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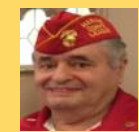
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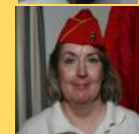
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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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Independence Day—July 4, 1776

July 4th is officially the day we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. The events preceding this date eventually led to the historic occasion which called for independence from England and the eventual formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later to become Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words:

“Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be totally dissolved”.

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for Independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened and on the following day, July 2nd, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by twelve of the thirteen colonies. South Carolina and Pennsylvania switched their vote as both states were originally against revolution and the arrival of Caesar Rodney of Delaware broke the tie within the delegation from Delaware. New York did not vote. Jefferson's Declaration of Independence was debated from the adaption of Lee's resolution through July 3rd and into late afternoon on July 4th when it was finally adapted by all of the colonies except New York which abstained due to lack of instruction from their state assembly. The debating resulted in some changes mostly to remove unnecessary text, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock, signed his name “with a great flourish” so England's King George could read it without spectacles.

Edward Rutledge of SC was desirous that the question of independence be unanimously approved although he did not approve of Jefferson's document. Since each state processed 1 vote, Rutledge changed his vote after the text regarding slavery was removed. John Dickson and Robert Morris abstained from Pennsylvania's roll call and enabled a yes vote. While the vote for independence took place on July 1st, it took through the afternoon of July 4th for congress to unanimously approve the Declaration. The original broadsides (prints) did not have the final text on the engrossed parchment copy that congress signed on Aug 2nd. The official document that congress signed reads:

“ In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.”

This last change to the document was the result of a bill passed by congress on July 19th in which New York had finally obtained permission to vote yes on the original resolution.

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4th has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

Excerpt from speech by Colonel Mitchell Paige, Eagle Scout, Hero of Guadalcanal and Medal of Honor Awardee:

“I am proud to be a citizen of a nation whose objective is peace and goodwill for all mankind. A nation, that has contributed so much, for the benefit of peoples all over the world. A nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. I am proud to be an American. I can never believe it is old fashioned to love our Flag and Country, nor, can I ever believe it is being square to stand in readiness behind our flag to defend those ideals for which it stands against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

God Bless the Marine Corps League,

God Bless the United States Marine Corps,

God Bless the President of the United States, and

God Bless the United States of America

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

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An Historical Prayer For Our Land

Almighty God,
who has given us this good land
for our heritage, we humbly
beseech Thee that we may always
prove ourselves a people mindful
of Thy favor and glad to do Thy
will. Bless our land with
honorable industry, sound
learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and
confusion; from pride and
arrogance, and from every evil
way. Defend our liberties, and
fashion into one united people the
multitude brought hither out of
many kindreds and tongues.

Endow with the spirit of wisdom
those to whom in Thy name we
entrust the authority of
government, that there may be
justice and peace at home, and
that through obedience to Thy

law, we may show forth Thy
praise among the nations of the
earth.

In time of prosperity, fill our hearts
with thankfulness, and, in the day
of trouble, suffer not our Trust in
Thee to fail; all of which we ask
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

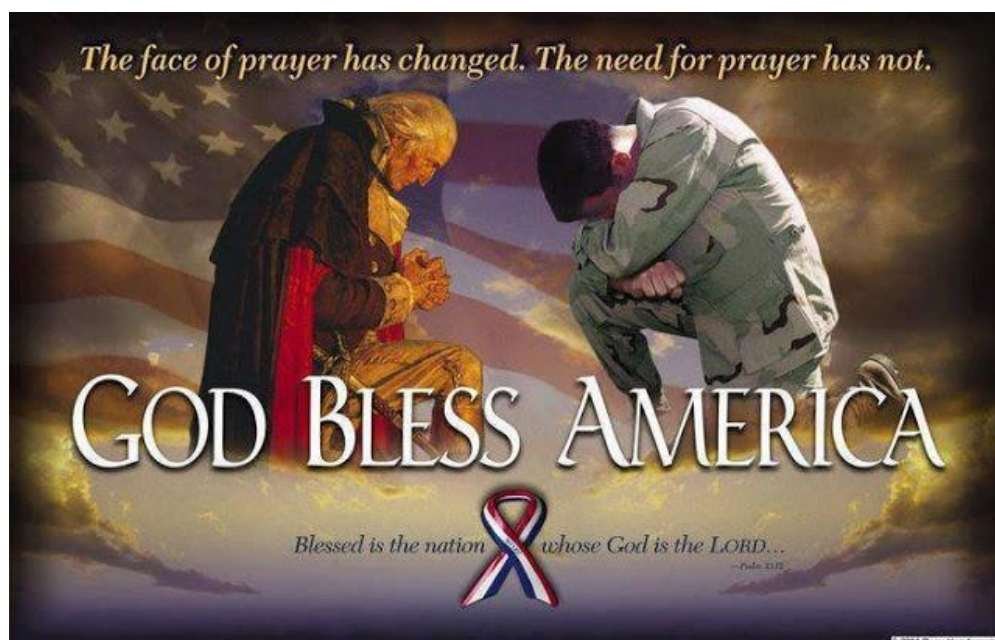
Amen.

*George Washington
kneeling in prayer
at Valley Forge*



Semper Fi and God Bless,

Les Derbyshire & Dave Elshout



Service Officer Report



I want to thank everyone who participated in our Rose Event at the Wyckoff Stop and Shop last month. We had great weather and had a great time. We started off the year as we always do with a wonderful event that raised lots of money for our Veterans.

Next month we will have a complete list of upcoming events so for the time being, relax and enjoy the warm weather.

Our Next Bingo at the VA Nursing Home in Paramus will be on Tuesday July 10th. The Bingo starts at 2 PM.

As always, if anyone has questions about their Veteran Benefits you can call me at any time. My Cell is 1-201-317-1678, my home number is 1-973-835-4388.

Edward Korek

Service Officer



IMPORTANT: www.lakelandmarinecarefund.org is the website for the LAKELAND MARINE CARE FUND. This fund is used to support Marines, Marine Families, Veterans and their Families and other Veteran Service Organizations in our joint efforts to provide assistance to Veterans.



Happy Summer Everyone,

As I write this column tonight on the eve of our country's celebration of it's official birthday, I ponder a bit about what the founders of our great country would think if they knew what their idea of a free nation has become. Would they be proud of the many accomplishments that we've made as a nation? Or would they be upset by the number of problems we have now? Would they protest as much now as they did in 1776 by pledging their fortunes and lives in signing the Declaration of Independence? I can imagine the distinguished John Adams exploding in today's congress over some of the major issues that confront us today. And in the same breadth, other signers of the Declaration might possibly be even more vocal than even John Adams. I'd like to think that they would be somewhat proudest of the many citizens who stepped forward to protect and defend the fledgling country that they created.



Here are some facts about the Declaration of Independence that you probably may not know:

There were 56 representatives from the 13 original colonies. More than half were lawyers. The other half were merchants, shippers and farmers. All were men of means and had much to lose if the American Revolution had gone the wrong way. Eight were born in Britain. Nine of the signers passed away before the Revolutionary War ended. Four were captured in the service of the continental army during the war. All of the signers were poorer at the end of the war. The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin at 70 years old and the youngest was Edward Rutledge of South Carolina at 26 years old. Most of the signers averaged in age between 40 and 50 years old. The Declaration of Independence was unanimously voted on with only one colony abstaining from the

vote on July 4th 1776. John Hancock, as president of the congress, signed the original document on that date in order to make the document official. About 200 copies were printed (now called the Dunlap Broad sides) and distributed to be read to the public. General George Washington read the declaration in New York City and riots ensued that resulted in the tearing down of a statue of King George on horseback. The statue was melted down and made into musket ammunition. 86 changes were made to the original draft resulting in shortening it by about a forth of the content. Thomas Jefferson was very upset about many of the changes including one regarding slavery. It was an issue that he hoped would be addressed by the congress.

Roger Sherman (CT) and Robert Morris (PA) were the only 2 signers that signed the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signers that would later become President of the United States. Both died on July 4th, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the declaration. Although John Hancock signed the official document on July 4th, a hand crafted version was not signed by members of congress until August 2nd with the last signature taking place

sometime in November of 1776. Two members of the Continental Congress refused to sign the declaration, John Dickinson (PA) and Robert Livingston (CT and one of the 5 writers of the declaration). John Dickinson went on to serve in the Continental Army even though he hoped for a peaceful resolution to the problems the colonies were having with King George III and England. Robert Livingston felt it too soon for such a document and refused to sign it. One of the signers—Richard Stockton (NJ), who was captured by the English and held prisoner, repudiated his signature and swore his allegiance to King George III. He was later released due to poor health and upon his return to New Jersey, he swore a new oath of loyalty to New Jersey. Charles Carroll (MD) was the longest surviving signer passing in 1832. None of the other signers lived past the 50th anniversary year of 1826.



I hope everyone enjoyed learning a little bit about this most amazing document. Enjoy our nation's 242nd Birthday.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Editor

Quartermaster's Report

At the June meeting I took a quick poll to see how many members would be interested in ordering the red detachment jacket and about a dozen or so raised their hands. I'm going to try to have a representative from our supplier attend one of our upcoming meetings (I'm shooting for August at this stage). I'll send out an e-mail announcement once I am able to confirm this. In other news, some members have asked for certain items and I am looking for the best possible deals. I hope to have these items soon. If you are looking for anything particular, let me know and I'll see what I can do. See you at the next breakfast.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

July

- 7/10/2018: Executive Board Meeting--1900
7/21/2018: 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200
7/26/2018: Detachment meeting--1930



A Marine F-4F from 1stMAW and a Japanese Zero tangle over Henderson Field, Guadalcanal (in the Solomon Islands) during 1942.



USS Iwo Jima under way



Evening Parade at 8th & I.



Marines of Lakeland Detachment 744 joined with their Brother Marines from Gooney Bird Detachment to celebrate Independence Day by marching in the Ridgefield Park Parade. From right to left we have Peter Alvarez, Gene Kelly, Len Graff, Charles Huha. Behind Gene is Ted Wurster and his Mighty Mutt Jeep.

The parade is one of the best we've ever been in. The 40 minute route is filled with people on both sides of the street, loudly clapping and cheering all along the route. There are no empty areas. Awesome and incredible.



Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2018
Executive Board Meetings



7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12, July 10th, August 14th,
September 11th (subject to change), October 9th, November 13th & December 11th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

**February 17th, March 17th, April 21st,
May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th,**

September 15th, October 20, November 17th & December 15th

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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

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

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack



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Dear Members:

FRIENDLY REMINDER

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

As we have discussed at the Detachments monthly meetings, Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed: **All Members Yearly Renewal Date "To 31 August" of each calendar year.** By paying on or before 31 August of 2018 members will be due on August First of 2019 and each year thereafter.

Please remit your check for \$50.00, payable to MCL # 744 and mail to MCL P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008.

Please put your six (6) digit ID number on the bottom left side of your check. (Memo Section)

Please take note: Marine Corps League National Headquarters will no longer be sending out annual renewal notices said notices will come from the Detachment Paymaster.

Any questions to the above please feel free to call me at 973-839-5693.

Semper Fidelis

Marine Peter J. Alvarez
Paymaster / Adjutant
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744



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This day in Marine Corps History for July

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, Maj Gen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany



VMA 214 A4 Skyhawks Circa 1988



1st MAF F4F's at Henderson Field 1942



General John A Lejeune



USS Iwo Jima under way 1979



DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

John Cleary

Jr. Vice Commandant

"Murray J. Sklar" Role Model Award

This award was created due to the passionate commitment by our State Marine Corps League Junior Vice Commandant, John Cleary. He submitted this document to the Detachments for their recommendations for this award. This and the following talking points at the convention represent the groundwork for future nominations. We are fortunate to have John as a leader in our Marine Corps League. Please know you can always count on him to represent us properly and with extreme integrity. The following text is from Jr. Vice Commandant John Cleary.

Information

Beginning in June, 2018, the Department of New Jersey will sponsor the **Murray J. Sklar Role Model Award**, which will be presented at the Department's annual convention banquet. Although the recipient need not be present at the convention, this is a prestigious honor that merits the presence of those well deserving recipients therefore attendance is highly encouraged.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone and the award will be available to anyone (includes regular members, associate members and civilians alike) meeting the necessary criterion.

A Brief Biography of Murray J. Sklar

Murray J. Sklar was born on June 11, 1924. He was one of three siblings growing up in Newark, NJ. Murray graduated from Weequahic High School, Newark, in 1943 and soon after enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps during World II and valiantly participated in the campaigns of Saipan and Okinawa. After his discharge as a Corporal on January 8, 1946, Murray was accepted to The Citadel in South Carolina where he studied for two years. Murray later attended Newark College of Engineering (Presently NJIT) where he earned his Master's Degree in Engineering. He held positions with several companies and subsequently retired in 1990 from Lockheed Electronics in Plainfield, NJ. Murray was married to Harriet Sklar for 68 years and had a son, daughter and grandson whom he held in high regard.

Murray was a man of faith and a long standing member of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston. He served as Temple President and as President of the Temple's Men's Club. Murray joined the West Hudson Detachment #209, Marine Corps League in 1987 and became a Life Member in 1990. During his tenure, he served as detachment Commandant in 1990-1991 and continued to serve as a Staff member. Murray also served as state Chaplain for the Dept. of NJ, Marine Corps League for 14 years and was awarded the honorary position of Past State Commandant for the Department and he was awarded Marine of the Year for both the West Hudson Detachment and Department of NJ in 2015. He was also a member of the Jewish War Veterans Post 740 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2856 and was responsible for starting the annual Veterans' Day Appreciation Ceremony at Temple Beth Shalom each November beginning in 1986. Murray, a resident of Livingston, NJ, passed away on December 12, 2016 at 92 years young. Rest in Peace Marine.

Purpose

Anyone who has ever had any affiliation with Murray could attest to Murray's character. He always greeted his fellow Leaguers with a friendly smile and emanated a warm, positive aura that was highly contagious. Nobody was immune to Murray's optimism and genuine belief that anything is possible if you put your heart and mind into your endeavor.

Murray was a wise and trusted counselor who was willing to dedicate his time and efforts for the benefit of others. He had a genuine love for the U.S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and his fellow Marines. He demonstrated exceptional leadership through conviction, confidence, courage, patience, pride and self-discipline. Murray portrayed friendliness, fairness, respect and responsibility for oneself and treated others with the same compassion. Simply put, Murray was a man of extraordinary character; a man of joy, understanding, compassion and intelligence, all of which he was willing and wanting to share with others so they too could become mentors for others.

Although Murray was the epitome of the Role Model, there are others amongst us who possess the same qualities as Murray and serve others in the same manner. The Department wishes to acknowledge such people – both their accomplishments and their persona, as a means for recognizing just how important role models are to each of us.

Qualifications

As stated, the ideal candidate will be one who exemplifies his or her self as a role model to others. A person, who selflessly volunteers their time and effort to assist those in need and one who sets the example for others to follow. A person, who is warm and friendly towards close friends and family and to those they meet for the first time. A person having a sense of responsibility and optimism, knowing that any challenge can be overcome with strength, support, love and passion.

Nominations

Nominations will be open from January 1st to May 15th of each year and must be submitted in narrative form to the Committee Chairman via U.S. Regular Mail. Nominations need to be written in detail and supporting documentation such as letters of reference and media articles can be included with the nomination letter in order to emphasize a nominee's qualifications.

Please mail all nominations to:

John Cleary, JVC – Dept of NJ
340 Sussex Road
Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075-1110

Committee

The committee will consist of the currently seated Department Jr. Vice Commandant and four additional members of the Department that are appointed by the Department Commandant and overseen by the Committee Chairman. In the case where a committee cannot be formed prior to the 2018 convention, then the Department's elected officers will form the 2018 committee with the Jr Vice Commandant serving as Committee Chairman.

If you have any questions you can call me at (201) 401-3079 or via email Colonel.whd209@gmail.com.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,

John Cleary
Jr. Vice Commandant
Dept. of NJ - MCL

AWARD PRESENTATION

By

John Cleary

This award has been established to rightfully recognize those around us, whether a Leaguer, Auxiliary, citizen or fellow veteran (from one of the other services ...)

Reading the nomination submissions, it was evident that all of the nominees were dedicated towards their respective causes and hardworking to achieve their goals.

These are the traits that are so often noticed most by others and appreciated and necessary to ensure the growth of our various organizations. We have several awards already in place to recognize and pay tribute to those who ensure the success of our brotherly groups.

But a Role Model is different from mere hard work, focus and drive. A role model is so much more and rightfully deserves distinct recognition.

So exactly what makes a person a good role model? The answers vary from person to person as they should, but generally speaking, a role model is a person who is:

- * Knowledgeable
- * Dedicated
- * Patient
- * Hardworking
- * Wise
- * Brave
- * Friendly
- * Bold
- * Welcoming
- * Disciplined
- * Faithful
- * Loving
- * Compassionate
- * Supportive

A role model is also an educator and a protector

One who puts others before himself / herself while setting the example for others to follow.

A role model recognizes the new comers, and puts them at ease.

When a role model enters a room, you feel a sense of relief and pride and admiration.

A role model is that person who others look at and think “That’s who I want to be when I grow up!”

All of these qualities and more were possessed by our good friend, Murray Sklar. Not only did he possess these qualities but he mastered them.

There are many among us who possess some if not many of these qualities – These people are our role models. It is only befitting that we recognize our role models and honor them by saying “Thanks”.

To let them know that we took note of their endless efforts to make the lives of others just a little easier.

And it is only befitting that we bequeath this recognition in the name of our good friend, our role model, Murray J. Sklar.

This year, the committee received six nominations:

Each of these nominees possess special qualities that make them both similar yet unique; and considering their many attributes, the committee could only select one to be the first recipient of the Murray J. Sklar “Role Model” Award.

The first recipient of the Murray J. Sklar Role Model Award is Peter Alvarez

Please congratulate Peter on receiving this very distinguished and prestigious award.



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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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Marine Corps League National Website

<http://www.mclnational.org/>

Marine Corps League NJ State Website

<http://www.njmcl.org>

744 Website Address

<Http://www.usmcl744.org>

744 Facebook Page Address

<Https://www.gacebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-League-Lakeland-Detachment-744/165447603504657>

