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

★ **Feburary 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://sediv.org>

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A Message from the Commandant

This year is going to be better than last year with your help. Please do not forget that elections are coming soon. If you want to run submit your name Tom Fitzgerald.

May your new year be blessed.

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

Minutes January 9th Detachment Meeting:

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

There were 36 members and 2 guests present.

Opening ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

Sr Commandant Fernandez gave opening remarks about the nomination committee: Tom Fitzgerald and Ben Sandoval. If interested please submit nomination to Tom Fitzgerald at fitzgerald346@aol.com or call 850-206-6873. Positions are commandant, senior vice commandant, junior vice commandant and SJA. These are elected positions. Other position which is appointed by the new Commandant are S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, S-6, Web Gunny, and paymaster. The other shop billets that are appointed by the commandant are Adjunct, PAO, Chaplain, Sgt of Arms, and Service Officer

Nominations close in February command mtg.

Elections and appointments will be held on March command mtg.

New fundraising event schedule. Car Show will move to Spring 2018. This will de-conflict resources and Sponsorship Campaign for better return.

Need a Web Gunny who step up to the plate

Ron Smith as set a date with Five Flags speedway will be on the 27th and the 28th of April. The 27th will be Military Appreciation Night with military vehicles out there and set up. The 28th will be the car show.

Ben Sandoval says we are also going to add motorcycles to the car show. Including Auto/motorcycle vendors.

First car show meeting will be the 21st of January. Then every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Action officer is Rob Fernandez. If interested please show up at Goat Lips at 1400.

Ben Sandoval gave an After-Action Report. Motioned it by Ed rouse, second by Don Roe, to receive the Paymaster's Report subject to audit.

S-1 officer N/A

S-4 Ops – 1st social will be a potluck at Joanne's 24th of February 1400 BYOB

S-4 officer N/A

Service Officer Doc Dodge not present

Public Affairs: Ed Rouse talked about the HAU for 2018 possible – Army Brid Gen started Veterans Court, SgtMaj night, POW, Iraq Freedom Night, Women Night, and Oliver North.

Starts on the last Thursday of the month from May to Oct at Veteran Memorial Park.

SJA: Talk about appropriate behavior when representing the Marine Corps League

Web Gunny: taking hit on credit card fees

Adjutant: Please check to see if your information is correct on the roster. The minutes accepted motion by the Senior Commandant. And 2nd by Pete.

Chaplin mention to keep prayers for the ones recuperating – Mark Kilgore, Doc Dodge Granddaughter and Ed Shaier's daughter.

At the end of the mtg Ed Rouse had challenge coins of our league and t-shirts for sale.

Good of the League:

- 1) Zack family has gofundme page to raise money to adopt their grandchildren.

Commandant gave some brief closing remarks.

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The 50/50 (\$16 collected) was won by Jay Fitch(\$8.00).

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Submitted,

Margaret J. Rogers

M. J. Rogers, Adjutant

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

21 Jan – Car Show Mtg

Feburary Events

6 Feb – Staff Mtg

12 Feb – Command Mtg

27 Feb - Potluck at Joanne house 1400

Sandra and Zack are our members who need our help.

Stable Home for Mary and Aaron

By

Sandra Zack

My husband (a retired Marine) and I were contacted by the Department of Children and Families on Feb. 15, 2015 asking us to care for our grandchildren, Aaron(now 5) and Mary(now 3). Aaron had been hospitalized for severe chemical burns. After running a background check and inspecting our home, the social worker called giving us the ok to pick Aaron up from the hospital, then we had no further communication from her. A week later, I called to find out what I should expect. I was told the case was closed because the children were now safe in my home. We had no legal paper work, and could not even take the children to the Dr. without parent cooperation. I tried many times to reopen the case to make this legal with no luck. About a year later Aaron was taken from my home by the parents and was not returned until recently. We continued to care for Mary with no legal rights and little to no support, but there was nothing we could do about Aaron. Two weeks before Christmas I was called by the paternal grandmother to go get Aaron. She said it was no longer safe in her home for Aaron. He was sent with no clthes, no toys, nothing, just a 5 year old little boy. The Marine Corps League of Pensacola has helped us with bunkbeds and Christmas for Aaron and clothes have been donated. However our vehicle is

no longer big enough with 2 grandchildren and 2 minor children of our own, we still need a few other necessities, and we would like to hire an attorney to make this arrangement permanent. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

UPDATE: Today, Jan 3rd, I took Aaron to school with the power of attorney I was able to obtain from mom. Because it was not issued through the courts, the school would not acknowledge it. Now I have a 5 year old boy that I can take to school but I cannot pick him up. I had no choice but to bring him home. I feel pretty sure his failure to attend school will fall back on me since he is safe in my home now. If I can't raise funds for an attorney, maybe one will step up and help?

You can donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/stable-home-for-aaron-and-mary>.

PTSDJournal partners with DAV to maintain focus on invisible wounds



From left: Medal of Honor recipient and Marine veteran Dakota Meyer; Past National Commander Dave Riley; Army veteran Prudential Insurance Co.'s Vice President of Veterans Initiatives Jim Beamesderfer; and PTSDJournal founder and Marine veteran Christian Benedetto Jr. led the discussion about military members and the difficulties they have transitioning out of the military during the Invisible Wounds Conference in Newark, N.J.

As a young Marine infantryman, Christian Benedetto Jr. was awake for four consecutive days of combat operations during the opening salvos of the ground war phase of Operation Desert Storm, which changed his life forever.

"I was in the second armored vehicle to breach the berm on the Iraq border as part of the 2nd Marine Division," said Benedetto, founder of PTSDJournal. "Being part of the tip of the spear, getting stuck in a minefield as well as many other things were all contributing factors to my eventual [post-traumatic stress disorder] diagnosis."

PTSDJournal recently partnered with DAV to support both organizations' shared mission of ensuring veterans can access the mental health care they've earned. The partnership will also help work to ensure PTSD remains in the national conversation.

"Our goal is to educate people who have PTSD, their loved ones and the rest of the country," said Benedetto. "A little knowledge goes a long way, and we aim to remove the stigma of PTSD via education."

Benedetto, a DAV life member, sought DAV's help in getting care and benefits after trying to tackle PTSD on his own for nearly 20 years.

"When I finally came to accept my PTSD in 2013, DAV helped me navigate the VA system, which is getting better daily, but having a guild of supporters personally helps me," he said. "I still email, call and visit my local DAV office in Newark, N.J., with questions."

Benedetto invited DAV's support for the inaugural Invisible Wounds Conference, a daylong discussion focused on PTSD, which included a panel discussion on military members transitioning to civilian life. DAV Past National Commander Dave Riley spoke openly about the internal struggle many veterans face when dealing with effects of trauma, but also how families suffer as well.

"My wife, Yvonne, was the one there who had to make the life-or-death decision to amputate all four of my limbs," said Riley. "She has spent 20 years of her life devoted to her role as my caregiver. When I suffer, she suffers. But people tend to forget about the families."

Riley went on to remind the conference attendees that although his wounds are visible, many veterans return home with wounds that are invisible, and it's essential to continue this discussion to prevent any veteran or family member from slipping through the cracks of the system.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Center for PTSD, the disorder may occur after living through any dangerous event, such as a bad car accident or a natural disaster.

Benedetto advises service members and fellow veterans to not enter the mind-set that PTSD happens to “other people.”

“There is no shame or stigma to PTSD,” he said. “You may have scars, but it’s because you are stronger than what tried to break you.”

What can we do to prevent veteran suicide?

posted on September 25, 2017

By James W. Killen



Helen Keller once said, “Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.”

She was making an ardent point that life can be scary and uncertain, but it is always an adventure. As a person who learned to thrive despite seemingly insurmountable disabilities, Keller believed there was always a reason to live simply because life is worth living.

There is no question that an epidemic has settled over the veteran community—suicide. The last report from the Department of Veterans Affairs stated an average of 20 veterans die by suicide every day, a number everyone can agree is 20 too many.

There have been many instances in which DAV members have intervened to help stop a fellow veteran from taking his or her own life—and it’s something we must all be on the lookout for if we hope to end this tragic trend.

The question is, what can we as DAV members do to put a stop to this?

The first thing we have to do is understand that it affects all of us as a community, regardless of age, race, gender or era of service. This is a veteran problem. If your chapter serves a limited demographic, there’s a chance you may be missing out on an opportunity to help a wider group of veterans. Outreach to all veterans is a critical component of what we do, and an important part of helping to prevent suicide.

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense have both put greater emphasis on suicide prevention training in the last few years, incorporating new training and awareness campaigns. We could all benefit from some of the simple principles being shared by DoD—one of the most important being the acronym “ACE,” which stands for Ask, Care and Escort.

- **Ask** – If and when you encounter someone you believe may be considering suicide, engage with them and ask the question directly: “Are you thinking about suicide?” or “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”
- **Care** – Show the person you are concerned for their well-being, stay with them or get someone to them as quickly as possible. Stay on the phone with them, grab a cup of coffee and just be there for the person who is thinking about taking their own life.
- **Escort** – Take the person to a place where they can receive professional care as quickly as possible, ideally the nearest hospital. You can also call the Veterans Crisis Line at **800-273-TALK** (then **press 1**) or **text 838255** to get immediate help, or visit veteranscrisisline.net to find additional resources.

VA also recently announced a new training method intended to help those who serve veterans better identify and assist at-risk individuals, called “SAVE” (Signs of suicide, Asking about suicide, Validating feelings, Encouraging help and Expediting treatment).

The model is very similar to DoD’s “ACE” strategy, relying on the presence of mind, compassion and action of individuals to help prevent a tragedy. Applying either of these strategies may save a life.

Keep in mind one very important thing—it can be extraordinarily difficult to manage feelings of guilt if, in the end, you are unable to provide the necessary assistance in these situations. But if someone takes their life by suicide, it is not your fault, it is a choice they made. What matters is that you did all you could to help let that person know you care, and that you did your best to get them help.

If you are in a crisis or thinking about suicide, we encourage you to seek help. Go to the emergency room of any hospital, or—again—call the Veteran Crisis Line at **1-800-273-8255** and **press 1**. Suicide is never the answer. It is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. If you’re a veteran in crisis lean on your brothers and sisters for support, and remember DAV is here to help.

Calling all artists: The 2018 National Veterans Day poster contest now under w



Posted on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 8:21 am January 4, 2018 Posted in Honoring Vets, Top Stories by Micheal Migliara 1 comment 166 views

Calling all artists! The 2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is underway. Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The poster is selected from artwork submitted by artists nationwide and is distributed to VA facilities, military installations around the world across cities and town in our nation. It also serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years these posters have illustrated the rich history of our country's service men and women. The poster clearly reflects our pride and patriotism in saluting Veterans while providing the thematic artistry for the year.

2018 marks the Centennial Commemoration of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day Poster is: "The War to End All Wars".

The origin of Veterans Day came from Armistice Day.

Poster guidelines, submissions must:

- Be 18" x 24" at 300 dots per inch, scale down submissions to 9"x12."
- Submissions are not restricted to "human centric" presentations, such as a joint color guard. Imagery of American icons, monuments or scenery can qualify, for example, the American flag.
- Representative of the Veterans serving during World War I. The Committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to make modifications to the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.
- Include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the work of the artist and is not copyrighted material (i.e. photos and concepts).
- To view examples of past winning submissions visit: <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>.

Submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files by email to vetsday@va.gov or send copies of artwork on a CD with artwork files to:

Veterans Day National Committee (002D)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

To view examples of past winning submissions visit <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>.

The deadline for submissions is 1 April, 2018. The Veterans Day National Committee will convene a selection sub-committee in May 2018 to review submissions and make a final selection.

Questions? – contact the Veterans Day Coordinator at vetsday@va.gov.

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
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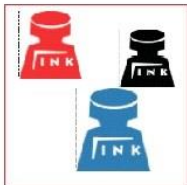


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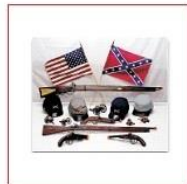
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Community Owned Businesses



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Pea Ridge Flea Market
5186 Hwy 90 Booth #33 & 34
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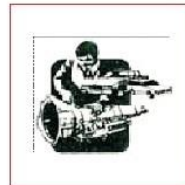
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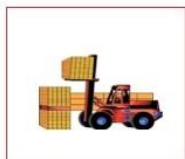
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