

April 2023 — May 2023

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Newsletter of The Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League



## Department of Connecticut Commandant's Corner



Proud to belong ...

Greetings my fellow CT MCLeaguers.

First off, it is getting to be a busy time of year. Spring has sprung, birds chirping, etc and with this influx of beautiful weather, it is time to adjust our uniform of the day (UOD) for business meetings, events, etc. Beginning 1APR and continuing throughout the month of April, the Dept of CT UOD will be wearers' choice, short or long-sleeved white shirts, weather dependent. Effective 1 MAY the Dept of CT UOD will be short sleeve white shirts through the end of September.

Secondly, I was recently copied (as the Dept of CT MCL Cmndt) on a chain of emails regarding one of the Departments within the National MCL (NOT ours). What a sad state of affairs. There were emails back and forth alleging various types of misdeeds, with members accusing each other of things not beholding the ethos of a MCL member. I can say with the utmost certainty, in the thirteen (13) years that I have been a member in the MCL, I have never seen this much acrimony amongst our CT league members. Certainly, we have had our share of Article 9's and they have been resolved professionally, by adhering to MCL policy and procedure. As such I continue to be a proud member of the MCL and doubly blessed to be amongst the Dept of CT Leaguers.

Thirdly, a personal plea. My son Connor is currently a Marine Captain as well as a member of the Thames River Detachment #1334. As you know,



back in November I lost my daughter Sylena, unexpectedly due to diabetes complications. Her brother Connor has begun running ultra-marathons because apparently Marine Corps PFT's and CFT's are not challenging enough. Connor was selected via lottery to run a one hundred (100) mile ultra-marathon July 15 th in Vermont and is dedicating the race to his sister, Sylena. He has established a GoFundMe page to raise money for diabetes research. He has set a goal of \$10,000.00. You can donate by going to: [www.gofund.me/diabetes/sylena/research](http://www.gofund.me/diabetes/sylena/research) and click on Sylena Stabley. On behalf of my entire family, I thank those in advance who are able to donate.

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

And finally, I continue to consider myself privileged to serve as your Department Commandant and always look to you for guidance and direction as to how we can improve ourselves and the Department as a whole. As such, I will be seeking a second term as your Department Commandant at this year's convention. Our next Department business meeting will be at our annual convention, Saturday July 1, 2023 beginning at 0830. The location of said convention has yet to be solidified. As with the August, October, December, and February business meeting, there will be two door prizes given out at this April meeting. No purchase necessary. Attendance is the only requirement.

Semper Fi  
Patrick T. McMahon  
Commandant  
Department of Connecticut  
Marine Corps League

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Department of Connecticut Officers 2021-2022

### Department Meetings

#### Department of Connecticut Convention

June 30th & July 1 CONV. Glastonbury CT

Grand Growl on Friday June 30th

Business Meeting and Banquet July 1st

### GRAND GROWL

June 30th Glastonbury

Please bring a Raffle Prize to the Growl

Elections will be held at the Growl



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# CONNECTICUT



The Connecticut Convention will kick off on June 30th 2023. On Friday June 30th there will be a dinner offered for \$35 at Maggie McFly's, which is located across the street from the hotel at 5:00 pm. There will be a Grand Growl at 19:00, Please bring a raffle item to attend the growl. Elections will be held at the GROWL. On Saturday July First, the business meeting and Banquet will be held. On Sunday July second is Checkout and enjoy the Connecticut amenities.

THE Hotel is the same location as last year, Hilton Garden Inn, 85 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury, CT 06033 A block of 20 rooms have been reserved at \$137 per night (+ taxes). To reserve rooms, call 877-782-9444: reference code:

MCL23. BANQUET: The cost of the banquet will be \$50.00 per attendee, and registration forms will be forthcoming.

## Convention Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment/Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(as it will appear on meeting name badge)*  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**This year, we will be offering the opportunity for attendees to join us for a Friday evening dinner at Maggie McFly's located just across from the hotel (40 Glastonbury Blvd). Dinner will be at 5pm (Grand Growl begins at 7pm).**

**Friday dinner is \$35pp: # attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL**

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: The Saturday Evening Banquet is a semi-formal affair\*\*  
Mess Dress, Red Blazer, or Sports Jacket and Tie.**

**Banquet cost is \$50pp: # attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL**

**TOTAL \$\$\$ ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to: Dept of CT MCL, and mail to:**

**Dept of CT PO Box 462 Uncasville, CT 06382**

**For additional info, call (860) 222-5024 or E-Mail: [ptm78usmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ptm78usmc@sbcglobal.net)**

**Deadline for registration: Monday June 23, 2023**





# CONNECTICUT



## Marine Corps League



Connecticut State Convention – 30 June - 1 July 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

85 Glastonbury Blvd • Glastonbury, CT 06340

(860) 659-1025

### Ad Book Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (AD MUST BE SUBMITTED BY June 22, 2023)

MCL Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad size: \_\_\_\_\_ Full page \$100.00 B/W \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page \$50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Business Card \$20.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Description:

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Comments:

Submit ad electronically to:

Sue Tait Porcaro email: [sue@2lipsartdesign.com](mailto:sue@2lipsartdesign.com) cell: 860-209-6063

Submit payment to:

Department of Connecticut MCL

PO Box 462

Uncasville, CT 06382

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dept of CT MCL**



# CONNECTICUT



## Hike To Remember XI

South Glastonbury, CT

[About](#) [Participants](#) [Teams](#) [Results](#) [Awards](#) [Contact](#)

[Register Now](#)



### When & Where

Sep 16, 2023

Saturday

4:00 AM

[Add to Calendar](#)

[Event Schedule](#)

South

Glastonbury, CT

[Courses & Maps](#)

[See if you're registered](#)

### Share Your Results

We'll automatically post your results for you on race day. Just connect your Twitter account.

[Connect with Twitter](#)



Veterans of Peter P Monaco Jr Detachment 40, Marine Corps League - MCL  
19 hours ago

Hike to Remember XI

Registration is now open!

UNITING VETERANS TO BUILD AWARENESS, BUILD COMRADERY AND PREVENT SUICIDE

On September 16th, we will unite with 300+ veterans in Glastonbury, Connecticut to hike a 22k. Why 22k? As a reminder that 22 veterans take their own lives every day.

## UNITING VETERANS TO BUILD AWARENESS, BUILD COMRADERY AND PREVENT SUICIDE

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Why 22 kilometers? In the hearts and minds of these military veterans, it is simply a reminder that they lose 22 veteran and/or active duty brothers and sisters from suicide every day.

MCL Det. 40's mission is to unite veterans and service members from all branches and walks of life to enjoy the camaraderie they had shared while serving. Together, they integrate their passion with purpose to combat suicide in the veteran community. Each year's hike is designed to join these forces to support the fight to end veteran suicide and to support veterans and their families as they transition back to civilian life.

We hope you'll give it a share to help spread awareness about this important cause. God bless America!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Hike portion of this event is open to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members only.

Registration is currently **OPEN**





# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT AND AROUND THE LEAGUE



## ANNOUNCEMENT

### I WANT YOU!



**FOR THE  
MARINE CORPS  
LEAGUE**

Nice  
Sign, but we  
want so much  
more, What  
do you want?  
I want more  
members. I  
want people  
to take lead-  
ership roles  
and take the  
league in new  
directions.

Since COVID we have been dormant. First we cancelled many meetings and other events. It is now time to take all of that back and move forward. We no longer doing Bingo at Rocky Hill. Attendance at GROWLS and MEETING is down and we have open positions to be filled at the Department level. The league as we know it needs life. We have tried to improve the Department Meeting, we have made changes to the Growls, the missing element is us. We need to attend, we need to participate, we need to become active and we need to grow. If you are a leader, a builder, a creator and a motivator, now is the time to take the reins and move us forward. It's been said many times that only 1% of the population join the military and that does make us THE FEW, but also THE PROUD, because you will never see a Marine without a Flag, an EGA, a decorated vehicle. It's time to put that to work. This year is the 100th anniversary of the league, let make sure it sees 200.

Walt Benson

## When is Your Birthday?

Arnone	Joe	5	17	
Benson	Lamont W.	5	8	05/08/48
Berube	Bernie	5	10	05/10/48
Condon	Richard L.	5	14	05/14/44
Deschaine	Joseph R.	5	14	
Galgano, Jr	Peter	5	28	05/28/47
Hermanowski	Maryon	5	30	
Hill	Darryl	5	21	05/21/59
Leskiw	Roman A.	5	14	
Lynch	John J.	5	28	05/28/36
Machado	Richard J.	5	21	
Miller	Michael D.	5	6	05/06/42
Murphy	Daniel F.	5	7	05/07/46
O'Rourke	George	5	28	
Pizzuto, Jr.	Michael S.	5	11	05/11/67
Rinaldini	Orlando J.	5	2	
Valentukonis	Richard L.	5	8	
Venditto	Carl R.	5	9	05/09/32
Walker	John	5	24	05/24/43
Billue	Edward	4	12	04/12/45
Buatti	Albert	4	1	04/01/38
Bulawa	Daniel	4	24	04/24/41
Erickson	Donald G.	4	21	
Gibbons, Jr.	Joseph P.	4	17	04/17/44
Guay	Dennis	4	1	04/01/51
Hightower	Randall	4	25	04/25/63
Hubert, Jr.	John J.	4	1	04/01/62
Kelly	Francis J.	4	2	04/02/36
Linskey	Bryce F.	4	18	04/18/63
Lipka	Thomas J.	4	12	04/12/50
Micucci	Salvatore	4	28	04/06/28
Morin	Joseph G.	4	24	04/24/46
Plona	Peter A.	4	22	04/22/64
Schumsky	Victor A.	4	17	04/17/45
Searle, Jr.	Charles F.	4	13	
St. Laurent	Andre J.	4	25	
Wearne, Sr	Richard E.	4	3	

**YOU GOT A BIRTHDAY FACE?**





# THE YOUNG MARINES



## CELTICS COLOR GUARD

Rose Barnes

Recently I got the chance to participate in a color guard for the Boston Celtics. Myself and three other young marines from my unit drove up to Boston with our Unit Commander and Executive Officer. On the way up all of us were excited; The nervousness wouldn't set in till later. We sat in the car for an hour and a half singing along to the radio and enjoying our time together. As we got closer to TD garden we began getting increasingly nervous. Walking into the doors we found ourselves in an area that seemed to be a train station. There were birds in the building and we joked about them to ease the tension. We looked around and found where we were supposed to go so that we knew. We then all walked around to find something to eat.

We found a restaurant called Tasty Burger and decided to eat there. After eating we went back to the car and got our gear. We did uniform inspections to make sure we looked good. We walked into the train station, out a set of doors, and to the left. We were escorted to a waiting room where we practiced for an hour or so in the hallway. After practicing we did final uniform touches to hair, Irish pennants, and tiny details that nobody can see from the big screen but we stressed about it anyways. We were then escorted to the court so we could get in a real run through. When we finished the run through we took some pictures on the court and went back to the practice room.

We went to get some water after all

of the practice so we could be nice and hydrated for the real things. When our countdown to the game was fifteen minutes we went into the hallway before where the court was. We practiced more out there and when the clock said three minutes we lined up. We were told to follow someone out so we did. Then we did our color guard. I was the American flag, Young Marine Lance Corporal Grant was the unit flag. Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Steele was the right rifle and Young Marine Sergeant Oduro was the left rifle. I called the commands and I had to call them loud. The crowd was very loud and enthusiastic. We were announced and I called carry colors. When the anthem singer was announced I called present colors. When it was over I called carry colors, order colors, and we left. We went back to our practice room and put our gear away. We went to our seats with all of our gear to watch the game. We had box seats up at the top of the stadium and we watched three quarters of the game.

We then left to avoid traffic. We went back to the car and loaded up then began heading home. We stopped and got McDonalds on the way back. One by one my Unit Commander dropped each of us back at home. We were tired and ready to go to bed but we all truly had so much fun. I personally can't wait for the next color guard to come around for us to participate in. We had a blast and now have an extra bit of pride inside of ourselves along with a story to tell.

**2023****APRIL****2023**

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**2023**

**MAY**

**2023**



SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

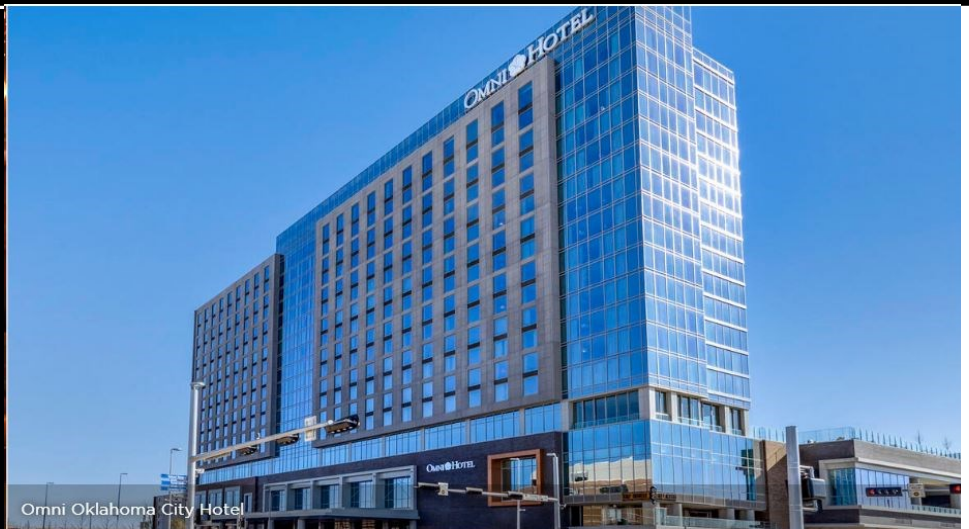
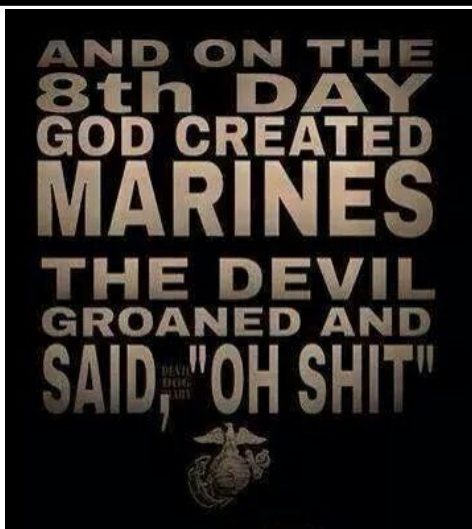
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Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

### A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.


Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

## Marine Corps League National Convention 2023 100th Anniversary MCL, Oklahoma City

August 14th through August 19th  
Banquet is Friday August 19th  
OMNI HOTEL  
100 West Oklahoma City Blvd.,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109  
Phone: (405) 438-6500

# NOW RECRUITING

Become active in the Marine Corps League and you can make a difference.



### Attention To Orders

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT CONVENTION

June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

85 Glastonbury Blvd.. Glastonbury CT



What Started Here.....

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