



THE GUIDON

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MCAS EL TORO DETACHMENT 017 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE "ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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THE DETACHMENT MEETS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1930 AT THE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 132
143 S LEMON STREET, ORANGE, CA 92868
mcldet017.org

Next meeting **WEDNESDAY 9, MARCH 2011 AT 1930**

Calendar for March, April & May 2011

MARCH 2011

2 March Board (Officers) Meeting at 1830 Hrs. at Coco's in Fountain Valley—open to all members.

9 March Detachment Meeting at Orange American Legion Hal 1930 Hrs.

11- 12 Department Meeting in Folsom Calif.

APRIL 2011

6 April Board (Officer's) Meeting 1830 Hrs. at Coco's in Fountain Valley

13 April Detachment Meeting at 1930 Hrs. at American Legion Hall in Orange

24 April Easter

30 April Orientation: DO YOU KNOW SOME YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE YOUNG MARINES? If so, they and a parent must attend at 0900 at 15014 Studebaker Road, Norwalk, CA

MAY 2011

04 MAY Board (Officer's) Meeting, 1830 Hrs. at Coco's in Fountain Valley

11 May Detachment Meeting at 1930 Hrs. at American Legion Hall in Orange

14 May - Detachment GARAGE SALE at American Legion Hall in Orange. 0730 – 1500. Contact Jerry Hardig to make arrangements for dropping off your items.

20 May – Cadet Graduations, Orange High School. Outdoor Theature at 1800—big event! Your Support is needed.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

REGULAR AND LIFE MEMBER FEES

The dues for Regular and Associate members in the MCAS El Toro Detachment of the Marine Corps League are **\$40.00** a year. Life membership fees for Regular or Associate members in good standing are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Fee</u>
35 and under	\$500
36 thru 50	\$400
51 thru 60	\$300

SUMMARY OF 10 November 2010 Meeting

Meeting was opened at 1930 Hrs. at the American Legion Hall in Orange. All officers except John Whiteriver (excused) were present. New member Charles Loof (retired Marine) was given the Oath Of Membership. The minutes of January 12th 2012 meeting were approved. The Paymaster's report was also approved. Officer Reports were given. Jack Closson spoke about Young Marines and important dates. Dino Ciccione discussed fundraising ideas. Scott Palomaki mentioned that your Color Guard was requested for an activity in the future.

Under Old Business: The Expo at Camp Pendleton was discussed. 14 May GARAGE SALE was discussed. If you have items to donate to the sale, contact Jerry Hardig. The shooting trips was discussed and it looks like it will take place in July/August time frame. More on it next meeting. Bill Marseilles discussed the new shirts (casual) and hats that were adopted by the Detachment. Under new business, Commandant Kagy mentioned that we had been given an invite to tour Miramar Station. Also dates for the 12 June was discussed. For the good of the League, John Whiteriver was discussed. All members are encouraged to see John or at least give him a phone call at: (714) 390-0486. The meeting was closed at 2045. He is located at Fountain of Care in Orange at 1835 W. La Veta. The meeting was closed at 2100.

FROM THE COMMANDANT

Marines,

As most of you know John Whiteriver (born 11 August 1932), passed away from heart problems at St. Josephs Hospital in Orange on 16 February. His viewing was on the 23 February and his funeral was held the next day at the American Legion Hall at Post 132 in Orange. There were over 200 people at John's funeral. Members from the American Legion Post 132, Young Marines and from Detachment 017 all did their parts and the funeral went off very well. For those of you who were not able to attend the funeral, there copies of the program available. Just contact Kim Skelton for a copy. His burial was changed to 3 March at the Veteran's Cemetery in Riverside California at 1145 Hrs. John Whiteriver will be missed by all since he did a lot for our detachment.

On the agenda for 11-12 March will be the California Department conference in Folsom California. I hope to see several of our officers there for the event.

While talking with Seldon Warner, I was reminded that for those of you who are planning on attending the National Convention 31 July-6 August, that he needs to know the names of members who want to advance from Devil Dog to Pedigree so that the paperwork gets taken care of in time for the convention. Plan of a Growl at the next meeting.

See you at the next meeting.

Semper Fi,

John Kagy
Commandant

FROM THE SR. VICE COMMANDANT

Marines, We are entering the last of Winter and Spring is just around the corner. It is time to get out of our caves and get involved with the Detachment activities. Also, there are Young Marines who would welcome you visit. Let's make this year exceptional and get involved on some activity. If there isn't anything you see, suggest an activity at the next meeting. Life is short, and it is what we make of it.

Semper Fidelis

Jack Closson

RECRUITING REPORT

Gerald D. Hardig

Recruiting Officer

WANTED SECTION

Do you have some old stuff that's just sitting around the house or in the garage. We are having our 2nd annual garage sale in May. Contact Jerry Hardig for details.

Wanted: IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING FOR THE DETACHMENT. We need fundraising ideas to earn money so that we can support our Young Marines, Jr. ROTC and other activities.

Wanted: Have you been in the detachment for at least one year? The Devil Dogs want you. We are a fun organization of Marines. We have fun and at the same time raise money for charity. We meet right after the regular meetings. Contact George Tobin for details.

Wanted: New members for the Detachment Color Guard. We need additional members to the Color Guard.

Contact Scott Palomaki (562) 301-3385

DONE: WE HAVE ONE! Ramon Enriquez has accepted the job and will keep our web page up to date.

Wanted: We need a Mentoring Officer help our new members get involved and to make sure they are comfortable in their new group.

We have an inventory of Marine Corp League Shirts in all sizes. If yours is getting a little worn or you just want a new one, see Bob Palmquist. Price is \$27 and you pay the Paymaster -Bill Marceilles.

Wanted: VETERAN Marines to work with the Young Marines to be a counselor. They want marines who know the USMC culture. We need to support our Young Marines. You don't have to do anything except just be there to talk with the kids.

Wanted: Advertisers for the Guidon Paper. We are looking for five or six companies that would put their business cards in the Guidon for a fee of \$50.00 per year. Contact John Kagy if you have any names.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? CARE PACKAGE ITEMS:

Holiday cares, letters, disposable razors, shave cream, foot powder (Gold Bond Max Strength), baby wipes, liquid hand sanitizer, Carmex lip balm, sun block SPF45, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, deodorant, long white socks, Skin So Soft (works as insect repellent), Q-tips, soap, shampoo, cream rinse, "extra firm" hairspray, gel, female hygiene products (and Midol), feminine body products (shower foam, good lotions and moisturizers, facial products), On The Go (water flavor packets), Gatorade dry mix, hard candy (no chocolate), gum, nuts and seeds, dried fruit, cookies (no chocolate or home-baked goodies), beef jerky, Slim Jims, gum, Easy Mac, packets of tuna, chicken, etc., protein bars, pasta/noodles/spaghetti-os/ravioli/etc. (Microwave-safe bowls or pop-top cans) and pens/pencils/candy/gum etc. (to give to children). Please contact Kim Skelton (949) 854-7924 or E-Mail marinesgtkim@sbcglobal.net. Cash gifts are welcome: Please have the checks written out to Marine Corps League El Toro Detachment 017 and note of the check it is for : KIM'S COOKIE JAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLOR GUARD - WE MEET AT 1900 HRS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN ORANGE. If you are interested in joining, call Scott Palomaki

"GOOD NIGHT, CHESTY, WHEREVER YOU ARE"