

## **WHAT IS THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE?**

The League is a veteran's organization of the U.S. Marines. It is composed of Marines and former Marines with honorable service. It aims to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps through the continuous association of Marines who served under the Eagle, Globe and Anchor at any time, in war or peace.

There are League detachments all across the country, and several Countries. Regular meetings are conducted under a unified ritual, with the Marine Corps spirit and atmosphere predominating.

The one and only membership qualification is honorable service in excess of 90 days in the Marines. Recently, the FMF Corpsmen who served with the Marines and are authorized to wear FMF device have been approved for Membership. This means that, regardless of rank held, regardless of when or where a Marine served, regardless of what division or wing he/she may have served with, that Marine, male or female, is welcome in the Marine Corps League.

A common trait of League members is the spirit of Semper Fidelis, the spirit of being "always faithful" to the Country, the Corps, and to their fellow Marines, in service and out. So deep is this ingrained in members that, long after most have hung up the uniform for the last time, they still dare to call each other "Marine". Each seems to hold the League slogan as a personal truth. That of "Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

Being a Marine is what it's all about. John A. Lejeune, who founded the Marine Corps League in 1923 put this first above all else. Although he was a Major General and Commandant of the Marine Corps, a decorated hero of the First World War and the former Commanding General of the victorious Second Army Division, he said his first claim to fame was, "I am a Marine!" All his other attainments came farther down the list. There was nothing more important to him than being a Marine.

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