



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

### VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

The National Headquarters retains a full-time staff member who assists veterans in adjudicating claims against the government as a result of active duty service. Claims are processed through the Department of Veterans Affairs or other appropriate agencies of the federal government.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM (VAVS)

Marine Corps League members contribute thousands of man-hours each year supplementing staffs at VA Hospitals and facilities in providing morale, comfort and assistance to institutionalized veterans.

### YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

The League developed and administers a program that provides a physical fitness regimen that promotes a healthy, drug free life style for elementary and high school students.

The Marine Corps League is in the forefront of organizations defending the interests of the U.S. Marine Corps, Marines, former Marines, retired Marines, and widows and orphans of Marines.



## THE LEAGUE...

### A GREAT INVESTMENT

As a member of the Marine Corps League, you join a network of loyal friends who care about you and your family. The League is a unique fraternity of friends who recognize you as one who has paid his or her dues to society... one who has gone through the gauntlet... one who deserves every break and assistance in readjusting to civil life.

### ASK A MARINE...

...is more than just an expression. It's your answer to simplifying your return to your old or a new community as an adult member of society. You will find that you have changed ... you are more mature ... more confident ... ready to lead or to follow when given the challenge or the opportunity. Members of the Marine Corps League will help you and your family identify these opportunities.

### HOW LEAGUE MEMBERS HELP

- ◆ Getting settled in a community
- ◆ Finding jobs and employment assistance
- ◆ Sharing common interests
- ◆ Advise you regarding veterans benefits
- ◆ Provide you a social atmosphere that stresses camaraderie and fellowship
- ◆ Provide you with opportunities to participate in a wide variety of community activities

*And much, much more!*

*Join the Marine Corps League today, and ...  
SHARE THE PRIDE IN BEING  
ADDRESSED AS... MARINE*



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*We few, we precious few.  
We who have shed our blood  
together, shall forever be...*

## ...A BAND OF BROTHERS

*...W<sup>m</sup>. Shakespeare*

*A Marine may leave the Corps...  
...but the Corps will NEVER  
leave the Marine!*

*ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE*



**THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE** is the organization for all Marines. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937.

Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and Reserve establishments of the U.S. Marine Corps.

**PURPOSES.** The purposes of the Marine Corps League as prescribed in its Federal Charter are:

...to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps;

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

...to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms;

...to hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation;

...to foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;

...to maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

...to create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civil life;

...to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their widows and orphans;

...to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to Marines.

**THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE... THE ORGANIZATION FOR ALL MARINES**  
*active duty.... reserve... former... retired... officer... enlisted*



## **PROGRAMS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

#### **AUXILIARY**

A social and fraternal organization comprised of spouses, mothers and distaff members of Marines and former Marines.

#### **YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

A youth program emphasizing honesty, courage, respect, industry, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Members of the Marine Corps League funds scholarships through donations from individual members and subordinate units of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. Children and former Marines are eligible for academic scholarships for attendance at accredited colleges and universities.

#### **ANNUAL CONVENTIONS**

Members find the State and National Conventions of the League ideal vacation venues for themselves and family members. Held in a different city each year, many families attend year after year and particularly enjoy the many planned activities and tours related to these get-togethers.

#### **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Marine Corps League participates in National and State legislative issues that affect military readiness, benefits and entitlements of active duty, former and retired Marines.

*...and much, much more!*