret is safe. I'd hate to have my men find out I can't walk on water."



"I'll tell ya what I had for breakfast, Mr. 20 questions... I had 2 Pfc's with a side of LCpl and washed it all down with a Sergeant!! NOW! If you ask me another question before my first cup of coffee, you'll be my lunch!"



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Important Numbers and Websites

	Phone Number
Health Care Benefits:	1-877-222-8388
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
eBenefits (General Questions & Technical Issues)	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Federal Recovery Coordination Program	1-877-732-4456
Foreign Medical Program	1-888-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hotline	1-800-749-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Means Testing	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
National Cemetery Scheduling Office	1-800-535-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-314-801-0800
National Resource Directory	https://www.nrd.gov/
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
VA Caregiver Support Line	1-855-260-3274
VA for Vets	1-855-824-8387
VA Inspector General	1-800-488-8244
VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs	1-202-461-7600
Veteran's ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
Women Veterans	1-202-461-1070
Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647

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National Web Site:

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Lakeland Detachment 744 Web Site:

<http://www.usmcl744.org>

Lakeland Detachment 744 Face Book Page:

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