



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - SOUTH COAST DETACHMENT

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The Newsletter of the Marine Corps League South Coast Detachment 022

Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT

Dear Detachment Members, Friends & Supporters,

Currently we are fortunate to have 50 Regular Members, 41 Associate Members and 58 Life Members on our Detachment's Roster. For our Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Chaplains that is an earned right and for our Associate Members it is a Privilege. Upon entering our brotherhood and sisterhood we take an Oath to uphold the standards, virtues, and principles of our Marine Corps and how we will conduct ourselves as we participate in our Detachment's affairs.

In addition to celebrating and enjoying our comradery it is our individual obligation to fully participate, contribute and make a difference for those that we serve. Our constituency includes our active-duty Marines and their families, our Detachment's Membership and those Veterans that live in our surrounding communities. To this end, when a new Member is admitted, as are existing Members who are just as accountable, they should be prepared to become involved, be proactive, and in time if they are well suited, take on leadership positions.

As a result of this "Call to Action" our Detachment will thrive, prosper, and accomplish our multiple missions for which we were founded. No longer can we sit idle while others do the work. It is time to shoulder our responsibilities and lead from the front. I look forward to our new and old Members alike taking these words to heart as it means being part of a Detachment that "Makes a Difference" versus becoming dormant without direction.

Let us move forward and not regress backward. The Challenge is yours to pick up and Advance the Flag.

Semper Fidelis,

**Commandant Marine Corps League South Coast
Detachment 22
First Sergeant (Retired USMC) Coburn, Nelson A.**

PAST OUTREACH & FUNDRAISING EVENTS

During the past year the Marine Corps League South Coast Detachment has undertaken many outreach and fundraising events. Below are a few examples of things that we were able to accomplish. We would like to thank all our Sponsors, Volunteers and Members who worked tirelessly to ensure that we were able to fundraise and give back to our active-duty Marines, their families, and Veterans within our community.

The events held are as follows:

• **CONCERTS IN THE PARK (FUNDRAISING): JULY & AUG 2023**

The Marine Corps League hosted six Sundays by supporting Dana Point Concerts in the Park with the organization of our Spirits Garden. During these concerts the city had approximately 2,000-10,000 who enjoyed the live music. In order to facilitate the patrons with the Spirits Garden we were able to get some much-needed help from many active-duty Marines from Camp Pendleton with their families to assist alongside our regular membership. After the completion of these events, we were able to fundraise **\$31,455.**



• **IWO JIMA GOLF TOURNAMENT (FUNDRAISING): AUG 2023**

Last year we hosted our inaugural golf tournament at Bella Collina Golf Course where we were able to sponsor **46 Marines/Veterans** for a total of **144** golfers. We were able to generate **\$20,254** in fundraising. We were able to give a total of \$10,000.00 to two double amputee Marine Veterans to help support them and their families.



• VETERANS EXPO (OUTREACH): OCT 2023

The Detachment was able to have an inaugural Veterans Expo at the beautiful Casa Romantica in San Clemente. We hosted 15 vendors from Colleges, Businesses and various non-profit Organizations to support the local veteran community. We provided a light lunch and refreshments at no cost. We had the 5th District Supervisor Katrina Foley & Mayor of San Clemente Chris Duncan assist the Detachment handing out Scholarships to deserving Veterans and their families in the total amount of **\$17,500**. This event was in collaboration with the *Dana Point VFW Post 9934 and the San Clemente American Legion Post 423*. We also had support from the JROTC program from San Clemente High School. Lastly, we were able to donate \$10k to Casa Romantica to ensure we can continue hosting this Veteran Expo into the future yearly at no further cost.



• VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ (OUTREACH): OCT 2023

After a long year full of fundraising events the Detachment provided at no cost a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ for our members, volunteers and their families.

• 2/1 RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT (OUTREACH): NOV 2023



Upon 2/1 returning from their recent deployment, we ensured that we were ever present by providing light food and drinks to the families waiting on their Marines to return.

• 2/1 THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE (OUTREACH): NOV 2023

The Detachment was able to provide 50 turkeys with all the rest of the fixings for a wonderful family dinner, which was provided from Family Assistance Ministries.

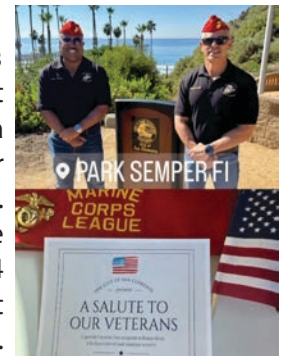
• 2/1 SINGLE MARINES THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON (OUTREACH): NOV 2023

We provided refreshments, snacks, and desserts for the Marines living in the Barracks during their Thanksgiving dinner provided by the City of Santee.



• VETERANS DAY SUPPORT FOR SAN CLEMENTE (OUTREACH): NOV 2023

On November 11th the Detachment helped coordinate & facilitate a Veterans day at Park Semper Fi for the City Council of San Clemente. In conjunction with the Heritage Foundation, the Mayor and the 2/4 Marines, we had a wonderful event to remember our fallen and Veterans.



• 2/1 CHANGE OF COMMAND (OUTREACH): NOV 2023

The Detachment was able to provide light refreshments during the Change of Command for the outgoing LtCol Baker and incoming Commanding Officer LtCol Onischuk and their families. This is part of a rich tradition that the Marine Corps continues when Commanders finish their tour and depart.

• 2/1 POST AND RELIEF (OUTREACH): NOV 2023

The Detachment was able to support the Post of SgtMaj McGovern & Relief of SgtMaj Bautista of 2/1 with light refreshments for their families and friends. This is another rich tradition that the Marine Corps continues by exchanging the sword from the outgoing SgtMaj to the incoming SgtMaj to signify the post and relief.

• MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

(FUNDRAISING): NOV 2023

Marine Corps Birthday was hosted at the beautiful Laguna Cliffs Marriott in Dana Point where we were able to get 70 active-duty Marines and their dates sponsored to attend. We had 289 in total



attendance. We had the 74th District Assemblywoman Laurie Davies, the 5th district Supervisor Katrina Foley, Mayors from both cities of Dana Point and San Clemente, and many other dignitaries from the community to witness and celebrate our heritage.



• 2/1 CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE (OUTREACH): DEC 2023

The Detachment was able to conduct toys for tots drive within the community with various locations of boxes for toys. After our campaign we were able to provide over 3,000 toys to active-duty families for the holidays.



• 2/1 CHRISTMAS DINNERS (OUTREACH): DEC 2023

We were able to provide 50 hams along with the rest of the meal for a wonderful Christmas dinner. We were able to facilitate this campaign in conjunction with *Nobel Vikings out of Newport Beach*.

• 2023 EMERGENCY GRANT \$ 400,000

The Detachment also wrote and was awarded an emergency grant in the amount of **\$400,000 for Veterans and their families in Orange County District, which was extended to over 100 families** through scholarships, needed home improvements, medical assistance, community outreach donations to various non-profit organizations.

Furthermore, the 5th District County Supervisor, Katrina Foley awarded two members of the Detachment, **Tony Faulkner as Veteran of the year in Laguna Niguel** and **Nelson Coburn as Veteran of the year in San Clemente**.

• VETERAN’S COMEDY NIGHT (OUTREACH/ FUNDRAISING): JAN 2024

The Detachment helped sponsor a “Comedy Night at the San Clemente Casino” featuring the talents of active and retired service members and family members and in partnership with a local non-profit, My Creative PTSD. The event raised \$5,000 for veterans with PTSD.



• FESTIVAL OF WHALES (FUNDRAISING): MAR 2024

We conducted a fundraiser during the Dana Point Festival of Whales, raising \$25,000 for continued use in veteran and community outreach.



• MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES (OUTREACH): MAY 2024

In honoring those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice, the Detachment supported the City of San Clemente Memorial Day Observance with volunteers, the laying of wreaths and the motivating support provided by our Young Marines Detachment. We also assisted in the Memorial Day Observance at Park Semper Fi which featured guest speaker, Brigadier General Rob Weiler, Assistant Division Commander for 1st Marine Division.



• SAN CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC CHANGE OF COMMAND & PROMOTION CEREMONY (OUTREACH): MAY 2024

The Detachment was honored to receive an invitation from San Clemente High School AJROTC to help celebrate a momentous occasion for the Change of Command and Promotion ceremony. The ceremony recognized the student’s dedication and achievements of those stepping into new roles and responsibilities. Our detachment also provided the evening meal for all in attendance (approx. 100).





• MARINE CORPS LEAGUE- DEPARTMENT OF CA STATE CONVENTION: JUNE 2024

The Detachment was represented to the State Convention in Downey, CA by our Commandant, Nelson Coburn and Sr. Vice Commandant, Amede' Hanson.

In addition to the MCL training provided, meeting members from other Detachments throughout CA, our Commandant, received the award for "California Department Marine of the Year" for his outstanding leadership and his impact with the MCL to the community.



• SAN CLEMENTE ELKS LODGE FLAG DAY CEREMONY (OUTREACH): JUNE 2024

The San Clemente Elks Lodge hosted a Flag Day Ceremony in which our Detachment participated in the ceremony with a reading of the history of the American Flag and seven flag bearers provided by 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. Flag Day commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for the first national flag.



• LONG BEACH VA HOSPITAL- CONVALESCENT (OUTREACH): JUNE 2024

The Detachment assisted with a BBQ meal and camaraderie for 100 patients from the Long Beach Veterans Hospital in coordination with MCL Big Stick Detachment 1496 from the USS Iowa, San Pedro, CA.



2024 SCHEDULE JANUARY - AUG

MONTHLY MEETINGS @ Elks Lodge San Clemente

Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 19* • April 16
May 21 • June 18 • June 16 • Aug 20

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 3 Comedy night @ Casino San Clemente
- Feb 20 Detachment Leadership Nominations
- Mar 2 Festival of Whales (Parade)
- Mar 3 Festival of Whales (Spirits Garden)
- Mar 19* Detachment Elections
- July 14 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- July 21 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- July 28 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- Aug 4 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- Aug 11 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- Aug 18 Sundays Concerts in the Park Dana Point
- Aug 28 IwoJima Golf Tournament - Tijeras Creek Golf Club

DETACHMENT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Commandant</i>	Nelson Coburn
<i>Sr. Vice Commandant</i>	Amede Hanson
<i>Jr. Vice Commandant</i>	Randy Horner
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	Greg Munck
<i>Adjutant</i>	Eric Taylor
<i>Sergeant-At-Arms</i>	Lawrence Robinson
<i>Paymaster/Finances</i>	Sonia LeTourneau
<i>Chaplain</i>	Dennis Kushner
<i>Junior Past Commandant</i>	Pete Hammer
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<i>Procurement/Fundraising</i>	Nelson Coburn & Pete Hammer
<i>Logistics</i>	Gordy Pardee & Richard Gorham
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<i>Good of the Order</i>	Tina Fornadly



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