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*MCL Riverview Detachment 1226*



## Commandant Appoints Two New Officers

The Detachment Commandant Ed Becker has appointed two new officers to serve out this year. Bobby Elliott has been appointed as Detachment Chaplin replacing Dave Blizzard and Rick Musser will serve as the Detachment Paymaster in place of Houston Tucker. Dave & Houston have elected to resign their positions for personal reasons.

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Past quarter in Review including Several new members, Joe Chiles, William Lilley, Randel Hill, Christopher Radford and Frank Rundus

### Your Officers

Editors:

Bernie Kotrady  
Sal DiFonzo

*Commandant - Ed Becker  
Sr. Vice - Brian Frank  
Jr Vice - Walt Ryan  
Judge Advocate - Seth Hensel*

Adj. \_ Jack Skelding  
Chaplin - Bobby Elliot  
Sgt. At Arms - Larry Westcott  
Paymaster - Rick Musser

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## Reminders From Our Adjutant

The fall conference will be upon us soon. It is October 29th - 1 November and it will be held at Palm Beach Gardens Marriott 400 RCA Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Additional information can be found at [www.mclfl.org](http://www.mclfl.org) under the upcoming events tab. For those members who have not been to leadership school this is a chance to attend and learn more about our Marine Corps League.

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The Detachment continues to cook serve breakfast on the third Sunday of each month. These breakfasts are held at VFW Post 8108 on Riverview Drive. It is disappointing that more members of the Detachment do not support this fund raiser. These breakfasts are open to the public so that you can bring your friends and neighbors.

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We also have yard sales on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. They are held at American Legion Post 148 on Hwy 301. That is where we hold our meetings. The Detachment has a 20 ft. shipping container behind the Legion and that is where we store our items. We are once again in need of clean serviceable items to sell. So look around your homes to see if you have any items to donate. We do not accept furniture or clothes. For further information contact Jack Skelding at 813-672-1778.

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We also have an honor guard that is heavily committed and can always use new members. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Walt Raysick at 813-653-0694.

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The Detachments Marine Corps Birthday celebration will be held at the Legion on November 14th. There will be a guest speaker and a cake cutting ceremony followed by a sit down meal and presentation of awards The cost is \$15.00 a person and guest are welcome. Please contact Larry Westcott at 813-672-0506 to make your reservation.

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There are numerous activities that the Detachment is involved in and we are always looking for volunteers. We do not ask anyone to do everything but your help is needed whenever and wherever you can pitch in. Remember this is your Detachment and we can only be as good as you want us to be.

Semper Fi  
Jack Skelding  
Adjutant

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## 4th AABN 2015 USMC Birthday Ball

On behalf of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, you are cordially invited to the 240th Birthday Ball of the United States Marine Corps hosted by 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion on Saturday, November 21st, 2015 at the Trade Winds Resort located at 5500 Gulf Boulevard St Petersburg, FL 33706. Social hour will commence at 6:00pm, followed by the ceremony and dinner.

R.S.V.P. by 20 October 2015  
POC: Staff Sergeant Samuel Montero  
(407) 463-2878 Ticket Cost is \$70.00



### MENU

*Dinner to include salad, two dressings, rolls, butter*

*Entrée options – guest chooses one:*

*Sliced Strip Loin of Beef with a Mushroom Sauce*

*Blasamic-Lacquered Chicken Breast*

*Above served with garlic mashed potato and a Seasonal Medley for vegetables*

*Portabello Schnitzel (vegetarian option) – served with Brie, Grilled*

*Asparagus, Soft Sour Cream, Chive Plenta, Roasted Red Pepper Cream*

*Hotel will provide slice of cake for dessert*

*Iced Tea and Coffee service*

## **Riverview Detachment 1226**

**American Legion Post 148, Riverview Fl.**

**USMC 240 Birthday Celebration Nov. 14 , 2015**

**Cocktails 1800 and events starting approximately 1830.**

### Menu

Cheese & Fruit appetizer

Caesar Salad

Bread Basket with butter

Split entree: Beef Burgandy & Chicken Parmesan

Smashed Potatoes and Gravy

Green Beans with Baby Carrots

Marine Corps Birthday Cake

**Cost \$15 per person: checks payable to Marine Corps League**

**Seating is limited; ACT NOW**



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## ***TAPS***

### ***A Tribute to Mike Barron***

I don't know of anyone who has supported our special functions and regular meetings while suffering to the extent of Mike Barron. He has kept his chin up and endured unspeakable pain and discomfort while putting forth effort for the benefit of others. It is men like Mike who humble me, but at the same time they are the ones who make me so very proud to be able to lay claim to

the title of brother Marine.

God rest his soul. Semper fidelis, *Dave Blizzard, US Marine, ret.*



## Veterans Park Schedule

Sept 27 2015	Sunday	Gold Star Mothers & Family Day	
Sept 28, 2015	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Sept 30 2015	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Oct 3, 2015	Saturday		
Oct 10, 2015	Saturday	Field of Honor Ceremony	11:00 AM
Oct 17, 2015	Saturday		
Oct 24, 2015	Saturday		
Oct 26, 2015	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Oct 28, 2015	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Oct 31, 2015	Saturday		
Nov 7, 2015	Saturday		
Nov 11, 2014	Wednesday	Veterans Day WAR DOG	11:00 AM
Nov 14, 2015	Saturday	Purple Heart Memorial Dedication	11:00AM
Nov 18, 2015	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Nov 30, 2015	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Dec 5, 2015	Saturday	Jeep Krewe Gathering	12:00pm
Dec 6, 2015	Sunday	Cookson Hills Toy Run	
Dec 7, 2015	Monday	Pearl Harbour Remembrance	11:00 AM
Dec 12, 2015	Saturday	Wreaths Across America	11:00AM
Dec 12, 2015	Saturday	Jeep Krewe Gathering	12:00pm
Dec 28, 2015	Monday	NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DEC	
Dec 30, 2015	Wednesday	NO MUSEUM MEETING IN DEC.	
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## A Message From The National Commandant

Marines;

I just wanted to take a few minutes and address the membership from this new media of communication. Periodically there will be updated information coming to you from this corner of our home page on the National website. This is to help you share in the progress we are making in our re-structuring of our League, and HQ facility.

We are a little over (1) one month since our National Convention came to an end and I honestly believe it was a great success on all fronts. There is a new spirit aboard that you can feel coming from the people that count, you the membership. There will be complete transparency from all elected officers, as well as appointed, and we are listening to you for new and fresh ideas, to improve our performance, and heighten the Leagues presence Nationwide.

The issues that existed at National have been our number one concern, and the changes that have taken place are immense, to say the least. Our improvements on our data base are taking place daily, and hopefully will be completed in time for mid-winter. To say that it was dysfunctional as well as outdated, is putting it mildly. The efforts being put forward by your Board of Trustees, led by Interim Director Hazlett, is nothing short of impressive, and heartwarming. We still have a long way to go, but it is happening.

The National Roster is being completed and by the time "Modern Day Marine" is completed it should be posted on the League website. Bear in mind that changes may be necessary from time to time, but that is to be expected. Continue sending your suggestions to us so they can be looked at and evaluated

In closing, for now, I want everyone to be patient and give the rebuilding a chance to occur. This downward spiral did not occur in a few months and it is going to take us time to correct issues, and regain your trust. The entire National Staff exists for the betterment of our membership, and we are well aware of that fact.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it, it flies with the last breath of each serviceman who died protecting it."

'SEMPER FI'  
**Richard D. Gore, Sr.**  
**National Commandant**  
**Marine Corps League**



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