

Commandant's Comments
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I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as your commandant this year. I hope that together we can continue to build on the success of the past to keep our detachment moving forward. We will need the help of all our members to accomplish what are the stated purposes for which the Marine Corps League was formed. To name just a few: “, To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marines Corps; To band together those who are now serving and those who have been honorably discharged together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the nation; To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life: To aid voluntarily and render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as their spouses, orphans, and parents: To perpetuate the history of the Corps, and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions.” These are not just words, but words we should strive to live by in our lives and in the work things we do as members of the Marine Corps League.

I thank the members who have agreed to serve our detachment this year as officers and staff, Fred Leenerts, Ed Whalen, Jorge Armhold, Joe Bagley, Kevin Hughes, Tim Bonner, Frank Williams and Kevin Rumsey. These gentlemen have committed to expend their time and energy to ensure the continued success of our detachment and the League. I ask that you continue to support us as you have so well the leaders in the past. A special thanks to Mark Byrd for his dedication and wise leadership this past year. Much has been accomplished in the three short years our detachment has been in existence and as we keep discovering there is more we want to do, but it can only be done with the effort of all hands. We will be calling on you for your help. Will you answer the call?

Semper Fidelis
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