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# Marine Corps League

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Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune  
Founder

July 7, 1982

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you and Mrs. Reagan to attend the Reception and Grand Banquet at the Marine Corps League's Second Annual "Modern Day Marine - Force in Readiness" Exhibit.

The exhibit will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington from August third through the fifth, 1982. The Reception and Grand Banquet will be held at that same location. The reception will be held from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4th and will be followed by the Grand Banquet which will conclude at 11:00 p.m.

The annual exhibit and related programs were conceived by the Marine Corps League as another means of carrying out its Congressional Charter and its mandate to support and promote the good interests of the United States Marine Corps. In view of your strong commitment to strengthening America's Armed Forces and retaining the United States leadership in the free world, nothing could be more appropriate than the presence of you and Mrs. Reagan at our programs.

Should you and Mrs. Reagan be unable to attend, however, we invite you to send your personal representative to deliver remarks in your behalf.

I would also like to further request a personal message from you for use in our exhibit program.

We, the officers and members of the Marine Corps League, sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Reagan will be able to join us.

Thank you for considering our invitation and for the superb job you are doing as our Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,

*C. L. Kammeier*  
C. L. Kammeier

National Executive Director

"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



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mailed -  
as per my  
letter -  
many  
thanks

July 20, 1982

ag 524-1137  
Marine  
Corps  
League

Dear Mr. Kammeier:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your letter of July 7 inviting him and Mrs. Reagan to the reception and grand banquet at the Marine Corps League's Second Annual "Modern Day Marine - Force in Readiness" Exhibit to be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel August 4.

Due to other plans on their calendars, it will not be possible for the President and the First Lady to accept your kind invitation.

I am forwarding your requests for a representative of the President and a message for the exhibit program to the appropriate offices for consideration.

The President appreciates your interest and sends his warm best wishes for a successful exhibit.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM K. SADLEIR  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. C. L. Kammeier  
National Executive Director  
Marine Corps League  
933 North Kenmore Street  
Arlington, VA 22201

WKS/CV/las --

cc: w/inc, Judy Pond, Speakers Bureau  
cc: w/copy of inc, Dodie Livingston





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Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune  
Founder

June 1, 1981

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

May I as Executive Director of the Marine Corps League, and on behalf of our National Commandant, Mr. Paul Hastings, our 26,000 members and the three and a half million active, reserve, retired, former and disabled Marines, extend to The President and The First Lady the following invitation.

It is with the deepest of pride that the Marine Corps League National Headquarters and the Tucson Arizona Marine Corps League Detachment request the honor of your presence at our forthcoming 58th Annual National Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel in Tucson, August 16 - 21, 1981. In conjunction, we are planning the largest military exhibit of hardware, software and related services necessary for the operation of the U. S. Marine Corps as it relates to the preservation of peace and national security. This exhibit will be held with the cooperation of between 70 to 100 of the largest U. S. Marine Corps defense contractors in the United States. At the moment, the Marine Corps League fully expects to exceed 90,000 square feet of exhibit space, thus making this military display, perhaps the largest ever held in the United States separate from a military reservation.

The theme of our exhibit will be most appropriately entitled, "Modern Day Marine - Force in Readiness". The full intention of this exhibit is to take our visiting dignitaries and the 75,000 to 100,000 expected to attend from the general public, through every possible phase of the Marine's daily life and to explain in full what it really takes to make him a part of the finest fighting force in the world today.

Among the reasons why the Marine Corps League wishes to hold such an exhibit in cooperation with our active duty brothers of the Corps, the most important is that we Marines of the League feel there is no greater way to reach the support needed for all our Armed Services while expressing to the public why their support of a strong national security policy is required.

"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"



We are inviting 33 members of the U. S. Congress to our exhibit, all of whom are either former Marines or are at present serving in the Marine Reserve. We have asked that each of them bring at least one other member of the Congress. We further expect at least six governors to attend, approximately 100 various Arizona mayors, and at least 40 members of the Arizona State Legislature. Celebrities who are former or retired Marines should abound. Forrest Tucker, Larry Wilcox, Ed McMahon, Lee Marvin, Bo Svenson, and long time friend of Marines, Bob Hope, are all being invited. Lieutenant Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, USMC (Ret.) is also expected to attend with some of his former "Black Sheep" wingmen.

The State of Arizona and the City of Tucson have both expressed their desire to assist in seeing to it that The President and The First Lady's visit, and the exhibit, will receive both local and national television coverage.

Complimenting the Marine Corps League's National Convention and the exhibit in Tucson, will be the annual gathering of the members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the same time. Over 700 delegates are expected by them, and we expect many of them and their families to visit our events.

We have officially requested certain types of key equipment to be present during the exhibit through the Offices of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Included in the 70 to 100 defense contractors expected to appear at the exhibit will be at least 40 of the top 100 in the United States and many of their corporate leaders. They will bring with them their very best in wares and personnel.

Allow us to explain our League's purpose, Mr. President. The Marine Corps League, a Congressionally chartered veterans / military organization, is comprised of Marines and former Marines. Among its purposes are to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps; to fit its members for the duties of citizenship, and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served their nation under arms; and to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines and former Marines as well as to their widows and orphans.

Since its incorporation by an Act of Congress in 1937, the Marine Corps League has been recognized as the organization for all Marines. The League perpetuates the more-than-200-year proud tradition and spirit of the U. S. Marine Corps through the continuous association of all those who wear (or have worn) the eagle, globe and anchor. There are many valuable programs we offer daily to all Marines everywhere. Everything the League does is designed to serve our nation and U. S. Marines.

#### EXHIBIT THEME

"THE MODERN DAY MARINE - FORCE IN READINESS"



## GENERAL EXHIBIT INFORMATION

LOCATION: Tucson Community Center  
14th Street & Main Avenue  
P. O. Box 3053  
Tucson, AZ 85702  
Telephone: (602) 791-1733

EXHIBIT HOURS: Tuesday, August 18  
12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, August 19  
12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.  
Thursday, August 20  
12:00 Noon - 9:00 P.M.

On Friday evening, August 21, 1981, the Marine Corps League will hold its Grande Banquet at the Tucson Community Center. This event will finalize the week's activities, and we fully expect to welcome slightly over 2,000 to this gala affair. Many will be dignitaries of various stature mentioned earlier in this invitation. Hundreds of active duty, Reserve, retired, former and disabled Marines and their guests, along with over 300 people representing major defense contractors will fill the hall. We will also be extending invitations to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense in hopes that one of these two distinguished gentlemen will be able to appear at either the exhibit for a few hours or the banquet.

Our invitation, Mr. President, affords two possibilities for consideration: 1) a visit by the President at anytime during any of the exhibit hours on any day during the exhibit. We are certain a brief guided tour of the various displays, both military and of our defense contractors would be most enjoyable. We suggest that just prior to the exhibit tour, The President address approximately 2,000 dignitaries, corporate leaders, our members and Marines, on any subject of his choosing. 2) should The President not be able to attend the exhibits, then we respectfully request the honor of his presence as our guest speaker for the Friday night, August 21, 1981, banquet. This would take place at the Tucson Community Center. Cocktails are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. with the banquet at 7:30 p.m. Time permitting, The President would be most welcome for both the exhibit and the banquet.

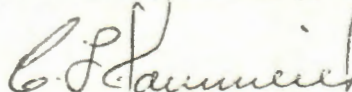
Each year at its convention, the Marine Corps League presents its coveted Military Order of the Iron Mike Award. Among its recipients are Bob Hope, Senator John Warner, General Lewis Walt, USMC (Ret.), and the late John Wayne. Last year's winner was Canadian Ambassador Kenneth Taylor who aided six Americans in their escape from Iran. This year the award will be conferred upon three deserving recipients -- a first multiple award in our history -- Press Secretary James Brady, Secret Service Agent Timothy J. McCarthy and District of Columbia Police Officer Thomas Delahanty. Mrs. Brady will be invited to receive the award for Mr. Brady, and Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Delahanty, and their wives, will be invited to attend in person.

In closing, Mr. President, may we suggest that your presence at these events would be deeply appreciated and emotionally felt throughout the Corps and by those who proudly claim the title, Marine. It will be a series of events well recorded and long remembered by all Leathernecks. It is well known that throughout their history, Marines have given so much and have asked for so little in return. All would be honored and thrilled with your appearance.

We trust, sir, that our letter of invitation has afforded a basis on which a favorable decision can be made. The Marine Corps League National Headquarters is prepared to supply additional information requested by your staff pertaining to specific details or arrangements, if desired.

I know that Marines everywhere join me in extending to you the very best wishes for your strength, good health, and your continued efforts to bring our country back to a firm footing economically and for a strong, healthy and internationally respected national defense program.

Sincerely and respectfully,



C. L. Kammeier  
Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY NEWELL  
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

We have received this letter addressed to the President. Our suggestion is that you write a letter declining the President's appearance and that Judy Pond of the Speaker's Bureau get a surrogate speaker.

Thank you.

cc. Judy Pond

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1981

TO: JUDY POND

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

This letter has been forwarded to us in the Office of Public Liaison and our suggestion is that the Speaker's Bureau get a surrogate speaker.

Please keep us informed on your results.

Thank you.

cc. Gregory Newell



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1982

Dear Dr. Lewis:

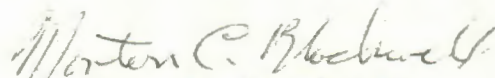
Mrs. Dole asked me to respond to your letter in regard to your requests for assistance from the Director of Civilian Marksmanship in the Department of the Army.

I have talked to Colonel Rollinger and he assures me that he has responded to your requests for assistance.

I highly commend you and your organization for your efforts to encourage young men and women to serve their country in the military.

If there is anything further I or my staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Dr. H.J. Lewis  
3175 Dresden Rd.  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: **MORTON**  
FROM: Diana Lozano  
SUBJECT:

*call Col. Hollinger + ask if he has received letters. Is so*

The attached is for your:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EHD Draft Letter           | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature          |
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*P.S. Lewis letter + want him to prepare a draft for us. sig. MB*



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Elizabeth Hanford Dole  
Assistant to the President, Public Liaison  
Washington  
D.C.

Dear Mrs. Dole:

The Marine Corps League was created by an Act of Congress in the 1930's. We have a detachment here in Zanesville, Ohio, and this detachment has supported the MARINE CORPS recruiting program by holding rifle shoots to attract eligible young men for the service. We supply our own rifles and ammunition.

The last several years we have without success tried to contact the following department to purchase from government surplus parts and rifles for our programs but they will not even answer our requests. The Department of Civilian Marksmanship has rifles for sale to the general public out of government stores but they refuse for some reason to even acknowledge anything to do with the Marine Corps League. I personally have written 6 letters to the following address. No replies.

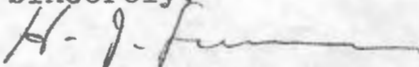
Col. Jack Rollinger  
Lt. Col. Joe Smith  
Director of Civilian Marksmanship  
Department of the Army  
20 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
Room 1205 Pulaski Building  
Washington  
D.C. 20314

272-0810

Since this is in the interest of the nation, I can not imagine why we can not get a reply out of this agency. The Department of Ohio, Marine Corps League is very eager to get this program underway on a state and possibly national basis but Washington just will not answer. One letter in desperation to President Reagan was answered by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy who said the program was too dangerous since the weapons might fall into the hands of terrorists. Is this guy really Secretary of the Navy? I bet he has a toy boat in his tub at night, possibly it is a rubber-ducky instead.

Please contact this agency and see if they are alive. Have them send me papers for application to qualify for purchase of rifles, targets, spare parts and ammunition as they already sell to the general public. Above all, request a copy of their correspondence so as to insure they carry out your request. Enclosed is a picture of our last rifle shoot showing new recruits being coached at the range.

Sincerely,



H. J. Lewis, M.D.

3175 Dresden Rd.

Zanesville, Ohio 43701

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Walter Kildore Detachment  
Marine Corps League  
Rifle Shoot Sept 22, 1981  
30 Recruits Shot For  
Government Service!

WASHINGTON  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

Dear Sir:

The Marine Corps League was created by an Act of Congress in the 1930's. We have a detachment here in Xenonville, Ohio, and this detachment has supported the Marine Corps recruiting program by holding rifle shoots to attract attention to the service. We have been successful in our efforts and recruitment.

The last several years we have without success tried to contact the recruiting department to purchase from Government surplus rifles for our program but they will not even answer our requests. The Department of Civilian Marksmanship has failed for years to do anything for Government stores but they refuse to even answer our requests. We would like to be with the Marine Corps League. I have written a letter to the following address. No reply.

Mr. J. Lee  
Mr. J. Lee  
Director of Civilian Marksmanship  
Department of the Army  
20314  
Washington, D.C.

Since this is in the interest of the nation, I can not imagine why we can not get a reply out of this agency. The Department of Civilian Marksmanship is very eager to get this program underway on a state and possibly national basis. I am sure that the Department of the Army in cooperation to President Reagan was answered by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy who said the program was too expensive. The weapons might fall into the hands of terrorists. Is this really security of the Navy? I see he has a job but I don't see how it is a rubber-stamp instead.

Please contact this agency and see if they are alive. Have them send an inquiry for application to qualify for purchase of rifles. They have a list of the general public. I would like to see a copy of their correspondence as to the program. Enclosed is a check of \$1.00 for the purchase of the rifles being ordered at the time.

Sincerely,  
Walter Kildore  
Walter Kildore  
Walter Kildore



