



# ***Semper Fi Highlights***

## **Greater Greensburg Detachment #834**

### **Marine Corps League**

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#### **Detachment Birthday Corner**

##### **January Birthdays**

**Happy Birthday to Marines Gary Burkett, Brian Hurst, James Levy, and Bill Soles.**

##### **February Birthdays**

**Happy Birthday to Marines Doug Hurst, James Lohr, Richard Long, and Sam Redinger.**

If you would like to have this newsletter wish you a Happy Birthday, **please contact the editor with your birthdate.**

#### **Detachment #834 Meeting**

Greensburg Detachment will meet at Hose Company #7 at 625 E Pittsburgh St, Greensburg, back entrance.. NO steps, NO smoke. Please consider coming to a meeting.

#### **Newsletter by Email**

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter by email, please send an email to the editor.

#### **New MCL Life Membership Information**

Effective **1 July 2023**, the Life Membership Fees increased as per the following chart:

\$1,000.00	– 35 years of age and lower
\$ 800.00	– 36-50 years of age
\$ 600.00	– 51-64 years of age
\$ 400.00	– 65-84 years of age
\$ 100.00	– 85 years of age and higher

The above Fees are only available if the member's annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing. Any member desiring to pay their Life Membership Fees at the current rate, must do so and be post-marked no later than 30 June 2023. Any Life Membership payments after that date are listed above.

**Meeting:** 4th Saturday of the month.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, 25 Jan 2025

**Place:** Hose Co. #7 at 625 E. Pittsburgh St, Greensburg

**Time:** 1000 (10:00 AM) hours

The "count on deck" is: 49

**If you know any active, retired, or former Marines who are not members of the Marine Corps League, please invite them to come as guests to our next meeting. All Marines are always welcome at our meetings.**

## September 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

### Meeting Highlights:

- NO meeting was held as there were not enough members to hold a meeting.

## Membership Dues Reminder

If you are not a lifetime member your membership dues were due 1 September 2024.

### Past due memberships:

Seigh, Caleb                      Tray, Patrick

Make checks, for \$30, payable to MCL Greater Greensburg. Please send your dues to the Paymaster:

Frank Antoline  
405 Julie Dean Dr  
Jeannette, PA 15644

## Websites of interest

Detachment #834:

[www.greensburgmarinecorpsleague.org/](http://www.greensburgmarinecorpsleague.org/)

Westmoreland Toys for Tots:

[jeannette-pa.toysfortots.org](http://jeannette-pa.toysfortots.org)

Westmoreland Toys for Tots **FACEBOOK** page:

[www.facebook.com/Westmoreland County](http://www.facebook.com/Westmoreland County PA Toys for Tots)

PA Toys for Tots

Marine Corps League Uniforms Buy-Sell-Trade:

[www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms)

Dept. of PA MCL: [www.pamcleague.com/](http://www.pamcleague.com/)

MCL National HQ: [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)

MCL National HQ: [www.mclnational.org/member-library](http://www.mclnational.org/member-library)

Password protected, ask your local leadership for this password. This library holds meeting minutes, forms, nation bylaws/administrative procedures manuals to include MCL uniform guidance and MCL awards guidance, etc.

DOD public website: [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov)

## A Bit of Marine Corps History

**1 Jan 1881:** The Marine Band plays at the first New Year's reception held at the White House.

**17 Jan 1991:** Marine aircraft begin bombing Iraqi targets, marking the opening of Operation Desert Storm.

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**5 Feb 1962:** An SH3A helicopter piloted by Marine Capt. L. K. Keck sets a world speed record for a helicopter.

**19 Feb 1945:** Marines land on Iwo Jima in the Pacific.

**20 Feb 1962:** Maj. John Glenn becomes the first Marine in space and the first American to orbit the Earth.

**23 Feb 1945:** Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima is captured. Marines hoist American flag over the summit.

## Breaking Down the Difference Between Army and Marines

Taylor Crowley; Published: December 10, 2024;  
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The U.S. Armed Forces are composed of several branches, each contributing vital capabilities to the nation's defense.

Among all the branches, the Army and Marines stand out for their distinct missions and training approaches.

While their objectives intersect in safeguarding the United States and upholding its Constitution, their strategies and operational frameworks highlight different strengths.

Let us talk about both of these in order to understand the difference between the Army and the Marines in greater detail.

### Primary Roles and Missions

The main difference between the Army and the Marines is that they focus on distinct areas: the Army prioritizes prolonged ground-based campaigns, while the Marines specialize in swift, amphibious actions.

Their operational capabilities allow them to work both independently and collaboratively, ensuring comprehensive defense strategies in various scenarios.

### The Ground-Focused Approach

The army specializes in sustained land operations, acting as the backbone of large-scale military engagements. Its responsibilities extend beyond combat, including:

- Peacekeeping missions that stabilize conflict zones
- Humanitarian efforts that address crises worldwide

Its hallmark is ground combat, demanding exceptional resilience and the ability to maintain a long-term presence in hostile or unstable environments.

Specialized units, such as airborne divisions for rapid deployment and mechanized infantry for heavy firepower,

enhance their adaptability to diverse terrains and conditions.

These capabilities make it indispensable for missions requiring extended operational commitments.

### **Rapid and Amphibious Deployment**

Known for being the “first to fight,” marines are synonymous with rapid response and flexibility.

Its expertise lies in amphibious operations, seamlessly transitioning between sea and land to secure critical positions in high-stakes missions.

Working in close coordination with naval forces, it is instrumental in joint operations that demand precision and speed.

Its strategic objectives often involve securing footholds that enable broader military initiatives, making it a vital force for swift, decisive actions.

The emphasis on agility and adaptability ensures readiness for crises, reinforcing its reputation for tactical excellence in extreme conditions.

### **Command and Support**

The command and support structures of the U.S. Armed Forces are tailored to meet the specific needs of each branch, ensuring that their operational strategies are effective and sustainable.

Both branches function within their designated framework, leveraging resources and specialized systems to achieve their objectives.

While one operates as a largely self-sufficient entity, the other thrives through its symbiotic relationship with naval forces.

### **A Self-Sustaining Model**

The Army is structured to function independently, boasting extensive logistical, medical, and support systems that enable it to sustain long-term missions.

Its hierarchical command structure ensures seamless coordination across specialized units tailored to specific combat roles.

### **Key Attributes of Army Support Systems:**

- Comprehensive supply chains for equipment, food, and ammunition.
- Advanced medical facilities and field hospitals for immediate care.
- Dedicated engineering units for infrastructure development and maintenance.
- Specialized transportation and communication networks to facilitate mobility and coordination.

These robust support mechanisms make the Army particularly suited for large-scale operations, where sustained presence and operational autonomy are crucial.

### **A Collaborative Framework**

In contrast, the Marines function under the Department of the Navy, which provides access to a wealth of naval resources.

The collaborative framework enhances their ability to integrate seamlessly into joint sea-land operations, ensuring efficiency in rapid and amphibious missions.

The Navy’s logistical, technical, and medical support complements the Marines’ operational strengths, enabling them to focus on their specialized tasks.

### **Benefits of Marine-Navy Integration:**

- Shared access to naval fleets for transportation and deployment.
- Technical expertise in maintaining and operating specialized equipment.
- Immediate medical support through naval hospital ships.
- Logistical assistance for resupply and reinforcements during missions.

While the Marines rely on this interconnected relationship for resources and support, their ability to function effectively in joint operations underscores their adaptability and precision.

### **Training and Education**

Training and education are the foundation of success for military personnel, with each branch tailoring its programs to meet its operational demands.

These processes highlight the different focuses of the Army and Marine Corps while sharing a commitment to excellence.

### **Army’s Training Programs**

The Army’s training begins with ten weeks of basic training, where recruits learn the fundamentals of discipline, teamwork, and survival.

It is a phase that builds both physical and mental resilience while introducing essential military skills.

Following this, Advanced Individual Training (AIT) prepares soldiers for their specific roles, whether in logistics, combat, or technical fields.

- Core areas of focus: Camaraderie, adaptability, and leadership.
- Advanced opportunities: Training at prestigious institutions like the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point, emphasizing strategic thinking and tactical proficiency.

- Key attributes developed: Teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving under pressure.

### Marine Corps' Rigorous Preparation

Marine Corps training is widely regarded as one of the most challenging among military branches. Basic training lasts 13 weeks, pushing recruits to their physical and mental limits.

The program emphasizes precision, discipline, and endurance, creating a foundation for their demanding operational roles.

Officer candidates receive additional training at the U.S. Naval Academy or Officer Candidates School in Quantico, where the focus shifts to advanced leadership skills and tactical expertise.

- Distinctive elements: Marksmanship training, amphibious warfare readiness, and intense physical conditioning.
- Training principles: Resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to mission success.
- End goals: Developing leaders who excel in high-pressure scenarios and complex operational environments.

### Culture and Ethos

The culture and ethos of each military branch reflect its values, traditions, and sense of identity, shaping the way personnel approach their duties and interact with one another.

Nobody should be surprised that the culture is another difference between the Army and the Marines.

While the Army emphasizes structure, professionalism, and career development, the Marine Corps is renowned for its enduring sense of unity and pride.

### Army's Structured Approach to Culture

The Army's culture is built on a foundation of:

- Loyalty
- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless service
- Honor

- Integrity
- Personal courage

These values guide every aspect of service, from day-to-day interactions to long-term missions.

Professionalism is deeply ingrained, fostering an environment where individuals are encouraged to excel within their roles while contributing to the overall success of the team.

Career progression is a central theme, with opportunities for personal and professional growth integrated into the structure of service.

### Marine Corps' "Spirit of the Corps"

The Marine Corps is defined by a sense of pride and camaraderie that sets it apart.

Known as the "Spirit of the Corps," this ethos extends far beyond active service, creating a lifelong identity for those who have worn the uniform.

The core values of honor, courage, and commitment are not just guiding principles but deeply held beliefs that shape every Marine's action and interaction.

- A brotherhood and sisterhood that ensures Marines feel connected, no matter where they are.
- "Once a Marine, always a Marine" reflects the lasting impact of serving in the Corps.
- Honor, courage, and commitment form the backbone of their actions and decisions.

**Interesting Fact:** *The Marines use scarlet and gold as their primary colors, the army uses American gold.*

### The Bottom Line

The Army and Marines play complementary roles in defending the United States.

While their missions and training emphasize different strengths, they collectively ensure the nation's security and global stability.

Their contributions reflect unwavering dedication to protecting the nation and upholding its values.

## 2025 Calendar of Events

January	February	March
	<u>Sunday, 2 Feb</u> Groundhog Day	<u>Tuesday, 4 Mar</u> <b>Mardi Gras</b>
<u>Monday, 20 Jan</u> Martin Luther King Day	<u>Wednesday, 12 Feb</u> Lincoln's Birthday	<u>Wednesday, 5 Mar</u> Ash Wednesday
	<u>Friday, 14 Feb</u> Valentine's Day	<u>Monday, 17 Mar</u> St. Patrick's Day
	<u>Monday, 17 Feb</u> Presidents' Day	<u>Thursday, 20 Mar</u> Spring Equinox
<u>Saturday, 25 Jan</u> Greensburg Detachment meeting		<u>Saturday, 22 Mar</u> Greensburg Detachment meeting

### PA Marine Corps League Specialty License Plate

Make your check in the amount of \$49.00 payable "Marine Corps League of PA, Inc." Personalizing the plate is an option offered by PENNDOT and the fee for that is an additional \$128.00.

Send Application to: Marine Corps League of PA  
 ATTN: MCL License Plate Program  
 PO Box 6687  
 Harrisburg, PA 17112-0687



**Applications sent (directly) to the Commonwealth will be returned to the sender and not processed. Checks made payable to the "PA Dept. of Transportation" will also be returned not processed. Only form MV-904SP (7-19) can be used.**



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