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God Country Corps

J. R. Spears Detachment #066  
Pensacola, FL  
Founded January 19th, 1984 by  
William D. Carter

## ★ MEETINGS

Day & Time:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
at 1900

### Location:

National Guard Armory  
8790 Grow Drive in the  
Ellison Park Industrial

### Contact Us:

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Marine Corps League  
P. O. Box 3491  
Milton, FL 32572  
850-712-0210

### Detachment Website:

<http://marinecorpsleaguepensacola.org>

Department of EL Website:  
<http://mchl.org>

### Southeast Division Website:

<http://sediv.org>

### MCL Website:

<http://mclnational.org>

★ **Feburary 2018** ★

## ***A Message from the Commandant***

*This year is going to be better than last year with your help. Please do not forget that elections coming soon. Voting is April. Please show up and vote.*

*May your new year be blessed*

*Department of EL Website: Commandant, Cpl J. R. Spears Detachment, Pensacola, Florida*

## ***Minutes February 13th Detachment Meeting:***

The meeting to order at 1900 at the National Guard Armory, 8790 Grow Drive, Pensacola, FL.

There were 29 members and 5 guests present.

Remonies and rituals were conducted.

Commandant Holzworth gave opening remarks about the nomination committee, Car show, and the special Guest State Marine Corps League Dick J. and Chris Dosev picnic

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Nominations close in February command mtg. Nomination names will agree to or disagree with the position nominated for. Elections will be held on April command mtg.

New fundraising event schedule. Car Show will move to Spring 2018. This will to de-conflict resources and Sponsorship Campaign for better return.

Doc Ed mention about a vet he is helping out.

Need a Web Gunny who step up to the plate

Ron Smith as set a date with Five Flags speedway will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. The 27<sup>th</sup> will be Military Appreciation Night with military vehicles out there and set up. The 28<sup>th</sup> will be the car show. Each member should get one sponsor for the car show Ben Sandoval says we are also going to add motorcycles to the car show. Including Auto/motorcycle vendors. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month. Action officer is Rob Fernandez. If interested please show up at Goat Lips at 1400.

Ben Sandoval gave an After-Action Report. Motioned it by Don Roe, second by Rob Fernandez to receive the Paymaster's Report subject to audit.

S-1 officer N/A

S-4 Ops – N/A

S-4 officer N/A

Service Officer Doc Dodge presented a banner Corpsman group named Team Eagle

Public Affairs: Don Roe talked about the HAU for 2018 possible – May – Enlisted Night; June – Coast Guard Night; July -Iraq/OLF/OIF Night; August - ; September – SOG; October – POW night (subject to change) Starts on the last Thursday of the month from May to Oct at Veteran Memorial Park.

SJA: N/A

Web Gunny: Ben talked about saving money by dropping Go Daddy and will be receiving 154 for six months.

Adjutant: N/A The minutes accepted motion by the Senior Commandant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Roe

Chaplin N/A

At the end of the mtg Pete had challenge coins and t-shirts for sale.

Good of the League:

1. Zach - Young Marines Mess Night April 14<sup>th</sup>. Attire Sunday Best. Bring 12 \$1.00 bills
2. Rob - asked for donation for Vision of Hope and invited members to attend.

Commandant gave some brief closing remarks.

Closing ceremonies and rituals were conducted.

The 50/50 (\$36 collected) was won by Chuck Lea (\$18.00).

The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Submitted,

M. J. Rogers, Adjutant

***Mark Your Calendars***  
{Check Our Website for More Info on Events}

### **March Events**

6 Mar – Staff Meeting 1800

13 Mar – Department mtg 1900

18 Mar – Car Show and HAU mtg 1400

### **April Events**

14 Apr – YM Mess Night

27 Apr – Military Appreciation Night

28 Apr – Car Show

Dear Detachment

Marines, Membership, and Guest

I want to let you all know that I have come to a decision that is very hard for me to make. Due to my health, I have no choice but to resign my position as the detachment paymaster.

Yesterday I learned that I have a 50/50 chance of the cancer coming back. Two weeks ago, I went through my normal yearly bladder procedure and I thought I was again clear of the cancer. This time my doctor informed me that my bladder walls were not looking to good and that the cancer might be trying to come back. He has scheduled PC scan and told me that that I will be having the procedures done now every six months.

Today, I visited my primary doctor and after talking to him and other people, they all stated that I needed to cut back on some of the stresses that might be affecting me. Therefore, I have decided to resign my position.

Over the last five years I have been the paymaster and always taken this position very seriously and had instituted an account system to ensure that the detachment money was being properly accounted for and budgeted for during the year. Whomever assumes my duties must have a small amount of knowledge in accounting and budgeting. I can truly say that I have enjoyed being the paymaster and being involved in all of the detachment activities. I will remain active with the detachment and help with other less strenuous events and hope that I can still be of value to the detachment in other ways.

I will remain the paymaster until such time that new officers and a new paymaster is appointed, I promise to work with him/her to ensure a smooth transition.

I want to thank all of you for your help, your respect, and above all your friendship that you have shown to me over the years.

Ben

### **EULOGY FOR REVEREND FATHER FRANK BRETT**

Your Excellency Bishop Stika, Rev. Chancellor Smith, Brother Superior Kruger, Holy Priests of God, Holy Men and Women, Brothers and Sisters in Christ. I am not worthy to speak about a life which has been an example to us all since my own soul in darkened by grievous sin. So at the risk of expropriating his words I would like to let this exemplary priest and patriot speak for himself. As some of you know Reverend Father Frank wrote most of his homilies in his own hand. So let's listen to what he said once at the funeral of another member of the family.

These are his words.

"People often say I have a soul. Or they make statements such as unlike animals human beings have a soul. In reality we are a soul. After all what is the meaning of the words are and have? The word "are" is the word which expresses being and "have" is the word which expresses possession. As Christians the essence of our being is our soul even as we temporarily possess a body. So let's understand as Christians that our nature as a soul is our true self as opposed to things we can only possess and hold for a limited time. Knowing this with our reason and our faith let's go forward with this understanding so that at all times our reason and our faith will affirm that I am a soul. "

On behalf of the family there are so many I should thank with grateful praise.

The Alexian Brothers, servants of God, your humble dedication to the healing arts is a legendary witness to Christian virtue as you set about healing the body, minds and souls of those God has entrusted to your care. Almighty God granted you immunity from the Black Death and from then until now the fruits of your work have benefited His children. Father Frank received all of those blessings in abundance, Thank you Brothers.

Setting at the place of honor are three virtuous women Michele, Carolyn and Brooke, our sisters from the Reformation communities who make their living by caring for the dying. They witness to the love of Christ by aiding those who are near death and unable to care for themselves. Chaplain Brett was entrusted to their care and they kept him clean in body and spirit like the holy women in the New Testament who cared for our Lord. They watched over him and comforted him sending him on to Almighty God with a loving embrace. Thank you sisters, your loving care is the most genuine witness. For your lives of dedication, I am humbly thankful to God.

Your Excellency Bishop Stika and members of the Diocese of Knoxville, it is with a grateful heart that I remember all the blessings you bestowed on Father Brett. You supported his teaching ministry, his desire to serve his country and the people of God in the military and his pastoral ministry in the parishes. Father Frank's life was his priestly vocation. It was so important to him that when he was unable to continue in the seminary in Philadelphia, the Diocese of Knoxville

accepted him as their own, thus allowing this man to fulfill his vocation as a priest, teacher and chaplain. My God grant you wisdom such that you will be able to continue to select and develop witnesses to his Devine plan.

To the health staff at Alexian Village, the attending doctors, nurses and supporting staff. The family prays for God's blessings upon you and your families. We are sincerely grateful for your care and support for Father Brett. Know that your labors did not go un-noticed and that the family offers their prayers of thanks for you and all those dear to you.

Sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus honor guard and all of my fellow veterans who have come here to pay their respects to Chaplain Brett.

In closing I would like to tell you about the man who was my uncle and godfather. He was a gentle spirit who was unflappable and calm. A man of wit and humor that made everyone feel at ease. He was a wise councilor whose advice and admonishments came from love not from condemnation. He loved people as they are always searching for the good in them. His good humor was on display for all to see and a blessing to those in stress. He prayed constantly for the family and the people of God. This was the essence of Frank Brett.

Brothers and sisters be at peace. I observed Chaplain Brett carefully over the last week of his life. Know that he died peacefully and heroically, refusing morphine and other mind altering drugs right up to the end. No amount of pain or fear of death could drive the gentleness of his spirit away. He never complained or expressed any regrets and he was always thinking of others. The last words he spoke to me were "make sure you take care of the family".

At the time of his death these thoughts came to my mind and I wrote down this verse.

The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse arrived lead by the Black Angel with a warrant for the soul of Francis Brett. The Lord of Hosts dismissed them and while burning the warrant rebuked them by saying Pro Deo et Pro Patria.

Now enter my good and faithful servant.

Semper Fidelis  
Memory Eternal

**Ed Rouse's Uncle who will be laid to rest at Allington Memorial**

## **Two Marines decorated for actions during Khe Sanh battle in Vietnam**

By JENNIFER HLAD | STARS AND STRIPES Published: September 20, 2013



Bobby Moffatt, left, and Joe Cordileone were decorated Friday, Sept. 20, 2013, with the Bronze Star with V for combat valor and the Silver Star, respectively, for their actions in April 1967 during the Battle of Khe Sanh in Vietnam.

SAN DIEGO — Bobby Moffatt and Joe Cordileone were privates first class when they advanced on Hill 881 South in Vietnam, on April 30, 1967. The Battle of Khe Sanh was their first firefight, and, they said, the

worst day of their lives.

The two former Marines, now in their 60s, were honored Friday for their bravery in that battle: Cordileone was awarded the Silver Star and Moffatt the Bronze Star with V for combat valor.

Both said they were simply doing their jobs.

Company M, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, was advancing to secure the hill that day when they were attacked by a much larger force, according to the award citations. The hill turned into “a deadly killing zone,” and Cordileone’s platoon leader and every automatic and heavy weapon Marine was either killed or severely wounded.

Cordileone attacked several enemy fighters, and, when he realized enemy snipers were targeting the wounded Marines laying on the battlefield, he charged into the line of fire again and again to move them to safety.

Cordileone was hit during one of his trips to recover the wounded, and at one point passed out from the exertion and loss of blood, but he continued to attack the enemy and move his fellow Marines to safety, according to his award citation. He is responsible for saving at least 10 Marines that day, including Moffatt, according to the citation.

Moffatt, who was an assistant machine gunner at the time, took charge of the machine gun after the other gunners were killed or wounded, and continued firing even though he knew he was making himself a target, according to his award citation.

He kept firing until he was shot in the head, with wounds so severe he was hospitalized for more than a year. He said he remembers regaining consciousness in a “filthy bomb crater,” without knowing how he got there.

Moffatt later learned that Cordileone and others had pulled him there for safety.

“I’m amazed we’re here. I don’t understand how we made it. I don’t know how we didn’t all die that day,” Moffatt said, thanking Cordileone and other Marines from his unit for “caring for those of us who couldn’t protect ourselves.”

Cordileone said he was “a scared 19-year-old kid,” afraid to die, but that there was one thing he feared more than death: leaving an injured Marine unattended.

“It was not a matter of me feeling courageous or brave,” he said. Instead, he was thinking, “if I have to die, I’m going to die, but I’m not going to let (my fellow Marines) down.”

Cordileone and Moffatt said they both experienced post-traumatic stress after Vietnam, and urged others who might be dealing with similar problems to get help.



## Khe Sanh Veterans Mark 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Battle



January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 50th anniversary of the start of one of the most significant battles of the Vietnam War -- the Battle of Khe Sanh.

Across the U.S., groups of Vietnam veterans are gathering to commemorate the 77-day battle, in which some 6,000 U.S. [Marines](#) defended a small combat base from tens of thousands of North Vietnamese fighters.

Others are making plans to attend a reunion of Khe Sanh veterans scheduled for August in Washington, D.C.

One gathering for today is taking place in Oroville, Calif. Its organizer is Tom Horchler, 71, who served at Khe Sanh as a lance corporal with the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Headquarters Battery Motor Transport Section.

"They say it was the Marines who fought there," Horchler told the Chico Enterprise-Record, "but just about every branch of the service was there.

"There are not many battles in history where guys from different branches fought shoulder to shoulder," he added, "but Khe Sanh was one of them."

In Michigan, the Oakland Press reported that Chaplain Ron Rayner, 71, of Oakland County, is trying to reach local Khe Sanh veterans who can accompany him to the Washington event.

He and other members of Khe Sanh Veterans Inc. will participate that week in a washing of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall.

In Maine, Khe Sanh veterans Ralph Sargent and Evan Plourde told the Kennebec Journal they were making plans to attend the Khe Sanh commemoration in Washington.

Sargent, 82, was a gunnery sergeant in Khe Sanh -- and, at 33, an "old man" among a group of guys in their 20s.

Plourde, 70, was a Marine private first class who carried an M60 machine gun during his time at Khe Sanh. He recalled a brutal attack that occurred on Feb. 23, 1968.

"We were in our foxhole for hours," he said. "When we came out and picked up the pieces, there were a lot of casualties." Both men said they feel lucky to have survived the battle.

"There was just somebody out there looking over me," Plourde said. "I sure wish that happened for the guys we lost."

**VETERANS**

## **AFFAIRS**

VA News Release

VA Facilities Now Offer Same-day Care for Urgent Primary and Mental Health-care Needs

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WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a major milestone, that 100 percent of its more than 1,000 medical facilities across the country now offer same-day services for urgent primary and mental health-care needs.

Same-day services means a Veteran with an urgent need for primary care and mental health-care receives services that may include: a face-to-face visit with a clinician; advice provided during a call with a nurse; a telehealth or video care visit; an appointment made with a specialist; or a prescription filled the same day, depending upon what best meets the needs of the Veteran.

“We made a commitment to our nation’s Veterans that we would work to reduce wait times and improve access, and we are doing it,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “We were able to meet this goal, in large part, because of the concerted focus of our staff who care for our Veterans in facilities across the country.”

Since 2014, VA has concentrated its efforts on improving access and meeting the urgent health-care needs of Veterans. In 2016, all of VA’s medical centers offered same-day services for primary and mental health services.

In addition to offering same-day services, VA has reduced patient wait times. VA also implemented a new process to ensure timely follow-up appointments for time-sensitive medical needs. More than 100,000 such appointments have been completed.

In 2017, Veterans completed over 57.5 million appointments and VA clinicians saw almost 6 million patients.

To view access information about each facility nationwide, visit <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/>. The information provided at this link is not offered by any major national hospital organization in the country.

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## **Court determines military burn pits caused lung disease in service members**

The thousands of U.S. military personnel and private contractors whose health was compromised by the dense black smoke of burn pits - and who were then denied proper treatment - may finally be vindicated by a recent court ruling.

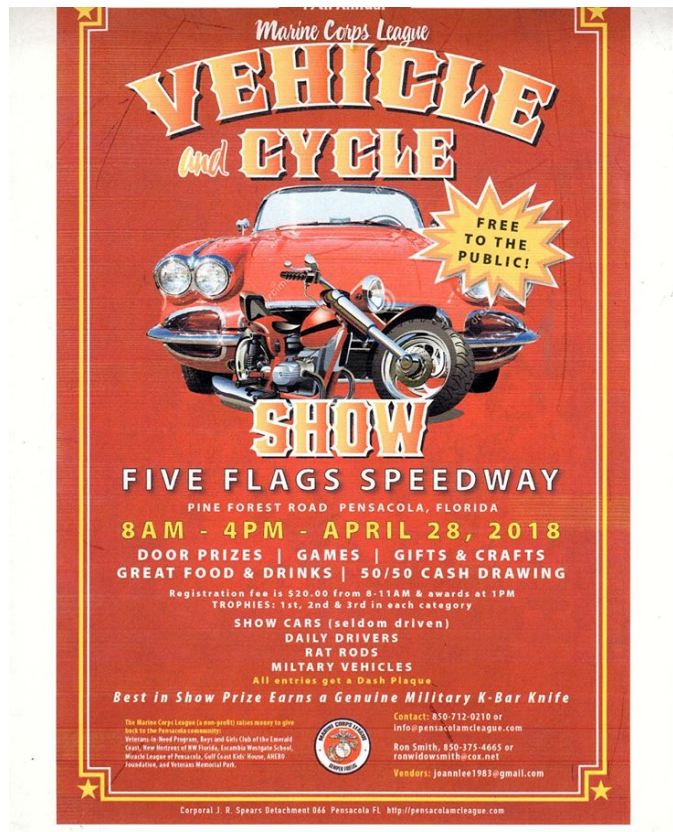
A judge under the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office for Workers’ Compensation Programs decreed last month that open-air burn pits -- where thousands of chemicals were released into the air after trash and other waste were incinerated at American military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan -- are connected to lung disease, Fox News has learned.

The decision marks a victory for the nearly 64,000 active service members and retirees who have put their names on a [Burn Pit Registry](#) created by the Veterans Administration, bringing them one step closer to getting adequate medical coverage, something that has never been guaranteed. Private contractors who were also exposed to the burn pit toxins also have been denied coverage.



Ok, Folks mark your calendar for April 28 2018. The Marine Corps League, Corporal J. R. Spears Detachment 066, Pensacola, Florida will be putting on its yearly Car Show. This year the show will be bigger and better. Included in the show will be motorcycle, cars, trucks, special ATV, military vehicles. There will be food, drinks, music, 50/50 and games for the kids.

We hope to have car, motorcycle, and arts and craft vendors. We hope to have something for everyone and a full day of fun. Where at? PENSACOLA FIVE FLAGS SPEEDWAY, APRIL 28. 2018



## Announcements

### **Yearly Dues**

For members who pay their dues annually the dues are now \$45 for renewals and \$52 for new members. The \$52 includes the cost of the name tag.

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### **NewMembers**

**All new members are required to submit a copy of their DD214/215. A copy will be kept in the detachment personnel files. Without it, his/her discharge cannot be verified to have an Honorable Discharge. If the Honorable Discharge cannot be verified than he/she will not be joined.**

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### **Life Membership Dues**

AGE GROUP	As of JUL 2017
0 - 35	\$500
36 - 50	\$400
51 - 64	\$300
65 - Over	\$200

Note: Must already be a Member in "Good Standing"

### **PSD ID Card Processing Hours and Information**

ID CARDS and DEERS ISSUES are handled between 0730 HRS and 1600 HRS, Monday through Friday. The Customer Line may be tagged prior to 1600 hrs to accommodate the volume of customers.

They accept donations year around. Visit their website [www.wreaths-across-america.org](http://www.wreaths-across-america.org) for further information and consider making a donation to help them continue this outstanding program. The Young Marines of Pensacola are selling wreaths locally for \$15 each.

### **Ship'sStore**

Members wishing to purchase MCL merchandise, including covers, may do so by contacting the Marine Corps League Ship's Store at 800-625-1775 or visit [www.mcleague.org](http://www.mcleague.org).

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### **Wreaths Across America**



If you require an ID card, you must have 2 forms of identification. In addition, military dependents must be accompanied by the sponsor or have a Power of Attorney for the sponsor AND a DD-1172 signed by the sponsor and an ID Verification Official. Please bring any required documentation needed for the requested service.

To assure that your ID CARD and DEERS issues are handled in a timely manner, it is suggested that you make an appointment at the following website:

<http://appointments.cac.navy.mil>

Please contact our office if you have questions.

PSD Pensacola, Bldg  
680 421 Saufley Street,  
Suite B 850-452-3617

## Businesses supporting the J.R. Spears Detachment of the Marine Corps League

### Detachment Member Owned Businesses



**Steve Sanderson**  
**Automotive Alternative**  
6426 Pensacola Blvd.  
Pensacola, FL 32505  
850-857-1222



**Earl Wright.**  
**AlarmDirect**  
850-776-7873  
Smart Security and  
Surveillance Solutions



**Roy M. Kinsey, Jr.**  
**Attorney at Law**  
438 E. Government St.  
Pensacola, Florida 32507  
850-434-5267

**SMITH FAMILY CARPETS**  
7865 Pine Forest Road  
Pensacola, FL 32526  
850-944-5888

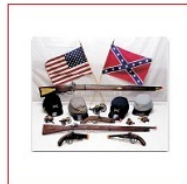


**Tom Armstrong**  
**More Ink For Less**  
120 Chief's Way, Suite 1  
Pensacola, FL 32507  
850-455-1234

### Community Owned Businesses



**Medals to Honor, Inc.**  
"Honoring Those Who Serve"  
[www.MedalsToHonor.com](http://www.MedalsToHonor.com)  
910-326-4275



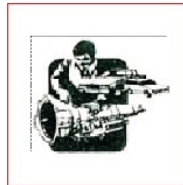
**Del Lozano**  
**T&D Gallery of Gifts**  
Pea Ridge Flea Market  
5186 Hwy 90 Booth #33 & 34  
850-450-7825



**BKInflatables, Inc.**  
Let Us Inflate Your Next  
Party  
850-324-1812



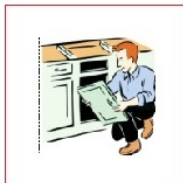
**Ed Rouse**  
**Ducker & Company**  
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Milton, FL 32570-0889  
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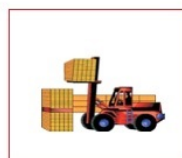
**Hirst**  
**Transmission Specialist**  
8415 N. Palafox St.  
Ensley, FL 32534  
850-478-3395



**Frenchy LaFontaine**  
**Ultra Marine Productions**  
9810 Indian Ford Rd.  
Milton, FL 32570  
850-957-9069



**Petrick Custom**  
**Cabinets**  
Free Estimates  
850-492-5480



**Cantonment Building**  
**Materials & Hardware**  
990 Hwy 29 North  
Cantonment, FL 32533  
850-968-6639