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Commandant's Corner: Ed Dodson

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Thanks to the Membership for putting their trust in me to run the Detachment for the next year. And, thanks to those who volunteered to serve on Staff with me.

We all know the Marine Corps League Mission statement. We are always striving for that, but hopefully together we can accomplish more than that.

GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP: We have lost membership the past couple years and we need to stop that trend, as well as add new Marines and Associates.

ENHANCE OUR VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY: Let our neighbors know we are here to help them.

IMPROVE OUR NEW BUILDING: Make it a welcomed and useful place for our members and its usefulness for the members.

INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN OUR FUNCTIONS: We need everyone's support at scheduled events to sustain the Mission.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: With the Covid-19 crisis we have lost a significant amount of revenue. The income that has been derived from the Honor Guard and Color Guard is not coming in as we budgeted. The Finance Committee will be addressing the issue and will be making necessary adjustments.

Hope to see all of you as soon as this crisis is over. Please be safe. Semper Fi.

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.



Due to The Covid-19 Crisis and the “Shelter In Place” order and restriction of gatherings not to exceed 10 people, The 26 May General Meeting will be a virtual meeting. Conducted on “ZOOM” Meetings.

The link to access the ZOOM Meeting that will commence at 1900 hrs on 26 May. Type the following link in to your browser on any MAC or PC, SmartPhone, or Tablet.

<https://zoom.us/j/3761239777?pwd=TnhSNnFFZk9jbkNaMG1raVBWRGtwZz09>

Meeting ID: 376 123 9777

Password: 11101775

The rules will be explained at the start of the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Mike Lee (314) 616-3726 or email: mcl183@charter.net If you desire, send an email to Mike and he will send you a direct link to connect.



Chaplain's Desk: Ken Dieckmann

In the midst of this most difficult time, I wonder how future generations will see us? I would hope they'd understand the fear we faced as we battled against an unseen enemy, the corona virus.

The news today is flooded with heart-wrenching stories, fearful warnings and horrific statistics. I would ask that you turn your thoughts to the heroes of these stories: the medical professionals, hospital staff and first responders and the military. Be mindful of the postal workers, the grocers and the truckers, food workers and all who literally put their lives on the line to heal, protect and provide for what we need to survive this pandemic. We live in a country made up of selfless individuals who live by the words spoken many years ago. “Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what can you do for your country?”

Pray for these heroes. Pray for our governing officials. Pray for wisdom and mercy.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

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Marine of The Year:

2014 Mike Lee

2015 Bob Jost

2016 Charles Dooling

2017 Bob Scannell

2018 Ken Dieckmann

2019 Al Dreeste

Calendar of Events — 2020

To Be DeterminedTBA

EMAIL and PHONE

We are in the process of updating the Detachment Mailing and Phone List. Please send your phone number, mailing address, and email address to:

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We are now providing updates through our Phone Tree System. If we don't have your current phone number, you will miss important phone announcements.

FRANCIS
NOBLE "FRANK" GINTHER, JR.
May 7, 2020.

Beloved partner of May Manoni; dearest brother of Ann (Michael) Ravetta and Verna (the late Larry) Coleman; loving son of the late Francis Noble, Sr., and Meta (nee Russell) Ginther; dear uncle of Neil and Carrie Hager and Larry, Jr. and Joseph Coleman; nephew, great-uncle, cousin & friend.

Frank served his country as a Marine and was a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal of Valor.



Frank, an active member, past hall manager, Past Master of Ceremonies at the Marine Corps Ball for 7 years. We have lost a Brother In Arms, a friend, a mentor and a confidant.

