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Marine Corps League



141 Upcoming Events

Soldiers Home Marine Corps Birthday
November 10
Volunteers needed

Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony
November 11
Color Guard needed

Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
November 14

Children's Christmas Party

Skating Party at Amelia park
December 29
Volunteers Needed

Get Involved, Volunteer!!
Uniform Up!



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Commandant's Corner



To my fellow Detachment members,

We have several events coming up as the year comes to an end. The detachment needs your help for our success. Please pitch in where you can.

At our November meeting we will be installing the officers for the coming year as well as celebrating the Marine Corps 247th birthday.

Commandant
Chris Cekovsky

Uniform up! A cover is all that's required to be in uniform, but there are uniform shirts and trousers for free upstairs in the barracks. Find something that fits and you're in business. The Quartermaster also has uniform items for purchase. Look good feel good!

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From the Paymaster:

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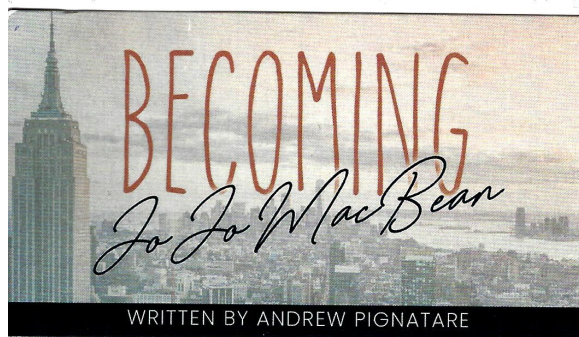
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Pieces of the whole

By Bill Federman

The season of giving thanks is upon us once again. Millions of people will observe various holidays with family and friends at celebrations centered on ambrosial feasts. But for a select few those commemorations pale in significance to November 10 – the anniversary of the founding of our beloved United States Marine Corps, for which Marines past and present – a family of sorts – are eternally grateful. The traditional civilian fare of turkey or ham, maybe a goose, is fine but the soul-satisfying taste of a slice of Marine Corps birthday cake cut with a sword is beyond compare.

This year is our Corps' 247th birthday. There will be the usual speeches and opinion articles extolling the spirit and traditions that define the Corps along with the usual calls, from both Marines and civilians, to continue the relentless pursuit of excellence. That's all well and good but those big, strategic messages can overwhelm my memories of my fellow Marines and the things that happened to us – the good and the bad, the trivial and the vital – the sum of my Marine Corps experience. I'll observe November 10 in the traditional way but I'll also bask in the memories of some smaller moments in my Marine Corps journey: the first night at boot camp, running into my drill instructor on Okinawa, being awakened by a horse at Camp Pendleton, that debauched liberty in the Philippines – the list goes on. Those were – to borrow a phrase – the best of times and the worst of times; they are pieces of the whole, as Marines are to the Marine Corps, and live within us forever. So, on this Marine Corps birthday, after the cake and the ceremonies, I'll be thinking small.

Happy Birthday to Marines everywhere.



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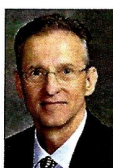


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