

Welcome Aboard



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



SEMPER FIDELIS

Illowa Detachment 102

**Welcome to the Marine Corps League, Illowa Detachment 102.** You have just joined a fellowship of camaraderie and brotherhood that is unlike any other. The detachment is proud to have you and remember that it's the combined effort of each regular and associate member to continue the tradition and success our detachment has had to the community and families we serve.

There will be monthly meetings the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at the American Legion of Iowa Post #26, located at 702 W. 35th Street in Davenport, Iowa. The meeting starts at **7:00pm**. Come early (6:30pm) to mingle and get to know everyone because the camaraderie only grows stronger when you put forth the effort to strengthen the bonds.

Without the members there is no detachment.

The detachment supports the community, active duty, reserve, honorably discharged and their families. This is only possible when our members volunteer.

The more the detachment grows, the better we can serve the community.



***We all have a debt to our country,***

***We all have to make a sacrifice for the freedoms we have and the lives we live.***

***Some repay the debt by serving their country and others just take it for granted. I didn't want to be one of those.***

***As a Marine I can go on with my life with no regrets.***

## Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

## History

The Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen, who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps. It takes great pride in crediting its founding in 1923 to World War I hero, then Major General Commandant John A. Lejeune. It takes equal pride in its Federal Charter, approved by An Act of the Seventy-Fifth Congress of the United States of America and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937. The League is the only Federally Chartered Marine Corps related veterans organization in the country. Since its earliest days, the Marine Corps League has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the active duty and Reserve establishments of the U. S. Marine Corps. Today, the League boasts a membership of nearly 61,000 men and women, officer and enlisted, active duty, Reserve Marines, honorably discharged Marine Veterans and qualified Navy FMF Corpsmen and is one of the few Veterans Organizations that experiences increases in its membership each year.

The Marine Corps League is headed by an elected National Commandant, with 14 elected National Staff Officers who serve as trustees. The National Board of Trustees coordinates the efforts of 48 department, or state, entities and the activities of over 900 community-based detachments located throughout the United States and overseas. The day-to-day operations of the League are under the control of the National Executive Director with the responsibility for the management and direction of all programs, activities, and affairs of the Marine Corps League as well as supervising the National Headquarters staff.

The prime authority of the League is derived from its Congressional charter and from its annual National Convention held each August in different major U.S. cities throughout the nation. It is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.



## **Programs of the Marine Corps League**

### **MARINES HELPING MARINES - WOUNDED MARINES PROGRAM**

The program was created to support injured Marine Corps personnel located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, Brooke Army hospital in San Antonio, as well as the Naval Hospitals at Balboa, Camp Pendleton and elsewhere. The scope of support encompasses; financial, visits from Marine Corps League members, off site day trips to include family outings, dinners, short trips in support of the individual Marines' needs and professional sporting events as tickets and opportunities present themselves.

### **YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

A youth program emphasizing honesty, courage, respect, industry, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family. The Young Marines program receives funding from Congress and the United States Marine Corps primarily because of their drug interdiction focus on drug education and prevention.

### **U. S. MARINES YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM**

The League developed and administers a program that provides a physical fitness regimen that promotes a healthy, drug free life style for elementary and high school students.

### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

The Marine Corps League has long regarded the program of the Boy Scouts of America as in support of the Preamble of the Constitution of the League. The League supports the Boy Scouts of America as they promote traditional family values to America's youth. The Marine Corps League participates in Scouting through assistance with units, districts, and councils, in community projects, merit badge programs, and special recognition of Eagle Scouts.

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Members of the Marine Corps League fund scholarships through donations from individual members and subordinate units of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary. Children and former Marines are eligible for academic scholarships for attendance at accredited colleges and universities.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The Marine Corps League is a member of The Military Coalition and participates in National and State legislative issues that affect military readiness, benefits and entitlements

of active duty personnel as well as Veterans Benefits programs effecting former and retired Marines.

### **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM**

The National Headquarters retains a full-time staff member who assists veterans in adjudicating claims against the government as a result of active duty service. Claims are processed through the Department of Veterans Affairs or other appropriate agencies of the federal government.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM (VAVS)**

Marine Corps League members contribute thousands of man-hours each year supplementing staffs at VA Hospitals and facilities in providing morale, comfort and assistance to institutionalized veterans.

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY**

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary was chartered on September 4, 1937 as a subsidiary organization of the Marine Corps League. On August 25, 1950, the Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as an affiliate of the Marine Corps League. The Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents. Auxiliary members participate in a wide variety of programs that benefit and preserve the fundamental rights and freedoms of every person of this Nation, young and old.

### **MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS**

The fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League.

### **TOYS-FOR-TOTS**

Marine Corps League Detachments in nearly every community take part annually in the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys-For-Tots campaign to raise funds and collect and distribute toys to needy children. In communities where there is an existing Marine Corps Reserve Unit, the League works hand in hand supporting their campaign. In other communities, the Marine Corps League takes the lead, ensuring a successful campaign.

### **MARINE-4-LIFE/INJURED MARINE SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The League works very closely with the Marine Corps' M-4-L program, providing mentors nationwide. In areas of the country where there is no Marine Corps "point of contact", the League works directly with M-4-L Headquarters to provide services to transitioning Marines.

## ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Members find the State and National Conventions of the League ideal vacation venues for themselves and family members. Held in a different city each year, many families attend year after year and particularly enjoy the many planned activities and tours related to these get-togethers.

The Marine Corps League is a charter member of The Military Coalition, The National Marine Corps Council, AdHoc Committee, Navy and Marine Corps Council, the National Veterans Day Committee, and is represented on countless committees and programs serving the military and veteran community.

The League participates in patriotic functions such as the National Memorial Day Parade and the National 4th of July Parade in Washington as well as countless statewide and community parades around the country. We provide representation to the U.S. Congress in legislative matters affecting the United States Marine Corps, national security and veteran's benefits through our National Legislative Committee. Most importantly, Marine Corps League Detachments are actively involved in Community based programs throughout the country.

To learn more about the League, please visit the following websites:

National Marine Corps League at..... [www.mcleague.com](http://www.mcleague.com)

Our Illowa Detachment at ..... [www.illowamarines.org](http://www.illowamarines.org)

**You have walked with Honor.**

**You have gained the wisdom to command with decisive resolve.**

**You have taken your place among the most elite warriors on earth.**



### **Three things you are encouraged to do:**

- 1. Attend monthly detachment meetings,**
- 2. Volunteer and**
- 3. Recruit new members.**

**You earned the title MARINE upon graduation from recruit training. It wasn't willed to you. It isn't a gift. It is not a government subsidy. Few can claim the title; no one may take it away.**

**It's Yours Forever.**



## Offices of the Marine Corps League

There is no rank or status within the League and the elected officers are representatives for the detachment to the community. The 3 levels of the League are National, State Department and local Detachment level. All the major offices are the same at each level with exceptions for additional positions at each level. The below offices are the minimum required and represent the board of trustees for the detachment. **All positions within the League are made up of volunteers who serve for the pleasure of the members and are elected by the members and are open to regular members. There are also many volunteer positions for associate members. Volunteering is highly encouraged and even the smallest participation is greatly appreciated.**

### Officers:

Commandant	Chuck Ross	309-912-2876
Sr. Vice Commandant	Marlene Marolf	563-391-9621
Jr. Vice Commandant	Kim Tack	309-799-9523
Judge Advocate	Clarke Barnes	309-944-3674
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Thurman	563-386-4662
Adjutant	Allan Johnston	563-386-3917
Paymaster	Larry Dodge	309-912-7158
Sergeant-At-Arms	Angel Mojica	563-370-0639
Chaplin	George (Mac) McNeal	309-269-5437
Web Sergeant	Roger Granbois	563-650-4958

## Officer and Staff Duties

Below is a synopsis of responsibilities of the Officers and Staff as they pertain to a detachment. Some office descriptions may vary slightly from other detachments. These descriptions are for general information and are not intended to be all inclusive of the responsibilities for a given office.

### **Commandant - Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees**

The Commandant is the Chief Executive Officer of the detachment Board of Trustees, primary contact for the community and is responsible for the activities and financial standing of the detachment. He/she presides at meetings, represents the detachment at functions, formulates and develops programs to improve detachment operations and achieving goals, appoints staff officers and committees.

### **Sr. Vice Commandant - Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees**

He/she gives assistance and support to the Commandant, is second in command of the detachment, presides in absence of Commandant at meetings or events and prepares for succession to the Commandant's office. The SVC chairs committees as requested by the Commandant, performs special tasks as requested by the Commandant and assists in two way communications between members and officers.

### **Jr. Vice Commandant - Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees**

The JVC is usually primarily responsible for recruiting and retention of members should be familiar with the operations and projects of the detachment, be a spokesman to the Board of Trustees on what members are looking for from the organization. He/she promotes special events aimed at enhancing membership, maintain contact with other veteran's organizations and generate interest in the Marine Corps League.

### **Judge Advocate - Elected, Member of the Board of Trustees**

The JA provides legal counsel and opinions on the by-laws, policies, corporate regulations and parliamentary procedure for the detachment. He/she must see that the policies, voted issues and procedures are in conformance with the by-laws and policies of the detachment, department, and national levels. The JA participates in the writing or modification of the by-laws and renders opinions based on the policies, by-laws, or precedents of the detachment. The Commandant may direct the JA to perform periodic reviews of procedures and finances to assure compliance with detachment policies and procedures.

### **Jr. Past Commandant - Appointed, Staff**

The JPC assists in providing continuity from one administration of officers to the next. His/her experience should be utilized for the purposes of educating and assisting officers.

### **Adjutant – Elected or Appointed, Staff**

The Adjutant is the recording secretary for detachment meetings and affairs and is responsible for official notifications to members. He/she must keep accurate minutes of meetings, prepare and transcribe minutes for permanent record of the detachment and assure that resolutions are maintained as corporate records. The Adjutant is responsible for the official correspondence, bulletins and other written communications of the detachment. He/she prepares and submits the "Installation of Officers Report", may assist in the completion of the "Membership Transmittal" forms, prepares a variety of other forms that go to department and national levels, and signs certificates of awards. The Adjutant is typically chairman of the Awards Committee.

### **Paymaster – Elected or Appointed, Staff**

The Paymaster acts as corporate controller of the detachment funds and is responsible for the accounting of revenues and expenditures. He/she must keep accurate fiscal records, responsible for banking and financial accounts, signer on fiscal and banking documents, makes fiscal and financial reports at meetings, receives dues and forwards transmittals to department and national levels, and handles tax and licensing functions of the detachment.

### **Sergeant-At-Arms – Elected or Appointed, Staff**

The SA is responsible for the physical set up and cleans up of the meeting facilities, maintain order at the business meetings, participates in the presentation and honoring of the Colors at meetings and ceremonies, and greet and introduce members, guests and program participants. He/she must determine the qualifications for members to attend meetings and excuse those who are not qualified.

### **Chaplain – Elected or Appointed, Staff**

The Chaplain tends to the needs of members and members families during periods of distress, illness and/or death. The Chaplain is called on to offer invocations and prayer at meetings and ceremonies. He/she may participate in funeral arrangements and publicize needs of the sick. The Chaplain prepares notification to department and national levels regarding deceased members of the detachment.

### **Historian - Appointed, Projects Officer**

The Historian is primarily responsible for the historical records of the detachment. He/she may solicit photography, biographical sketches and other items of value that tell the detachment's history.

### **Newsletter Editor - Appointed, Projects Officer**

The Newsletter Editor is to prepare the newsletter on a monthly basis about what is going on in the detachment. The Editor should solicit articles from officers and members and include the calendar of events for the detachment.

### **Color Guard Commander - Appointed, Projects Officer**

The CGC is responsible to select and train members for the Color Guard. He/she is to plan and coordinate events with parade committees, veteran's organizations and other community groups.

### **Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (V.A.V.S)/Veterans Service - Appointed, Projects Officer**

The VAVS coordinator's primary goal is to spend time at the VA Hospitals on visitation, planning and coordinating events, and soliciting donations of funds needed by occupants of the Hospital. He/she should provide direction to various veteran assistance programs.

### **Conduct of the Board**

As duly elected Officers of the Detachment, your Board members have a **FIDUCIARY** responsibility to always remember:

- We serve our Members, Associates and guests before all others!
- Each of us gathered here from the past and into the future are VOLUNTEERS.
- Each of us gathered are Marines, Corpsman or the family member of a Marine or Corpsman.
- Our families come first and then our business to support our families is second.
- Volunteers by nature will participate in events, programs and assist the League as they feel they can – simply stated, we need to have members who enjoy participating in the events they want to support.
- The purpose of our Detachment is, as defined by our Founder, General John A Lejeune to: “to promote the interests and preserve the traditions of the U.

S. Marine Corps; assist fellow Marines, their widows and orphans and participate in various patriotic ceremonies.”

- Our mission is: “to join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service; voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans, and by perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps through fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines”
- Have some fun while we enjoy being with Marines!

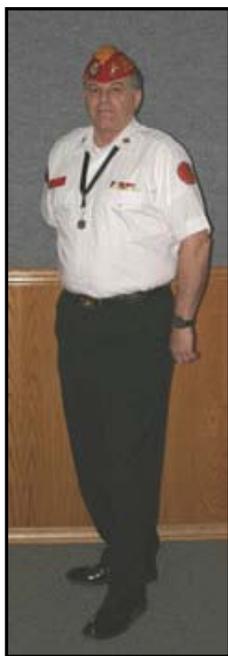
## Marine Corps League Uniform

*This section is very basic so please refer to the national uniform manual for detailed information. (<http://www.mcleague.com/semperfistore>).*

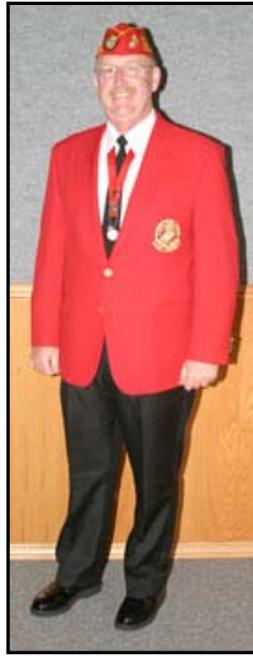
The red Marine Corps League cover is the minimum uniform item worn by members to be considered “in uniform”. Although you will see many of the members wearing only the red cover to meetings, it is highly encouraged to wear the full uniform. Women wear the exact same uniform as the men with the exception they can wear trousers or skirts.



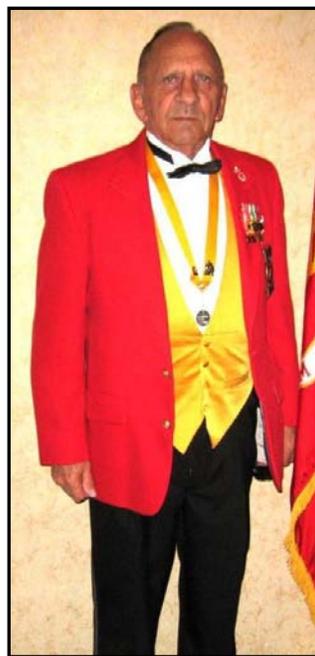
Undress Uniform  
Short Sleeve  
Dress Blue Trousers



Undress Uniform  
Short Sleeve  
Black Trousers



Casual Dress  
Uniform



Formal Dress  
Uniform



Women's  
Casual  
Dress  
Uniform



Undress Uniform  
Long Sleeve

This is worn in the exact manner of the short sleeve. Black tie and tie clasp are the only additions.

White Undress Shirt – Airline pilot style, two pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets. Shirts are pressed with military creases

# Marine Corps League Cover



Detachment Cover



State Department Offices,  
Staff or Committees



National Offices,  
Staff or Committees



Women's  
Detachment Cover



National Commandant of  
the Marine Corps League

No devices or  
decorations are  
allowed on the cover



Emblem for Regular  
Member

← Front



Left Side



Emblem for  
Associate Member



Detachment Number,  
Office Title, Life Member  
strips are only items to be  
put on cover. MODD  
members are authorized to  
wear patch.



Associate Member collar insignia



American Flag or MODD patch  
1 1/2" down from shoulder seam

MODD Collar



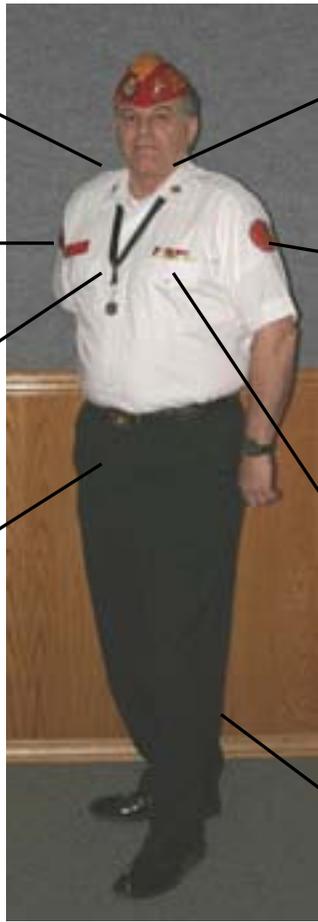
Black leather belt with Marine Corps buckle. Associate members wear regular gold buckle with no emblem.



Lapel Pin  
One additional pin may be worn with MCL pin.

Casual Dress - White formal shirt with standard collar. Black tie, tie clasp or Marine Corps tie clasp.

Formal Dress - Tuxedo shirt with bow tie. Gold cummerbund or gold vest.



Right Side



Regular Member collar insignia

1/2" inside the collar tip. Sunburst emblems facing inboard and wings parallel to deck.



MCL patch or Associate patch. 1 1/2" down from shoulder of seam.

DOD Military Ribbons & Badges or MCL Ribbons.  
**You can not mix both.**

Black trousers - Regular & Associate members can wear.  
Dress Blue trousers - Regular members wear blood stripe and Associate members wear it with NO blood stripe



Blazer Crest



Black trousers only worn with Casual Dress and Black tuxedo pants with Formal Dress uniform.



### **Hospital Corpsman's Pledge**

I solemnly pledge myself before god and these witnesses to practice faithfully all of my duties as a member of the Hospital Corps. I hold the care of the sick and injured to be a privilege and sacred trust and will assist the Medical Officer with loyalty and honesty. I will not knowingly permit harm to come to any patient. I will hold all personal matters pertaining to the private lives of patients in strict confidence. I dedicate my heart, mind, and strength to the work before me. I shall do all within my power to show in myself an example of all that is honorable and good throughout my naval career.



### **I'm the one called "Doc"**

I shall not walk in your footsteps, but I will walk by your side.  
I shall not walk in your image; I've earned my own title of pride.  
We've answered the call together, on sea and foreign land.  
When the cry for help was given, I've been there right at hand.  
Whether I am on the ocean, or in the jungle wearing greens,  
Giving aid to my fellow man, be it Sailors or Marines.  
So the next time you see a corpsman, and you think of calling him "squid",  
think of the job he's doing, as those before him did.  
And if you ever have to go out there, and your life is on the block,  
Look at the one right next to you...  
I'm the one called "Doc".



## **The Marines' Hymn**

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli,  
We fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.  
First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine.

Our Flag's unfurled to every breeze from dawn to setting sun.  
We have fought in every clime and place, where we could take a gun.  
In the snow of far off northern lands and in sunny tropic scenes,  
You will find us always on the job, the United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps, which we are proud to serve.  
In many a strife we've fought for life and never lost our nerve.  
If the Army and the Navy ever look on heaven's scenes,  
they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines.

### **Once a Marine always a Marine**

Long after the uniform has been laid aside, the last order has been given, the final salute returned, the last handshake shared, and the occasional tear brushed away by a determined hand.

Long after that, it still runs in your veins, lives on in your mind, and dominates your will.

Long after that you feel the call, the esprit that can only be shared among brothers.

Among individuals bonded together by the truest of ideals.

“Once a Marine always a Marine”



## Below is our Marine Corps League Illowa Detachment 102 Membership Application.

Please call Kim Tack Jr. Vice Commandant of our Marine Corps League Illowa Detachment 102 at 309-799-9523 if you would like to discuss becoming a member of our unit.

Please look at our website <http://www.illowamarine.com> for more information.

Annual dues are \$33. A copy of our application is shown below...

If you would like you can complete the application and give to Kim or mail it to our Paymaster - Larry Dodge (309-912-2369) at the below address with a check for the \$33 (the annual membership dues). Please make the check payable to: **MCL Illowa Det 102.**

### Larry's address is ...

MCL Illowa Det 102  
 Attn: Paymaster – Larry Dodge  
 233 – 46<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Moline, IL 61265

We look forward to meeting you,

Semper Fi,

Kim Tack

 <p><b>MARINE CORPS LEAGUE</b>          Incorporated by Act of Congress          August 4, 1937          Temporary Membership Card and Receipt          This will certify that</p>	<p>is a member in good standing of the</p>	<p>This card is good for a period of sixty days from</p>	<p>Amount</p>	 <p><b>APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE</b></p>
	<p>Sponsor's Signature</p>			<p>Full Name _____ Phone (____) _____          Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____          Date of Birth ____/____/____ E-Mail Address _____          Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____          Type of Application-New ( ) Renewal ( ) Membership Type— Regular ( ) Associate ( ) Dual ( )          Have you ever been convicted of a felony? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.  <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby apply for membership in the <u>Illowa #102</u> Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$33 for one year's membership.*  <p style="text-align: center;">-OR-</p> <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-at-Large (MAL), and enclose \$33 for one year's membership.*          *Includes free subscription to "Semper Fi", The Magazine of the Marine Corps League          I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days * or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U. S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge or DD 214. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. "Honorable service" will be defined by the last DD-214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received. General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain a copy of my latest DD-214 from the National Personnel Records Center if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League.          (*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600) (*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)</p>
<p>(Sponsor where applicable)</p>			<p>Applicant's Signature (see reverse side)</p>	<p>© 2010 Marine Corps League, Inc.          For Official Marine Corps League use only.          All other use is prohibited.</p>
<p>Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment. Applicants for MAL Membership, remit this form with check or money order in the amount of \$33 to:          Marine Corps League, Illowa Detachment 102, 3235 Archer Drive, East Moline, IL 61244</p>				