



# Marine Corp League

## Detachment 1226

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**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Debra Steele  
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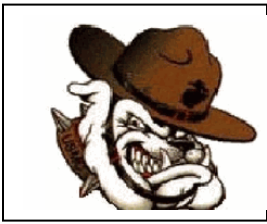
### League Auxiliary

**President:** Mary Zolna  
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# DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

No comments from the Commandant this month.

Semper-Fi Marines  
Your Commandant  
Dennis Antle

## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Hard to believe it's the middle of October already. Soon enough the holidays will be upon us and we will all be busy with families and holiday merriment. At the October meeting I showed those present the flyers that were made advertising our Raffle of a beautiful original painting by Marine Stan Horman (Nancy's husband) who so graciously donated it to us. Now we need to get out & sell those raffle tickets. You can contact me for such tickets and I plan on selling them at the Poker/Bike Run the Detachment is holding on November 6th at the Legion. They will also be available at the November 11th Veterans Day celebration & Winthrop Business Street Fair that is scheduled for Thursday, November 11 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like to help either of those days please let me know. At these events I will also have available flyers for a fundraiser that was discussed & approved at October's meeting. It's called "Dining to Donate" in conjunction with Applebee's on SR 60 in Valrico. We will have 2 nights, Nov. 9th and Nov. 18th from 5-9 p.m. to present a flyer (will be handed out at the above events as well as the next meeting) to your server at Applebee's on the designated nights and we will receive 10% of food/drink sales (before taxes & gratuities). So plan on having dinner with friends, family members, neighbors and the Auxiliary will profit.

Also if you haven't renewed your dues, please do so at this time. By retaining our membership it gives us our voting power at the Conventions & that is very important. So ladies, please send in your \$25.00 renewal dues.

We have lots of events coming up and information on Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps Birthday Party (Nov, 13th.) will be forthcoming at the November 2nd meeting.

Have a safe and fun-filled Halloween!!  
S/F  
Mary Zolna  
President

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**We need your ideas. If there is other information you would like to see posted or certain topics you would like us to discuss, please let me know**

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Our great members such as you guys are the ones who help us achieve our membership goals. Please go forth and seek new members.

Past due:  
Cox, Ronald - May  
Grant, John - July  
Donica, Herb – August

September & October 2010 Membership Expirations:  
Bell, Jeanne - September  
Coston, Diano - September  
Horman, Thomas – October  
Larrow, Thomas - October  
Martin, David - September  
Ramos, George - September  
Sepeda, Jason - October  
Serra, Guillermo – September

**If anyone keeps in contact with any of the above past due members, please call them and ask them to renew their membership and if they do not want to renew their membership, please ask them why. We need this information for statistical purposes.**

**New Members:** No new members for September.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY**

61 AND OVER \$150.00

51 TO 60 \$300.00

36 TO 50 \$400.00

Should you have any questions regarding the membership please contact Rob Becker (813) 480-4281 or the league.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

\*Contact Willie Little for visits to the VA Hospital to show our support for our fellow soldiers.

\*Poker Run Update: The Poker Run for the Haley House is scheduled for November 6, 2010. We are doing great with this effort and continue to receive donated items for raffle prizes. Please continue to get donated items for this worthy cause. We already have registrants signed up to participate.

\*Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Ken Zolna.



**Rifle Guard from Field of Honor on 10/9/10**

**YARD SALE:**

Need donations to keep this going. Contact Jack or Ken for further details.

**CAR WASH**

Come out and join us on the last Saturday of every month from 1000 to 1400 hours. Come give us your support whether it is washing cars or having your car washed.

**Advertising:**

*What a great way to advertise your product and/or services to our members!! Need attendees for a local event or cause? Please your information today.*

The Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League has decided to add the ability for advertisements and announcements in the Newsletter. This monthly Newsletter is distributed to approximately 100 members in our community and surrounding areas.

Size:	Monthly Cost:	Yearly Cost:
Business Card	\$8	\$80
Quarter Page	\$10	\$100
Half Page	\$20	\$200
Full Page	\$30	\$300

\*Yearly is discounted two months.

If you are interested in placing an ad and/or event or you would like more information regardin same, please do not hesitate to contact Debra Steele via email ([Debra.Steele.0602@gmail.com](mailto:Debra.Steele.0602@gmail.com)).

**Email: If you received this by regular mail and have an email address, please contact me via email so we may add you to the list.**



**YOUNG MARINES OF THE  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** -- *We need to step up  
for this cause*

A youth program emphasizing honesty, courage, respect, industry, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family.

We are looking for volunteers to get this program off the ground. If you are interested please contact me.

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**MILITARY NEWS**

**CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION**

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/>  
Courtesy: CNN (PITTSBURGH, PA) – An informational meeting about the CAMP LEJEUNE WATER CONTAMINATION effects will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel, located at 107 6th Street, Pittsburgh, PA.

Sometime in the 1950's through 1987, the US Military improperly disposed of chemical degreasers and other toxic substances that ultimately contaminated the drinking water at Camp Lejeune.

These contaminants posed multiple health risks to countless military personnel, their families, and private individuals living and working near the vicinity of the base. These risks include:

- Cancers
- Reproductive disorders
- Birth defects
- Neurological problems

• Kidney and Liver disease. If you believe your health or the health of a loved one has been affected from exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune, you are invited to attend this free informational seminar. Lunch will be provided at no charge to registered guests.

We currently have 19 people registered to attend the November 6th meeting in Pittsburgh. In order to justify the expenses incurred with such a trip it will be necessary to have at least 50 people registered and confirmed by October 30th.

**Corps plans to dump 10,000 tactical vehicles**

By [Dan Lamothe](#) - Staff writer  
Posted : Wednesday Oct 20, 2010 15:35:04 EDT  
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The Marine Corps is planning to cut about a quarter of the 42,000 tactical vehicles it maintains as part of its Ground Combat Tactical Vehicle Strategy, according to a three-star general overseeing the study. The strategy is still an “evolving document,” but the service has made its mind up on the cuts, said Lt. Gen. George Flynn, deputy commandant for combat development and integration. He didn't say which vehicles will be eliminated, but the study was called on to assess everything from existing trucks such as the Humvee to developmental projects such as the amphibious Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle. “We're going to cut 10,000 vehicles from the inventory because we've decided what capabilities we need,” Flynn said during an interview for the Oct. 10 episode of “[This Week in Defense News](#),” a television show produced by Defense News.

Flynn, who doubles as commander of MCCDC, out of Quantico, Va., reiterated that during the television interview. In particular, he said the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, viewed as a possible replacement for the Humvee, is still undergoing a lengthy “technology demonstration” phase. The Corps and Army narrowed the JLTV search down to vehicles from three companies in the spring and are expected to test them through next spring.

“We don’t need to make certain decision without additional tests,” Flynn said during the interview. “We need to see what that technology demonstration is going to produce.”

Flynn also highlighted a Marine effort to upgrade Humvees with a blast capsule designed to deflect explosions from improvised explosive devices away from a vehicle’s cabin. The Corps needs to see how testing progresses for the Humvee upgrade program before it makes final decisions on what vehicles to field, he said.

At the Modern Day Marine exposition held at Quantico in late September, contractors displayed a variety of modernized Humvees, including some with V-shaped hulls that resembled those on existing mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles. Several industry sources said they expect the Corps to ultimately field a mixture of upgraded Humvees and JLTVs as the majority of its tactical fleet.

### **MARINE TIDBITS:**

The Marine Corps "consumes" only about six percent of the overall Department of Defense budget, but provides: (a) 12 percent of the nation's active forces, including 23 percent of the active ground-forces divisions and 20 percent of all active U.S. ground-maneuver battalions; (b) 14 percent of the overall U.S. tactical aviation capability, including 20 percent of the active fighter/attack squadrons and 17 percent of the nation's attack helicopters; and (c) approximately one third of the U.S. active ground combat service-support capabilities.

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### **Initiatives from meeting minutes**

Roll Call of Officers: All present

Members Present: 28      Guests: 0

Prior to the start of the meeting Past Commandant John Bain swore Walt Raysick in as the new Judge Advocate.

Applications for Membership: NONE

Correspondence:

Received card from 2010 Scholarship Recipient Shytina Harley

Report of Standing Committees:

Marine Corps Birthday: Will be held on November 13, 2010 at the American Legion Post #148 at 1800 hrs. Menu: Ribeye Steaks, Baked Potato, Salad and CAKE for desert.

Poker Run: Coming along great. We have sponsors continuing to come in and pre-registration is going well also.

Toys for Tots: Herb Donica gave an update on the Letter Carrier Day and other upcoming events. Buc’s game to be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Hockey games to be Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Letter carrier’s day is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Toy ride will be held on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rose Fund; Doing great!! Ken will be scheduling more events for November and December.

Honor Guard: Walt Raysick updated the Detachment on past and future events.

Report of Special Committees: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business:

Vote passed to increase the Birthday Celebration funds by \$300.00.

Vote passed to spend \$184.00 for 2 pair of magnetic signs to place on vehicles during parades and at other times.

Vote passed to commit \$50.00 to the Bay Street Patriots to help sponsor a table at the coalition forces Thanksgiving diner.

Vote passed for the detachment give \$250.00 to match that given by the Legion Riders to the poker run fund.

The Commandant appointed Past Commandant John Bain who is a previous Marine of the Year to head this years Marine of the Year selection committee.

Good of the League: The adjutant announced that the detachment received a streamer for our colors at the Fall Conference. The reason for the streamer was for maintaining 100% membership during 2010.

### **HEROES OF THE MONTH:**

#### *Unit in Sangin loses 9 Marines in 4 days*

By [Dan Lamothe](#) - Staff writer

Posted : Tuesday Oct 19, 2010 19:08:11 EDT

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Nine Marines with a battalion that recently deployed to Afghanistan were killed during a four-day period last week, putting the Marine Corps on pace for its deadliest month in combat this year.

Third Battalion, 5th Marines, out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., suffered the casualties, Pentagon officials said. The unit deployed the last week of September, and is patrolling Sangin, a violent district that the Corps took over from British forces last month. The unit replaced 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, out of Twentynine Palms, Calif., in northern Helmand province.

With two weeks left in October, the Corps has lost 15 Marines and one corpsman in Afghanistan this month. The worst months for Marine deaths this year were June and August, with 17 each. Fifteen were killed in Afghanistan in February, when the Corps launched a major assault on [Marjah](#), a Taliban stronghold and narcotics hub.

The 3/5 casualties in October include:



Sgt. [Ian Tawney](#), 25. The squad leader was killed Saturday by an improvised explosive device while on a foot patrol, Marine officials said. He enlisted on March 14, 2005, and had deployed to Iraq in 2007.



Lance Cpl. [James Boelk](#), 24. The infantry rifleman was killed by an IED while on a foot patrol last Friday, officials said. He was on his first combat deployment.



Cpl. [Justin Cain](#), 22. The machine gunner was on his first combat deployment.



• Lance Cpl. [Phillip Vinnedge](#), 19. The anti-tank assaultman was on his first deployment.



Lance Cpl. [Joseph Rodewald](#), 21. The machine gunner was on his first combat deployment.



PFC [Victor Dew](#), 20. The anti-tank assaultman was on his first deployment.



now based in Sangin in a news release covering the death of Lance Cpl. [John Sparks](#), 23. He was shot to death Oct. 8, becoming the first Marine to die on 3/5's deployment, Marine officials said.



The most recent Marine casualty announced was Cpl. [Jorge Villarreal](#), 22. A member of Pendleton's 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, he died Sunday from an IED blast while on a foot patrol.

#### FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Lance Cpl. [Joseph Lopez](#), 26. The infantry rifleman was killed by an IED while on a foot patrol last Thursday, officials said. He was on his first combat deployment.
- Lance Cpl. [Alec Catherwood](#), 19. The infantry rifleman was shot to death while on a foot patrol last Thursday, officials said. He was on his first combat deployment.
- Lance Cpl. [Irvin Cenicerros](#), 21. The machine gunner was shot to death while on a foot patrol last Thursday, officials said. He was on his first combat deployment. Four additional Marines were killed last Wednesday in the same IED blast while riding in a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle, or M-ATV, according to media reports. Those Marines include:

Additional details about the deaths were not immediately available, but the Corps said the unit is



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Legion Riders Mtg at Post 148 1830 hours	2 League Mtg 1930 MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	3	4	5 Toys for Tots Kickoff @ Reserve Unit off of Gandy @ 1000 hrs.	6 Haley House Poker Run @ Legion  Marine Corps Ball at the Hyatt
7 Yard Sale @ Legion	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Ceremony  Veteran's Street Fair at Winthrop Ctr 1730	12	13 Veteran's Day Parade  Marine Corps Birthday Party
14 Yard Sale @ Legion	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Yard Sale @ Legion	22	23	24	25	26	27 Carwash 1000 to 1400 hours  Toys for Tots Ride
28 Yard Sale @ Legion	29	30			Look Ahead: 12/4/10 Toys for Tots Ltr Carrier Day and Lightening Game 12/15/10 Toys for Tots Lightening Game pickup 3/3/11 to 3/5/11 South East Division Conference in Orlando	