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Life

God Country

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J. R. Spears Detachment #066
Pensacola, FL
Founded January 19th, 1984 by
William D. Carter

★ **May 15 2021** ★

Detachment Officers

MEETINGS

Day & Time:
2nd Tuesday of each month
at 1900

Location:

National Guard Armory
8790 Grow Drive in the
Ellison Park Industrial

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<http://mclfl.org>

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<http://sediv.org>

MCL Website:

<http://mclnational.org>

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A Message from the Commandant

We want to thank CW05 Rob Fernandez for providing strong leadership of the detachment for 3yrs. Rob kept us leaning forward through the pandemic. Well done, Marine.

Now it is time to "Breathe Life" into the detachment for years 2021-2022.

We have a strong agenda of Marine Corps League Activities:

- Car and Motorcycle Show
- Heroes Among Us Speaker Series begins 27 May
- Two or three Rock-A-Thons
- New Member Welcome Aboard at Shaker Lounge at Pensacola Beach
- Social gatherings 1 per quarter
- Semper Fi 5k Run on 13 November
- Marine Corps Birthday Ball with Pensacola Yacht Club Marines
- Wreaths Across America Exhibition 2 October at Veterans Memorial Park, laying of wreaths on 18 December and removal on 8 January Fort Barrancas National Cemetery

Other interactions with the community will include:

The restoration of the Marine Pelican to his place of honor at the corner of Garden & Palafox.

Summer Social with the Navy League 16 September

So how can you HELP our detachment to:

- Increase membership?
- Increase participation?
- Increase helping veterans in our community?

Everyone has Time, Talent, and Treasure to share with our community.

You can call me 770-377-5618.

Semper fidelis,

Karl Schwelm

CPL J. R. Spears Detachment, Pensacola, Florida

Minutes May 11th Detachment Meeting:

Commandant Karl Schwelm called the meeting to order at 1900 at the National Guard Armory, 8790 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL.

There were 23 members and 1 guest present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Commandant opened the meeting with review of the Marine Pelican Maintenance Committee chaired by Norm LaFontaine and Dave Glassman, Recognition of Bravo Zulu performances by members Chuck Lea, Joann Gossett, and Bob Rivera for work done to ensure the Car show and the Cracker Barrel Rock-A-Thon were fun and successful. Then he discussed the opportunity to assist the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon with the Wreaths Across America exhibition at Veterans Memorial Park on 2 October.

Ops – Rob Fernandez (for Ken Morrow) went over May events and future operations for June -August

Paymaster report – membership dues need to be paid by Aug 1st. report was approved by Chuck Lea and 2nd by FITIZE

HAU Foundation -Status report from Ed Rouse

Event Project lead – MCL Car show 24 April was cancelled due to inclement weather. Next year event will be April TBA. Need for purchase of an 18x32 GP tent to be researched and cost voted on during 2021.

Public Affair Officer Ed Rouse – Celebrate America, schedule and posted published

Open to members

Introducing new members and guest

Bring new ideas to the staff meeting

Caveman – Semper Fi 5K will be 13 Nov 2021

Bob Rivera –commit to 2 more Rock-A-Thon events; one at Cracker Barrel and one at Texas Roadhouse TBA.

Zack – Young Marines – held yard sale at VFW in Elberta, AL 8 May; YM will provide color guard for the 27 May HAU; spoken request for MCL members to attend and support the YM mess night on 31 July at the VFW in Elberta, AL

Rob – Social potluck in late summer. MCL trailer needed new tires. Wrap for the MCL trailer to be upgraded and pricing for new wrap illustrations.

Closing comments:

Jr. Vice Commandant - Update your phone and address and email so the Buddy Check initiative will be effective.

Chaplain - Prayers for our members. MasterGunz Rivera told of home visits to members.

Commandant gave some brief closing remarks to remember Memorial Day. “Sacrifices Made. Sacrifices Not Forgotten”.

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Mark Your Calendars

{Check Our Website for More Info on Events}

May Events

4 May – Staff mtg

11 May– Command mtg

27 May– 1st HAU event

June Events

1 Jun – staff mtg

8 Jun – Command mtg

24 Jun – 2nd HAU event

Rock-a-Thon

The Sunday morning started out at 7:30am as some of the Marine Corps League members came together for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel before our first Rock-A-Thon fundraiser of 2021.

Thank you, Young Marines for a job well done in greeting each of the Cracker Barrel customers while holding the door open for them.

Thank you Bob Rivera for a job well done in putting the event together.

I believe this was the 13th year of having the Rock-A-Thon thanks to the manager at Cracker Barrel, Todd Lawyer.

As always, Ebbie Jermyn, our unofficial historian brought uniforms from past to present and his books on the history of wars and some biographies of famous Marines.

Donations kept coming in throughout the day totaling nearly \$900.00.
Thank you to all Marines who helped out. We had 20 MCL and 6 Young Marines in attendance.



Bob Rivera and Karl Schwelm spent visiting with the sponsors of the Marine Corps League Car show. Our league is very appreciative of their generosity which helps our detachment to serve fellow veterans. Semper fidelis!



List of Car show sponsors:

Days Inn Pensacola
PODS of Pensacola
NAPA Auto Care Center
McIntosh & Rouse Tax & CPA Services
Guy Brothers Roofing
First Stop Auto Center
Smith Family Carpets
Westgate Airpark
Lifted Life Customs
Pensacola Indoor Shooting Range
Coastal Equipment & Hydraulics
Hirst Transmission Specialists
Xtreme Truck and Auto
Panhandle Alarm & Telephone Company
Navy Federal Credit Union
Frontier Motors
Pensacola Motorsports
Employee Solutions
Coastal Family Insurance
Joann A Gossett
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Jansen Kitchen & Bath
Able Auto Repair
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Charlie Barnes Automotive & A/C
Fletcher's Towing
Mike Ryan's Truck & Auto
Five Flags Speedway





VA Services for Veterans and Families

Why seek Veteran Services?

Community and Family Support is important to a Veteran's treatment and recovery. Veteran Services do more than help the Veteran's recovery, they promote healing for the whole family.

VA Medical Center

The VA main campus in Biloxi, Mississippi, offers medical and mental health hospitalization, specialty outpatient care, extended care for older Veterans, and short-term residential treatment for PTSD and/or substance use. Veterans are encouraged to include their families in working with the health care team to ensure long-term recovery.

Biloxi VA Medical Center

(228) 523-5000

Behavioral Health Acute Inpatient Unit

(228) 523-4725

(228) 523-5727

Residential Rehabilitation and Treatment Program (RRTP)

(228) 523-5201 or (228) 523-4682

VA Outpatient Clinics

Primary Care is the entry point to VA Outpatient Care. Primary Care Social Workers offer help with referrals to VA and community resources. Behavioral Health staff are available to provide treatment for mental health, substance use, and relationship issues. VA Chaplains are available to help with spiritual support. Veterans may ask their VA Primary Care team for a referral tailored to their unique situation.

Biloxi VA Medical Center

400 Veterans Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 523-5000 or (800) 296-8872

Mobile VA Clinic

1504 Springhill Ave. Mobile, AL 36604
(251) 219-3900 or (888) 201-0110

Pensacola/Joint Ambulatory Care Center

790 Veterans Way
Pensacola, FL 32507
(850) 912-2000 or (866) 927-1420

Eglin VA Clinic

100 Veterans Way
Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542
(850) 609-2600 or (866) 520-7359

Panama City Beach VA Clinic (Primary Care) 2600 Veterans Way Panama City Beach, FL 32408 (850) 636-7000 or (888) 231-5047

VA Panama City Beach Clinic West (Behavioral Health) 140 Richard Jackson Blvd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407

(850) 636-7000 or (888) 231-5047

VA Vet Centers

Vet Centers are part of the VA health care system. In addition to providing outreach and readjustment counseling to combat Veterans, they also offer couples counseling for families. Counseling to Veterans about military sexual trauma is also available.

Biloxi Vet Center

288 Veterans Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39531
(228) 388-9938

Mobile Vet Center

3221 Springhill Ave. Building 2, Suite C
Mobile, AL 36607
(251) 478-5906

Pensacola Vet Center

4504 Twin Oaks Dr.
Pensacola, FL 32506
(850) 456-5886 or (877) 927-8387

Okaloosa County Vet Center

6 11th Ave., Suite G 1
Shalimar, FL 32579
(850) 651-1000 or (877) 927-8387

Bay County Vet Center

3109 Minnesota Ave., Suite 101
Panama City, FL 32405
(850) 522-6102 or (877) 927-8387

2021

Continuing
American Legion
Edward J. Spurr (Retiree/Member)
Presents, Hosts

HEROES AMONG US

SPEAKER SERIES

WHEN: Thursday Evenings, May - October, 6 pm <i>See website for times</i>	WHERE: Saville Quarter 141 S. Orange St. Pensacola, FL	Representing those who have distinguished themselves in combat, from crew members and search of the ground forces.
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2021 SCHEDULE

27 MAY

Lieutenant Colonel Frank Adams, USMC
Rescue in Vietnam... Remembering Lieutenant Colonel & Medal of Merit

24 JUN

Captain Nathaniel Nelson, USAF
Aviation Under Fire... Air Force Special Operations Command

28 JUN

Coast Guard Night
Seagoing Patriots

28 AUG

Sergeant Major Justin Lebow, USMC
Lower No One Behind... Navy Cross

30 SEP

Lieutenant Jack Valnoty, USN
Classified Marine - Air Search, Republic of Vietnam

28 OCT

Captain Bill Clark, USA
Search Vietnam



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