

## **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

### **2017 BIRTHDAY MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COMMANDANT**

The US Marine Corps is celebrating the 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of our beloved Corps in locations all over the world. The Marine Corps League entered the scene in 1923, with our charter approved by Congress in 1937.



Why is this relationship important? We have the fireteams, detachments, departments and divisions deployed across our Nation where those Marines have come from over the 242-year history of our Corps. We are being asked to increase our support of the active components of the Marine Corps.

Modern Day Marine 2017 was a place of commandarie, forward thinking, networking and commitments for the future. General Neller and his staff held many lectures and meetings during that week on where the Marine Corps is going as they develop the requirements and execution plans for the fifth generation Marine Corps. Their plans also impact our organization as we also are working to create a fifth generation Marine Corps League. The transition and synergy on how we accomplish this is key to keeping the Marine Corps and Marine Corps League as a working team to accomplish our missions for today and the future.

We have Marines all over the world doing their job to protect and safeguard the free world from harm as Marines have always done. We need to take the time to celebrate the history of our Corps and League as we move forward in a new relationship.

Happy Birthday, Marines, from Headquarters Marine Corps League and the staff.

Semper Fidelis,

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