

Scuttlebutt Newsletter



2021 is our turning point to get back together as a Detachment. We have missed the camaraderie, fun and participation in fundraising activities that we used to do before COVID 19.

How would you answer these two questions...

Question 1: What do you want to get out of this detachment?

Example answer. Participate in patriotic events, parades, ceremonies and color guard

Question 2: What new programs or activities would you like to participate in?

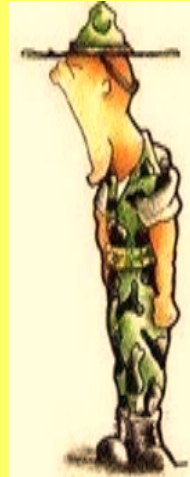
Example answer, Social events on a regular basis, potluck dinners.....

Please send your answers to SVC at usmc.topcat@gmail.com

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Monthly Business Meeting
Last Wednesday of each month
Muster: 1900 hours
VFW Post 8587
1000 N College St,
Georgetown, TX.



Officer's Call Meeting
3rd Wednesday of each
month
Muster: 1800 hours
Simmer Down Cafe
4701-1 Williamson Dr.
Georgetown, TX.



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Commandants Message

Marines, FMF Corpsmen and Associates

It is with great pleasure to announce that your elected and appointed Detachment Officer's were sworn in on 31 March 2021.

Commandant, Al McClymond
Senior Vice Commandant, TC Moyer
Junior Vice Commandant, Gus Kawell
Judge Advocate, Charles Haight
Adjutant/Paymaster, Gus Kawell
Chaplain, Keith Longacre
Sergeant at Arms, Jesse Galvan

TC Moyer was also sworn in as Department of Texas District 4 Vice Commandant.

Congratulations to all. (See page 10 for pictures)

With elections behind us, it's time for the chairpersons to really buckle down and get your goals and objectives completed per the closure plans TC provide you back in January.

You'll report your committees progress at the Officer's Call and at the Order of Business meeting when "Report of standing committees" is asked for.

Attention

Department Convention Waco Texas June 24-26, 2021

Adjutant/Paymaster needs to know by name who plans on attending the Dept. Convention, so we know how many delegates we will have for voting representation at the Convention.

Please read Dept. of Texas 2019 Administration Procedure Section 2025. Credentials – Delegates, Alternatives, & Members

Within this newsletter there is information on how our detachment can help assist Clifton Williams and his family.



Semper Fi
Al McClymonds
Commandant

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Thoughts and Prayers

Clifton Williams went back into the hospital for his second surgery. He and his family can use your prayers.

At our 31 March business meeting a motion was passed to assist Clif and his family when he returns home with some good home cooked meals.

Note: The point of contact is Joe Pondrom at 512-656-5382 Please give Joe a call and let him help you make your dinner arrangement drop off at Clif's.

Your call to Joe is important so he can help schedule the meals with Clif and family, so they won't be overrun with food.

Clif is hoping to be released to go home by Sunday 4 April.

I believe your meals should at least expand for a couple of weeks. Joe will let everyone know when to stop providing food.

Jimmy Hill's father has been battling cancer. Our sincere thoughts and prayers goes out to Jimmy's father and his family.



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Committee's Reports

Always Faithful Exhibit - Chairperson Bobby Vasquez

- Florence Library currently has the Display. In May it will go to Jarrell Library. I'm still in the process of locking in other locations.

Raffle - Chairperson Jesse Galvan

- With the cost of firearms, the committee will investigate alternative raffle options and bring forward for motion for vote.

Recruiting Opportunities - Chairperson Gus Kawell

- Working on setting our recruiting goals
- May 29 Reunion Ranch, Annual Heroes Appreciation BBQ: at the Veterans Resource Center. We'll have a tent, applications but we need volunteers to man the tent. Please contact Gus if you can help man the tent for an hour or two.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball - Chairperson John "Doc" Weed

- Looking into 3 options for Hall availability
- Looking into 3 catering options
- Please take this survey: How many of you would buy tickets to the MCBB? This is a way we could see if it's feasible or not to have a MCBB this year.

Awards and Certificates - Chairperson TC Moyer

- 31 March Awards were presented to members for Meritorious Commendation (Individual) which authorized them to wear the Meritorious Individual Commendation Ribbon. For some of you who didn't make the ROI TC has your Award.



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Good of the League

Recruiting Opportunity:

Just outside Georgetown at the Reunion Ranch, they hold an Annual Heroes Appreciation BBQ: at the Veterans Resource Center.

Heroes Night Out is proud to host the largest BBQ event in Central Texas, which is free for our military, veterans, first responders and their families to attend. We are expecting over 4,000 Veterans, Active Duty Service Members, First Responders and their Families from all across Central Texas to attend, up from 3,800 in 2019.

Our main goal is to provide a great day out where our Heroes can relax, enjoy family fun activities, delicious BBQ and connect with others (all free of charge).

Over 50 Veteran Service Organizations will be in attendance, allowing these men and women a way to access the services and resources they have earned. We are planning to host this wonderful event Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 10am – 3pm.

It is a great event to see what is available at Union Ranch, meet some Vets, check out the Vendors and Booths, and enjoy some great BBQ.

Here is the web link: <https://heroesnightout.org/>

2. Info:

Good news, the department will have a 10 X 10 Booth there which all detachments from Dist. 4 can use

What I am requesting is for volunteers to help man the Booth in shifts to reach out and talk to the visiting vets and enjoy the BBQ.

The event is 5 hours (10AM to 3PM) and by coordinating and planning we can have teams in the booth, walking around, and eating so no one is manning the booth for 5 long hours.

3. Concept:

Be prepared to talk about the Marine Corps League, have applications available, and using the map, help the Marine locate a Detachment near their home.

Although most attending will be local, within a 50 mile radius, there are about 10 Dets and throughout Texas there are about 50 Dets.

4. Participation:

If you have never been to the Reunion Ranch, it is a fun event, great venue, and plenty of parking with great food.

Williamson County has begun planning their participation.

That leaves CenTX, LPL, and Qualls.

Please help us with this event.

I will be there as well.

5. Coordination:

Gus Kawell will be the POC for Williamson County MCL



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Good for the League

Here are the next major conventions/conference events.

Dept of Tx MCL

Date: June 24-26, 2021

Location: Waco, Tx

Place: 1801 N Development Blvd., Waco, Texas 76705

Holiday Inn & Suites Waco Northwest

Reference Link: <https://txmcl.org>

We will have a half page advertisement of our Detachment in the Department Convention program book.

Joe Pondrom will check to see if he has old ads and provide them to the Adjutant/Paymaster and Commandant for review at our next Officer's meeting.

Fall Conference

Now accepting Detachment bids for 2021-2022. Do we want to take this on?

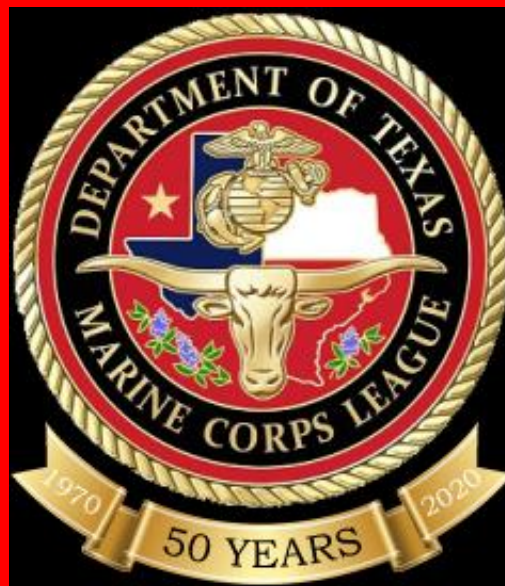
2021 MCL National Convention (Hotel Reservations are now in the overflow hotel)

Date: August 8-13, 2021

Location: Springfield, IL.

Place: 700 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL.

Wyndham Springfield City Centre



Announcements

Awards Ceremony Dates for JROTC

Round Rock H.S. No Date
Scholarship
Citizenship

East View H.S. No Date
Scholarship
Citizenship

Hendrickson H.S. April 20-22
Scholarship Victoria Vidaurri
Citizenship Emily Roberts

Vista Ridge H.S. April 21
Scholarship
Citizenship Cadet Petty Officer Third Class Andrew Baker

Hutto H.S. No Date
Scholarship
Citizenship

Stony Point H.S. April 22
Scholarship
Citizenship Cadet Christopher Smalley

McNeil H.S. No Date
Scholarship
Citizenship

Westwood H.S. No Date
Scholarship
Citizenship

MCL and Marine Clothing Available

Norman Tougate brought in some of Gil's MCL shirts as well as Marine polo shirts. (size medium)
If you would like to see what's available come early to our next Business Meeting.



ROI Pictures



2021 Elected Officers



2021 Elected Officers Taking Oath



2021 Commandant Taking Oath



2021 Commandant Receiving Gavel



2021 TC Moyer new District 4 Vice Commandant



2021 TC Moyer Receiving District 4 Vice Commandant Cover

Awards



Roberto Vasquez 2019 recipient of the MOY, is presenting the 2020 MOY award to Gus Kawell



From left to right, Joe Pondrom, Gus Kawell, Roberto Vasquez



TC presenting MCL Certificate of Appreciation to Kathey and John Pendleton for displaying the United States Flag 24/7.

Meritorious Commendation – Individual award presented to:

Al McClymond, James Rodriguez, Charles Haight, Christopher Buecker, Gus Kawell, Charles Levy and Bill Hoch.

Commandant walking for the JROTC's

Our Commandant did the Walk-A-Thon at Hutto HS as a fundraiser for the JROTC's that we support.

Al, walked 12 straight hours to support and raise money for the JROTCs. You need to pledge a minimum of \$2 a mile or pledge a flat donation to help support our Commandants effort.

Make your pledges to TC Moyer usmc.topcat@gmail.com he'll add it to the pledge list.

We'll collect your pledge monies at our 28 April Business Meeting.

Thanks for your support!

