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Cancelled

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Commandants Message

Happy New Year to everyone. Let me start out by saying I appreciate all the work everyone has been doing since the COVID outbreak started. I know we are struggling in the sense that we aren't able to do everything we want to do, but we still fulfilling our mission.

As we work through these difficult times we still have many things we can participate in and I encourage everyone to try to find a place they can help contribute.

One of the major things that happened since last newsletter is the 2021 SE Division Conference was cancelled. However, we were awarded the 2022 Conference and we must do our best to make it a huge success. We will need sponsors for the conference and we have some so far but we need a lot more. If you know anyone who is a business owner or manager of a business we could use your help. There is plenty of room in our program for ads and the contributions are very minimal. So please try to help out where you can.

On another note, I know a lot of us are on social media. There are ways to help here as well with very minimal effort. Make sure you have liked our Facebook page. Also like our posts and make comments from time to time. The Facebook algorithm shows popular posts to more people and that is judged by likes and comments. Do

this about once per week and you can help our Detachments message get out there tremendously.

Again I would like to reiterate to everyone that I do appreciate all the hard work and it has not been unnoticed. This Detachment is one if not the best Detachment in our Department and we plan on staying way. Recently, we worked on a plan for the long term sustainability of the Detachment and I hope most of you saw this in our Monthly meeting Report if you were unable to attend. In the coming months we will have nominations (March), Elections (April), and Installation of Officers (May). I encourage everyone who wants to get involved in the Detachment to approach me and let me know so we can find a place for you. This Detachment only works if we all work together. Semper fi.

Detachment Breakfast

Every Tuesday @ 0800

Frank's Restaurant
8353 Airline Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA

Weekend Breakfast

13 Feb @ 0900 Another Broken Egg on Corporate in Citiplace

20 Mar @ 0900 Frank's on Airline Hwy. in Prairieville, LA

Meeting Dates

Detachment 1830 @ BRPD Training Center

5 Jan Regular Meeting
2 Feb Regular Meeting
2 Mar Regular Meeting & Officer Nominations

Department

4-6 Jun 2021 Department Convention Houma, LA

Division

Mar 2021 Southeast Division Conf. Baton Rouge, LA
CANCELLED
Mar 2022 Southeast Division Conf. Baton Rouge, LA

National

25-27 Feb 2021 National Mid Winter Norfolk, VA
Likely CANCELLED

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245th Marine Corps Birthday Celebrations:

On the 245th celebration of our beloved Corps, 11 November 2020, members of the Detachment participated in several events. The day began in St. Francisville, LA at the 27th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert H. Barrow's gravesite. Marines gather here in celebrations of the Marine Corps' birthday. A ceremony, rifle salute, and presentation is put on by the active duty Marines along with



members of the League who participate in the ceremony. This is followed by a cake cutting. Once done in St. Francisville members traveled to the Port Hudson cemetery where members have a short ceremony. This year was made a little more special as a couple of the members helped Commandant James Roy locate his great grand-father, Ferdinand Clement Roy, Sr.'s gravesite. He was a member of the United States Army and participated in WWI. Members attending these two events were Detachment Quartermaster Michael Alexander, Detachment JPC Dick Brandt, Detachment SVC Ray Broussard, Detachment Paymaster Mickey Brown, Detachment Adjutant Mike Coon, Detachment Commandant James Roy, Department SVC Richard Ulrich.

Lastly, that night Marines in the Baton Rouge area gathered at Brew-bachers on Government St. for another cake cutting ceremony. Members attending the gathering were: Alexander, Brandt, Broome, Broussard, Brown, Conaway, Coon, Couvillion, Earle, Lawrence, Messina, Muscarello, Romano, Roy, Skinner, A. & L. Szur, Viellotte, and Ulrich. The event included Marines in the area, spouses and family. It began with a social hour where attendees were able to order food and drinks from the restaurant and socialize. After this Detachment SVC Ray Broussard, did a short presentation on a picture he had that had been signed by over 20 Medal of Honor recipients. This was followed by Detachment Commandant James Roy who did a short presentation and introduced both the oldest and youngest Marines present to the audience. He then used the Mameluke sword to cut the



cake and present the first piece to the oldest Marine and then this piece was given to the youngest Marine. This is a time honored tradition to symbolize the passing of knowledge and tradition to the future generations of the Corps. This also is a good example to younger Marines to know that they are part of a lifelong family. This is a new tradition which we plan to continue. Please be sure to attend the 2021 ceremony.



Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Location | Uniform of the Day |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 2 Feb 1930-2100 | Baton Rouge Area Marines Meet Up | Brew-bachers 5580 Government St. | NR |
| 6 Feb 0900-1100 | BR Soldier Outreach - Care package stuffing (bring a box or tow of gallon zip lock bags). | Warehouse 6150 Greenwell Springs Rd. | Red Shirt |
| 6 Mar 0700-1000 | Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike 0700 Volunteers 1000 Hike Steps off | City Park (by the Clubhouse for the Golf Course) Volunteers & hikers must register at www.silkieshikebatonrouge.eventbrite.com | Red Shirt (volunteers) Silkies (hikers) |

Blast from the Past



Installation of Officers (13 April 2003) seated left to right - Cornelius “Doc” Whitley (Commandant), Richard White (Senior Vice Commandant), Robert “Bob” Clothier (Junior Past Commandant), Paul Barkmeier (Junior Vice Commandant), standing Ben Ashcraft (Sgt-at-Arms), James “Buddy” Estes (Adjutant / Paymaster), Hillar Moore, Jr. (Judge Advocate), and Robert “Bob” Finley (Chaplain).

Marine Breakfast: (Tuesdays and Saturdays)

The Detachment has traditionally met for breakfast every first Tuesday of the month but for the last 6 months has started meeting every Tuesday morning. We have also opened breakfast up to any Marine in the area who wishes to attend calling it Marine Breakfast. We encourage our members to attend when they feel comfortable if they are able. Tuesday breakfast will be at Frank's on Airline in Baton Rouge starting at 0800 we are usually located by the fireplace to your left when you walk in the door.



Saturday Breakfast was also started about 6 months ago and has had light attendance. However, we have had some Marines attend that are not in the Detachment which has helped us meet potential members. We are planning on moving this breakfast around the city each month to help give us more exposure. If you have other breakfast locations you would like us to visit then please send your submissions to ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com. In Feb, we will be eating breakfast at Another Broken Egg on Corporate in Citiplace and in March we will head out to Prairieville to Frank's on Airline Hwy. hoping to reach out to some of our Ascension Marines. Saturday breakfast will usually be at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month but will move when there are possible conflicts so please check the Detachment calendar on our website for location and dates.

Lunchtime!!!

A few members have met for lunch over the last few months as well. Mostly Mexican food for Mike Coon. It's good to see members of the Detachment hanging out with one another building that bond. The chips and salsa and margaritas aren't bad either.



James Roy, Dick Brandt (not pictured), Richard Ulrich, Ray Broussard, Mike Coon, and George Edmonson

Marine Breakfast: (Tuesdays and Saturdays)

At the November Meeting, a decision was made for the long term betterment of the Detachment to form a committee to discuss how we would implement this. The Detachment Longevity Sub Committee was formed and on 9 Dec 2020 met to discuss plans for the Detachment. During this meeting several proposals were drafted to be made at the January 2021 meeting. Discussions pursued and several proposals were drafted. First, the proposal to establish a Detachment Longevity Fund. Followed by, using the scholarship fund to be the new Longevity fund and pay scholarships out of the yearly budget. Next, place the remaining money in the Vic Beverson fund \$ 2,700 in the fund. To add 10% of all proceeds over \$1,000 to the Detachment Longevity fund and 5% of all proceeds over \$1,000 to the disaster relief fund. All these matters were proposed at the January meeting and unanimously approved after some discussion. Lastly, the committee addressed whether the Detachment wants to pursue a building in the future. It was mentioned in the meeting under the good of the League and it was decided a committee will form to discuss the feasibility of building for the detachment in the future and ways to raise money for it if it was decided to move forward. Members wishing to be on this committee should notify leadership.

Visiting George

On 11 November 2020, Detachment SVC, Adjutant Mike Coon, Angella Lawrence, Amy Tipton, and Department SVC Richard Ulrich visited fellow member Past Detachment Commandant George Edmonson. A good time was had by everyone and it was good to see George after not seeing him much with COVID and the VA Clinic detail being closed.



Left to right: Mike Coon, Richard Ulrich, Amy Tipton, George Edmonson, Paul Edmonson, Angella Lawrence, and Ray Broussard



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Veterans Day events:

The Detachment participated in three Veterans Day events in 2020. First, on 6 November 2020 the Detachment was allowed to go back to the Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jackson, LA. Michael Alexander, Dick Brandt, Mickey Brown, Mike Coon, Pat Kane, Frank Muscarello, James Roy, Al Szur, Lydia Szur, Richard White, and Richard Ulrich were all in attendance. Detachment Commandant, James Roy, cut the cake and passed the first piece to the oldest Marine present who then passed it to the youngest Marine present during the Marine Corps birthday portion of the ceremony. After the eating cake and talking to all the Veterans from the home present at the outdoor ceremony some of the members left and went to Walk-on's in Zachary to celebrate in with a little camaraderie time.



On 8 November 2020 Detachment JPC Dick Brandt, Frank Muscarello, Department SVC Richard Ulrich and Detachment JA Richard White all attended the traditional Veterans Day Mass at St. Alphonsus Church.

Finally, on 11 November 2020, Detachment JPC Dick Brandt, Detachment SVC Ray Broussard, Frank Muscarello, and Bill Romano attended the Veterans Day Award Ceremony at Greenside Assisted Living Facility on Jones Creek. Bill has been playing music for this event for several years and invited members of the League along. The ceremony recognizes veterans living in the facility and thanks them for their service to our great Country.



Toys 4 Tots

This year's Toys 4 Tots program was a huge success with four different events members participated in. First was our yearly trip out to BASF along with the active duty Marines on 8-9 December 2020. Members (Dick Brandt, Mike Coon, Pat Kane, Frank Muscarello, and Richard Ulrich) donned their red jackets along with the active duty Marines in their Dress Blues raising \$3,400 and 2 full boxes of toys. This was \$500 more than the amount collected in 2019. Dick Brandt then went out with the active duty Marines at a car show where Marines were out collecting toys. Ray Broussard went with the Marines on 22 Dec 2020 to do Toy deliveries with the active duty Marines and then cooked for them the next day while they were handing out toys. Participation in our activities is what makes the League a great organization. Don't forget to give back when you can.



Baton Rouge Soldier Outreach

On Saturday, 7 November 2020, members of the Detachment participated in stuffing care packages for military personnel stationed overseas with the Baton Rouge Soldier Outreach. Commandant James Roy constructed boxes for the assembly line, JVC Todd Messina, Dept. SVC Richard Ulrich, Detachment SVC Ray Broussard, Detachment Marine of the Year Al Szur, and Detachment Associate of the Year Lydia Szur all helped in the filling of each individual care package. The mission was clear and carried out quickly in under two hours everything was done. If you haven't participated in these events the next one is coming up on 6 February at 6150 Greenwell Springs, LA. from 0900-1100. No need to tell anyone you are coming, just show up and feel free to bring help with you if you would like as well.



Detachment Christmas Party

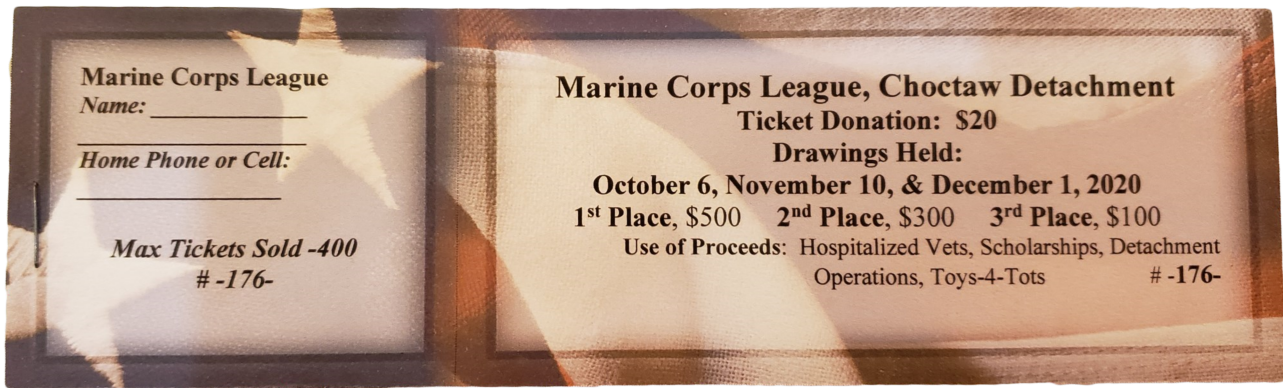
On Friday, 4 December 2020, the Choctaw Detachment's Christmas Party took place at the American Legion Hall 151 S. Wooddale Ave. The event was catered again by the Blue Rose. The evening began with the guest checking in and dropping off toys for Toys 4 Tots at the front desk. Special guest was the Department Commandant, Ronnie Broussard, and his wife. As people arrived we began with the social part of our party. Once the guest were ready to eat, chow was served. All in attendance were very pleased with the food and several take home boxes were filled. After the meal the Detachment Commandant, James



Roy, spoke for a few minutes and recognized Jeannie Buckel with her Community Service Ribbon since she missed Awards Banquet back in July. James then introduced Ronnie who spoke for a few minutes to the attendees. He spoke about how proud he was of the Detachment and the great work it has been doing in the Baton Rouge area. He talked about how the Choctaw Detachment helps on the Department level as well and then he handed out several awards to members of the Department (See Dept. News for more details). The night ended with take home boxes and smiles. A great time was had by all in attendance. This year's Christmas party was one of the smaller ones in a number of

years but due to COVID19 it was very understandable. Hopefully in 2021 the Christmas Party will be restored to its former glory.





Fall Raffle:

Our annual fall raffle is now complete. We are proud to report that we sold all 400 raffle tickets this time. Below are the final two drawings winners. Thank you to everyone who helped sell raffle tickets we would especially like to recognize our top 5 sellers: Todd Messina who sold 110 tickets, James Roy who sold 60 tickets, Bill Romano who sold 42 tickets, Amy Skinner who sold 35 tickets, and Al Szur who sold 27 tickets. These members also sold a significant amount of tickets (274 of the 400). Thank you everyone who participated. Please don't forget to try to help this coming year when will do our next raffle. We need all the help we can get and with 130+ members we need to all help share the load.

Winners of the November 10th drawing:

1st Place - \$500 - Darrell Adams

2nd Place - \$300 - Richard Ulrich

3rd Place - \$100 - Steve Judy

Winners of the December 4th drawing:

1st Place - \$500 - Nancy Bergeron

2nd Place - \$300 - Nicole Jarreau

3rd Place - \$100 - Don Hale



Membership Renewal

Annual Notice
Expires 31 August



**Renew today with your
local Detachment Paymaster**



Life Membership

After one year in the detachment you are eligible to become a life member. Use one of the payment methods listed in the dues reminder section to submit payment if you would like to become a life member.

| Age | Amount |
|-------|--------|
| 0-35 | \$500 |
| 36-50 | \$400 |
| 51-60 | \$300 |
| 61+ | \$150 |

Of the 135 members in the Choctaw Detachment, 52 are Life members.

Dues Reminder \$30
Remember dues renewals take place on 1 Sept each year. Please try to have your money in before this date. Money can be submitted by:

- Check or cash at any meeting
- Check by mail to the Paymaster - Made payable to the Marine Corps League (Mickey Brown 11528 Old Hammond Hwy Apt 1904 Baton Rouge, LA 70816 225-272-9213
- Paypal - ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com

Past Due Members -
These members have not paid their 2020 dues and will be cut from the role if dues are not paid by Aug 31st 2021.

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| Colby Boudreaux | Pablo Cardone |
| Delton Christal | Kenny Davis |
| Chip Duchein | Raymond DeRosette |
| Noah Hoggatt | Darren Johnson |
| David Lacerte | Vincent Pardo |
| Paul Parker | Glen Peace |
| Chris Sena | Paul Treloar |
| Vincent Virga | Lee Wade |
| Tim Walsh | Deena Weissberg |
| Charles Williams | |

Upcoming Birthdays

| Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 11 Dudley Garidel | 2 Woody Craft | 3 Vinny Pardo |
| 13 Vincent Virga | 4 Karnell Vincent | 10 Pablo Cardone |
| 14 Gene Gilchrist | 5 Mickey Brown | 17 Jeffrey Eichholz |
| Bryan Bautulis | 7 David Bickmeier | 19 Pat Kane |
| 18 Joseph Dardard | Ray Broussard | 20 David Earle |
| 20 Noah Hoggatt | 8 Delbert Hahn | 25 Brok Timpa |
| 27 Beezer Roussell | West Summers | 27 Jeannie Buckel |
| 30 Ray Gendron | 10 Darren Johnson | 31 Leon Davis |
| | Earl Davis | Deena Weisberg |
| | 12 Kenny Davis | |
| | 16 Colby Boudreaux | |
| | 17 Angella Lawrence | |
| | Harold Marsellus | |
| | Joe Girod | |
| | Barbara Graham | |
| | 20 Chris Sena | |
| | 22 Jerry Steele | |

Recruit New Members

One of the main missions of any Detachment is recruiting and retention. You can help our Detachment grow by bringing in new members or even bringing back members who have fallen to inactive status. The Junior Vice Commandant of the Detachment is in charge of the Membership Committee. They can help you learn how to sign up and new member and what the requirements are. They will have pamphlets and applications so that you can go out and recruit members on your own, you can even join the Membership Committee to help the Detachment with recruiting plans. Every Detachment must recruit to survive.

Members who in any combination recruit new members or reinstate members who have fallen to the inactive roster of 5 or more in a year become eligible to receive a Detachment Recruiting Ribbon. The member with the most will become Detachment Recruiter of the Year and be submitted for Department and National Recruiter of the Year.

Additionally, any members who achieves 5 or more will have their name will be submitted to National MCL and will receive a citation from the National Jr. Vice Commandant. If a member reaches 25-49 members in a given year they will receive a National Recruiter Medal - Bronze and a Distinguished Service Award. Members recruiting 50 or more members in a given year will receive the National Recruiter Medal - Silver and the Distinguished Service Medal. The top recruiter of the Year will receive the National Recruiter Medal - Gold, a plaque, and the Distinguished Service Medal. All National Awards will be read aloud during the awards ceremony at the National Conference.

Welcome Aboard

During the last quarter we welcomed aboard 2 new members

- Oct: (1) Cheryl Ellis
- Nov: (1) Richard Veillette
- Dec: (0) Christmas Party
- Jan: (0)



Pictured: Commandant James Roy giving the oath of obligation to new member Cheryl Ellis.

Membership Committee:

Chair: Todd Messina 225-955-7480 tmessina3@cox.net

The Membership Committee consist of three aspects: recruiting, retention, and welcoming new members and getting them squared away. Members of this committee will be involved in the membership of the detachment. If you would like to help the detachment grow, retain its current members, or help with the planning of the recruiting events. This is the Committee for you. Please contact the committee Chair to see how you can help.

Chaplain's Corner

Below is a list of members we would like you to think about and pray for as they recover from different illnesses or injuries.

- None at this time

In Memoriam

Below is a list of members who have passed since our last newsletter.

- Thomas Bateman - passed away 10 Jan 2021, funeral services have been postponed due to COVID 19. He was a Korean War Vet, graduate of LSU, president of First National Bank of Mansfield and retired from a high level position with the FDIC. We will keep everyone informed when more is know about the funeral services.



Funeral Honors Detail - regular participants (from right to left - Mickey Brown, Richard White, Dick Brandt, & James Roy)

Funeral Honors Details:

Funeral Honors Details have resumed, however the active duty Marines have not. We are not being informed of the service so we have only conducted one since these have resumed.

Leader: Dick Brandt
225-252-0923
marinebrandt@gmail.com

Events: Marine funerals (contact Dick if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers so that he may notify you when we have an upcoming funeral.

Uniform of the Day:

- Summer funerals - White Short Sleeve / Black Trousers (we will be switching to Dress Blue Trousers next summer).
- Winter funerals & MCL Member funerals - Red Jacket uniform (we also provide honor guard for MCL members during visitation).



Marine Corps League National News:

National Mid-Winter Conference:

The 2021 National Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled. If you are interested in attending please contact our Detachment Commandant James Roy. The conference is open to all members of the Marine Corps League. This is likely to be cancelled very soon.

DATE: 25 Feb 2021 to 27 Feb 2021
 PLACE: Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Dr. Norfolk, VA 23510
 (757) 622-6664 or <http://www.Marriott.com/ORFSI>
 Facebook Event: Search 2021 National Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference



National Conference:

The 2021 National Conference is scheduled. If you are interested in attending please contact our Detachment Commandant James Roy. The conference is open to all members of the Marine Corps League.

DATE: 8 Aug 2021 to 14 Aug 2021
 PLACE: Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
 217-789-1530 or www.wyndhamhotels.com
 Facebook Event: Search 2021 Marine Corps League National Convention
 Additional Notes: Free breakfast, free parking, Wi-Fi, and pet friendly.
 Room Rate: \$129.95 tax included.



Southeast Division News:

Division Conference:

Date: 24-27 Mar 2021
 Location: Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
 9900 Airline Hwy.
 Baton Rouge, LA 70816
 225-924-7021

Additional Information:

Baton Rouge has been awarded the 2022 Conference after the 2021 conference was cancelled. We will need help raising funds for this conference and we will appreciate any help that. Please see below for the committee if you can help us in our mission to host the next Division conference. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our Detachment. All hands on deck.

2022 Southeast Division Conference Committee:

Chair:

Ray Broussard 225-281-6836 rayjbroussardjr@gmail.com

The Choctaw Detachment is hosting the 2022 Division Conference. The members of this committee are helping to organize this conference and will require lots of help. If you can help with this committee please contact the committee chair. Also please see our fund raising inserts in the newsletter and help find sponsors for this event.

Next Event:

Committee Meeting
 Date: 27 Jan 2021
 Times: 1830-2030
 Location: Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South 9900 Airline Hwy.



SE Div. Vice Commandant
 Butch Raynes



Department News

From Department Commandant: The Spring Staff meeting will likely not happen in person. However, he did reiterated that the staff needs to meet. Discussions and plans are being made to possibly have a Zoom meeting with the 5 staff officers and then have another with the District Vice Commandants. After that we will attempt to add all the Detachment Commandants to the mix and conduct our meeting that way.



Plans are still to have the Department Convention in Houma in June. So mark that on your calendar We would like to attendees from our Detachment at the Convention.

Ronnie also wanted to pass along to all Veterans if they were interested in getting the COVID 19 vaccination they can contact the VA at 1-800-935-8387 extension 72819.



Dept. of Louisiana Commandant
Ronnie Broussard

During the Detachment Christmas Party Department Commandant Broussard recognized the Choctaw 778 as an Outstanding Detachment in the Department. He also awarded Detachment Commandant, James Roy, as the Department Recruiter of the Year. Ronnie also issued Distinguished Citizen Medals (Silver), which is the highest award the Department Commandant can award, to Dick Brandt, Ray Broussard, Mike Coon, Frank Muscarello, James Roy, Al Szur, and Richard Ulrich.



2019 Marine of the Year, James Roy, presenting the 2020 Marine of the Year, Ronnie Broussard, with the Milton H. Ockman Award and medallion.



Military Order of the Devil Dogs Louisiana Pack



From: PDD David Martin aka D-Day Worthy Pack Leader

Woof Woof, Semper fi Devil Dogs it has been a tough year as we have not been able to have a Grand Growl. I do know that Choctaw Hounds have been able to have their growls and that is outstanding. A couple of things to remember. All passport fines must go to the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber

along with any other additional funds for the Children's Hospital being sent to Kennel (please indicate that though). Additionally, any other fines stay with in the Pound. Remember if you make it fun they will come. For any additional information please visit the national website: <https://militaryorderofthedevildogs.com>



Louisiana Pack Dog of the Year
Tim Neal
Spike Collar Pound 182



Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Choctaw Hounds Pound 261

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| Pound Keeper: DD Richard Ulrich 225-235-8821 | Police Dog: Pat Kane 225-344-2048 |
| Senior Vice Pound Keeper: PDD Dick Brandt 225-252-0923 | Mad Dog: Dick Brandt 225-252-0923 |
| Junior Vice Pound Keeper: DD Richard White 225-261-5452 | Watch Dog: James Roy 225-572-4994 |
| Dog Robber: DD Frank Muscarello 225-278-3625 | Barking Dog: Ray Broussard 225-281-6838 |
| Smart Dog: PDD V.J. Bella 225-931-1975 | Junior Past Pound Keeper: unknown |
| Dog Trainer: DD Richard White 225-261-5452 | WOOF WOOF |

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League. Being asked to be a member of the Order means you are seen as one of the members who puts forth the extra effort to make the detachment great. The Order focuses on two areas: helping children and assistance to our fellow real life dogs.

New Growl :
 DATE: 10 April 2021
 TIME: 0915
 LOCATION: BRPD Training Academy
 9000 Airline Hwy.
 Remember to bring dog food and your bones!!! Breakfast at Frank's before.

From our Pound Keeper

Woof Woof Devil Dogs,
 I would like to welcome aboard Earl Davis and Al Szur who were initiated in to the Choctaw Hounds Pound 261 at our last Growl and I look forward to your participation in the Devil Dogs. One of the Pounds main projects they work on is collecting dog food for the local animal shelter. Since we started this project last year, we have donated over 820 pounds of food which is greatly appreciated by the animal shelter. This has been an outstanding achievement and we will continue our efforts at future growls. If you would like to help but can't attend the growl for some reason you can send a donation for dog food to Military Order of the Devil Dogs, with Dog Food in the memo section. Please send all checks to Pound Dog Robber, Frank Muscarello, 6225 Durande Dr.,Baton Rouge, La 70820-5703.We will then purchase the dog food from your gift before our next Growl. Anyone who would like to help feel free to contribute as well. We always appreciate you help to this worthy cause. Look forward to seeing all our Dog members at our next Growl on April 10, 2021 for breakfast at Franks Restaurant, 8353 Airline Hwy from 0800-0900 and the Growl at 0915 at the Baton Rouge Police Training Academy, 9000 Airline Hwy. WOOF WOOF!!!



Robert H. Barrow Fireteam
 (Saint Francisville, LA)

Robert H. Barrow Fireteam News

Fireteam Leader:
 Lee Wade 225-245-2222 lee.wade4@outlook.com

The fireteam has been sidelined during COVID 19. They are currently trying to set up their next meeting.



Information Update

Requesting that all members of the Detachment please send in an email with your current:

- Phone number
- Address
- Email

ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com

Or call 225-572-4994 (please only if you don't have email)

Committees Chairs:

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Audit: | Richard Ulrich |
| Budget & Finance: | Ray Broussard |
| Bylaws: | Dick Brandt |
| Fundraising: | Al Szur |
| Marine of the Year: | Al Szur |
| Membership: | Todd Messina |
| Nominating: | Dick Brandt |
| Programs: | James Roy |
| 2021 SE Div. Conf.: | Ray Broussard |
| Social Activities: | Angela Cannon |

Programs Leaders:

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| BR Soldier Outreach: | James Roy |
| Disaster Relief: | Dick Brandt |
| Eagle Scouts: | Frank Muscarello |
| Funeral Details: | Dick Brandt |
| IR Silkies Hike: | Darren Johnson |
| Parade Details: | Frank Muscarello |
| Rose Day: | Richard Ulrich |
| Scholarships: | Al Szur |
| St. Vincent De Paul: | Frank Muscarello |
| Toys 4 Tots: | Dick Brandt |
| VA Clinic: | Mike Coon |
| Veterans Homes: | Al Szur |
| Young Marines: | Pat Kane Earl Davis |



Internet & Social Media

Website:

<http://www.mclbatonrouge.org/>

Facebook Page:

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