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DETACHMENT 778

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Southeast Division Conference is coming to Baton Rouge 24- 27 March 2022.

Christmas & Toys 4 Tots

Pearl Harbor Remembrance



Commandants Message

Marines as my time as Commandant of our great Detachment comes to an end I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making a successful detachment for the last three years. I look forward to continuing to serve on the board as the Junior Past Commandant and making the Choctaw Detachment successful anyway I can. I hope you will all come out and support our new staff with your presence at any events you can make.

Although my time is short, we do have many things that will be happening until my term ends in May. I ask you all to try to be as active as you possibly can during these next few months. We have the ever so important nominations of the newly elected officers coming up at our March meeting. The nominating committee will be looking for members who are interested in elected or appointed positions within the Detachment. In late March we are hosting the Southeast Division Conference for the first time ever. If you can attend this event please do. It is \$10 to register and the form is included in this newsletter. This includes the Friday night taste of Louisiana which will be a bunch of Louisiana food free for all our attendees. If you would like to attend the banquet that info is available on the registration form. We have put a lot of effort into making this conference very successful and one to remember. So please come and

support it through your attendance and if you can help volunteer to man a booth we would appreciate it. In April we will have our election of officer. So come and support the candidates of your choice. My last action as Detachment Commandant is the Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet. This banquet has been a great way for us to welcome in the newly elected officers to their position and express my gratitude for all our membership who have helped make our Detachment the shining light that it is in the Department, Division, and our Nation.

Keep up the outstanding work Devil Dogs and keep our flag flying high as we move into the future. Our future is bright and one thing I believe adamantly is that the Choctaw Detachment will be out front leading the way. Semper fi

Detachment Breakfast

Every Tuesday @ 0800

Frank's Restaurant
8353 Airline Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA

Weekend Breakfast

14 May @ 0900 Another Broken Egg
2531 Citiplace Ct #100

Meeting Dates

Detachment 1830 @ BRPD Training Center

- 8 Mar Regular Meeting & Nominations
- 5 Apr Regular Meeting & Election of Officers
- TBD May Installation of Officers & Awards Banquet

Department

3-4 Jun Dept. Convention
Houma, LA

Division

24-27 Mar 2022 Southeast Division Conf.
Holiday Inn South
Baton Rouge, LA

National

24-26 Feb 2022 Mid-Winter Conference
Norfolk, VA
Sheraton Norfolk

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Historian
Vacant

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location	Uniform of the Day
16 Feb 1800-1930	Commandant's Corner - Theme: Marksmanship & Eagle Scouts	LINK Launch Meeting - Zoom	None - casual (no covers)
23 Feb 1900-2100	Trivia Night (social)	Crave Hot Dogs & BBQ 630 Arlington Creek Centre Blvd. (spouses are welcome)	None
24-26 Feb	National Mid-Winter Conference Book hotel: 1-800-325-3535 Also live broadcasted from Facebook National Page	Sheraton Norfolk Waterside 777 Waterside Dr. Norfolk, VA 23510-2102	All
1 Mar 0800-0900	Marine Breakfast (Mike Coon will be in town and at breakfast)	Frank's Restaurant 8353 Airline Hwy.	None
19 Mar	Wearin' of the Green Parade (St. Patrick's Day)	Southdowns / Garden District area of town / Come out and support the Marine Corps Band and the Young Marines	None
24-27 Mar	2022 Southeast Division Conference LINK TO BOOK ROOM	Holiday Inn - South 9990 Airline Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA	All
23 Apr 0915-1030	MODD - Choctaw Hounds Pound 261 - Growl	BRPD Training Academy 9000 Airline Hwy	Cover / Vest / Collar

Blast From The Past



(16 March 2013) Wearin of the Green Parade - (top Right to left) Frank Muscarello, unknown member who need help identifying, PDC Dick Brandt, Don Hale, PDC Vic Beverson, and (below) George Edmonson.



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

75th Southeast Division Conference

Baton Rouge, LA ● March 24-27, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ MEMBER ID: _____

CURRENT TITLE: _____

PREFERRED NAME ON NAME TAG: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

MCL / MCLA UNIT NAME: _____ NUMBER: _____

GUEST(S): _____

PREFERRED NAME ON NAME TAG(S): _____

YOU ARE ARRIVING: _____

MCL REGISTRATION IS \$10 _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

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BANQUET Saturday March 26, 2022 (\$54.00 per person)

Plated Dinner includes *Tossed Salad with choice of dressing, Dinner Rolls, dessert, Iced Tea and Coffee*

CHICKEN _____ @ \$54 = \$ _____

Oven grilled Chicken Breast with mushroom sauce, vegetable medley, garlic roasted potatoes

BEEF _____ @ \$54 = \$ _____

Carved beef with Port wine reduction, Vegetable medley, and garlic roasted potatoes

FISH _____ @ \$54 = \$ _____

Seasonal fresh gulf fish, vegetable medley, and new roasted potatoes

TOTAL = \$ _____

MAIL FORM AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHOCTAW DETACHMENT 778:

SE Division Conference
PO Box 41555
Baton Rouge, LA 70835

WE WILL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR
REGISTRATION VIA EMAIL

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL / TEXT JAMES ROY AT (225) 572-4994, OR EMAIL AT
ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com

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A Taste of **Louisiana**

**DINE ON LOUISIANA CUISINE WHILE LISTENING
AND DANCING TO LIVE MUSIC.**

**JAMBALA, SAUSAGE / ANDOUILLE GUMBO, SHRIMP, CRAWFISH
ETOUFEE, & CHICKEN PASTA ALFREDO**

**NO CHARGE !
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**MCL SPONSOR FORM
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
2022 SE DIVISION CONFERENCE
MARCH 24 - 27, 2022
BATON ROUGE, LA**

LEVEL	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Full Page	\$110	8"X10" Ad - Rectangular with Portrait Orientation
1/2 Page Ad	\$60	8"X5" Ad - Rectangular with Landscape Orientation
1/4 Page Ad	\$40	4"X2½" Ad - Rectangular with Portrait Orientation

All artwork should be submitted electronically to ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com.
DEADLINE FOR ART WORK IS MARCH 1, 2022.

Checks may be mailed to MCL Choctaw 778, PO Box 41555 Baton Rouge, LA 70835.

I would like to provide items, gift cards, or gifts for attendee bags, giftbaskets for distinguished guests, and / or door prizes.

I would like to sponsor an active duty Marine's seat at the banquet. \$54

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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The Original Never Forget

by James Roy

On 7 December 2021, members for the Choctaw Detachment 778 remembered the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor at the USS Kidd in downtown Baton Rouge. Many may not know that there are three versions of the USS Kidd USS Kidd DD-661 (23 April 1943 to 19 June 1964), the DDG-993 (27 March 1981 to 12 March 1998), and the current DDG-100 commissioned on 9 June 2007. However, what made this ceremony special were two factors. First the Captain of the current USS Kidd, Captain Matt Noland, USN, was the guest speaker. He is a Baton Rouge native and talked about how special it was to be the Captain of the current USS Kidd. Also present were members from all three USS Kidd's. The USS Kidd was named after Rear Admiral Isaac C. Kidd Sr., who was killed aboard the USS Arizona during the bombing of Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. The USS Kidd has been an attraction in downtown Baton Rouge for many years and understanding the history of it's significance and who the ship is named after and if great feats in battles during World War II should not be forgotten. More importantly the ship is tied to Baton Rouge and for that we are grateful. Never Forget on this 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. More information about the USS Kidd can be learned by visiting the USS Kidd Library downtown.



Wreaths Across America

On 18 December 2021, members of the Detachment participated in two Wreaths Across America ceremonies simultaneously. This meant we had to split forces to get the job done. First, SVC Frank Muscarello and JVC Todd Messina went to the Baton Rouge National Cemetery to support the Blue Star Mothers event. This is the one we have supported in the past the most as we had ties with Mike Coon's wife, Millie.

This year we also attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Port Hudson National Cemetery. This one was hosted by the Baton Rouge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. PDC Dick Brandt was asked to present the wreath to represent the Marine Corps. Commandant James Roy and Past Detachment Commandant Richard Ulrich were also in attendance at this ceremony.



Bass Pro Raffle

On 11 and 12 December 2021, members of the Detachment took shifts working our booth at the exit of Bass Pro in Denham Springs, LA. Todd Messina, the Fundraising Committee Chair and Junior Vice Commandant of the Choctaw Detachment was there both days all six hours and coordinated all the shifts and managed the entire operation. PDC Dick Brandt, Mickey Brown, Earl Davis, Steve Kovach, Jared Roach, Amy Skinner, Richard White, Frank Muscarello, Bill Romano, James Roy, Al Szur, Lydia Szur, and Richard Ulrich all took three hour shifts on one of the two days selling 400 tickets at \$10 a piece. This equated to \$4,000 with \$1,500 of that purchasing the gift cards. This is not the greatest duty and no one likes selling raffle tickets but it has to be done in order to help fund our Detachment. It also gives the public a chance to help out veterans. The facts remain the mission of the Marine Corps League is to help others and in order to do that we need to raise money. Special



thanks goes out to all the members who were able to get out there and take a shift and sell some raffle tickets you've did an outstanding job. Todd was also able to talk to about ten Marines during the two days and one has already signed up as member, Rodney Savini. So if you come to a meeting make sure you welcome him to the Detachment.



Christmas Party

On 9 December 2021, seventeen members of the Detachment and their families attended the Detachment Christmas Party at the Zachary Taylor Post of the VFW on Choctaw Dr. The event was catered by the Blue Rose Café who did an excellent job with the food. The entire event was organized by our Social Activities Chair, Amy Skinner. She did a wonderful job lining up the caterer, lining up the building, and helping decorate. Dick's daughter also came along with Commandant James Roy, PDC Dick Brandt, and Amy Skinner to decorate the VFW hall earlier that day. The atmosphere was great and Mr. Tommy Pitre of the VFW was behind the bar serving drinks for the night. Our musician got sick the morning of the event and had to cancel but Marines adapt and overcome any obstacle we have in our way and a Christmas playlist with a blue tooth speaker saved the day. It really topped off the atmosphere. With excellent deco-



rations, great food, and wonderful people in attendance the night was a great success. A great time was had by all socializing. However, the Christmas Party this year added a new twist because of one of our newer members, Robert Smith. He suggested we do a white elephant gift exchange at the party. Not everyone was forced to participate but those who did took turns picking and stealing gifts until the very last one done. The gift exchange was a big hit as there were a few items that were fairly popular. This was a great thing and made even better since a newer member was able to contribute the idea which had a lot

of success. It was a great time and everyone had a lot of fun.

In 2022, we hope to see even more people in attendance and even more participate in the white elephant. Events that promote camaraderie are very important for the League. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we cherish the continued support of all our members when they are able to participate. The League thrives because of its wonderful members and the Detachment Christmas party is no different.



Toys 4 Tots

On 7 and 8 December 2021, members Pat Kane, SVC Frank Muscarello, Commandant James Roy, and PDC Dick Brandt all travelled out to Geismer, LA to BASF whom over the years has allowed the Marines and Marine Corps League to collect money at the gates for the Toys 4 Tots program. We were out there for a total of six hours (three hours each day) and collected \$4,340 in donations along with several boxes of toys.



Also, despite short notice JVC Todd Messina, Earl Davis, Darron Messina, Frank Muscarello, and Amy Skinner assisted the Marines at the Distribution center helping out our local Marines and the Toys 4 Tots programs are to important parts of the Marine Corps League's mission.

Lastly, we collected toys at our Christmas Party which were also delivered to the Marines. Outstanding work Marines!!!

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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
51-64	\$300
65+	\$150

Of the 155 members in the Choctaw Detachment, 56 are Life members.

Dues Reminder \$40
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 -
We currently have 28 unpaid members if you haven't paid your dues since around August of this year please get your renewals in ASAP. Information on how to do is list on the left.

Upcoming Birthdays

Jan

- 11 Dudley Garidel
- 13 Vincent Virga
Rich Viellette
- 13 Gene Gilchirst
Bryan Bautlis
- 14 Shannon McGuire
- 17 Don O'Brien
- 18 Joseph Dardard
- 27 Beezer Roussel
- 30 Ray Gendron

Feb

- 2 Woody Craft
- 4 Karnell Vincent
- 5 Mickey Brown
- 7 David Bickmeier
Ray Broussard
- 8 Delbert Hahn
West Summers
Roy Price
Darron Messina
- 10 Darren Johnson
Earl Davis
- 17 Angela Lawrence
Harold Marcellus
Joe Girod
Barbara Graham
- 20 Chris Sena
Jerry Steele
Brett Kurtz
- 27 Edward Stogner
- 28 Benjamin Feilding

Mar

- 4 Carlos Urbina
- 15 Robert Smith
- 17 Jeffrey Eichholz
- 19 Pat Kane
- 20 David Earle
- 23 Adam Love
- 27 Jeannie Buckel
- 31 Leon Davis

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.

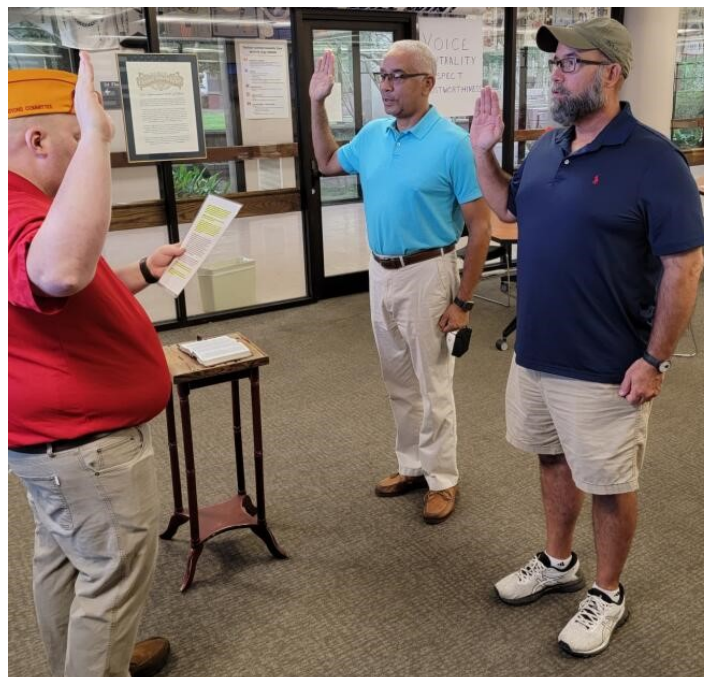
Members who in any combination recruit new members or reinstate members who have fallen to the inactive roster of 5 or more in a year become eligible to receive a Detachment Recruiting Ribbon. The member with the most will become Detachment Recruiter of the Year and be submitted for Department and National 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 8 new members

- Oct: (3) Edward Stogner, Kelly Motichek, and Louis Bauer
- Nov: (1) Lori Palisi
- Dec: (0)



Pictured: Commandant James Roy administers the oath of obligation on 7 September 2021 to Ron Bias and Allen Herring.

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.

- Al Szur - radiation & chemo for cancer
- Mickey Brown - injections for red blood cell disease
- Pat Kane - recovering from surgery
- Don Hale—left arm being treated for cancer
- Amy Skinner mom - on Hospice from lung cancer

In Memoriam

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

- None
- Also pray for the 6 other members of the Department who were lost since the Department Convention in June.



Funeral Honors Detail - (from left to right) - Richard Ulrich, Don Hale, Ray Broussard, and Richard White

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 / Dress Blue Trousers
- Winter funerals & MCL Member funerals - Red Jacket uniform (we also provide honor guard for MCL members during visitation.





Department of Louisiana
Commandant
Glenn Suire

Department News

The Department Spring Staff meeting took place on 5 February 2022, in Houma, LA at the Houma-Terrebonne Detachment 475, 206 St. Pius St. The staff meeting was attended by 32 members of the Department including most of the Department Staff. Ten of the eleven Detachments had representation at the meeting. During the staff meeting Department Commandant, Glenn Suire, read correspondence from SE Div NVC Jerry Holt. He also reviewed the rules governing meetings of the Department. He recognized our newest Detachment LCpl. Justin D. McLeese Detachment 1487 and the outstanding job they did on their Marine Corps Ball.

All officers of the Department gave their reports and the highlights were Senior Vice Commandant, James Roy, addressing the attendees about the upcoming Southeast Division Conference and trying to get a Hammond Detachment back. Junior Vice Commandant, Allen Leblanc, spoke about getting a detachment in the Raceland, LA area. He advised they had an initial meeting with a few members from the old Bayou Detachment 905. Adjutant Ronnie Broussard spoke on the importance of reaching out to delinquent members. There were also reports given by each Detachment Commandant. Many of them spoke about different programs they had conducted in last few months. The biggest news was that the Paul E. Boyd Detachment 579 will be selling their building.

The Commandant also announced the locations of the next few meetings. 2022 Convention will be in Houma, the 2022 Fall Staff Meeting will be in Slidell, and the 2023 Spring Staff Meeting will be in New Iberia.

Lastly, several members spoke including SVC James Roy about conducting some future training inside the Department. PDC David Martin spoke about the importance of the 990s and filing with the Secretary of State's office. All in all the meeting was very good and many great ideas were shared and information distributed.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs - Louisiana Pack

On 5 February 2022, a Growl of the Pack took place before the Spring Staff meeting mentioned above. Twenty three members of the Louisiana Pack were in attendance. The Growl of the Pack started a little late which made us short on time but many fines were collected totaling. Two new officers were appointed by Worthy Pack Leader David Martin. Spike Collar Pound member Sammy Marcel was named Worthy Police Dog and Choctaw Hounds Pound 261 Member, James Roy, was named Worthy Dog Robber.



Southeast Division News:

Division Conference:

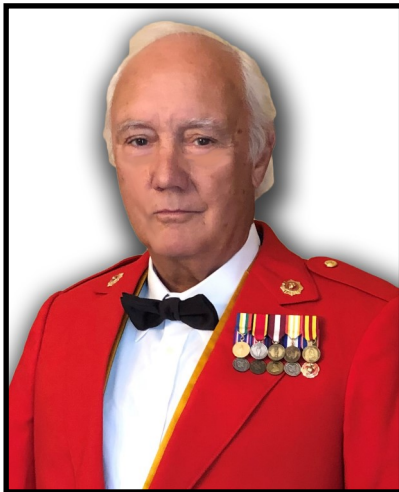
Date: 24-27 Mar 2021

Location: Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
9900 Airline Hwy.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
225-924-7021



Additional Information:

The Conference will be happening very shortly and we need as many hands on deck as we can get to help man a booth, registration desk, or even help in the hospitality room as possible. Please see the registration form in this newsletter. You must at least register for the conference (only \$10) so you can attend the Friday night Taste of Louisiana event. There are also business meetings on Friday and Saturday. It's a great opportunity for some camaraderie.



SE Div. National Vice Commandant
Jerry Holt



SE Div. Assistant National Vice Commandant
Ronnie Broussard



*Best Wishes to the Members of the
Marine Corps League attending the
Southeast Division Conference
we wish you all well and
hope you have a geat time in Louisiana*

Mickey and Melanie Loomis

Marine Corps League National News:



2022 Mid Winter Conference

DATE: 24 Feb 2022 to 26 Feb 2022

PLACE: Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Room Rate: \$129 + tax (14%) + \$3 resort charge

Additional: breakfast included

Reservations can be made 1-800-325-3535 or 757-622-6664 or clicking the link below:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1619455105461&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

2022 National Convention

DATE: 15 Aug 2022 to 19 Aug 2022

PLACE: Hilton Dayton Beach Oceanfront Resort 100 N. Atlantic Ave. Dayton Beach, FL 32118

1-800-774-1500 mention code MCL22

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/dabdhhf-mcl22-e8ad126b-627e-47fa-a5cf-964b7ea404ef/?WT.mc_id=POG

Facebook Event: Search MCL 2022 National Convention

Additional Notes: includes breakfast / Convention rate is good for 4 days before and after. The hotel is 850 rooms. You can begin booking your rooms now. Please let our Commandant know if you are planning to attend.

Room Rate: \$127 + taxes and there is a \$20 parking fee which they are trying to negotiate now.

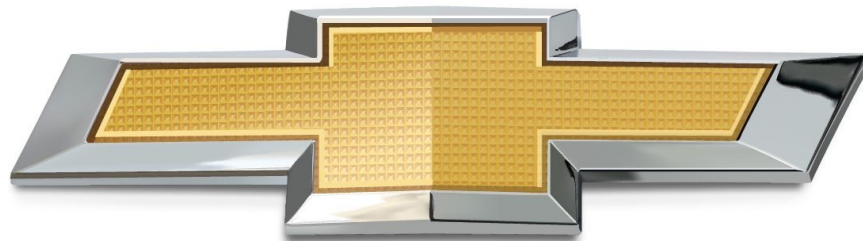
2023 National Convention (100 year Anniversary of the Marine Corps League)

DATE: 14 Aug 2023 to 18th Aug 2023

PLACE: Omni in Oklahoma City, OK

Room Rate: \$165 (taxes included) or \$175 with parking (taxes included).

Details: TBD



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Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Choctaw Hounds Pound 261

Pound Keeper: DD Richard Ulrich 225-235-8821	Police Dog: DD Pat Kane 225-344-2048
Senior Vice Pound Keeper: PDD Dick Brandt 225-252-0923	Mad Dog: PDD Dick Brandt 225-252-0923
Junior Vice Pound Keeper: DD Richard White 225-261-5452	Watch Dog: DD James Roy 225-572-4994
Dog Robber: DD Frank Muscarello 225-278-3625	Barking Dog: PUP Earl Davis 225-273-1700
Smart Dog: PUP Todd Messina 225-955-7480	Junior Past Pound Keeper: PDD Dick Brandt 225-252-0923
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.

Next Pound Growl:
 DATE: 23 April 2022
 TIME: 0915
 LOCATION: BRPD
 Training Academy
 9000 Airline Hwy.

Remember to bring dog food and your bones!!! Great job last growl. The growl had 425 Pounds of dog food from the 7 members in attendance which was donated to the Dog Adoption House of Baton Rouge. Also the Pound Keepers games were a big success raising money for the treasury.



Robert H. Barrow Fireteam
 (Saint Francisville, LA)

Robert H. Barrow Fireteam News

Fireteam Leader:
 None at this time

The fireteam is sidelined right now as no member of the Fireteam is willing to lead and the old leader hasn't been heard from in over a year.



**LCpl. Justin D. McLeese
Detachment 1487 News:**

This will be the last newsletter the LCpl Justin D. McLeese Detachment 1487 will be in as they are now on their way to becoming their own Detachment. National has issued a Charter and the Detachment will meet on 17 Feb 2022 to elect their first officers, install their officers, and install their Charter. This is a proud moment and should be considered a great accomplishment as the Department of Louisiana has not had a new Detachment since 2008. Good Luck Marines we look forward to watching you grow and assisting you in any way we can.



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Information Update

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

- Phone number
- Address
- Email

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

Committees Chairs:

Audit:	Richard Ulrich
Budget & Finance:	James Roy
Bylaws:	Ray Gendron
Fundraising:	Todd Messina
Marine of the Year:	Ray Broussard
Membership:	Todd Messina
Nominating:	Dick Brandt
Programs:	James Roy
2022 SE Div. Conf.:	James Roy
Social Activities:	Amy Skinner

Programs Leaders:

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



Internet & Social Media

Website:

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

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MCL778/>

Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MCL778/>

Baton Rouge Area Marines

Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BRAreaMarines/>

Ad space:

If you know anyone that would be interested in purchasing ad space in our newsletter please reach out to them. Prices are posted below and they must submit art work to ChoctawDetachment778@gmail.com

Full Page	\$100 / year
1/2 Page	\$50 / year
1/4 Page	\$25 / year

Semper fidelis

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