

Semper Parati



Courage is endurance for one more moment
Valor is doing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done

MEDAL OF HONOR



NAVY CROSS; DEFENSE DIST SER; NAVY DIST SERV; SILVER STAR
DIST FLYING CROSS; BRONZE STAR-VALER; PURPLE HEART

DETACHMENT #993 WELCOME ABOARD

Detachment 993 was chartered on 12 February 1998. In 2005 we had a membership closing in on 70 former Marines and Navy Corpsman.

The Detachment meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at the VFW post, 1136 E Atlantic; Springfield, Missouri. Scuttlebutt and beverages at 1800 with the meeting 1900. Staff Officers meet two Saturdays before the member meetings at the same VFW, 0900.

This booklet is a quick guide to the activities, structure, uniform procurement and wearing, officers and other member related items of immediate interest to new members. If you want ask the Adjutant for complete details of the bylaws or other aspects of the Detachment.

In the case of **DEATH or EMERGENCY** in the family, contact the Commandant or any of the officers ... as listed on the ANNUAL INFORMATION SHEET included with this pamphlet.

Activities

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Activities will be explained on pages to come. Ours is a SERVICE organization and it is hoped you will join the activities where you can feature your talents and working as a Team, help our brothers and sisters now in uniform and our local community, and share fellowship and camaraderie.

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

The Marine Corps League was founded by Major General Commandant, John A. Lejeune, in 1923 and chartered by an Act of Congress on 4 August 1937 and in 2005 had a membership in excess of 59,000. Its membership is comprised of honorably discharged, active duty and Reserve Marines with 90 days of service or more, and retired Marines. It includes officer, enlisted, male and female members and Naval Corpsman who served with Marines in combat.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected national staff officers who serve as trustees. Day to day operations are under the control of an executive director who supervises the day-to-day performance of the national headquarters staff, located at 8626 Lee Highway in Fairfax, Virginia.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its charter and from its annual national convention held in August in different major U. S. cities throughout the nation. The National Commandant has operational control over the National Headquarters staff and the National Board of Trustees, who in turn coordinate the efforts of 47 department, or State entities, and the activities of over 812 community-based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas

The League is classified as a veterans / military service organization and was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps; to provide camaraderie and assistance to Marines, as well as to their widows and orphans; and to preserve the traditions of the U. S. Marine Corps. It is a not for profit organization within the provisions of Internal Revenue Service Code 501 (c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. This is accomplished by banding together those who are now serving in

the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

<http://www.mcleague.com>

DETACHMENT OFFICERS & DUTIES

Staff Officers are elected from the members and serve for one year. Officers are eligible to stand for consecutive one year terms.

COMMANDANT

Directs MCL activities within the community. Presides at all Detachment meetings, serves as advisor to all committees of the Detachment, and is in direct charge of all functions of the Detachment.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT

The Senior Vice Commandant is second in command of the Detachment. This officer should be a logical successor to the Commandant, and is therefore required to be fully familiar with the Commandant functions through his/her term of office.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT

The Junior Vice Commandant (JVC) holds a crucial position within the Detachment, since he/she is responsible primarily for the recruiting and retention of members. The job goes beyond the Detachment level in that the JVC has the opportunity to find the appropriate Detachment for Marines outside his/her Detachment area, and/or identifying areas where new Detachments should be developed.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

The Judge Advocate (JA) provides legal counsel and opinions on by-laws, policies, corporate regulations, and parliamentary proce-

dures for the Detachment. His/her chief role is to assure the legal and operating integrity of the Detachment within the framework of National, Department, and Detachment by-laws and policies, and any other legal entities such as state corporation requirements, for the Detachment. The JA may also be called on to make procedural rulings during the course of business and officer meetings.

ADJUTANT

The Adjutant is the corporate/recording secretary for Detachment meetings and affairs. In addition, the Adjutant provides support to Detachment officers and project leaders through correspondence, documentation, written communication, media releases, and other staff assistance. The Adjutant, by direction of the presiding officer, may prepare agendas for meetings, record member participation and attendance, and prepare and monitor the calendar of events for the Detachment. Moreover, the Adjutant is responsible for official notifications to members.

PAYMASTER

The Paymaster plays a major role in assuring and maintaining the financial integrity of the Detachment. This officer acts as the *controller* of Detachment funds, and is responsible for the accounting of Detachment revenues and expenditures. Part of his/her responsibility is keeping officers and members aware of financial status, and insuring that funds are used properly and within approvals determined by Detachment by-laws and/or policies. Financial reports, fees, taxes, Scrutiny of expenditures, and book-keeping all fall under the purview of the Paymaster.

CHAPLAIN

Chaplain plays an important role in the Detachment by tending to the needs of members and members families, particularly during periods of distress, illness, and/or death. It is every member's responsibility to keep the Chaplain informed of situations and issues of need within the Detachment. In addition, the Chaplain is called on to offer invocations and prayer for meetings, initiations, installations, and for ceremonies. The Chaplain may be called on to participate in funeral services, and to make visitation to mem-

bers/families that are sick, or who have lost a loved one. In addition, the Chaplain may be required to assist in funeral arrangements (to include contacts for USMC honor guards), and/or publicize needs of the sick (to include blood donations, etc.)

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-at-Arms (SA) is responsible for the set up and order of business meetings. He/she also participates in the presentation and honoring of the Colors at meetings and ceremonies.

ELECTIONS

Each October the Nomination Team presents one candidate for election to each office. At both the October and November meeting members may add nominations from the floor and at the November meeting the elections are held. New officers installation is at the December meeting.

MO DEPARTMENT RULES OF ORDER

1. Business sessions shall be conducted under the prescribed ritual of the Marine Corps League
2. Department of Missouri bylaws and the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised shall prevail.
3. Delegates, alternates and members desiring to attend business sessions of the Dept. Convention must possess a paid membership card for the year and shall be registered with and approved by the Convention Credentials Committee. Certification by the Dept. Adjutant Paymaster that a delegate, alternate or member is currently paid will be adequate to establish valid membership.
4. All registered and approved delegates, alternates and members shall have the right to speak on the Department Convention floor on any matter or question before the body.
5. Should the Department Commandant desire to admit a visitor, he shall first declare the meeting to be under the "Good of the Order". After the visitor has been excused, the Commandant shall declare the meeting "Open for official business".
6. In the interest of expediting business before the convention, the Department Commandant may:
 - a. Limit debate or announcements to three minutes per delegate.
 - b. Deny the floor to any delegate who has spoken twice on a question unless he or she is the maker of the motion.
7. Delegates desiring to leave the hall will salute the chair. When salute is acknowledged, they shall leave by the nearest exit. When re-entering,

the same procedure on saluting applies.

8. To expedite convention activities, the Department Commandant shall appoint any member in good standing to occupy a place on the rostrum with specific instructions to recognize and return the courtesy salute of all members leaving or entering the hall.

9. The chair, no matter how occupied, shall be addressed as "Sir Commandant".

10. The Department Commandant may ask the Dept. Judge Advocate to give opinions on any point of order.

11. At the time of nomination of officers, the nominators shall be allowed not more than two minutes. Seconds shall be allotted not more than one minute.

12. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee shall announce the attending detachments and their strengths prior to any roll call vote.

13. Any roll call vote may be required and recorded upon the request of any five (5) registered and approved delegates.

14. The Department Commandant shall call a five minute recess prior to any roll call vote to allow detachments to caucus on the question.

15. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee on any roll call vote shall "Call the Roll of the Detachments" alphabetically. Should a Detachment pass, it will again be polled after all the other detachments have been called.

16. In the event of a challenge of the stated vote of any detachment by a Registered and approved delegate from the detachment, the roll of delegates of that detachment shall be called and each delegate of that detachment shall rise and be identified as an approved delegate before casting his block of votes.

17. A majority of the votes cast is required to elect Department Officers. When a

simple majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a second balloting will immediately commence after a caucus (not to exceed five minutes) is called.. Should a majority fail to materialize on the second or successive ballots, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be dropped as a contender (after each ballot) until a simple majority is achieved.

18. When a delegate, alternate or member desires the floor, he shall rise, AND WHEN RECOGNIZED, STATE HIS OR HER NAME AND DETACHMENT NAME. This procedure shall be followed each and every time.

19. These rules may be changed or amended by 2/3 majority vote of the

GET COPIES OF YOUR MILITARY RECORDS

If you need copies of DD 214's , medical records and the like, use this special web site, The U.S. National Archives & Records Administration.

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>

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DETACHMENT UNIFORMS

The minimum Marine Corps League uniform is the red Overseas Cover. While wearing the Cover, you are considered in uniform and under arms. There are three uniforms worn by Detachment members plus one worn by the Memorial Team (photos page 23.)

1. **Basic Undress uniform:**

A. Short sleeve aviator white shirt; open collar red overseas cover with gold Marine Corps emblem (Devil Dog patch if authorized); Sunburst Crests on collar points (Devil Dog optional); Detachment patch on left sleeve and reverse flag on right sleeve (Devil Dog patch if authorized); Name tag worn above right pocket (optional); Dress Blue trousers/skirt (plain black optional), plain black socks and black shoes. Marine Corps **OR** MCL medals worn above left pocket (not mixed). The cover w/emblem is authorized for wear at all meetings and functions of the Detachment and is purchased through the Quartermaster. The white shirt, Dress Blue or black trousers/skirt, and military shoes are not required but recommended. Purchase League, MODD or flag patches from Quartermaster.

Long sleeve aviator white shirt; closed collar with black tie. All other stipulations as for short sleeve shirt.

B. Basic Dress uniform (called Casual Uniform) is the red overseas cover, red blazer with MCL buttons, MCL Bullion Seal on pocket. Worn with white long sleeve shirt (no collar emblems, ribbons or name tag), black field scarf and black trousers/skirt, black belt with square Marine buckle, black military shoes and black socks.

2. Formal Dress uniform is the red Evening Dinner Jacket, called Dress Mess in the old Corps (red Blazer optional). Formal pleated white shirt with gold cuff links and studs, black bow tie, gold cummerbund, black trousers (preferred tuxedo style), black socks, black military shoes, and red overseas cover. Miniature medals on Blazer, large medals on the Mess Jacket.

Marine Corps ribbons (DOD) **OR** Marine Corps League awards worn on the white shirt with the flag and League patches. The official League Crests are worn (anchors inboard) on the

white/kaki shirt collar points (eagle wings even with the deck.)

Optional items are the red satin MARINE jacket and the golf shirts with the emblem embroidered on the left chest, as sold by the detachment. Order from the Quartermaster.

3. MEMORIAL TEAM UNIFORM

This uniform (called Ceremonial Uniform) is worn exclusively by the Memorial Team and only **at** Memorial Team functions and with **NO** parts missing.

This uniform consists of the red cover; Marine dress blue trousers with NCO stripe where applicable, khaki web belt with Marine buckle, khaki Marine Corps short sleeve shirt with MCL patch on left sleeve and Flag (MODD if authorized) on right sleeve, black military shoes, plain black socks, white gloves and pistol belt. Our team wears proscribed ribbons over the left pocket; name tag over the right pocket, and over the name tag the Memorial Pin. The League crests are worn on the khaki shirt collar points. Most items are purchased through the Quartermaster. Tailoring of trousers, shirts and adding patches can be done at the Big & Tall shop at 2738 S Campbell. The red satin jacket is required for winter wear.

Order Through Quartermaster:

MCL Patches and flags;
Khaki ss Shirt w patch and flag (order by neck size);
Name tag; khaki field scarf;
Khaki web belt w buckle and/or black belt w buckle;
White pistol belt w gloves;
MCL collar emblems;
Dress Blue trousers w NCO strip (if applicable);
MCL Overseas Cover w MC emblem;
Red satin MARINE CORPS lettered jacket;

Private purchase:

White shirt - by neck size (add patch and flag).
Black Trousers; black socks; black military shoes.
Personally awarded Marine Corps ribbons on ribbon bar.
Red blazer - John's Suit Shop on Glenstone (change buttons)
Red blazer and black trousers may also be purchased from Katzin's Uniforms, Inc.; 65 Market Street; Newark, NJ 07102; 800-201-0500.

Detachment Uniforms:

Memorial Team Dress Blue trousers, khaki shirt and web belt w buckle can be ordered from: Uniform Support Center; Mail Order Program; 1545 Crossways Blvd, Suite 200; Chesapeake, VA 23320. Or call 1-800-368-4088. Fill out DD form 358 for custom-made uniforms. Or order through Quartermaster.

Formal uniforms can be ordered at **The Marine Shop** on the internet <http://marineshop.safeshopper.com/60/cat60.htm?164> . They also carry Blazers, ties and black trousers.

All standard uniform parts (except white shirt) and MCL button sets for Blazers can be ordered from MCL National HQ, **Ships Store** on their web site www.mcleague.com or call 703- 207-9588. Or order through their catalog that is part of the quarterly **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** magazine, part of your membership.

Most Marines have their original awards carefully tucked away and there fore order new ribbon sets from the Sgt. Grit website; www.grunt.com/

There are other places for these purchases but Sgt. Grit has the best prices and service. Consider also buying new full medals if purchasing the Evening Formal uniform.

White shirts can be ordered from Van Heusen Corp, Bridgewater, NJ or purchased locally at Franks Uniform, along with shoes , black trousers and black field scarf (532 E walnut, 417-869-1744).

The Surplus City store, 3114 W Sunshine, Springfield, MO also carries some shirts and trousers/skirts.

ALTERATIONS

Frank's Uniform, 532 E Walnut, 417-869-1774 (1-800-356-1744) will sew patches on shirts and tailor trousers purchased there at no extra charge, Bring patches and specifications with you. They do not have the capability to tailor trouser legs with the 'West Point' (Marine Corp proscribed) cut where the front is 7/8" shorter than the back which hangs right at the joint of the heel with the shoe.

Shirley at **P&J's Big & Tall** shop tailors Memorial Team uniforms, 2738 S Campbell, 417-882-6503. She has all the specifications, and can tailor the 'West Point' trouser cut, and can also fully tailor uniform items bought elsewhere, and change buttons of the blazer.

Marine Corps League 3" patch is worn on left sleeve of white and kaki shirt and Red Satin jacket, 1 1/2" below shoulder seam and centered. Reverse US flag 2" x 3 1/2" patch is worn on right sleeve 1 1/2" below shoulder seam and centered.

Note: Any Honorable discharged Marine is authorized the wear of the Dress Blue uniform and can purchase it through the Uniform Support Center mentioned earlier.

Civilian cloths or uniform - being sharp is a Marine thing!

WWW ON THE WEB

Together We Served - Full information on & for Marines:
<http://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc/index.jsp>

Gunny G's GLOBE and ANCHOR!
Sites & Forums For The Thinking Marine!
<http://www.angelfire.com/ca/dickg/sites.html>

Marine Corps History & Museum
http://hqinet001.hqmc.usmc.mil/HD/Home_Page.htm

Marine Ribbons Ranked In Order
<http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/ribbons/MarineCorps1.html>

MARINE CORPS TIMES
<http://www.marinetimes.com/>

Marine Corps Recruit Depots
Paris Island: <http://www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil/>
Dan Diego: <http://www.mcrdsd.usmc.mil/>

CMP - Civilian Marksmanship Program
<http://www.odcmp.com/>

MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOG

Following the establishment of the Marine Corps League, the leadership of the League decided that the delegates assembling in convention needed some time during their serious deliberations to “blow off steam.” As a result, the Military Order of Devil Dogs (MODD) was organized and created in 1939, in Boston, MA; and, granted a charter as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League on 19 March 1940. From those early years, the Military Order of Devil Dogs (the Order) has grown to a strength of over 3,000 members. The Order is organized in nearly every state where there is a Marine Corps League presence. Now in its 53rd year, the Order boasts a semi—permanent headquarters in Michigan, and a full—time Kennel Dog Robber/National Executive Secretary.

The Order, the FUN and HONOR SOCIETY of the Marine Corps League, is comprised of only regular members of the League who have been recommended for membership by 2 members of the Order. Each member undergoes a series of initiations. First, as a Pup, in their Pound (the local organization, the basis of the Order); then, as a Devil Dog in their Pack (the State organization which meets during a Department Convention); and, finally, as a Pedigreed Devil Dog at the SUPREME GROWL held in conjunction with the National Convention of the League. Each degree must be held for one full year before candidacy for the next degree may be considered.

It promotes good fellowship amongst the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League, and maintains true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws.

OVER 233 YEARS OF SERVICE

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution, established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

Amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776.

France, landed in Santo Domingo, 1798, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli".

War of 1812.

Mexican War (1846-1848). Fought from Pueblo to the "Halls of Montezuma," Mexico City.

Civil War (1861-1865).

Spanish-American War (1898).

Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902).

Boxer Rebellion in China (1900).

Marine aviation dates from 1912.

World War I. Earned the title of "Devil Dogs" for heroic action during 1918 at Belleau Wood.

World War II (1941-1945).

Korea (1950-1955).

Vietnam (1965-1975)

Landed at Beirut, Lebanon in 1982, as part of the multinational peace-keeping force.

Grenada (1983).

Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm, Iraq (1990-1991)

Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan (2001)

Iraqi Freedom (2003 -)

Today's Marine Corps stands ready to continue in the proud tradition of those who so valiantly fought and died at Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, and Khe Sanh. Combining a long and proud heritage of faithful service to the nation, with the resolve to face tomorrow's challenges will continue to keep the Marine Corps the "best of the best."

DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Each member is asked to review these activities, find those that interest you and then sign up for one, or as many as time allows.

MEMORIAL TEAM

Honoring our deceased Marines is the last tribute we can give them. The last time to show friends and family just what SEMPER FIDELIS is all about. The Memorial Team extends formal Military Honors to Marines/Navy, sometimes others, being buried in the MO State Veterans Cemetery or private cemeteries within 40 miles of Springfield, MO.

The team consists of the OIC, bugler, riflemen and flag folders. This can be from 5 to 12 people depending on availability of members. The team is regularly in need of new members and supplement funds are available. We use M1's with blank adapters and short round clips, and we schedule practice. In 2008 we did 114 funerals

Talk with the OIC or any of the Team members for further insight.
(Pictured is the Early organizational Team)



VETERAN'S HOME VISITATIONS



The Chaplain leads visits to the veterans home at Mt Vernon the last Saturday of each month. We take Marine based items to help make their time more comfortable and foster remembrances of their time in the Corps. Contact the Chaplain to be included in any or all of the visitations. We

suggest each member join at least one visit a year.

HIGHWAY SAFTEY BREAKS

We provide coffee and water to weary motorists at the I-44 Halltown Rest Stop over the Memorial day, 4th of July and Labor Day holidays. Each member is asked to contact the Co-Coordinator to schedule at least one 4 hour shift.

We meet a lot of new friends and old Marines that like to talk as much as we do. This is great fund raiser for the Detachment and the time really flies by.



PARADES AND PROGRAMS

The Detachment is a part of the annual Springfield, MO, the Branson, MO and the MO Veterans Day parades. It varies but Springfield is usually the Saturday before Veterans Day, Branson is on Veterans Day and Ozark the Saturday after Veterans Day. We are also asked to provide a ceremonial detail at city, county, special functions and Color Guard at sporting events too.

For the Veterans Day functions we have a float (decorated open trailer) where we have the members of the Memorial Team, pulled by a truck also decorated. We include as many members in vehicles or walking as we can, so please help out when ever you can. **ALL** members are welcome, so grab your cover and



favorite Marine emblazoned shirts and join in. We carry colors at the National Veterans Cemetery each Memorial Day.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION/FUND

We have a special 501c3 Foundation to receive tax deductible donations to our Detachment. These donation are used exclusively for education scholarships to help Marine families with their college expenses. Having a 501c3 designation by the IRS allows companies, associations and individuals to donate funds that are tax deductible on their IRS tax filings. Our first consideration goes to member families, then our Marine Springfield Reserve families and then Marine families across the SW Missouri.

Where can we find a better way to grow the Marine Corps family and deduct the money from our taxes. Please take some flyers to your friends, business associates and business leaders, and

ask for their tax free contributions.

YOUNG MARINES OF THE OZARKS

This is a part of the National Office campaign to educate young



and develop the extension of Marine virtues, principle and purposes to them. See the Coordinator for details.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Through the Marine Reserve unit, Weapons Company 3/24, we completely support the “Toys For Tots” here in Springfield.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

Weapons Company 3/24 of the Marine Corps Reserve hosts this formal annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We support it with our attendance and we encourage all members to attend. Formal uniform, regular uniform, a business tux or suit are acceptable attire. Tickets are sold by the 3/24 and are available at our October Detachment meeting, or directly from the 3/24 Marine Reserve Center at 1110 N Freemont Ave, 417-869-2857/58.

Devil Dogs

We have a kennel that supports this fun and games subsidiary of the Marine Corps League.

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

We have a summer picnic where members gather with family and

friends to have a good time.

ADOPT A STREET

The last Saturday of each quarter the Detachment has a street clean up campaign. It takes about an hours time to pick trash from the designated area in Springfield and we maintain a list of volunteers we can call on.

MCL AUXILIARY

Member spouses form a great support group. They meet at the same time as the Detachment meets and work on community projects and things that benefit the League. They are critical supporters of all the other activities listed here, providing time, creativity, raw materials and motivation. When ever the League asks for their help we get the, “can do” response and we provide the same.

MEMORIAL DAY

Springfield National Cemetery each year has a parade of Flags carried by each veterans organization. We are second in the proces-



sion with the National and Corps colors, following the “**Gold Star Mothers**”. (picture 2008 National Veterans Cemetery)

CHARITIES DRIVE

Each fall the League engages in its annual charities drive. Local businesses are visited, and collection areas are set up and manned by league members. Business visitations occur at various times, but the collections usually take place for two weekends around the Thanksgiving weekend. Funds collected are used to fund Toys for Tots, Scholarships, and donations to other needy organizations.

MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Just a couple of old jarheads that like to ride and socialize with others who share our passion. Our goal is to organize at least one ride per month when weather is conducive to an enjoyable time. The rides will usually include some road time with a stop along the way to socialize and get a bite to eat. Spouses and friends are always welcome to attend.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE FAMILY READINESS COUNCEL

Another key objective is to ensure and promote the welfare of all Marines and their families. We have a league member as part of the local Marine Reserve component's Key Volunteer Network. This network does helps ensure that families are ready for the likely deployment of the Marine family member. They coordinate classes on family preparedness and provide assistance in matching needy families with organizations that can help them. The network also plans functions to promote the family and help Marines transition to and from deployed status.

MARINES IN NEED

At the start of each year we review how much income we had the previous year and allocate 10% of that to be used through out the year to support Marine families in need. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Christmas gifts for children, natural disasters, etc. Members make situations known to the Staff, they review and make recommendations to the membership for spending.

CHESTY PULLER PISTOL SHOOT

Annual spring pistol competition at Andy Dalton Range in Bois D'Arc, MO Range (4 miles south of MO highway 160, west of Willard and about 2 miles east of Ash Grove and 160 to sign on the right side of road t urn left then about 4 miles, range is on

right). Two classes - Members and Friends of Members. Fire at 7, 15 and 25 yards. Total of 48 shots., shot in 6 shot groups. Must have a pistol of 38 caliber or larger and must hold 6 rounds or more. Call Commandant for details.



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FRATRES AETEI
SEMPER FIDELIS**

**OFTEN TESTED
BROTHERS FOREVER
ALWAYS FAITHFUL**

VA BENEFITS

There are several benefits due prior service members and we detail some important ones here. Check with the VA for what you can expect.

VETERAN BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Call a counselor at: 1-800-827-1000. Take a good look at the VA web site; <http://www.vba.va.gov/>; and <http://veterans.iom.edu/>

BURIAL

The VA National Cemetery Administration honors veterans with a final resting place and lasting memorials that commemorate their service to our nation. Missouri National Cemetery is full but now there are a series of State Veterans Cemeteries that have space (see information listed below).

Details of the National Burial Program spell it out, but briefly stated, burial benefits available include a gravesite in any of the 121 national cemeteries with available space, opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care, a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in national cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

Burial benefits available for spouses and dependents buried in a national cemetery include burial with the veteran, perpetual care, and the spouse or dependents name and date of birth and death will be inscribed on the veteran's headstone, at no cost to the family.

State Veterans Cemeteries are sponsored by the DOD so the benefits are basically the same as for the National Cemeteries, but administered by the MO Veterans Commission.

Burial benefits available for veterans buried in a private cemetery include a Government headstone or marker, a burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, at no cost to the family. Some veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances. There are not NCA benefits available to spouses and dependents buried in a private cemetery.

MILITARY HONORS

"Honoring Those Who Served" is the title of the DOD program for providing dignified military funeral honors to veterans who have defended our nation. "On Behalf Of A Grateful Nation" is Missouri's program to provide Military Honors. Your spouse should ask the funeral director to make contact for both Burial Benefits **and** Honor Guard (details later).

Upon the family's request, Public Law 106-65 requires that every eligible veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony, to include folding and presenting the United States burial flag and the playing of Taps. We will supply FULL MILITARY HONORS for our members; Flag, Flag folders and presentation, rifle team volley, TAPS, a certificate and memorial token.

Funeral home directors are in the best position to make these two calls, to request military Burial and Military Honors on behalf of the veterans' family. But your Detachment 993 Commandant stands ready to provide this service if asked.

Questions on DOD military funeral honors program may be sent to; Department of Defense Directorate for Public Inquiry and Analysis Room 3A750, The Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1400. The military funeral honors Web site is located at:

<http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil>

Questions on the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program may be sent to: Office of the Adjutant General; 2302 Militia Drive; Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-1203; 1-877-221-6361;

<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/mmhfp/About.htm>

Questions on the Missouri Veteran's Commission burial benefits may be sent to: 205 Jefferson Street; 12th Floor Jefferson Building; Jefferson City, MO 65102; 1-866-838-4636; The detachment has Pre Approval forms. <http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/>

Be sure your spouse knows to notify the Detachment upon your passing. For information

Springfield National Cemetery
1702 East Seminole Street
Springfield, MO 65804
417-881-9499

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Springfield, MO
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Springfield Marine History

Formed in 1946 under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Anton, it was called Company C, 3rd Infantry Battalion, USMC.

Highlights

1946 Unit designated Company C, 3rd Infantry Battalion.

1953 Reactivated as 13rg Rifle Company and mobilized for Korea.

1965 Re-designated Com. C, 3rd Inf. Bt., FMF, USMCR.

1976 Re-designated Com. M(-), 3rd Bt, 24th Mar, ATMF, USMCR

1990 Mobilized for Desert Shield/Storm.

1991 Re-designated Weapons Co., 3rdBr, 24th Mar, FMF, 4thMarDiv, USMCR.

In November of 1990, Weapons Company was ACTIVATED UNDER A PRESIDENTIAL CALL-UP in support of OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD. From late November 1990 to April 1991 the company along with the rest of the 3rd Bn, 24th Marines was attached to the 2nd Marine Division.

Prior to departing for Saudi Arabia the Company conducted its unit training at Camp Lejeune, NC. After arrival in SW Asia, they were assigned the missions of REAR AREA SECURITY and SECURITY FOR ENEMY PRISONERS OF WAR. Upon its return CONUS the Company was deactivated and continued with its normal Reserve Training Schedule.

In May 2009 Weapons Company was activated for duty in Afghanistan.

Today's Weapons Company takes pride in its skills as a combat ready unit. The Weapons Company represents Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

WEAPONS COMPANY 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division

81 mm Mortar Platoon
Dragon Anti-Armor Platoon
Heavy Guns Platoon
Headquarters Platoon

Marine Corps League Southwest Missouri Detachment #993

Chartered Feb.1998

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1st Commandant: (two terms*)

Ken T. Anderson
Southwest Missouri Detachment 993 Commandant 1998 to 1999 to 2000
*two terms plus the months leading to the charter)

2nd Commandant: (one term)

James "Jay" Walters
Southwest Missouri Detachment 993 Commandant 2000 to 2001

3rd Commandant: (two terms)

Charles R. "Chuck" Powell
Southwest Missouri Detachment 993 Commandant 2001 to 2002 to 2003

4th Commandant: (one term)

Gary M. Lewis
Southwest Missouri Detachment 993 Commandant 2003 to 2004

5th Commandant: (two terms*)

Nolan R. Moody
Southwest Missouri Detachment 993 Commandant 2004 to 2005
Feb. 2004 to Dec. 2004 then Dec. 2004 until Dec. 2005
*two terms with a two month shortened first term do to changing election months

6th Commandant (one term)

Jay Anger
Southwest Missouri Detachment #993 Commandant 2006 to 2007.

7th Commandant: Current (two terms)

Frank Atkinson
Southwest Missouri Detachment #993 Commandant 2007 to 2009.

8th Commandant

Bill Webb
Southwest Missouri Detachment #993 Commandant 2009 to



Standard Undress Uniform
(Black or Dress Blue Trousers)



Standard Dress Uniform



Formal Mess Dress Uniform



Memorial Team Uniform



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The normal dues for membership are \$25.00 per year. Life memberships are also available. Prices for life membership are based on the age of the Member. Memberships are also available to Navy Corpsmen who served with Marine Corps units.



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