



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - SOUTH COAST DETACHMENT

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## NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Marine Corps League South Coast Detachment 022

Summer 2020

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT



*Pete Hammer-Commandant*

### Dear Detachment Members, Friends & Supporters,

Thank You for your kind words and vote of confidence in selecting me as your Commandant for this my third non-consecutive term. I look forward, along with the help of our Executive Team and yours as Detachment Members, to guiding our organization through the obstacles put before us during these turbulent and challenging times.

The ravages of the coronavirus pandemic, the tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the civil unrest and economic devastation caused by the confluence of these events has been a lightning rod that has caused us to further tighten and close our ranks. In so doing, we have risen to the occasion to make sure all that we serve, and those organizations, businesses, and individuals who have been good to us in the past, are well taken care of during this difficult period. As I have said in the past "We take care of our own and there is No Man, Woman, or Child who are part of our Detachment that are ever left behind."

Even though we have been restricted in our movements, we have been able to adapt so as to meet the needs of our constituency. The caring Outreach, if nothing more than a phone call to our Senior Members, the mailing of Cookie Care Packages, the making of and distributing facemasks (Linh Murlless), running errands for those who are unable, delivering gift cards to our Marine Families in need, or cooking meals and

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## RETIRING LEADERS

Our Detachment is indebted to and acknowledges the fine leadership that our now **Past Commandant Ken Brown** and **Past Senior Vice Commandant Charles Buckner** have provided. They worked tirelessly to make sure our Detachment stayed on mission and provided the needed outreach that our constituency so deserved.



*Ken Sears - Retiring Paymaster*

A very Big Shout Out to our Retiring **Paymaster Ken Sears** who has done an absolutely stellar job in this capacity for the past seven years. The workload that he took on went well beyond those of the Paymaster and were in large part why we were able to stay current with the State & National Marine Corps League Headquarters. The Administrative oversight he provided included our P&L and Balance Sheet Reports, Income Tax Filings, Non-Profit Filings, New and Renewal Membership processing, the oversight and updating of our Master Roster, plus the monitoring of our Bank & Credit Card and PayPal Accounts. Additionally, Ken was at every outing to make sure we could process credit card transactions properly and efficiently. He also was our inhouse Postman as he retrieved and distributed the mail weekly from our Post Office Box.

Ken leaves "Jolly Green Giant" shoes to fill. To make sure all our bases were covered and his job functions assigned, our Leadership brought on board Dawn Charlesworth, Owner of DCR Bookkeeping to track our income & expenses and create our monthly P&L and Balance Sheet Statements. Gary Prenovost-CPA and Retired CFO of an Orange County Corporation, who recently joined our Detachment as an Associate Member, has taken on our Income Tax and Non-Profit Filings. I as your Commandant will do double duty as the Interim Paymaster to oversee our Union Bank, Credit Card and PayPal Accounts.

Again, a Big Thank You to Ken Sears, Ken Brown and Charles Buckner for all they have done during their tenure. Welcome aboard and Thank You to Dawn Charlesworth and Gary Prenovost for bridging the gap to make sure our Detachment can move forward without skipping a beat.

### *Message from the Commandant*

desserts(Sonia Torres & Nancy Feathers-Buchek) for those that are housebound, has been the mainstay of the kinds of support we have been able to provide. Additionally, we have individually made a concerted effort to support those businesses, restaurants, and other organizations who have been so helpful and generous with us in the past. A number of us have purchased take-out meals to help our restaurateurs and made purchases of goods and services from businesses who are now struggling just to survive. It is with this combined, humanitarian effort we will see to it they get through this crisis.

Needless to say, I am very fortunate to be surrounded by an Executive Team who are dedicated to our Mission and have gone the extra mile to accomplish our intermediate and longer-term Objectives/Goals. They have done a stellar job of taking care of our Detachment Members, Marines, Sailors, & their Families and our Young Marines (Boys & Girls Ages 8-18). It is their unselfish giving of their time and dedication that has enabled us to be so effective.

As we commence our planning for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year (July1 -June 30) we will make sure we have a well defined purpose, a good understanding and grasp of our Mission and narrow focus on our support efforts. We will devise a well-conceived Strategic Plan and Budget. This will be the roadmap we will follow for the next twelve months so that we may not only be effective but very successful. We will also develop contingency plans should the human health, economic, and business climate be subdued in its recovery. As we Marines are known to say, "We will Adapt and Overcome."

Thus far we are on sound financial ground but will need to produce a sufficient amount of Income to sustain our Outreach Efforts. In challenging our Membership & Supporters to rise to the occasion, let me borrow and modify part of a speech that JFK made. "Ask not what your Detachment can do for you, but ask what You can do for your Detachment, Marines and Families."

With that, I pledge to you that I will do my very best to Lead by Example so that I and our Team can meet and exceed your expectations."

***Semper Fidelis, Pete Hammer-Commandant***

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE-SOUTH COAST DETACHMENT "BAND OF BROTHERS"

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## PAST OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Detachment Leadership, in particular to **Sonia Torres** - Outreach & Events Chair for all she has done to organize our Outreach and Fundraising Programs. As a result of hers and other Detachment members' combined effort we have been able to raise a sufficient amount of funds to support the goodly number of Outreach efforts we have undertaken. The various Events, Outings, Ceremonies, and Celebrations we have been able to support are as follows:

- Provide Food, Beverages & Snacks for all MCL-SCD Meetings
- **The School of Infantry Advanced Infantry & Advanced Assault Graduations** - Gung Ho Awards
- **The Surf & Turf Festival** -Doheny State Beach-Sponsored over 75 Marines & Families at no cost
- **2nd Battalion, First Marines'** return from deployment. Served over 20 Dozen Krispy Kreme Donuts, Coffee, and Juice
- **MCL-SCD Marine Corps Birthday Dinner Celebration** - Dana Point Yacht Club -Sponsored over 50 Marines - Sailors & Spouses at no cost



*Sonia Torres - Outreach & Events Chair*



*Welcome home from deployment*

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## More Past Outreach and Fundraising Events

- **Walmart Christmas Toy Drive** - Received Unwrapped Christmas Toys and Donations
- Attended **Outlets at San Clemente Woody Car Show** -received over 16 thirty-gallon bags full of toys from Woody Car Club - Thanks to Mickey Christason and Ken Brown
- **Festival of Lights Boat Parade:** "Reel Fun" provided by Dana Wharf -44 Marine families members aboard for each of two nights in parade-Food & Beverages without cost



Woody Car Club Toy Drive



Member Tony Faulkner - HomeSmart Evergreen Realty Christmas Toy Drive

- **MCL-SCD Christmas Party** - Food, Beverages & Entertainment-All Active Duty Marines & Spouses attended without cost
- **San Onofre Enlisted Housing Christmas Party** - Food, Beverages, Entertainment and Unwrapped Christmas Gifts provided for our Marine Families at no cost

- Delivered over 75 Gift Cards to our **Camp Pendleton** Single Marines on Christmas Day-Thanks to Co-Sponsor Mamie Maywhort-Founder Homefront America and SgtMaj Al & Sonia Torres for making Santa's Deliveries
- Attended **2/1 Change of Command** and provided Food & Beverages for their Reception
- Detachment represented at SgtMaj Al Torres' 1st Battalion, 4th Marines Appointment and Relief-29 Palms
- Supported SgtMaj Al Torres 9th Comm Battalion Appointment-Provided Food & Refreshments for Reception



SgtMaj Al Torres relief and appointment 1/4 Battalion, 29 Palms



Member Duane Matthews as Santa

## PLANNED EVENTS

### CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Given the constraints and restrictions posed by the coronavirus threat some or all of these tentatively scheduled Events may be postponed or Cancelled.

**Detachment Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Elks Lodge. (1505 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente)**

**Social Hour-6:00PM • Business Meeting-7:00PM**

- **July 21st:** MCL-SCD Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- **Month of July:** Online/Social Media Fundraising Auction
- **July & August:** Panera Bread & Ruby's Lunch or Dinner-Shared Revenue

- **Late August-Early September:** Detachment BBQ or Outdoor Celebration
- **August:** Commence Sale of Christmas Raffle Tickets
- **1st Week November:** MCL/SCD Birthday Dinner Celebration-Location TBD
- **November:** Goody's Tavern Raffle-Bingo-MCL/SCD Beneficiary
- **1st Week December:** MCL/SCD Christmas Party, Elks Lodge
- **Christmas Day:** Deliver Gift Cards to Single Marines Camp Pendleton



## HELPING OUR MCL-SCD BENEFACTORS

Our Restaurants, Businesses, and other Non-Profit Organizations have, as a result of the Coronavirus Threat, been through and continue to experience very difficult times. To help them survive we would respectfully request that you consider supporting these establishments the next time you have a need for their goods or services.

- Jack's Restaurant
- Stonefire Grill
- Pacific Sign Center
- Lantern Bay Realty
- Jimmy's Famous American Tavern
- Homefront America
- Coffee Importers-Scoop Deck
- Olamendi's
- The Shwack Beach Grill
- Docent Brewing
- Mark Montgomery Photography
- San Clemente Elks Lodge No. 2068
- Café del Sol
- Laguna Cliffs Resort & Spa
- The Harbor Grill
- Waterman's Harbor, Stillwater, Sunsets
- Casanova Ristorante
- Ricardo's Place
- Luxe Restaurant
- Stacks Pancake House
- Brew Ha Ha
- Dana Wharf Sports Fishing & Whale Watching
- Doheny Village Hand Car Wash
- Minuteman Press
- Mission Country Escrow
- Woody Hut
- The Brig
- Luciana's Ristorante
- Proud Mary's
- RJ's Café
- Turks
- Safe Tax & Business Services

### NEW MEMBERS **WELCOME ABOARD!**

Mark Barley	Nancy Feathers-Buckeck
Christopher Carman	Sam J. Debaca
James J. Duncan	Marylin L. Ehlow
Nicholas Elliott	Allen S. Farabee
Krystal Jean-Louis	Michael Lewis
Pete S. Porter	Gary Prenovost
Kenneth Y. Silver	Richard J. Smith
Jim G. Tolbert	Jim Updike
Michael J. Brown	Randy McMahon
Robert McNeal	David Buckeck

### NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mickey A. Christiason    Marcia A. Kuehl

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please Donate via our Secure PayPal Link.*

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### DETACHMENT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<i>Commandant</i>	<b>Pete Hammer</b>
<i>Sr. Vice Commandant</i>	<b>Randy McMahon</b>
<i>Jr. Vice Commandant</i>	<b>Gary Henninger</b>
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	<b>Tony Faulkner</b>
<i>Adjutant</i>	<b>Len Weber</b>
<i>Sergeant-At-Arms</i>	<b>SgtMaj Jim Harkins (USMC Retired)</b>
<i>Paymaster/Finances</i>	<b>Pete Hammer (interim)</b>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<b>Brittany Miller</b>
<i>Junior Past Commandant</i>	<b>Ken Brown</b>
<i>Procurement/Fund-raising</i>	<b>Sonia Torres &amp; Pete Hammer</b>
<i>Outreach/Events</i>	<b>Sonia Torres</b>
<i>Outreach Ambassador</i>	<b>Mickey Christiason</b>
<i>Logistics</i>	<b>Duane Matthew &amp; Bob Murlless</b>
<i>Good of the Order Raffle</i>	<b>Freddie Banks &amp; Bob Harhay</b>
<i>Young Marines Liaison</i>	<b>Tony Faulkner</b>
<i>Communications</i>	<b>Pete Hammer (interim)</b>