



# The Grunt

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744

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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

### Marine Corps League

### Lakeland Detachment--744

### November, 2018

November 10, 1775 is considered the official birth date of the United States Marine Corps. On this date the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines with the following decree:

“That two battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors and other officers, as usual in other regiments; that they consist of an equal number of Privates as with other battalions, that particular care be taken that no persons be appointed to offices, or enlisted into said battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies; unless dismissed by Congress; that they be distinguished by the names of the First and Second Battalions of Marines”.

Tun Tavern, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is regarded as the birthplace of the Corps as the location of the first Marines to enlist under Commandant Samuel Nicholas. It is disputed as to whether a recruiting drive occurred earlier at Nicholas's family tavern, The Conestoga Wagon.

When the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, the Continental Navy was dis-established and with it, the Continental Marines. The Corps was re-established on July 11, 1798 when the “act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps “was signed by President John Adams.

Prior to 1921, Marines celebrated the re-creation of the Corps on July 11, with little pomp or pageantry. On October 21, 1921, Major Edwin North McClellan, in charge of the Corps' fledgling historical section, sent a memorandum to Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting the Marines' original birthday of November 10 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Lejeune so ordered in Marine Corps Order # 47 (Series 1921), Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, November 1, 1921 and indicated the following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November 1921, it will be read upon receipt. The order to be read is the Commandant's first Birthday message which is read on the occasion of our birthday ball and will be included in this month's Grunt.

As we celebrate the 243rd Birthday of our beloved Corps, let us not forget our heritage and the rich legacy of those who came before us. Let us continue to guard that legacy, make our own contribution and proudly pass on to succeeding generations that rich tradition of selfless

HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT

Semper Fi,  
Charlie

## The Price for Life



On November 11th, we honor and thank those who have served in the armed forces to defend our nation and the freedoms we hold so dear. Sometimes “thank you” seems inadequate to properly convey the deep appreciation we have for their service.

When we abuse our rights, take them for granted, or attempt to rob others of them, we do a dishonor to our veterans. When we show disrespect for people, we contradict what the brave soldiers have fought to protect – and we dishonor the Lord who gives life to all.

Jesus gives meaning and purpose to our lives. His time in His mother's womb blesses our time in our mother's womb. Jesus' humanity makes all humanity valuable in His sight, no matter people's size or age or color or nationality. Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary wins salvation for all, the price of one life for many. It is the highest price, but God was willing to pay it so that we might have life with Him.

Les Derbyshire, Chaplain



## *Service Officers Report*

*Well November is here and we only have a few more events for the remainder of the year.*



*Our next Bingo at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home will be on November 13th at 2PM. The address is 1 Veterans Way in Paramus. I personally want to thank our members who volunteer and make this event a success. We always have a large team there supporting our Nursing Home Veterans.*

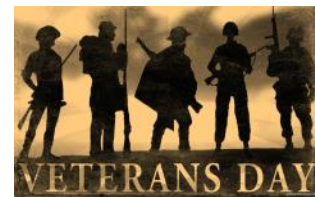
*We only have 1 more Rose Event, and it will be on the 18th of November at the Super Stop and Shop at, 327 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff NJ.*

*We will be setting up at 8 AM, and it will last till 5PM. To be very honest, participation by our Members at this years Rose Events has been disappointing. These events are our main source of donations for our Veterans who need our help. We will have a Tent set up at each entrance of the store. To be a success we need to have at least 5 volunteers at each entrance at all times The last few hours are the hardest. The shoppers in Wyckoff have always supported us very well, and we will need that many Marines at each entrance because they like to purchase our Sweat Shirts, Jackets and Shirts as gifts for the Holidays. With just a couple of hours of work from those of you that have not had a chance to help at this years Rose Events will make this event a Great Success. I hope to see you there.*

*Ed Korek*

*Service Officer*

*Semper Fi*



Happy 243rd Birthday Marines!

This month, we celebrate the 243rd Birthday of our Marine Corps. While we will be celebrating at our birthday ball, please remember that there are Marines on duty and in combat areas and pray for their safety.

I have so many different things to cover this month and I will get to them as this goes onward. First, this issue of The Grunt celebrates my 1 year anniversary as editor of The Grunt. I hope that you are finding the content to be informative as well as enjoyable. I will continue to strive to provide information and historical notes to the best of my ability.

That being said, I wanted to very much discuss Volunteerism this month. Marines are unique amongst our military services. We are (for the most part\*) volunteers where the Army, Army Air Corps (Air Force) and Navy had draftees into the mid 70's. However, as with many organizations, it is becoming more difficult to get people to help out with the many events that make our detachment successful. We are becoming like many other organizations where the work is being done by the same hands. We all recognize that there are other things in life which are more important than helping out at an event but the turn out at the last Rose Event was very limited. We have our largest Rose Event coming up on Nov 18th at Stop & Shop in Wyckoff and we need as many hands on deck as we can get to help out. We also have the 3rd Saturday Breakfast the day before (Nov 17th) and can always use able bodied Marines to assist with the breakfast. Many hands make light work. So if you are able, please come on down to these events and give us a hand. Also, many of the officer positions need someone to understudy them. As we get older, we need to pass on the torch to the younger Marines of our Detachment so that the Detachment will continue onward. \* During WWII, the Marine Corps accepted qualified draftees for a short period of time. This was during the massive build up when the Corps was expanded to 6 Divisions and there simply weren't enough "Few Good Men".

The City of Garfield and the Garfield VFW recently hosted the Traveling Vietnam Wall exhibit. While I was unable to attend any of the ceremonies, Liz and I did visit it on the very windy and cold Sunday. The wall itself is an accurate representation of the actual wall in Washington DC. Garfield lost 9 of it's sons to the Vietnam War and they were remembered. This was the last public display for 2018 and the traveling wall and traveling museum will be returned to it's home base in Wisconsin and refurbished over the winter including any adding updates from the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC. The museum exhibits will also be refurbished and updated. I've been to "The Wall" in Washington DC and while it was a very moving experience, the exhibit of items and letters left at the wall was even more moving and pulled at the heart strings. Liz was deeply affected by the exhibits as her brother Albie served as a Army MP in Vietnam. She remembers that they would make cassette recordings and send them back an forth which would take about 2 weeks. She also remembers that he wasn't there for some of her big life events. She and I both spoke with the caretakers of the exhibits which helped a bit. The experience calls to mind some of what Les says in the Chaplains Page this month. While we honor and remember those who served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces on November 11th, let us also honor and remember the families who sacrifice so much that enable us as veterans to have served our nation. The Traveling Wall will likely be in the area 2 times in 2019 and I highly recommend visiting it if you can make the time. Pictures of the exhibits will be on a later page.

I've been posting a page every month entitled, "This Month in Marine Corps History". The web site I've used for this information is now repetitive, so rather than repeating the same list every month, I will be focusing on one or two specific events from that list. This month I will focus on the events of 68 years ago on November 17th, 1950. The 4th Chinese Field Army, after successfully infiltrating into the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir area for several weeks, launched a massive assault using 8 Chinese Divisions with the expressed purpose of destroying the 1st Marine



Division. After the victories at Inchon in September, the restoration of Seoul to the South Korean Government, the advance of the 8th Army and X Corps near the Chinese border, and the envisioned defeat of North Korea on the horizon, the attack was somewhat of a surprise. The 1st Marine Division was quickly surrounded. This prompted one of the most famous quotes in Marine Corps History,



"We're surrounded? Good, now we can kill the bastards in any direction." by Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller during the early days of the attack. Between November 17th and December 13th, the 1st Marine Division fought with the same tenacity that it was famous for at Guadalcanal. In the attack south to Hungnam, Marines took 4385 casualties and carried out their dead and wounded thus continuing the long standing tradition of no Marine left behind. They also reported 7338 non-battle casualties due to the weather. In turn, they along with other X-Corps units, practically rendered the PVA 9th Army as a combat in-effective unit causing the loss of about 1/3rd of its overall strength. This unit was taken out of action for over 3 months after the evacuation of the 1st Marine Division from Hungnam by sea. For a good read on the Battle for the Chosin Reservoir, please see the following books: Breakout by Martin Russ, Chosin by Eric Hammel, One Bugle, No Drums by William B. Hopkins and Colder Than Hell by Joseph R. Owen amongst many others.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Editor

### Quartermaster's Report

Will be looking to add some new stock in the next couple of weeks in time for the next breakfast. Let me know if you have any immediate needs or would like to get something specific that you think we'll be able to sell. Please do not donate any more books as the ones we have now aren't moving. The American Legion has a loaner library downstairs if you have books to donate and I also understand that the Public Library might be accepting donations.



3rd Saturday Breakfast Ship's Store



Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

November 2018

- 11/07/2018: Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony--Lenox School, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes--1830--Color Guard to present Colors
- 11/09/2018: Lakeland Detachment 243rd Marine Corps Ball--Macaluso's
- 11/10/2018 Veterans Day Celebration--Pompton Lakes--Veterans Park--1000
- 11/12/2018: Lakeland Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Celebration--Mack's- (Monday) Pompton Lakes--1800 (Date changed due to Saturday crowd at Mack's.)
- 11/13/2018 Bingo--Paramus Veteran's Home--1400
- 11/13/2018 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 11/15/2018 Detachment meeting--1930
- 11/17/2018 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200
- 11/17/2018 Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Brendan W. Shoemaker--Bloomingdale Methodist Church--65 Main Street, Bloomingdale--1200
- 11/18/2018 Rose Event--Stop & Shop--Wyckoff--1000—1900
- 11/25/2018 State MCL Meeting at Red Bank Armory--1200



Bantam BRC-40 jeep 1941 Trials at New River Marine Base. Forerunner of Willy's Jeep



Jeep landing on Iwo Jima



Marine Jeep Guadalcanal 1942



Marine Jeep Guadalcanal 1942



Marine Corps Jeep Guadalcanal 1942



Marine Corps Willy's Jeeps From WWII

USMC General Smith w/ Admirals King and Nimitz on Saipan



USMC 5th Medical Battalion 5th Marine Division Iwo Jima



10 November 2018

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

As we celebrate our 243rd birthday, Marines remain in combat, forward-deployed throughout the world confronting every challenge with courage, loyalty, and faithfulness. Each year on this day, we renew our resolve to be the most ready when the Nation is least ready; we pay tribute to all who forged our proud legacy; we recommit ourselves to defending freedom anytime and anywhere; we stand ready to aid those devastated by natural disasters; and we honor the families and loved ones who faithfully stand beside us.

This year marks a number of significant milestones. One hundred years ago this June, a determined brigade of Marines fought ferociously over the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood. Those Marines solidified our Corps' global reputation for being a tenacious and highly-skilled fighting force that forever etched the phrase "Teufel Hunden" into our lexicon. The same year Marines secured control of Belleau Wood, more than 300 women answered our Nation's call, becoming the first females to enlist in our Corps. The legacy of the first Women Marine Reservists, and all trailblazing Marines, serves as a reminder that the title Marine is not restricted by gender, color, or creed – it is a warrior spirit and distinguished role earned by an elite group.

This year also marks 50 years since Marines fought ferocious battles against a worthy foe in some of the most austere locations of Vietnam. The indomitable spirit and unyielding resourcefulness of Marines cutting through the mountainous triple canopy jungles and overcoming the challenges of urban combat during the "Tet Offensive" honed the warfighting prowess of our Corps. Hard lessons learned at Khe Sanh and Hue proved crucial to our successes during Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* – allowing us to secure victory in the fields of Sangin and on the urban battlefields of Fallujah. It was also at Hue that now retired Sergeant Major John Canley charged enemy machine gun positions and put his own life on the line to ensure no Marine was left behind, epitomizing the true meaning of *Semper Fidelis*. Today, we proudly honor his faithfulness with our Nation's highest award for valor.

For 243 years, Marines have fought and won whenever and wherever the Nation calls. In the harshest conditions, over the most brutal terrain, and against the most formidable enemies, Marines defend the ideals of freedom with grit and tenacity. Though battlefields change and capabilities evolve, history proves that true victory comes from the individual Marine with steeled resolve, the drive to overcome any obstacle, and the warrior spirit to fight on against all odds. It takes that steadfast faithfulness – *Semper Fidelis* – to Corps, country, and each other that abounds throughout our storied legacy.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Neller". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Robert B. Neller  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

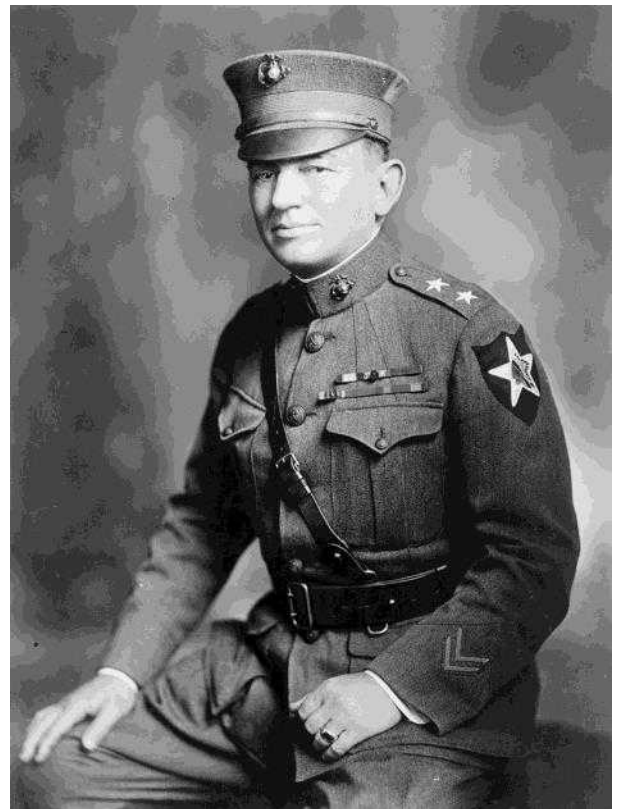


MARINE CORPS ORDERS  
No. 47 (Series 1921)  
HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS  
Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

1. On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine". In memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
2. The record of our corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
3. In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
4. This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,  
Major General Commandant  
75705—21



Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune 1920 – 1929



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

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**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**

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**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)

February 22nd, March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd,  
September 27th, October 25th, November 15th & December 28th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744 Invites You To Our Monthly

# ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

(EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH)

### 8:00AM - 12:00PM

### AMERICAN LEGION HALL

65 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, NJ 07436

**ADULTS \$12 / SENIORS \$10  
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET INCLUDES:**

EGGS BENEDICT, SCRAMBLED EGGS,  
OMELETS MADE TO ORDER, BACON, S.O.S.,  
SAUSAGE, BISCUITS & GRAVY, HASH BROWNS,  
CORNED BEEF HASH, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST,  
WAFFLES, DONUTS, BAGELS, PASTRIES,  
COFFEE, ORANGE JUICE AND MUCH MORE!



**ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
OUR LOCAL VETERANS**

**VISIT OUR MERCHANDISE STORE FOR MARINE CORPS T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, HATS AND MORE!**

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Rose Event Schedule

September through November



Nov 18: Stop & Shop Wyckoff

Last Rose Event of the Season! We will have 2 entrances/exits to cover and need at least 5 Marines at each entrance. Need as many hands as possible to help out with our largest Rose Event.

Many hands make light work!

#### The Marine Rose

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War I when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances, take and wear one proudly.

THE PROGRAM: Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.

Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes.

Scholarships - assist youth programs - Humanitarian Aid

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS - Purchase roses from MCL National Headquarters, Ships Store - coordinate with local businesses or organizations to set-up a table or booth at their location - use a coffee or other type container as a collections can - Advertise what the Marine Rose Program is for and what the donations will be used for. - Conduct each year in conjunction with the Marine Corps Birthday, or whenever you feel it will be most effective. - Funds should not be used for the detachment's "general fund", to fund Detachment parties, cook-outs, Birthday Balls, etc. They should be used for the purposes stated above.

# Military Humor

## Military Axioms

If it's stupid, but it works, it isn't stupid \*\*\*\* If the enemy is in range, so are you....

Try to look unimportant, they might be low on ammo \*\*\*\* Tracers work both ways....

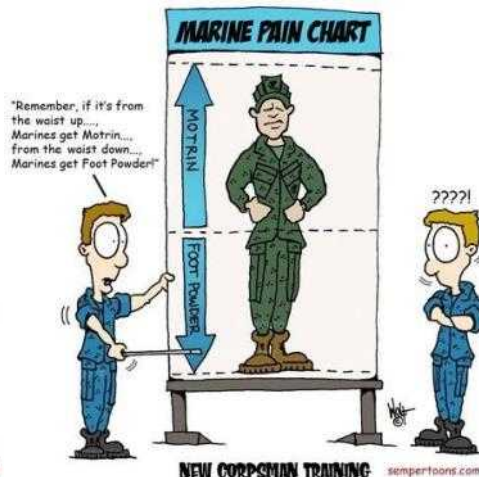
Five second fuses only last three seconds \*\*\*\* The easy way is always mined....

Incoming fire always has the right of way \*\*\*\* Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire....

It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed....

Who cares if a laser guided 500lb bomb is accurate to within nine feet....

Odd objects attract fire—never look behind you....



Commandant's Professional Reading List for Officers (Published May 2017)

Entry Level Officer (Candidate, Midshipman)

"Battle Cry" L. Uris  
"Corps Values" Z. Miller  
"Im Staying with My Boys" J. Proser and J. Cutter  
"My Men Are My Heroes" N. Helms  
"The Killer Angels" M. Shaara  
"Gates of Fire" S. Pressfield  
"Starship Troopers" R. Heinlein

Primary Level Officer (2ndLt, 1stLt)

"All Quiet on the Western Front" E. Remarque  
"The Last Stand of Fox Company" B. Drury and T. Clavin  
"The Marines of Montford Point" M. Mclaurin  
"With The Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa" E. Sledge  
"Chesty" J. Hoffman  
"What It is Like To Go To War" K. Marlantes  
"Maneuver Warfare: An Anthology" J. Galvin and R. Hooker  
"Fields of Fire" J. Webb  
"At The Waters Edge: Defending Against the Modern Amphibious Assault"  
T. Gatchel  
"The Defense of Hill 781: An Allegory of Modern Mechanized Combat"  
J. McDonough  
"Ready Player One" E. Cline

Career Level Officer (WO, CWO2, Capt)

"Attacks" E. Rommel  
"Black Hearts" J. Frederick  
"Into The Tigers Jaw" F. Petersen and J. Phelps  
"On Killing" D. Grossman  
"War Made New" M. Boot  
"Curious: The Desire to Know And Why Your Future Depends On It" I. Leslie  
"Forgotten Warriors" T. Hammes  
"Maneuver Warfare Handbook" W. Lind  
"Assault from the Sea: Essays on the History Of Amphibious Warfare"  
M. Bartlett  
"The Starfish and the Spider" O. Brafman and R. Beckstrom  
"Neptunes Inferno: The U.S. Navy at Guadalcanal" J. Hornfischer  
"The Revenge of Geography: What the Map Tells Us about coming conflicts  
and the battle against fate" R. Kaplan  
"Out of the Mountains: The Coming Age of the Urban Guerrilla" D. Kilcullen

Intermediate Level Officer (CWO3, CWO4, Maj, LtCol)

"Command Culture" J. Muth  
"Defeat Into Victory" W. Slim  
"Just and Unjust Wars" M. Walzer  
"Military Innovation in The Interwar Period" W. Murray and A. Millett  
"This Kind of War" T. Fehrenbach

The Warriors: Reflections of Men in Battle" J Gray

"The Utility of Force: The Art of War in the Modern World" R. Smith  
"This Kind Of War" T. Fehrenbach  
"Team of Teams" S. McChrystal and T. Collins  
"Countdown to Zero Day: Stuxnet and the Launch of the Worlds First Digital  
Weapon" K. Zetter  
"After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam"  
L. Hazelton  
"Monsoon: The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power" R. Kaplan

Intermediate Level Officer (CWO3, CWO4, Maj, LtCol) Continued:

"Cobra II: The Inside Story Of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq"  
M. Gordon and B. Trainor  
"The Blitzkrieg Legend: The 1940 Campaign in the West" K. Frieser  
"Storming the City: US Military Performance in Urban Warfare from WWII to  
Vietnam" A. Wahlman  
"The Mind of War: John Boyd and American Security" G. Hammond  
"The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the  
Digital Revolution" W. Isaacson  
"The Singularity is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology" R. Kurzweil

Senior Level Officer (CWO5, Col-Gen)

"Another Bloody Century" C. Gray  
"Assignment Pentagon: How To Excel in A Bureaucracy" P. Smith and  
D. Gerstein  
"Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, The Joint Chiefs Of Staff And the  
Lies That Led to Vietnam" H. McMaster  
"Diplomacy" H. Kissinger  
"Little Book Of Economics: How The Economy Works in the Real World" G. Ip  
"Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen and Leadership in Wartime"  
E. Cohen  
"Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" D. Goodwin  
"The Federalist Papers" A. Hamilton  
"The Landmark Thucydides" R. Strassler  
"Every War Must End" F. Ikle  
"The Soldier and the State" S. Huntington  
"Strategy: A History" L. Freedman  
"Treasurys War" J. Zarate  
"Guns of August" B. Tuchman  
"Stilwell and the American Experience In China: 1911-1945" B. Tuchman  
"The Inevitable: Understanding the 12 Technological Forces That Will Shape  
Our Future" K. Kelly  
"The Innovators Dilemma: When New Technologies Cause Great Firms to Fail"  
C. Christensen "The Face of Battle" J. Keegan  
"Team of Teams" S. McChrystal  
"Start with Why" S. Sinek  
"On Combat" D. Grossman  
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Note: This list is of recommended reading for all Marine Officers. In order to fill  
the reading requirement, Officers must read at least 5 of the titles on the list in  
their particular grade every year. Once a title is complete, a record of  
completion is entered into the Marine's fitness report/record and/or part of  
their individual Proficiency and Conduct Marks. How a Marine demonstrates  
the completion of the requirement is at the discrepancy of the commanding  
officer. Marines may read titles from this list or the Commandant's Choice list  
with the long term goal of completing the entire list over time.

Marine Corps Active Base List

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center: Twentynine Palms, Ca

MCAS Beaufort, SC

MCAS Cherry Point, NC

MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan

MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

MCAS Mirimar, CA

MCAS New River, NC

MCAS Yuma, AZ

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA

Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA

MCRD Parris Island, SC

MCRD San Diego, CA

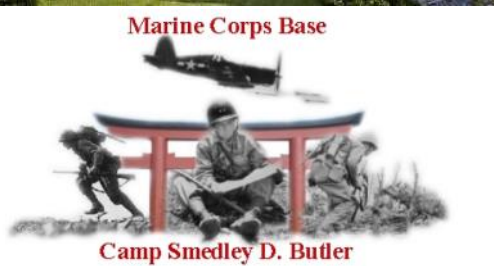
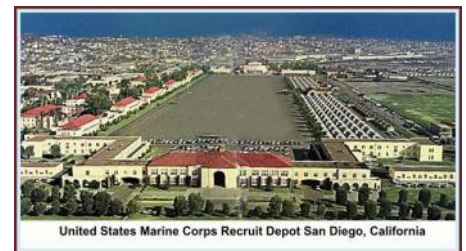
Joint Base: USAG Miami FL (Marine Corps Forces South)

Joint Base Charleston SC (Marine Corps Reserve)

Joint Base McGuire—Dix—Lakehurst NJ (Marine Corps Reserve)

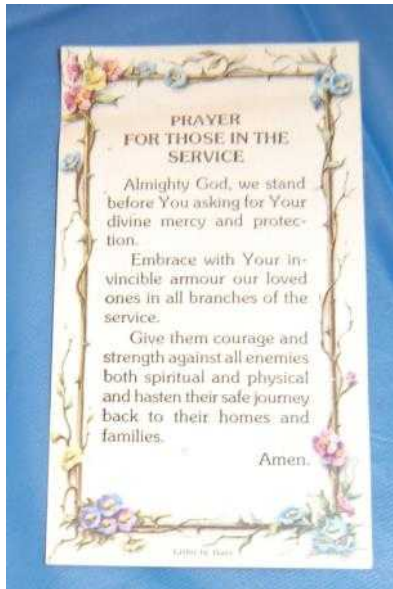
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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 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	<a href="https://www.nrd.gov/">https://www.nrd.gov/</a>
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

## Veteran's Information

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### Veterans Administration

Department of Veteran's Affairs

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Newark, NJ 07102-3174

800-827-1000

### Veterans Campus Lyons

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## Marine Corps League Information

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#### National Web Site:

<http://www.mclnational.org>

#### Marine Corps League

#### Department of New Jersey

#### Web Site:

<http://njmcl.org>

#### Lakeland Detachment 744 Web Site:

<http://www.usmcl744.org>

#### Lakeland Detachment 744 Face Book Page:

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

