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"Think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege"

- John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Merry Christmas

Ahh Yes! The season of giving is upon us once again! It's that time to start feeling all of those altruistic high's from thinking of others, rather than ourselves. When those in need are able to find a helping hand to put some food on the table and provide a gift or two for their children. With the economic situation that the country is in today, the need to give and assist those who are less fortunate is greater than it has been for many years. That's why we are so grateful to be related to the U.S. Marine Corps, and especially the Marine Reserves, with their wonderful Toys for Tots program. It's been 64 years since Major Bill Hendricks and a group of Marine Reservist first went out to collect and distribute toys (around 5000) to those less fortunate kids in the Los Angeles, CA area. Since then, Toys for Tots has distributed more than 4 million toys to more than 188 million children across the country, setting the benchmark for Christmas time, non-profit programs. With that being said, we Marine Corps Leaguer's need to pitch in, by helping the Reserves with collecting as many toys as possible this year and carrying on the tradition of being the kindest fighters in the world. So, let's make it our duty this year to not only give a gift from ourselves, but to go out and ask our neighbors, friends, and co-workers to kindly consider donating a new, unwrapped toy, as well. Fortunately, our friends at the American Legion #142 have made it easy for us to accomplish this mission, by providing an official T for T Central Drop-Off at the Post. All you have to do is take the initiative ask, then pick-up and deliver.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who was thoughtful enough to bring canned and dry goods food for the needy, to the last 2 meetings. Your initiative to help the hungry is one of the most appreciative things you can do for other people, especially during the holiday's. *Thank You again!*

Another group of fine folks we would like to thank, are those who kindly donated to the Ted Bolender Scholarship Fund. With your help, we have now raised over \$2000.00 that will go to assist our children and grandchildren in their bid to achieve a higher education. Of course, the end result of this will benefit us all, as our country always needs plenty of smart, innovative people to fill those important positions and jobs which keep America on top of this, so called, world economy. Again, your initiative to support this great cause is appreciated by us all.

To round things up, we must take the time to think about those who will not be with us this holiday season, as they have moved on to spend Christmas with the Supreme Commandant. Sadly, Marine David Knipp lost his grandson last month, and Marine Ric Bachour's mother recently passed away after a long struggle. Please remember to keep these men and their families in your thoughts and prayers over this season.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday and a magnificent New Year, and God bless our troops!

Semper Fi,

Scott Vulpis
Commandant,
MCL Det. 1058

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Detachment Digest - November 2011

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1058
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17TH, 2011
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST #142**



Meeting was called to Order by Commandant Scott Vulpis at 19:30 hrs.

Opening Ceremony: Sgt. at Arms Bob Coleman posted the colors and led the Detachment in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then declared the meeting open for official business. Acting Chaplain Jesse Bell read the Opening Prayer.

Roll Call: Elected Officers present: Cmdt Scott Vulpis, SVC Scott Egan, JVC Marty Winston,

Guests: Marine Mel Droszcz was our guest for the evening.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Copies of Minutes from the members meeting on October 20th, 2011, were passed around for the members review. A motion was made by Gene Bredeck to accept the minutes as presented and was seconded by Kevin Bolender and carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed.

Correspondence: Cmdt. Vulpis reported that the National HQ quarterly packet came in the mailbox with the latest roster, which reflected 81 members on record. He commented that we have had a good number of new members come in as of late, due to the Detachment web site, our Facebook page, and Marines from the American Legion 142, but that we have had a few members pass away this year as well, keeping the numbers just above 80.

Also, there was a memo from National HQ, that the MCL is ending their banking relationship with the Bank of America this coming Spring. If you currently have an MCL style VISA, Mastercard, or American Express card from Bank of America, you can continue to use it until the card expires, then they will replace it with a plain card that does not promote the Marine Corps League. If you currently have a BOA home equity loan or mortgage that was arranged through the MCL website or magazine advertising, nothing changes for you.

Additionally, we again, received another memo pertaining to the MCL Marine Mentoring program, where we look to help out Marines that are coming out of service, such as business owners helping them to get jobs. In response, Kevin Bolender relayed that Congress passed a bill on Veterans Day that would give business owners tax credits for hiring, post 9/11, unemployed veterans, coming out of the military.

Furthermore, Cmdt Vulpis relayed a message from Anna Davis, wishing then Marines a very Happy Birthday along with sending a kind donation.

Paymaster Report: Copies of the Paymaster Report were passed around for the members review. A motion was made by Bob Coleman to accept the report as presented and was seconded by JVC Marty Winston, and carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed.

Report of any Members or Family sick or in distress: PC Jesse Bell informed the members that his friend and supporter of the Detachment, Steve Lansingcamp had died at age 48. Cmdt. Vulpis, sadly, reported that Marine David Knipp's grandson had also passed away, and Marine Ric Bachour's mother had recently died, as well. Furthermore, he reported that PC Ed Johnson's wife, Alice, had fell and broke her elbow and had to go for a stay in the hospital.

Report of Officers: VSO Vito Rao reminded everyone that the VA needs everybody to come in and get there new electronic type I.D. Cards processed, which has all of your pertinent info. and medical history on it, so the veterans medical records can be easily accessed anytime, anywhere, especially during an emergency. Also, he again, reminded everyone about the Florida drivers license program that was honoring Veterans, where they place a letter "V" on your license, to help businesses to easily identify Veterans, so to pass on their program discounts. VSO Rao also, stated that Home Depot recognizes the "V" drivers license for a 10% discount. Marine Kevin Bolender, stated that the I.D. would get you a 15% at his Executive Hardware store, which is located at the 700 block of West McNab Road, in Pompano.

Old Business:

Detachment Meeting Protocol: Cmdt. Scott Vulpis informed everyone that contrary to what was passed on by a Dept. official, at the previous meeting, there was no written rule stating that you must have a red MCL cover to attend our meetings. Furthermore, we were told that we could not drink any alcoholic beverages at the meeting, as well, which is also, not a written rule. Therefore, Cmdt. Vulpis announced that, at his discretion, it was alright for the members to have a drink during the meeting.



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Detachment Advertisement, Status: Marine Gene Bredeck requested the floor to speak about ideas to help increase our membership and asked that we consider giving him the opportunity to handle recruiting for the Detachment. Kevin Bolender made a motion to establish a membership committee with Gene Bredeck as the chairman and was seconded by Marine Bill Amos, and was carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed. Furthermore, Marine Bredeck recently did some research on local advertising and believes that placing an ad in the "Observer" newspaper, would give us more needed exposure, with 30,000 readers, than the previously proposed ad for the Pompano Pelican newspaper. He was quoted by the Observer for a 3x5 black and white ad, for a four week run, for around \$300, and for a color ad, around \$400. Marine Harry Delaney, who has experience in advertising, commented that color was a very important part, because the eyes go directly to color when perusing, and he also he added that there should be some sort of "call to action" in the ad, as well. PC Jesse Bell made a motion to allow a budget of no more than \$400.00 to the membership committee to run an ad in the Observer for a 4 week period in December and was seconded by Kevin Bolender, and carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed. Cmdt. Vulpis relayed that the \$180.00 that was previously approved and designated for the Pompano Pelican ad was still available, as his computer had broke down from a power surge and he was unable to finish producing and sending the proposed Detachment ad to the newspaper. Another motion was made by Kevin Bolender to redirect the \$180.00, previously approved for the Pompano Pelican, to be part of the \$400.00 that was approved for the membership committee's use for the Observer ad. The motion was seconded by PC Jesse Bell, and carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed.

Another idea Marine Bredeck mentioned, was to produce Detachment Business cards for everyone to hand out to potential members, they may meet.

Marine Bill Amos recommended we look into producing our own Detachment, MCL logo, car decal, similar to the round Marine Corps emblem decals.

Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, Follow up: Cmdt. Vulpis spoke on the evening's events, saying there were over 60 people that had attended the affair and everyone had a good time, and made a lot of nice comments about the evening, especially, how good the food was, from Lucarella's Italian Restaurant. He also commented on the fine job that was done by the Deerfield Beach High School, Marine JROTC, while conducting Color Guard and Cake Escort duties. Furthermore, he added that the Detachment had made their annual donation of \$500 to the Marine JROTC, which would help them to pay for such program items as uniforms, equipment for drill, and marksmanship program needs.

Honor Guard Formation: Cmdt. Vulpis announced that Marine Don Justis had inquired about starting an Honor Guard detail, and if anyone was interested, to come see him after the meeting.

Young Marines of Miami, Trip to Pearl Harbor: SVC Scott Egan relayed that the Bruce Carter Detachment in Miami was helping to sponsor the Young Marines of Miami, to go on a trip to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to perform a wreath laying ceremony on December the 7th, 2011, and was asking other Detachments for donations to help support the trip. SVC Scott Egan recommended a \$250.00 donation from the "B Account". A motion was made by PC Jesse Bell to approve that amount, seconded by Gene Bredeck, and carried to a unanimous vote, none opposed. Also, PC Jesse Bell then suggested that we look into forming our own Young Marines organization here in Broward County.

Open Agenda: SAA Bob Coleman asked us to consider having next years Birthday Ball / Celebration, at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club and volunteered to head up next years Ball committee.

Closing Ceremony: Being there was no further business, Sgt at Arms, Bob Coleman conducted the closing ceremony and Acting Chaplin, Jesse Bell followed with the closing evocation. Sgt. at Arms Bob Coleman, announced the next meeting will be on, Thursday December 15th, 2011, at this same time and location.

CARRY ON!

Meeting adjourned at 20:55

The Marine Reserves, Toys for Tots, Toy Drive

The Detachment will be collecting unwrapped, new toys, for the 2011 Christmas Season, at our upcoming Christmas Luncheon on 12/14/11, and at our next Members Meeting on 12/15/11.

Please Remember, Toys that are Not Allowed:

- No Military / Law Enforcement, theme Weapons.
- No Stuffed Animals or Teddy Bears.
- No Toys with Candy.
- No chemicals (ie: experimental labs, acid, crystal projects, etc.)



Don't forget to kindly remind your family, friends, and co-workers to donate a new toy, as well!



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THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MENTORING PROGRAM

Among the basic tasks of every Detachment in the Marine Corps League is Recruitment and Induction of new members. The purpose is to promote growth of the League and it's subsidiary units... Only in this manner can the organization prosper. Until recently, the League struggled to increase it's overall members on a substantial track. We lost members as fast as they were sworn in. There were, and are, reasons for this. A number of our Marines passed on, some became less active due to health or medical issues and many left because of inactivity within their detachments.

These are a viable reasons, but they can all be countered with good reasons why the membership should and could, sustain their numbers, even with the scenarios suggested above. We lose more members for one reason and one reason only. 'They don't feel included in the social fiber or culture of the detachment.' We receive letters and e-mails on a daily basis, voicing these same concerns. This is where the "Mentoring Program" enters into the equation.

If you examine this closely, you will find two major concerns... First is the "fading away" of many older members. The second is the loss of new members. Both situations must be addressed.

The fact the we are vigorously building a detachment we can be proud of, should stimulate greater interest among area Marines and Corpsman to want to belong, This is good! In order to build upon this renewed interest, it is proposed here that the detachment develop a "proactive approach" to the induction of it's new members and in an effort to reach out to our members who are either temporarily or chronically unable to take an active role in the detachments programs.

In an effort to grease the wheels, so to speak, it is proposed that the detachment initiate the "Mentoring Program" that will match up "Old Salts" with our new recruits as a way to ease them into full membership in the detachment. At the same time, it is also proposed that we initiate programs within the detachment to reach out to our brother and sister Marines and Corpsman, whose ability to get around is restricted.

The Mentoring Program was devised so that all detachments can incorporate into their ongoing recruiting and retention efforts... It is cost free and it works! The following steps are easy to follow and in a short time, you should see measured results.

1. Create a strong bond between the OLD and NEW.
2. Develop in new members a feeling that they too are part of the unit.
3. Encourage and increase open communication among the members.
4. The member that brings a new member into the unit, should be that Members "Mentor" until the new member feels comfortable.
5. The Commandant of the Detachment shall assign the duties to the Junior Vice Commandant to administer this program and keep close watch on the progress of the program.

ALL MEMBERS SHOULD TAKE PART IN THE MENTORING PROCESS.

DO NOT FORGET THE MEMBERS THAT ARE INCAPACITATED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.....SHOW THEM THEY ARE STILL PART OF THE UNIT.

HOMEBOUND BUDDY PROGRAM

Along with the Mentoring Program, we need to develop a system for maintaining contact with Marines who, for a myriad of reasons, are having difficulty getting to detachment meetings and other functions.

These men and women probably started the detachment/unit and kept it operating through some difficult times. They now find themselves unable to keep up the pace and are in danger of falling out of the ranks. Many of them have begun to lose contact with the League and even the community at large.

Marines have a long history of taking care of their own. However, we sometimes lose contact with our old friends and ship mates. That should not be allowed to happen. Unless we take positive action to prevent it, we shall soon lose an important part of our history.

In that light, we propose that the Chaplain initiate a program to organize volunteers, responsible for maintaining contact with fellow Marines and Auxiliary members who, because of age or infirmity, can no longer be as active as they once were.

The volunteers would make regular contact by telephone or e-mail or any other means of communication available. The goal is to improve our lines of communication and regenerate the process of inclusion.



A Marine Corps Christmas Poem

*Twas the night before Christmas, they lived far from home,
In dark sandy quarters, but not all alone.
After clearing the checkpoints, and with presents to give,
I wanted to see the Marines, who in these quarters did live.*

*As I looked about, an awesome sight I did see,
Some of the few and the proud, US Marines.
Some young, some old, with boots full of sand,
Marine Corps brothers, with rifles in hand.*

*Seeing bravery, courage, and toughness in mind,
A sobering thought came through my mind.
For these quarters were different, housing hard-charging Marines,
Who make it through, with various routines.*

*The only easy day, was the one they got thru,
Uncommon valor, still a common virtue.
Yet their spirits were high, minds and bodies were strong,
Despite the months, that were trying and long.*

*These were the heroes, of whom I had read,
Whose main purpose was, to make the enemy dead.
I knew the Americans, who I saw on this night,
Owed their lives to these men, the first ones to fight.*

*Soon 'cross the country, Americans would rise,
Ready to celebrate with joy in their eyes.
Each one enjoyed freedom, each day of the year,
Because of Marines, like the ones I saw here.*

*I had to wonder, how many deeds went unknown,
Of the men spending Christmas, in a land far from home.
Thinking of this, brought tears to my eyes,
My knees hit the deck, and I started to cry.*

*Some Marines turned to me, saying "Santa don't cry"
"We're here for a purpose, we'll get these bad guys".
We fight for freedom, each other the Corps,
And for this reason, we'll win this war.*

*Before turning away, they said "this is our job"
I couldn't control it, I continued to sob.
I continued to watch and silently weep,
Seeing the Espirits de Corps, that ran so deep.*

*But a Marine came to me, eyes steady and voice sure,
"It's Twenty-Five December, so carry on Santa, all is secure".
In that instance I knew, the cause was just and right,
"Merry Christmas Marines, Semper Fi and good night"*

Written by Jessica, Wife of a 1/7 Marine.

Intracoastal Det. 1058 Christmas Luncheon



Wednesday December 14th, 2011,

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

at Packy's Sports Pub

4480 N Federal Hwy, Lighthouse Pt.

**For Further info., Contact SVC Scott Egan
at (561) 504-0556**

***"Don't forget to bring a new unwrapped toy for
Toys for Tots"***



Welcome in 2012

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Marine Corps History

Origin and Evolution of Toys for Tots

By Colonel William L. Hendricks USMCR (Ret)

Toys for tots Began in 1947, when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane crafted a homemade doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children". Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which we use today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme composed by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers and Billy Ray Cyrus are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. First Lady Nancy Reagan served as the national Spokesperson in 1983. First Lady Barbara Bush served as the national Spokesperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.



From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November, and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys.

From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. Three factors dictated this change. First, the Secretary of Defense's Total Force Program, introduced in the 1970's, assigned Reserves a greater role in America's defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists had to dedicate every minute of weekend drill time to honing and polishing combat skills. No time was available to refurbish toys. Second, public awareness of the health and safety aspects of toys that developed during the '70s made distribution of used toys legally inadvisable. Third, distributing "hand me down" toys does not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will assist in building self-esteem and, in turn, motivate less fortunate children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In the late 1980s, the Marine Corps determined that a non-profit charity was needed as an integral part of the overall national Toys for Tots program. Based on this need, the Secretary of Defense, in August 1991, authorized the Marine Corps to recognize and work with a charity committed to supporting Toys for Tots. Based on this approval, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation became an operational organization in September 1991 and has been the fundraising and support organization for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program since that date.



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The Foundation was able to satisfy the five needs identified by the Marine Corps. First, the Foundation could provide toys to supplement the collections of local units that had fewer Marines due to military cutbacks of the '80s and '90s. Second, the Foundation could arrange and pay for the creation, publication, manufacture and distribution of promotion and support materials to Toys for Tots Coordinators. Third, the Foundation could enable individual and corporate donors to Toys for Tots to take a charitable deduction on their income tax returns. Fourth, the Foundation could enter into contracts with corporations to conduct promotions, which would produce royalties for Toys for Tots. (Needs three and four were two important elements of this charitable endeavor that the Marine Corps, as a federal agency, could not fulfill). Fifth, the Foundation could ensure that the Toys for Tots program operates in compliance with IRS regulations, state laws and regulations and charitable standards.

In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U. S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

In 1996, the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve expanded Toys for Tots to cover all 50 states by authorizing selected Marine Corps League Detachments and selected local community organizations (generally veteran Marine), located in communities without a Marine Reserve Center, to conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in their communities as part of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

In 1999, the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve delegated authority to the President, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to approve and manage local Toys for Tots campaigns conducted in communities without a Reserve Unit.

2001: Despite the trauma the nation experienced as a result of the September 11th attacks in New York City, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania, the economic downturn and the anthrax scare, the 2001 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign was the second best in the previous 54 year history of the program. Local campaigns were conducted in 388 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. This was the most extensive coverage to date.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation celebrated its 10th anniversary as the fundraising and support organization for Toys for Tots in 2001. The highlights of the year were that the Foundation had its most successful campaign to date plus was ranked #289 in the 2001 "Philanthropy 400". This was the first time the Foundation earned a ranking in the "Philanthropy 400".

In 2002, Charity Navigator awarded the Foundation a 4-star rating and the Chronicle of Philanthropy ranked the Foundation #267 in the "Philanthropy 400".

In 2003, the DMA Nonprofit Federation named the Foundation the "Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of the Year" for 2003. The Chronicle of Philanthropy ranked the Foundation #341 in the "Philanthropy 400". Starburst ranked the Foundation website #9 of the "Top 100 Toy Websites". Reader's Digest, in the November 2003 edition, named Marine Toys for Tots Foundation "America's Best Children's Charity". In December 2003 edition, Forbes included Marine Toys for Tots Foundation in its "Gold Star List" of charities.

From 2004 to the present the Foundation has continued to receive, on an annual basis, the accolades noted above.

Over the 64 years of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, Marines have distributed more than 400 million toys to more than 188 million needy children. This charitable endeavor has made U. S. Marines the unchallenged leader in looking after less fortunate children at Christmas. Over its 18 year life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 81.3 million toys valued at more than \$487 million; plus has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$6.3 million.



Source: <http://www.toysfortots.org>

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Veterans News

New VA Identification Card

How do I get an Identification Card?

When you apply for enrollment in person at any VA, your picture will be taken for your Veteran Identification Card (VIC) at that time. If you apply via mail or on-line, you will need to go to your local VA medical center and a staff person will take your picture. Once your eligibility for VA health care has been verified, the card will be automatically mailed to you within 7-10 days. To ensure the VIC Card is received at the appropriate address, please be sure they have your correct mailing address. If the US Postal service cannot deliver the card, it will be returned to the facility where the Veteran requested the card.



The new VIC card was introduced in 2004 to reduce Veteran vulnerability to identity theft and to demonstrate the VA's commitment to securing the confidential personal information of enrolled Veterans. Unlike the old ID card, the new VIC does not contain any sensitive, identifying information, such as your social security number or date of birth on the face of the card. The VIC now displays the following special eligibility indicators: Service Connected, Purple Heart, and Former POW. Veterans with the old version of the VIC card must replace the card with a new card and should report to their local VA Medical Facility to have a new card issued.

VIC's cannot be used as a credit or an insurance card and does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities. If you lose your card or do not receive your card in the mail, contact the VA where your picture was taken to request a new card be sent to you. You may also contact :

1 (877)-222-VETS (8387) to check on the status of your card.

Forwarded by VSO Vito Rao

Senate Bill to Help Unemployed Veterans

*By Doresa Banning,
November 10, 2011*

Just in time for Veterans Day, the Senate overwhelmingly approved legislation Thursday to help unemployed U.S. Veterans land jobs. Veteran unemployment has been a source of government attention in recent months, as unemployment rates for veterans remain above rates for civilians.

Bill gives tax credits to companies that hire vets

The bill, which was approved by a 95-0 vote, would allow for creation of tax credits to encourage businesses and other organizations to hire veterans. It would provide up to \$9,600 to companies hiring disabled vets who've been out of work for at least six months, up to \$5,600 for employers hiring veterans who've searched for a job for at least six months, and up to \$2400 for those hiring veterans who have been jobless for four or more weeks.

It would expand education and job training services for veterans, improve employment counseling for active service members and provide an extra year of occupational services for disabled veterans.

Of the veterans who served since Sept. 11, 2011, about 240,00 or 12 percent, are unemployed.

Forwarded by JVC Marty Winston

Semper Fidelis

George Lamonica
Owner

Mom's Kitchen



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1940 N.E. 45 Street (Floranada Rd.)
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Memo From MCL National HQ

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS AND BY MUTUAL CONSENT, THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO ALLOW OUR BANKING RELATIONSHIP WITH BANK OF AMERICA TO EXPIRE IN THE SPRING.

WHAT THE DECISION MEANS TO YOU:



IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE VISA, MASTERCARD, OR AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD FROM BANK OF AMERICA, YOU CAN CONTINUE TO USE IT, HOWEVER, WHEN THE CARD EXPIRES, THEY WILL REPLACE IT WITH A PLAIN CARD THAT NO LONGER PROMOTES THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A HOME EQUITY LOAN, LINE OF CREDIT, ECT. WITH BANK OF AMERICA THAT WAS ARRANGED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR MAGAZINE ADVERTISING, NOTHING CHANGES FOR YOU.

WHAT DOES CHANGE IS THAT IN THE PAST, BANK OF AMERICA PROVIDED THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE WITH A REBATE BASED ON OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP USAGE OF THEIR CHANGE CARDS AND OTHER PRODUCTS. THOSE REBATES HELPED SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND ALLOWED US TO KEEP OUR NATIONAL DUES AS LOW AS THEY ARE. THE SUPPORT FROM BANK OF AMERICA WILL NOW COME TO AN END.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE:

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEVERAL CREDIT CARD PROVIDERS TO REPLACE BANK OF AMERICA SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE OUR MEMBERS WITH AN ENTIRELY NEW AND EXCITING CREDIT CARD PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MORE OPTIONS AND GREATER BENEFITS.

WHAT DO WE WANT YOU TO DO?

ONCE THE DECISION IS MADE AND A CONTRACT IS SIGNED WITH A NEW PROVIDER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT TO HELP THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WORK FOR YOU, YOUR MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, AND THE NEW PROVIDER. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU DETERMINE THAT YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE NEW PRODUCTS AND THE RATES ARE AS GOOD AS OR BETTER THAN WHAT YOU ARE CURRENTLY PAYING, YOU CAN APPLY FOR NEW CARDS WITH THE NEW PROVIDER, TRANSFER YOUR BALANCES TO THE NEW CARD AND CANCEL YOUR OLD BANK OF AMERICA CREDIT CARD. THIS WOULD BE A WIN-WIN FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.

STAY TUNED AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT -

NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2011
American Legion Post #142, 171 S.W. 2nd Street Pompano Bch, FL
Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.

See You There!



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Detachment Officers

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JOIN TODAY

Intracoastal Detachment 1058

Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm
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