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

★ January 2018 ★

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://marinecorpsleaguepensacola.org>

Department of FL Website:

<http://mclfl.org>

Southeast Division Website:

<http://sediv.org>

MCL Website:

<http://mclnational.org>

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A Message from the Commandant

January focus is on Marine Corps League focus on ideas for fundraising. Thank you for all who attending or participated in all the events had this year. Thank you for giving for Toys for Tots, the foster children and vets in distressed. Please do not forget that elections are coming soon. If you want to run submit your name.

May your new year be blessed.

Semper Fi, Caveman Holzworth, Commandant, CPL J. R. Spears Detachment, Pensacola, Florida

No Minutes for December 2017 Detachment Meeting:

Due to Christmas Party

From the Paymaster..."Now Hear This"

Members that not updated their membership will be drop from the detachment. Detachment Dues remain \$45.00 per year, and may be paid either by going on line to the Detachment website "marinecorpsleaguepensacola.org" or by check made out to "MCL Det 066" and mailed to: Marine Corps League, CPL J. R. Spears Detachment 066, P. O. Box 3491, Milton, FL 32572

For any questions, please contact the Detachment Paymaster, Ben Sandoval, (850) 572-0554 or "bensand48@hotmail.com".

Mark Your Calendars

{Check Our Website for More Info on Events}

January Events

7 Jan – Fundraiser idea for the new year at Commandant house

9 Jan – Detachment meeting

"MCL Shake-a-Thon and Christmas Party 2017"

SandShaker, Pensacola Beach, FL

December 10, 2017

Marine Corps League came together for fun and help raise money for MCL and donated toys for the foster children or for Toys for Tots. We raised over \$900.



"Marines Gift of Giving 2017"

December 2017

Our Marine Corps League have great giving hearts in donating toys to Toys for Tots and almost 80 foster children. A few of us went down and help out Toys for Tots at O'Riley's Irish Pub.



Ben, Doc Ed, Mary Schaier and myself went to the party for the foster children. It was emotional to see all precious children because it was their first real Christmas that they had. The looks of some of these children receiving their gifts were a sight to hold. All of these children re living with foster parents and the only real homes that they know, most are waiting fro their own forever homes. God bless them and watch over them.



Our future is determined by voices of veterans

posted on November 30, 2017

By Mary Dever



One of the most important ways a veteran can effect positive change is to advocate for it with our elected leaders. At DAV's national convention each year, members gathered to discuss and approve the organization's legislative and public policy goals for the upcoming year.

These legislative goals are based directly on resolutions submitted by DAV departments and chapters across the country, with DAV members serving as the driving force behind the organization's advocacy mission. This year, at the 96th annual DAV National Convention in New Orleans, members adopted 149 resolutions to support and direct advocacy efforts on behalf of injured and ill veterans, families and survivors.

“Our legislative program is successful because our members are willing to speak up about issues that matter most,” said National Legislative Director Joy Ilem. “We fight every day in Washington to ensure Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs hear the collective voice of DAV members. Participation in the resolution process at the chapter and department level is critical, and provides a guide for important policy and legislative decisions we make every day on behalf of the organization.”

Following is a partial list of key resolutions adopted at the 2017 convention. To see the full list of resolutions, visit davy.org/learn-more/legislation/resolutions.

Disability compensation and other benefits

- Oppose reduction, taxation or elimination of veterans benefits.
- Support legislation to increase VA disability compensation rates.
- Oppose any proposal that would reduce payments of VA disability compensation by payments of Social Security disability insurance or any other federal benefit paid to a veteran.
- Support legislation wherein service in the waters offshore Vietnam establishes a presumption of exposure to Agent Orange.
- Support legislation to remove the prohibition against concurrent receipt of Survivor Benefit Plan and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.
- Support legislation to provide service connection for disabling conditions resulting from toxic and environmental exposures.
- Support legislation to provide realistic cost-of-living adjustments.
- Expand presumptions for service connection for former prisoners of war.
- Support legislation authorizing the presumption of service connection for all radiogenic diseases, and eliminate dose exposure estimate requirements.

Medical and health care services

- Strengthen, reform and sustain the VA health care system.
- Support legislation to provide comprehensive support services for caregivers of severely wounded, injured and ill veterans from all eras.
- Support enhanced medical services and benefits for women veterans.
- Ensure timely access to quality VA health care and medical services.
- Support program improvements and enhanced resources for VA mental health programs.
- Support enhanced treatment for survivors of military sexual trauma.
- Support humane, consistent pain management programs in the veterans health care system.
- Improve the care and benefits for veterans exposed to military toxic and environmental hazards.
- Support legislation to establish a comprehensive program for traumatic brain injury rehabilitation.
- Support sustained and sufficient funding to improve services for homeless veterans.

General issues

- Support sufficient, timely and predictable funding for all VA programs, benefits and services.
- Support legislation to remove the prohibition against concurrent receipt of longevity retired pay and veterans disability compensation for all longevity-retired veterans.
- Support veterans' preference in public employment.
- Protect veterans from employment discrimination when receiving health care for service-connected conditions.
- Support the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.
- Extend military commissary and exchange privileges to service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents.
- Seek the immediate release of any Americans who may still be held captive following any war, and the return and identification of the remains of any Americans who died during those wars.
- Extend space-available air travel aboard military aircraft to all 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans.
- Extend eligibility for mortgage protection life insurance to service-connected disabled veterans rated permanently and totally disabled.
- Increase the face value of Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance (RH).
- support the continued growth of Veterans Treatment Courts for justice-involved veterans.

Announcements

Yearly Dues

For members who pay their dues annually the dues are now \$45 for renewals and \$52 for new members. The \$52 includes the cost of the name tag.

New Members

There is a change in procedure for new members in that they will receive a membership packet when they provide a copy of their DD214. Then they will be sworn in at the following monthly meeting.

Life Membership Dues

AGE GROUP	As of JUL 2017
0 - 35	\$500
36 - 50	\$400
51 - 64	\$300
65 - Over	\$200

Note: Must already be a Member in "Good Standing"

Ship's Store

Members wishing to purchase MCL merchandise, including covers, may do so by contacting the Marine Corps League Ship's Store at 800-625-1775 or visit www.mcleague.org.



Wreaths Across America



They accept donations year around. Visit their website www.wreaths-across-america.org for further information and consider making a donation to help them continue this outstanding program. The Young Marines of Pensacola are selling wreaths locally for \$15 each.



In Remembrance of Our Fallen

Vengeance 01 (HMLA-469)
Pegasus 31 & 32 (HMH-463)
CAPT Jeff Kuss (Blue Angel 6)
KC-130T (VMGR-452)

PSD ID Card Processing Hours and Information

ID CARDS and DEERS ISSUES are handled between 0730 HRS and 1600 HRS, Monday through Friday. The Customer Line may be tagged prior to 1600 hrs to accommodate the volume of customers.

If you require an ID card, you must have 2 forms of identification. In addition, military dependents must be accompanied by the sponsor or have a Power of Attorney for the sponsor AND a DD-1172 signed by the sponsor and an ID Verification Official. Please bring any required documentation needed for the requested service.

To assure that your ID CARD and DEERS issues are handled in a timely manner, it is suggested that you make an appointment at the following website:

<http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>

Please contact our office if you have questions.

PSD Pensacola, Bldg 680
421 Saufley Street, Suite B
850-452-3617

Businesses supporting the J.R. Spears Detachment of the Marine Corps League

Detachment Member Owned Businesses



Steve Sanderson
Automotive Alternative
6426 Pensacola Blvd.
Pensacola, FL 32505
850-857-1222



Earl Wright.
Alarm Direct
850-776-7873
Smart Security and
Surveillance Solutions



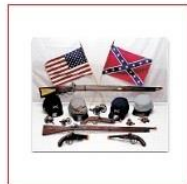
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438 E. Government St.
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SMITH FAMILY CARPETS
7865 Pine Forest Road
Pensacola, FL 32526
850-944-5888



Tom Armstrong
More Ink For Less
120 Chief's Way, Suite 1
Pensacola, FL 32507
850-455-1234

Community Owned Businesses



Del Lozano
T&D Gallery of Gifts
Pea Ridge Flea Market
5186 Hwy 90 Booth #33 & 34
850-450-7825



Medals to Honor, Inc.
"Honoring Those Who Serve"
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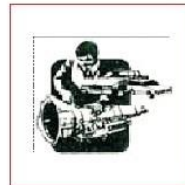
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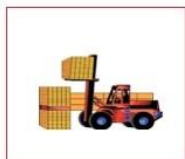
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