MCL Riverview Detachment 1226



A Message From Your New Commndant

To reiterate what I brought up at the last regular meeting, it would be Marine worthy for our members to focus on recruiting, retention, and coming to the regular monthly meeting. We need your ideas for the

above as to how we can further increase donations for our coffer to aid programs that we are committed to support. We are in that time of the year for the Rose fund drive and I like to report that our last couple of weeks are going well, each month totals will be announced at our regular meeting by our paymaster Mr. Tucker. We need to get assistance for these and our other programs. Remember the VFW breakfast, third Sunday of month, bring the whole family and eat all you can handle for a mere \$7.00. Semper Fi Marines (to include all service members)

Ed Becker

Detachment Joins Greater Riverview Chamber of Commerce



Effective May 13, 2015 Marine Corps League Riverview Detachment 1226 's application for membership in the Greater Riverview

Chamber of Commerce was approved by the Commerce Board of Directors.

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History of the Women Marines

Since 1918, women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marines and the role of women in the Marines has evolved and expanded. All Women Marines can look forward to the future proudly, while never forgetting the women who made this

future possible.

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha Mae Johnson is credited as the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918; during that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943. June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.



Today --Women serve in 93 percent of all occupational fields and 62 percent of all billets. Women constitute 6.2 percent of the Corps

Yard Sale



Volunteers and donations are needed to keep this project going, salable items only. Items can be dropped off during the sales on Sunday or brought to the member-

ship meeting. We need at least two people for each 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Jack Skelding or Walt Ryan for further details.

VFW Monthly Breakfast

Support your Detachment by attending our monthly breakfast at the VFW Post 8108. The breakfast is on the third Sunday of each month from nine until noon & open to the public. Bring your family and friends for an all you can eat meal prepared by former mess duty personal. Price is\$7, menu includes: eggs to order, bacon, sausage, hot cakes,

grits, sausage gravy, bisquits, juice and coffee. Mark your calendars: July 19, Aug.16, Sept. 20..

The Marine Corps Rose

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood, Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances take and wear one proudly.

<u>THE PROGRAM:</u> Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

- health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.
- Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes.
- scholarships
- assist youth programs
- Humanitarian Aid

By the way, that date for the next Rose Fund is 4 - July Our next meeting is 7 - July. We will succeed!



For more info contact Jim Johnson 813-269-4187



I WANT YOU:



Meeting Notice

Just a friendly notice to all concerned.

Our membership meeting are the first Tuesday of each month beginning with a pizza social at 1800 followed by the regular business meeting starting at 1900. The meetings are held at the American Legion Post 148 locate on US 301 South and usually last approximately one hour.

Mark your calendar, we need you.



A Day At The Ball Park



