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MCL Riverview Detachment 1226



Marine of the Year - Walt Ryan



Below is the nomination letter submitted for Walt to the MOY committee. The vote for Walt was unanimous.

Walt is a consummate Marine and is a shining example of what the Marine Corps League is all about and represents.

Walt has been a member of our Detachment for several years and has always been in the forefront

of volunteering for numerous events as part of the Honor Guard and all of the other events that we conduct. He is our current bell ringer, shooter, and when called upon, our bugler.

Walt always attends our VFW breakfasts and is usually collecting funds for the meals--he always adds to the camaraderie with friends and customers.

Walt came up with the idea for the Detachment to purchase a Marine Corps wreath that we use at all events that are conducted at the Vets Park and other events that the Detachment is involved with. He researched where to purchase the wreath, proposed it to the membership to obtain concurrence, purchased the wreath, brings the wreath to all veterans' events, and stores the wreath for later Detachment use.

Walt set in motion a proposal to erect a Marine Corps Flag in front of the Alafia Post 148 American Legion. He researched the costs, located a company to place the flag, and provided this information to the Detachment membership for approval. His efforts led to the American Legion authorizing the placement of this flag on Legion property. This will be a proud reminder to all of the honor and pride of the Marine Corps.

Walt built a flag platform in the bed of his pickup truck so that the MCL could have a place to show our colors during local parade events.

Whenever our Detachment held the MCL Fall Conferences, Walt was always there to support our Detachment in whatever area that he was needed.

Walt stepped up to the plate when others declined to be our MCL Junior Vice.

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Anonymous

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Chaplain's Message

Our sick and interned need our pray. We have ten MCL members, Associates and wives who are on the MCL Riverview sick or needing prayer list. Each month note cards are sent out and phone calls are made. In November, Stan Horman and Gene Chrismer were visited in their homes. The visits were a thrill to my heart as these who are in such need of prayer and encouragement were such an encouragement to me personally. Each of these gentlemen missed not coming to the monthly meeting, the first Tuesday of each month.. This should be a challenge to all of us to be at the MCL meetings and to play an active role while we still have the health to do so.

Scripture instructs us to pray for all in authority. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 says, "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." We need to pray for all our leaders – our judges, police chiefs, educators, school board members, military officers, elected officials, and others who serve our country in leadership.



Bid for 2016 Fall Conference

The process for submitting a bid to host the 2016 Fall Conference has been started. Submitting a bid does not guarantee that we will be selected to hold the event as there might be other Detachments within the Department that also might want to host a conference.

It is required that the bid be submitted no later than the Department Convention in June but it is my intention to submit it prior to the Spring Conference in April. That way if it is approved early it will give us more time to arrange our committees to insure that it runs smoothly.

If approved we will need several committees to solicit ads and put together a booklet, gather items to be raffled, establish a hospitality room as well as volunteers to work at various tasks during the four day period that a conference lasts.

Jack Skelding
Adjutant

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Message fro the Adjutant

Well the last few months have been busy. We participated in the Ruskin Veterans Day Parade, the Honor Guard took part in the Veterans Day Ceremonies held at Veteran's Park and Serenity Meadows. They also were a part of two Pearl Harbor Day Remembrances on December 7th. One at Little Harbor in Ruskin and the other at Veteran's Park. Additionally, the Honor Guard provided a firing detail and taps at the Wreaths

Across America event at American Legion Post #5 in Tampa. We celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday where the Commandant presented awards to many deserving members of the Detachment and announced Walt Ryan as this year's Marine of the Year. Walt was not in attendance due to a medical problem so the Commandant made a special trip to his home and recognized him there.

There was much too due for the Toys for Tots drive. Several Detachment and Auxiliary members placed boxes at various locations for the collection of toys. Members were on hand at a Buccaneers game to help with the collection of toys and cash. We provided support for the AM-VETS Motorcycle run that was conducted for Toys for Tots. There was also the involvement with picking up toys from five post offices and making sure they were delivered to the distribution warehouse in Tamp. We also had people collecting toys and cash at two Tampa Bay Lightening games.

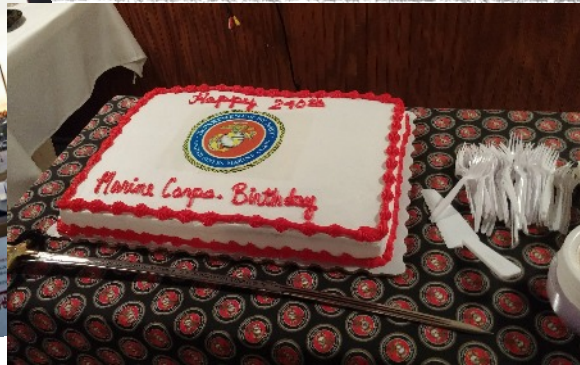
We are looking forward to another busy year and always needing volunteers to help with our programs. We do a monthly breakfast at VFW Post 8108 Riverview on the third Sunday of each month and there are the twice a month yard sales on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at American Legion Post 148. The Honor Guard always is in need of more volunteers. They have a busy schedule. The Detachment is going to submit a bid to host the 2016 Fall Conference to be held in October. If it is approved, we will need help there also. We know that you cannot do everything but would ask that you step up and be counted when you are able.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If you do not celebrate Christmas may you have a Happy Holiday season.

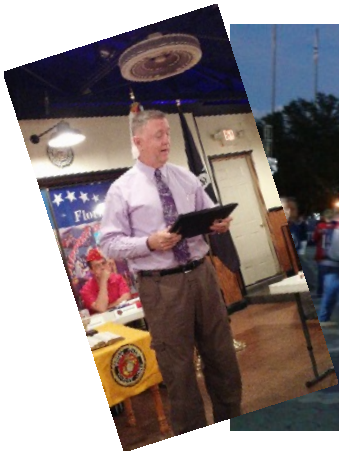
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Gun Salute Tradition

What many mistake for a 21-gun salute is actually an honor guard team firing three volleys from rifles. This tradition comes from traditional battle cease fires where each side would clear the dead. The firing of three volleys indicated the dead were cleared and properly cared for.

A **three-volley salute** performed at funeral ceremonies is the firing of three rifle volleys (rounds) over the graves of fallen armed forces members and political leaders and can be traced to the European dynastic wars, when fighting was halted to remove the dead and wounded. Once an area was cleared of casualties, three volleys were sent into the air as a signal to resume fighting. Three, five or seven Marines can perform a three-volley salute

A **21-gun salute** is the most commonly recognized of the customary gun salutes that are performed by the firing of cannons or artillery as a military honor. The custom stems from naval tradition, where a warship would fire its cannons harmlessly out to sea, until all ammunition was spent, to show that it was disarmed, signifying the lack of hostile intent. As naval customs evolved, 21 guns came to be fired for heads of state, or in exceptional circumstances for head of government, with the number decreasing with the rank of the recipient of the honor.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK & COUNCIL MEETING & EVENT CALENDAR 2016

Jan 2, 2016	Saturday		
Jan 9, 2016	Saturday	Field of Honor Ceremony	11:00 AM
Jan 16, 2016	Saturday		
Jan 23, 2016	Saturday	KOREAN WAR RE-DEDICATION	11:00AM
Jan 25, 2016	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Jan 27, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Jan 30, 2016	Saturday		
Feb 6, 2015	Saturday		
Feb 13, 2016	Saturday		
Feb 20, 2016	Saturday		
Feb 24, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Feb 27, 2016	Saturday	GULF WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION	11:00AM
Feb 29, 2016	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Mar 5, 2016	Saturday		
Mar 12, 2016	Saturday		
Mar 19, 2016	Saturday		
Mar 26, 2016	Saturday	Welcome Home Vietnam Vets & Medal of Honor	11:00 AM
Mar 28, 2015	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
Mar 30, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
April 2, 2016	Saturday		
April 9, 2016	Saturday	POW/MIA MEMORIAL DEDICATION	11:00 AM
April 16, 2016	Saturday	Field of Honor Ceremony	11:00 AM
April 23, 2016	Saturday		
April 25, 2016	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
April 27, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
April 30, 2016	Saturday		
May 7, 2016	Saturday	World War I Dedication	11:00AM
May 14, 2016	Saturday		
May 23, 2016	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00PM
May 25, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
May 28, 2016	Saturday		
May 29, 2016	Sunday	Memorial Day Celebration	11:00AM
May 30, 2016	Monday	Memorial Day at Serenity Meadows	9:00AM
June 4, 2016	Saturday		
June 11, 2016	Saturday		
June 18, 2016	Saturday		
June 25, 2016	Saturday		
June 27, 2016	Monday	Veterans Council Meeting County Ctr, Brandon	6:00pm
June 29, 2016	Wednesday	Museum Meeting County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM