

October 2017

# Marine Corps League



**Marine Corps  
League #790  
Detachment  
Newsletter**

**Next Meeting:**

**October 1st , 2017 19:00  
hours in the Coffee Shop  
Happy Hour 20:00 to 22:00  
hours at the Firehouse**

**Commandants Message 9/17/17**

## **We SOLD a BUNCH of Pancake Tickets!**

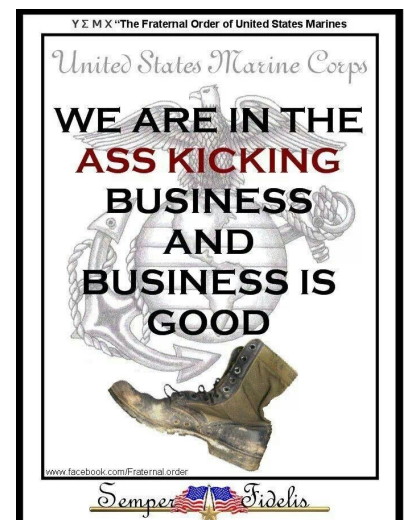
Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

And we served pancakes. 179 people had breakfast with us. That is a lot of pancakes. Ticket sales were phenomenal. WELL DONE, all! An ESPECIALLY WELL DONE to Steve Kane, who took over the operation and ran it very well.

For me, this has been a Marine weekend. Saturday AM was the Pancake breakfast. Great feeling getting the Detachment together and overcoming difficulties (not enough pancakes) and working together to solve the problem. The I was off to the The Red Dog Bar for the Fishing for Freedom fund raiser and auction. I had a great time there sipping beer, bidding too much for stuff I didn't need, and eating questionable food. Sunday morning I had breakfast with one of the Leathernecks Motorcycle club, then attended the Devil Dog's Growl in Jacksonville, where, thanks to Past commandant Geise, I was named to the office of Barking Dog. After that I went to Waylon, Missouri to attend the send-off party for Gabriel Reed, a fine young man leaving on Monday to join America's Finest at MCRD San Diego. I learned a lot about the Current Marine boot camp program from Tony Corvaia another young man there at the party that JUST FINISHED boot camp. No, they don't allow recruits to even bring a cell phone to bootcamp. The Quanset huts have been almost totally removed (only 4 remain). The range qualification program is 2 parts now, with the rapid fire portion in what they call "Stage two". You can earn E-3 out of boot camp now. Some recruits go IN as a PFC. I have now met 4 examples of the young men the Corps is enlisting over the last 2 months. I am VERY impressed. Our Brotherhood is in good hands.

Semper Fi!

Glenn Meyers  
2017 Commandant  
Gem City Detachment #790  
Marine Corps League  
Quincy, Illinois



# MCL Officers Duties

Everyone seems to be reluctant to take an office. Maybe a short breakdown of what the office entails will change your mind. Most of these jobs require little more than attending the meetings, and MAYBE 1 other day a month. By having 11 ACTIVE officers we spread the work around and no one gets burned out. ALL of these jobs will be either elected or appointed in December.

**Please consider volunteering for one of them! Let me know!**

**Commandant:** The Commandant is the guy that leads the parade. He chairs the meetings, suggests projects, he arbitrates disputes. He is our face to the public. He oversees the officers and their committees, providing help and guidance if needed. He should have held several of the positions below sometime in the past.

**Jr. Past Commandant:** This is previous Commandant. His job is to maintain continuity, letting the new Commandant know what was going on under his watch. He should help train the other officers if that is needed.

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** The Senior Vice's job is to run the Detachment's functions. He should be the one setting/filling work detail schedules. He plans and executes our events by organizing the committees to get the work done.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** This job is about membership. Period. His job is to get new members, find out why lapsed members have left us, and get renewals. RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!



**Adjutant:** This is the Detachment's record keeper. He keeps the meeting minutes. He files any required City, State, or Federal documents. He maintains the by-laws. He is the go-to guy when someone asks what we did 17 years ago in the September meeting.

**Paymaster:** He counts and guards the money, and reports the balances to the detachment. He pays the bills as authorized.

**Sargent-At-Arms:** This is the Detachment's bouncer. He allows folks into the meetings. He posts the colors. He gets the attendance sheets signed. He sets up the meeting hall, and guards/maintains the Detachment colors and other gear. He keeps order in the meetings and executes the Commandant's requests during the meetings.

**Judge-Advocate:** This is the person the Commandant looks to for rulings on procedure, for what the by-laws say and mean, and how the Rules of Order are interpreted.

**Trustee (2):** These are the guys that, along with the Jr. Past Commandant, audit the books twice a year.

**Chaplin:** The Chaplin offers prayers at the beginning and end of the meetings, visits our sick and shut-in Marines, and looks to anyone needing help. He keeps us informed of sick/distressed comrades.

**Web Sargent:** He maintains our web page.

**News Letter Editor:** He produces and distributes the newsletter every month. He solicits articles from the officers and other Marine news sources.



# Coming Events

**September 22nd** – Dance at the Veteran’s Home 6:00–8:00 PM

**October 1st** – Detachment Meeting–Coffee Shop at the Veteran’s home 19:00 Hours. I plan on this being a meeting to layout our events for 2018.

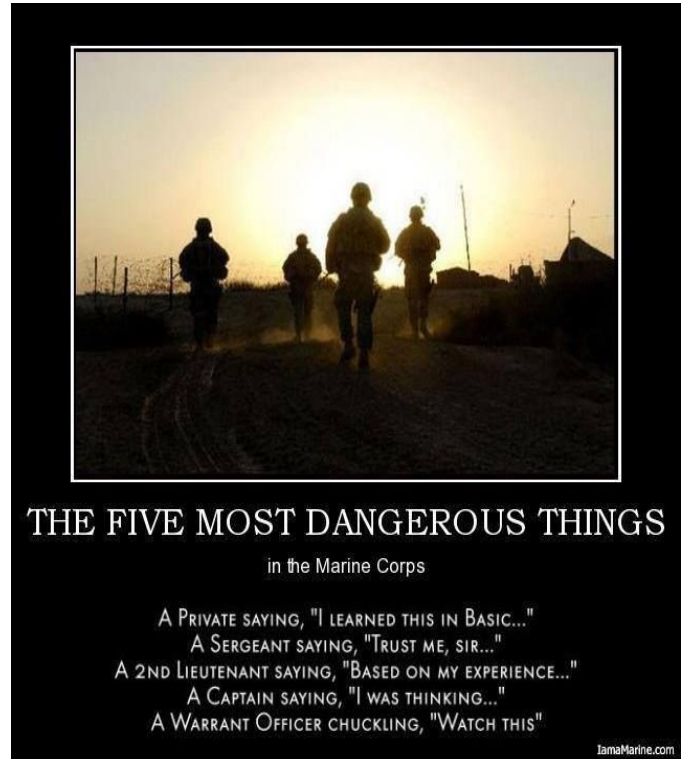
**October 14th-15th** – 2nd Staff Department Meeting – Comfort Inn 1500 Illinois highway 50 Bourbonais, IL 60914

**October 27th** – Final Dance at the Veteran’s Home for 2017 6:00–8:00 PM

**November 6th** – Detachment Meeting–Coffee Shop at the Veteran’s home 19:00 Hours **NOMINATIONS** for OFFICERS at this meeting. **Show up or you might get nominated.**

**November 10th** – Marine Corps League Birthday Dinner at the Golden Corral on Broadway in Quincy.

**December 4th** – Detachment Meeting–Coffee Shop at the Veteran’s home 19:00 Hours **ELECTIONS** for OFFICERS at this meeting. **Show up or you might get elected. You have been warned!!!! LOL.**



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# Marine Times Article by Hope Yen 9/16/17

WASHINGTON — Suicide among military veterans is especially high in the western U.S. and rural areas, according to new government data that show wide state-by-state disparities and suggest social isolation, gun ownership and access to health care may be factors.

The figures released Friday are the first-ever Department of Veterans Affairs data on suicide by state. It shows Montana, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico had the highest rates of veteran suicide as of 2014, the most current VA data available. Veterans in big chunks of those states must drive 70 miles or more to reach the nearest VA medical center.

The suicide rates in those four states stood at 60 per 100,000 individuals or higher, far above the national veteran suicide rate of 38.4. The overall rate in the West was 45.5. All other regions of the country had rates below the national rate. Other states with high veteran suicide rates, including West Virginia, Oklahoma and Kentucky, had greater levels of prescription drug use, including opioids. A VA study last year found veterans who received the highest doses of opioid painkillers were more than twice as likely to die by suicide compared to those receiving the lowest doses.

The latest VA data also reaffirmed sharp demographic differences: Women veterans are at much greater risk, with their suicide rate 2.5 times higher than for female civilians. Among men, the risk was 19 percent higher among veterans compared to civilians. As a whole, older veterans make up most military suicides — roughly 65 percent were age 50 or older.

“This report is huge,” said Rajeev Ramchand, an epidemiologist who studies suicide for the RAND Corp. He noted that the suicide rate is higher for veterans than non-veterans in every single state by at least 1.5 times, suggesting unique problems faced by former service members. “No state is immune.” Ramchand said it was hard to pinpoint specific causes behind veteran suicide but likely involved factors more prevalent in rural areas, such as social isolation, limited health care access, gun ownership and opioid addiction. Nationally, 70 percent of the veterans who take their lives had not previously been connected to VA care.

“This requires closer investigation into why suicide rates by veteran status are higher, including the role that opiates play,” Ramchand said. The dataset offers more detailed breakdowns on national figures released last year, which found that 20 veterans a day committed suicide. The numbers come from the largest study undertaken of veterans’ records by the VA, part of a government effort to uncover fresh information about where to direct resources and identify veterans most at-risk.

The department has been examining ways to boost suicide prevention efforts. “These findings are deeply concerning, which is why I made suicide prevention my top clinical priority,” said VA Secretary David Shulkin. “This is a national public health issue.”

Shulkin, who has worked to provide same-day mental health care at VA medical centers, recently expanded emergency mental care to veterans with other than honorable discharges. The department is also boosting its suicide hotline and expanding tele-health options.

Veterans’ groups say the latest data may raise questions about the department’s push to expand private-sector care.

Expanding private-sector care and stemming veterans’ suicide are priorities of President Donald Trump. In a statement this week as part of Suicide Prevention Month, Trump said the U.S. “must do more” to help mentally troubled veterans.

**Editors note: If you know of a Marine on the edge CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY so that we can get that brother the help he needs!**

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