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Past Commandant Message

Looking ahead to 2012 – Junior Past Commandant Scott DuPree

We have made it through November, which includes “Marine Week” as my friend Norm Froscher used to call it. All the activities can be dizzying. And now is the season to enjoy our families and friends, and to be thankful for all we have, for there are so many who are less fortunate in so many ways.

As we look forward to 2012, it is time for all of us to think for a moment about what our organization should be. I think it should be a big group that enjoys coming to meet-

ings. I think it should be a group that caters to the young people as well as our retired members. I think it should be a group that goes out to community events and represents the League in force.

What do you think? Whatever it is, the first step is to start coming to the meetings. We can discuss what we think we should do. But we must also be willing to roll up our sleeves and make it happen. There is a proverb that says, “If the wind will not serve, then take to the oars.” I think it is time we start rowing.

My challenge to you is this: make a difference. Look at the calendars, upcoming events in the community. Think about what we could be doing to be a better unit. Then come to our Saturday morning meetings (starting January 28th) and offer your ideas AND your help to your detachment leaders.

Semper Fi

Scott

THE MARINES AND THE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
WANT YOU





FUTURE MEETINGS

DECEMBER

****No MCL Meetings****

**31 Young Marines
Breakfast**

JANUARY

**17 MCL Staff Meeting
28 MCL Regular Meeting
& YM Breakfast**

2012 MEETINGS

Will be held on the
4th Saturday of each
month. Breakfast
starts at 9:00 and
\$5 cost benefits our
Young Marines.
The meeting will start
at 10:30. Location is
the VFW Post 2811
on Waldo Road.

Happy Holidays



חג חנוכה שמח



Happy Chanukah



Commandant Message

Sincere wishes for all to have a safe and Happy New Year
and a Merry Christmas.

Semper Fi, Dick

MC December Events In History

December 7, 1941 - A Day in Infamy



On a peaceful Sunday Morning on the island of Oahu in Hawaii, the United States was thrust into the war that they were trying to avoid. At just before 8:00 AM nearly 200 Japanese planes attacked the Airfields at Pearl Harbor followed quickly by another wave of torpedo bombers that attacked the ships that were anchored there. A total of nine ships were sunk, including the USS Arizona, and 21 ships were severely damaged. Over 2,300 Americans were killed in the attack and nearly 1,200 were injured. (Photo: USS Arizona / AP)

Six of our M.L. Young Marines participated in this years anniversary parade in Hawaii.

<http://www.pearlharborevents.com/pearl-harbor-day-70th-anniversary-commemoration.html>

15 December 1948 The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

20 December 1989 Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

9 December 1992 Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

If This is Santa — You Better Be Good!



NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

JANUARY

Nominations will be made

FEBRUARY

Elections will be held

MARCH

New Officers will be posted



**NEW meeting time and
place will begin in
JANUARY.**

**Fourth Saturday of each
month**

**9:00 AM breakfast
10:30 AM meeting**

VFW Post 2811

GatorDet Regular Meeting Location

**VFW Post 2811
1150 NE Waldo Rd**



**NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER**



**NEW LOCATION
AND TIME IN
JANUARY**

**This change is to
benefit those who do
not like to drive at
night. Hopefully this
will be more
convenient for
everyone.**



TOYS FOR TOTS program is under way. Some 3,600 Alachua County children will be receiving toys for Christmas this year. Coordinator is Eric Kidwell.

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MCL Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps.

Banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.

Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

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