

**MCL Mission:**

"To promote the interest and perpetuate the traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism."

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT 853

Meetings

4th Thursday of the month – 7 pm
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Chaplin:	Dana Lortie
Adjutant:	David Weber
Sargeant of Arms:	Vincent Amos
Quartermaster:	David Perdue

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AFTER ACTION REPORT – JUNE 2026

During the month of June, Detachment 853:

- Held monthly detachment meeting
- Filed the SCC annual report
- Paid the SCC annual fee
- Selected 2026 Detachment 853 scholarship winners
- Received a generous donation from a life member
- Sponsored a concession stand for special events at the Hampton Coliseum
- Retired damaged American flags
- Attended John Lejeune Detachment 332's annual picnic.



DETACHMENT 853 COMMUNIQUE

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

Picnic - Last month, David Weber and I attended John Lejeune Detachment's annual picnic, where Lejeune members welcomed us warmly and extended their hospitality. Their picnic provided an excellent opportunity for us to meet Rico Cantillo, the new Commandant of Detachment 332, along with several members of his staff and discuss how our detachments can work together and draw on each other's strengths.

Years ago, the Chesapeake and John Lejeune Detachments established a strong working relationship built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to advancing the mission of the Marine Corps League. Over time, that longstanding relationship gradually began to fade until now our detachments operate separately with little communication between detachments.

As new commandants, myself and Rico Cantillo, found that we both share the same objectives:

- Forging Stronger Detachment Relationships
- Exchanging Ideas Through Collaboration
- Coordinating Future Local Events and Community Service Projects

Through teamwork, collaboration, shared commitment, and open dialogue between our two detachments, we can strengthen our relationship and ensure both detachments will continue to grow and succeed in carrying on the MCL mission.

Bill Fogle – Last month, life member Bill Fogle and his wife, Pam, permanently relocated to Arizona to be with their daughter and grandchildren. Before Bill began his journey, he and I shared one last lunch together. As we were leaving the restaurant, Bill surprised me by presenting me with a very generous check for our detachment. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fogle family as they begin this new chapter in their lives. Bill's devotion, dedication to our detachment and his generous monetary gift will not be forgotten.

Best Wishes to our members who have birthdays this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Stay Safe.

Semper Fi!

Ed Pearia

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**SR VICE COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE****MARINES,**

The Virginia Beach Marine Corps League, John A. Lejeune, Detachment #332, is working to establish a local Military Order of the Devil Dogs Kennel. If you are interested in joining, please contact me, and I will connect you with a member of the Virginia Beach detachment. For more information, visit their website:

militaryorderofthedevildogs.org/ Or email Thomas Coursey at sycamoresouth@gmail.com

*Semper Fi!***David Perdue****dkperdue@verizon.net****JUDGE ADVOCATE'S MESSAGE****MARINES,****BEAT THE HEAT**

For July, let's BEAT THE HEAT! We can enjoy ourselves despite the relentless Virginia summer heat with a few safe practices.

Hydrate Constantly:

- Drink water regularly during the day.
- Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine, and sugary drinks.

Avoid Peak Sun Hours:

- Sun is strongest from about 1000-1600.
- Plan your outdoor activities and work for early morning or early evening.

Use Sun Protection:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen of a minimum of SPF 30.
- Use water-resistant sunscreen, and reapply it every 2 hours, or immediately after swimming or heavy sweating.
- Wear protective clothing, loose-fitting and light-colored.
- Augment your clothing with a broad-brimmed hat and UV protective sunglasses.

Use Shade:

- Find or create shade, using natural areas or tents/tarps.
- Use public libraries, malls, or museums to get a break while out during the day.
- Close blinds and shades in the house during the day to reduce the sun's heating effect.

Practicing these precautions can and will reduce the harmful effects of a typical southern summer that brings us high humidity and scorching temperatures and allows us to enjoy living in coastal Tidewater Virginia.

Live long and prosper!

*Semper Fi!***David Weber****davidweberltdcolusmc@ms.com**



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

What do we do when God's answer is "no" and we don't know why?

Job's response is simple. Not easy, but simple. After hearing from messengers that everything is gone; his wife, his children, his wealth, everything. In Job 1:20-22, Job responds:

"At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said:

'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away: may the name of the Lord be praised. In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing."

Is that your immediate response? Do you stop and praise the Lord? Most of us would honestly say that we don't respond like this. We may spend some quality time in the "why me" camp, crying out about the unfairness or the injustice. We might complain to anyone listening to all the ways God has messed this up somehow. We may even turn our backs on Him in our hurt and anger. This is not an easy space to live in. We are often struggling with our hurt and confusion. The Lord desires to hear from us regardless of where we are. He wants to hear our hurts, our struggles, our confusion, our anger, our heartbreak. Sometimes, all we can do is cry out to Him.

Whatever your response, be encouraged to turn it over to God. We might sound a little more like David (see Psalm 58) at times, but even he was sharing his heart and thoughts with the Lord.

Lord God,

We often don't know what to do when you've said no. We are hurt, angry, confused. We ask for your gentle love to unclench our fists, to ease our tightness, and to hold us until we let go. Please walk through our valleys with your protective presence surrounding us. Please, step into our space and bring your peace. Help us, Lord. May your name be praised. **Amen**

Prayer List:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Detachment's Marines: William Sweeney Sr, Mike Jeannotte, Wayne Smith, Wilmont "Griff" Griffin, Pete Harris, , Jen Edinger, Don Doherty's family and all members and their families that are dealing with health issues or the life challenges in their lives.

Semper Fi!

Rev. Dana Lortie
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MSgt (Ret)



QUARTERMASTER'S MESSAGE

MARINES,

At the Detachment, we try to keep a number of the official Marine Corps League red covers and Eagle globe and anchor emblems available for our members. We also have a selection of red embroidered, polo shirts in various sizes.

Prices:

- The Marine Corps League cover without emblem: \$35
- Eagle, globe, and anchor emblem: \$7.
- Embroidered polo shirts: \$30.

We do not mark up prices. In fact, the Detachment absorbs the shipping costs from National.

The Semper Fi store sells embroidered polo shirts for \$45, and they are not specific to our Detachment.

I currently buy the EGA cover emblems at the Camp Elmore Marine Corps Exchange for about \$3 less than what the Semper Fi store is selling them.

We have a bunch of MCL ribbons if you need them.

If there is anything that you need ordered from the Semper Fi store at National, you can either go through me or you can order items for yourself.

Note - The only required item for a uniform is the red Marine Corps League cover.

The website for the Semper Fi store is: <https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/>

Semper Fi!

David Perdue

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



HEADS UP!
DETACHMENT MEETING
THURSDAY, 23 JULY 1900 HOUR



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHESAPEAKE DETACHMENT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 04 July ~ Fourth of July
- 23 July ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 23 July ~ Trustee Meeting;
- 27 August ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 19 September ~ Chesapeake Mayor's Veterans Breakfast, 0800 Hours
- 24 September ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- October ~ Trustee Meeting; Date & Time To Be Decided (TBD)
- 22 October ~ Detachment Members' Meeting, Thursday, 1900 Hours
- 10 November ~ Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 November ~ Veterans Day
- 21 November Detachment Members' Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Thanksgiving Baskets)
- 7 December ~ Detachment Dinner / Installation of 2027 Officers
- 19 December Detachment Member Meeting, Saturday, 0900 Hours (Prep Christmas Baskets)

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 9-10 October ~ MCL VA Department Fall Meeting; Winchester, VA

NATIONAL MCL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 15 August ~ 2026 National Convention, Indianapolis, IN



Vietnam Era 3rd Marine Division T-Shirts

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\$18.00 each



If interested, contact Jake Peters

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FORMER CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

General Colin Powell's Thoughts On Leadership

THOUGHT #10

"Never let your ego get so close to your position that
when your position goes, your ego goes with it."

Too often, change is stifled by people who cling to familiar turfs and job descriptions. One reason that even large organizations wither is that managers won't challenge old, comfortable ways of doing things. But real leaders understand that, nowadays, every one of our jobs is becoming obsolete. The proper response is to obsolete our activities before someone else does. Effective leaders create a climate where people's worth is determined by their willingness to learn new skills and grab new responsibilities, thus perpetually reinventing their jobs. The most important question in performance evaluation becomes not, "How well did you perform your job since the last time we met?" but, "How much did you change it?"

To Be Continued...



John A. Lejeune
Detachment 332

13 June 2026

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DETACHMENTS 332 AND 853 MARINES





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE “DEVIL DOGS”

About the Military Order of the Devil Dogs

“The Marine Corps League, formed in 1923 by members of what had been the Marine Corps Veterans Association assimilated more than 40 existing marine oriented organizations that sprang up following the end of World War I. Comprised largely of veterans of the fierce fighting between the Fifth and Sixth Marine Regiments and the Germans, these returning veterans of the Great War (“the war to end all wars”) were called “Teufelhunde” by their German adversaries, literally meaning “Dogs of the Devil,” or as we now know, **DEVIL DOGS!**

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 the Devil Dogs 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 the Devil Dogs (the Order) has grown to strength of over 6,000 members.

The Order is organized in nearly every state where there is a Marine Corps League presence. Now in its 77th year, the Order boasts a semi-permanent headquarters in Michigan, a full-time Kennel Dog Robber, National Executive Secretary and Bookkeeper.

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.

The Order promotes good fellowship among the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments. It 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. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies whatsoever. The Order is also very active in raising funds for different charities.” ~ Marine Corps League Department of New York





THIS MONTH IN HISTORY:



4 July 1801

President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

7 July 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798

President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

18 July 1918

The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties

24 July 1944

The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

28 July 1918

Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany





DEPT OF VIRGINIA REPORT



Department of Virginia Spring Convention ~ 30 May 2026
VFW Post 3103 – Fredericksburg, Virginia

VA DEPARTMENT FALL MEETING
October 9-10
Winchester, Virginia

Membership Renewal
ANNUAL NOTICE
Membership Expires 31 August



RENEW TODAY WITH DETACHMENT PAYMASTER

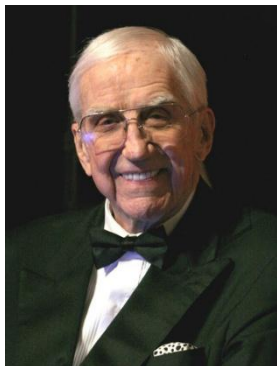
**NATIONAL MCL REPORT****15 August ~ 2026 National Convention, Indianapolis, IN****Proposed Changes to MCL National Bylaws (NBL) and National Admin Procedures (NAP) 2026**

<u>Number</u>	<u>NBL/NAP</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	NAP	NAP 7020 c	Original signed application attached to Membership Transmittal Form	Dept NC	Proposed
2	NAP	NAP 6015c	Duties of Detachment Install Officer	JA Dept NC	Proposed
3	NAP	NAP 10020f	NJA rulings submitted as changes	Det 1456	Proposed
4	NAP	NAP 7010a	Death of MCL Member Actions	NJA	Proposed
5	NAP	M/NAP2025	National convention streamers	Awards Cmte	Proposed
6	NBL NAP	NBL 810 NAP10025	Dept Bylaws/Admin Procedures on NBL 1105File at Nat HQS due dates	NJA	Proposed
7	NAP	NAP Encl 4	New MODD Ribbon Awards	Det 656	Proposed
8	NAP	NAP 7010a	Death of a MCL Member	Det 1273	Proposed
9	NAP	NAP Encl 4	Community Svc Ribbon	B. Borka	Proposed
10	NAP	NAP 3065	Det Service Office	B. Borka	Proposed
11	NAP	NAP 3060	Veteran Service Officer	B. Borka	Proposed
12	NAP	NAP 3055	National Director of Vet Service	B. Borka	Proposed
13	NAP	NAP 3095	National VAVS Rep	B. Borka	Proposed
14	NAP	NAP Encl 4	VAVS Awards	B. Borka	Proposed
15	NAP	NAP Encl 3	Medallions	Dept Missouri	Proposed
16	NBL	NBL 520	Ineligible for Membership	Det 734	Proposed
17	NAP	NAP 9105	Grievance/Discipline	Det 734	Proposed
18	NBL	NBL 515	Associate Membership	NJA	Proposed
19	NBL	NBL	NBL Section 318, 812, 813 Districts Added to Depts	NJA	Proposed
20	NBL NAP	NBL 930 NAP 6055	Meetings	Dept MI	Proposed
21	NBL NAP	NBL 415 NAP 2045	Elections	B. Borka	Proposed
22	NAP	NAP Ch 9	Notify NVC	NJA	Proposed
23	NAP	NAP Encl 3	Medallions and Collars	Dept Missouri	Proposed
24	NBL	NBL 615a	Election of Nat Officers	J. Baker, PNC	Proposed
25	NAP	NAP Encl 2	Americanism Program	Det 144	Proposed
26	NAP	NAP Encl 4	MODD Ribbons	MODD	Proposed
27	NAP	NAP 5015	Dept Installation	NJA	Proposed
28	NAP	NAP 6015	Detachment Installation	NJA	Proposed
29	NBL	NBL 515b4	Assoc Member Voting	Det 1162 JA	Proposed
30	NAP	NAP Ch 9	Sample Ritual	Dept NC JA	Proposed
31	NAP	NAP 9000d	Definitions	Dept NC JA	Proposed
32	NAP	NAP 9000e	Current Language	Dept NC JA	Proposed
33	NAP	NAP 9015b	Filing	Dept NC JA	Proposed
34	NAP	NAP 9015	Filing, Service of Copies	Dept NC JA	Proposed



DID YOU KNOW.....

Ed McMahon, an American announcer, game show host, comedian, actor, singer was a Marine?



Before achieving fame as Johnny Carson's sidekick on *The Tonight Show*, McMahon was a dedicated Marine Corps fighter pilot. He flew 85 combat missions in the F-5F Corsair during the Korean War. Time in service: 1941-1966. Served in World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War. Retired at the rank of Colonel.

VAU.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs**NEWS**

“HELP! I’VE FALLEN AND CAN’T GET UP!”

Eligible veterans can receive personal emergency response systems (PERS), or medical alert systems, at no cost through their local VA hospitals. These devices are provided as a VA-approved benefit to help veterans who live alone or are at risk of falling.

The VA partners with a few authorized medical alert suppliers to offer these systems:

- **Latitude Mobile Alert:** A portable device with GPS tracking, fall detection, and two-way calling. It texts up to six pre-programmed contacts, including 911.
- **MedEquip Alert:** A 24/7 monitored pendant that directly connects the wearer to an emergency call center.

How to get an alert system:

1. **Talk to your VA doctor:** Request a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) from your primary care provider or occupational therapist.
2. **Show medical need:** Your doctor will document the need for the device (e.g., risk of falling, cognitive concerns, or living alone).
3. **Get your device:** The VA will order the device on your behalf and have it
4. shipped directly to your home.



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To **REACH OUT** when a veteran is struggling



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FROM THE OBVERSATON POST



“A gentleman would rescue a man trapped in a well, but he
would not jump in himself.

He is not perfect, but he is not stupid, either.”

- Chinese proverb



- Anyone living in Chesapeake and needs a ride to our Detachment's meetings or activities, please contact us at **ChesapeakeMCL@gmail.com** or call or text one of our officers.
- I-RIDE, a service from the Peninsula Agency on Aging, offers rides to and from local VA clinics at no charge to veterans age 60 and over. The clinics include those in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and the newest one, the North Battlefield VA Clinic at 70 Knells Ridge Blvd, Chesapeake. You can book your ride at (757) 461-9481. **Make the appointment today!**



ATTENTION ON DECK!

MILITARY AND VETERANS' COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

Saturday, September 26th – 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Chesapeake Conference Center

DETACHMENT BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY:



Chris Clausen ~ 06 July

Bob Blackburn ~ 12 July

Joe Colby ~ 18 July

Harley White ~ 24 July

Richard Miller ~ 24 July



OUR MARINE CORPS

THE MARINE TIMES

By Michael Peck
09 June 2026

Marine Corps looks to equip armored vehicles with 360-degree cameras.



The U.S. Marine Corps is looking for 360-degree camera systems to fit on the LAV-25 and other armored vehicles.

The goal is to allow crews to operate their vehicles – and enjoy full situational awareness – even while buttoned up with the hatches closed.

The service is looking for fully integrated, turnkey systems that provide “complete situational awareness” and enable crews to operate the vehicle from within the hull with all hatches and doors closed on land, according to the Request For Information published by the Program Manager Light Armored Vehicles. The deadline is June 18.

PM LAV envisions a system with a minimum of four cameras and a maximum of 10 that merge into a single video stream to provide a combined 360-degree view.

The system should include infrared or thermal imaging for low-light conditions, a zoom feature, high-resolution video, such as 1080p or 4K, and accurate capture of colors “for maneuvering, local security, and identification of personnel, obstructions, and obstacles.”

While the RFI specifically describes the project as a “survivability upgrade [that] is intended to significantly enhance LAV platform,” it also mentions amphibious platforms like the Amphibious Combat Vehicle, as well as the Advanced Reconnaissance Vehicle. The ARV will replace the LAV-25, which was first deployed in the early 1980s.

The Marine Corps seems particularly concerned with allowing crews to close their hatches when their vehicles are in the water.

As the U.S. Navy’s Naval Safety Center noted with the Amphibious Assault Vehicle, “water will make its way into the vehicle, especially when operating with the top hatches opened. Reduce extra strain on the systems and prevent unnecessary water intake by ensuring everything that can be water-tight is.”

The RFI asks contractors to “describe how their 360SA systems support operations in maritime and littoral environments, including during swimming operations, ship-to-shore maneuvering, and low-visibility coastal conditions.”

This includes full situational awareness even while fully or partially submerged, and “optimized sensor layout for low-profile hulls and swimming posture.”

The camera system should also allow “detection and classification of surface vessels, navigation lights, and day shapes for collision avoidance.”

Crews must be able to use the cameras to “assess sea state, wave patterns, and visibility conditions that may affect swimming.” And, it should feature “real-time tracking and ranging of contacts in fog, surf, and low-light conditions.”

Companies are asked to provide evidence of prior deployment or testing in maritime or amphibious environments. The cost should be no greater than \$160,000 per vehicle, including all cameras, displays, software and other components.



THE MARINES



“Months of preparation, one of those few opportunities, and the judgment of a split second are what makes some pilots an ace, while others think back on what they could have done.”

~ Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, Black Sheep Squadron, during World War II

Major Boyington was the recipient of the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross.

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni

"Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever"

