

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



FALLEN MARINE PROGRAM

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

One of the primary objectives of the Marine Corps League is to recognize and honor fallen Marines. This program is dedicated to that goal. Many of our fellow Marines are passing without notice. Some receive graveside services from the U. S. Marine Corps, V.F.W. or other organizations when formally requested. For most, however, the only notice received is a line in the obituary column stating, "served in the U.S Marine Corps." It should be a goal of each Detachment to recognize and honor every Marine that falls within their area. What better program could we support than one that honors our fallen comrades?

The following is a guide for implementing and applying the "Fallen Marine Program." It is recommended that they be adhered to as closely as possible so as to be uniform throughout each presentation. The program, however, is not meant to be rigid and inflexible. Experience has shown that each ceremony or visitation is somewhat different. You may and probably will experience some conditions, problems or circumstances not covered herein. Flexibility and adjustment may be required.

This "Fallen Marine Program" was written by and for Marine Corps League Detachment #668, Galveston County, Texas. It was implemented on January 1st, 2002. It is now a fully operational and successful program. We welcome its use by any Detachment of the Marine Corps League. The program was approved and adopted by the State Organization in May 2003 at the annual meeting in San Antonio. We now have uniform procedures, unique to the Marine Corps League, which can be used throughout the State and the Country. Recognizing a fallen Marine, with this program, can be as simple as mailing a 75-cent MCL sympathy card to full MCL honors. Full honors are as easy as putting on a suit, driving to the visitation site and presenting honors. It takes 5 minutes to perform this service at the funeral home. Let's take the time to recognize our fallen comrades. We hope in the future that the Marine Corps League will "LET NO MARINE FALL UNNOTICED."

*With minimal funds, a little preparation and a "Few Good Men," this program has proven most successful. It is simple, easy to understand, well received and rewarding.
GOD BLESS AMERICA and GOD BLESS HER VETERANS.*

"Semper Fidelis"

FALLEN MARINE PROGRAM INTERPRETATION

Fallen Marine Presentation Guide

The guide is fairly self-explanatory. As you read, however you will see that it encourages you to be flexible. This program is intended to be different from most veterans' honor services. It is important to understand these differences in order to interpret the intent of these guidelines:

1. The family is not required to request our honor services. Every fallen Marine within the Detachment's area will be recognized and honored.
2. The Fallen Marine Honor service is primarily intended for presentation during the visitation hours. Honors can be presented during funeral or memorial service at the funeral home or church. **The Service was not written, designed nor intended for presentation at the gravesite.** However, with some adjustments, honors can be performed in the home, at the gravesite or any other place that is agreeable with the family and the League. If honors are presented at the funeral or memorial service or at the gravesite, it is recommended they be performed at the **beginning** of the service so as not to interfere with any planned service.
3. Most honor services are performed in uniform at the gravesite. They are formal and regimented. This service is intended to be more personal; vet-to-vet, Marine-to-Marine, Marine family to Marine family.

EVERY "FALLEN MARINE" SHOULD BE HONORED.

This program can be implemented in different steps and degrees depending on the budget restraint and volunteer manpower of the Detachment. Any single or combination of the following steps can be used to honor a fallen Marine.

Step 1. A Marine Corps League sympathy card can be mailed. A card can also be sent one year later. Using a Marine Corps League "Blank Card" print "Esprits de Corps" in red at the top left, the Marines name in black in the center and "Never forgotten" in red under the name.

Step 2. A Marine Corps League Certificate can be mailed.

Step 3. A Marine Corps League Certificate can be delivered to the funeral home for presentation by the funeral director or for display at the funeral service.

Step 4. A Marine Corps Certificate holder with a certificate can be mailed.

Step 5. A Marine Corps Certificate holder with Certificate, pendant and/or globe and anchor can be mailed.

Step 6. A Marine Corps Certificate holder with Certificate and a pendant or emblem can be presented during visitation hours or at the home of the spouse or next of kin by a "Fallen Marine Presentation Committee."

Step 7. A Marine Corps League Presenter or Presentation Committee can honor a "Fallen Marine" during visitation hours, or at the home of the spouse or next of kin, without presentation of a certificate, pendant or emblem.

Numbers 4 and 5 below pertain to the dress code. This is one area of flexibility. The only constant should be when wearing a suit, you should also wear: a red tie, a gold Marine tie bar, a gold globe and anchor collar emblem and a Marine Corps League Pocket Crest. These items will identify the committee as Marines and members of the Marine Corps League.

4. League members making the presentation should be in "Marine Corps" or "Marine Corps League" uniform or dress suit with "Marine Corps League" identification.
5. A dark color, black or gray, suit with a red tie is recommended. A gold Marine Corps tie bar, a gold Marine Corps globe and anchor emblem on the left collar and a Marine Corps League

Pocket Crest in the left top suit pocket will identify the committee and present a neat and professional appearance. White gloves are optional. A Marine League uniform cap, worn with a suit, is also optional. The wearing of gloves and hats however should be consistent with all presenters. Appearance is an important consideration. Suits and uniforms are appropriate dress, but an out of shape former Marine, in a Marine Corps uniform, may not project the desired appearance at a "Fallen Marine Honor Service."

6. Upon entering the funeral home or place of visitation, the "presenter" should seek out the funeral director or person in charge. The director or person in charge can identify the spouse or next of kin and give helpful information and advice. The "presenter" should introduce him/herself to the next of kin as a member of the "Marine Corps League" and inform him/her of the pending presentation. The funeral director may also perform this duty. After the family has been seated or brought together and at the designated time, the "presenter" and assistants should begin the presentation. ---If there are two or more members, they should line up at the back of the chapel. When "Church Call" begins, the committee marches, in step, to the casket or place of honor and stands at attention. If "Church Call" is not played, follow the same procedures. At the start of the "Marines Hymn" a hand salute will be presented and held until completion of the hymn. Salutes should be slow and in unison. The committee should then turn, in the same direction, and approach the next of kin. Only the League member designated as the "presenter" should voice the presentation. The assistants can present the certificate and pendant at the appropriate time. Music should not be played if only one MCL member is to make the presentation. The single MCL member should first introduce him/herself to the wife or next of kin as a representative of the MCL. Also inform them of his/her intent to honor the "Fallen Marine" and family. Then he/she should proceed to the casket or place of honor, salute, and return to the family to make the presentation. (Page 5, "Wording of Presentation" paragraph 4).
7. Presentations may also be made at the home of the spouse or next of kin several days after the funeral. The certificate and pendant may also be mailed. Circumstances may dictate or the League may choose to use one of these alternate delivery methods.
8. When the funeral director first interviews the family of the fallen Marine, he will inform them of our services. He will know if there are any potential problems or complications. Example: Man married twice, children from both wives--- problems within the family etc. Presenters should be prepared for an unwelcome or unexpected reception. The fallen Marine and/or their family may have had disagreements with the V.A., the government, or the Marine Corps. Some families may not welcome League Honors. Presenters must use their own good judgment of how to handle an unwelcome reception. If the family is not receptive and/or if circumstances permit, the "presenter" may explain that the honor is from the "Marine Corps League" which is an organization of Marines and former Marines. If circumstances do not permit, make your apologies and leave.

Flag Presentation

Most funeral homes present an American Flag to the family at the visitation or gravesite. If a flag is not to be offered by the funeral home, one can be obtained from the U. S. Post Office, free of

charge. VA form #21-2008 must be completed and submitted to receive a flag (see page 11). The funeral director can assist by requesting necessary military information from the family.

It is recommended that a flag be applied for, in advance, in the event of short notice from a funeral home. Form #21-2008 can be given to the Post Office after services and a new flag obtained. Prior approval should be obtained from the Post Master.

The funeral home or the family may request the MCL make a flag presentation at the visitation or memorial service. This may occur when there will not be a flag folding service at the grave site or when a grave site is not required, such as cremation services. The flag presentation may commence directly after completion of the "Fallen Marine" service or at the end of the funeral or memorial service. If the flag is to be presented at the end of the funeral or memorial service, all presenters should leave the chapel following the "Fallen Marine" service. They should stand by until the end of services and at the appointed time, proceed with the flag presentation. If flag presentation is to be directly following the completion of the "Fallen Marine" service, the committee turns and proceeds to the place where the flag is displayed. Only two members are required for this service, the remaining members should proceed to the rear of the chapel and stand at attention. If the flag is to be folded are open and refolded than traditional flag folding procedures can be performed. If the flag has been previously folding and is not to be opened and refolded employ the following procedures. When "Taps" is played, all members will give a slow hand salute and hold until end of "Taps." The "presenter" turns and faces the second MCL member. The second MCL member then steps up to the flag and gives a slow hand salute. He picks up the flag, turns, and stops in front of the "presenter" (point of the flag facing the presenter). The "presenter" salutes the flag and takes it from the second member. The second member then salutes the flag, turns and proceeds to the rear of the chapel to join the other members. The "presenter" turns and stops in front of the wife or next of kin and makes the presentation. (page 5, "Wording of Presentation" paragraph 5). After the presentation, he will salute the recipient (slowly) then turn and leave. If a Ceremonial Bugle is used, the bugler should follow instructions included with the purchase of the bugle. (www.ceremonialbugle.com) If a live bugler is not available, a "Ceremonial Bugle" is recommended. Traditional flag folding with Taps and presentation service can also be performed at the funeral home, grave site or other place of honor.

Presentation Committee

It is preferable that the Committee consists of not less than 2 nor more than 7 representatives: Odd numbers 3, 5, or 7 work best. The "presenter and 1, 2, or 3 on each side. If the "presenter" cannot recruit one or more assistants, he may present alone (page 3 see 7) or he may choose to use methods listed (page 2 see 4). There is no limit to the number of League members who may attend and support the presentation committee.

An updated list should be kept in the "Fallen Marine Program" notebook of every MCL member willing to serve on the Presentation Committee. The list should include: name, address, home, business, and cell phone, work hours, and hours available. Sometimes funeral homes give short notice. The above information will help the "presenter" locate and recruit assistants. Every member of the committee should be given a copy of the "Fallen Marine Program," in a binder, and should be prepared to be the "presenter" and lead the committee.

The "presenter" should carry a well-supplied briefcase with blank certificates, forms and merchandise. He should also have a floppy disk or CD with all printing programs. When the "presenter" arrives at the funeral home, he should check the certificate for correct spelling and its condition. The name of the fallen Marine should be checked with funeral home records. If there is a problem, a new certificate can be printed using funeral home equipment.

Fallen Marine Information Form

A blank copy of this form (page 9) should be furnished to each funeral home. They should make copies, so it will be available when needed. They should be encouraged to fill out every line item except the area, "For MCL use only." The funeral home should be encouraged to call a MCL member as soon as they are aware that the person in question is a Marine. This will allow time to form a presentation committee complete printing of forms and notify MCL members. The form may be faxed or emailed to a MCL member or the "presenter" can pick it up when he arrives at the funeral home for the presentation. If the service is at a place other than the funeral home, the form should be picked up early enough to check all pertinent information: spelling of name, next of kin, etc. Every MCL member who may be called by the funeral home should keep a blank copy. When a funeral home calls, the receiver needs to know the name of the fallen Marine (to prepare certificate), the location, address and time of visitation and the name and address of the next of kin (to mail card). It is recommended however that there be one contact person and one phone number for the funeral home to call. If the contact person is going out of town or is otherwise unavailable, an answering machine should be employed with a message such as: "If this is in regards to a Fallen Marine please call _____ at _____. If not, please leave a message."

The completed "Fallen Marine Information Form" should be placed in a binder with a copy of the funeral service program. The funeral service program can be obtained from the funeral home.

Wording of Presentation

MRS./MR. _____, WE REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.
MAY WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS?
ON BEHALF OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATE AND
PENDANT (or Globe & Anchor) AS SYMBOLS OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LOVED ONE'S
SERVICE TO HIS/HER COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

Or

MRS./MR. _____, WE REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.
MAY WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS?
ON BEHALF OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, MAY WE PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE AND
PENDANT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS A SYMBOL OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LOVED
ONE'S SERVICE TO HIS/HER COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

Or

MRS./MR. _____, WE REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.
MAY WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS.
ON BEHALF OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, MAY WE PRESENT TO YOU, THIS CERTIFICATE
AND PENDANT (or Globe & Anchor). YOUR FATHER/HUSBAND IS ONE OF THE FEW WHO HAS
EARNED THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO WEAR THE MARINE CORPS "GLOBE & ANCHOR."
WE PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE AND PENDANT (or Globe & Anchor) TO HONOR AND SALUTE
HIM/HER AND AS A SYMBOL OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO HIS/HER COUNTRY AND THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. "SEMPER FI"

MRS./MR. _____, I REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. MAY I EXPRESS OUR
SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS. ON BEHALF OF THE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, MAY I* (PRESENT TO YOU THIS CERTIFICATE AND PENDANT (or
Globe & Anchor) AS A SYMBOL OF) APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LOVED ONE'S (Father, son,

daughter) SERVICE TO HIS/HER COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.
*(***FUTHER EXPRESS OUR***) to be used if certificate and pendant are not presented.

Flag Presentation (Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual)

ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS AND MARINES EVERYWHERE, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS FLAG IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE AND FAITHFUL SERVICE PREFORMED BY YOUR (relationship)

To view presentation honor services go to (www.mclgalveston.com) "Fallen Marine Program" "Presentation videos."

Funeral Homes

To assure a successful program, the cooperation of funeral home directors is required. A letter should be sent to each funeral home notifying them of the program and stating that a MCL member will visit and explain the details.(page 19) Funeral home directors should be encouraged to notify the designated MCL member as soon as he is aware of a fallen Marine. The "presenter" needs as much time as possible to recruit assistants. The funeral home director can help you in many ways. They can identify the next of kin, inform and prepare the family for the presentation, and point out any unusual circumstances or conditions. Remember we are entering his business. He can and will help if he understands the program and feels he is part of it.

Certificate

A recommended example of certificate format and wording is on page 15. When you receive the blank certificates (page 12), print signature space in the bottom right corner (page 13). Have all certificates signed by Detachment Officials (page 14). Now you are prepared to print certificates when notified of a fallen Marine. Be sure the signatures are in the proper place on the certificate. Once the print program has been set up on your computer and a certificate printed, it will be necessary, there after, to change the name and date only. Place the computer mouse arrow on the fallen Marine's name. Press the left button and highlight name. Do not delete the highlighted name. Type fallen Marine's name in highlighted area. Do the same for date and type in date of presentation. It is recommended that you print on blank paper and compare to blank certificate. Be sure all printing is in proper place and the name and date is correct before printing. If a diskette or compact disc is included, the printing section of the program should be copied to your computer hard drive.

"Fallen Marine" Presentation Supplies

1. Marine Corps League sympathy card. (To be mailed to next of kin as soon as address is obtained from funeral home)
 2. Marine Corps League Certificate with Marine Corps League emblem on front.
 3. Red certificate holder with Marine Corps League emblem on front or picture frame.
 4. Gold pendant with ribbon, globe and anchor (for ladies)
 5. Gold globe and anchor Marine Corps collar emblem. (for men)
- It takes 10 days to two weeks to receive supplies after ordering. A 15 to 30 day, on hand supply, is recommended.

If circumstances dictate, the League may choose to present a pendant or globe and anchor to more than one member of the family. If the surviving spouse is very young and the Fallen Marine's mother is present, you may wish to present a pendant to the mother also-- or if the

Marine was on active duty at the time of his/her death or a member of the Marine Corps League, you may wish to make more than one presentation. However, this should be the exception and not the rule. Also, any symbol of appreciation the detachment deems appropriate, may be substituted for the globe and anchor or gold pendant.

Program Funds

The program requires initial startup funds for supplies and equipment. Continuing income is needed to sustain the program. Cost of the program depends on which services the Detachment wishes to offer (see Presentation Guide, Every “Fallen Marine” Should Be Honored-page 2). The cost may vary from \$0.00 to \$15.00 (see Merchandise List-page 7). Program expenses can be offset with regular fund raising projects, corporate sponsorship, or individual contributions. A survey of funeral homes indicated they were willing to contribute \$15.00 to the Detachment each time honors were presented at their funeral home. A \$100 contribution can recognize, approximately, 86 fallen Marines with a Marine Corps League sympathy card, 46 with a card and certificate, or 7 with full honors.

Membership

Every “Fallen Marine Program” binder should include a full membership roster.

Merchandise List

A list of merchandise needed is listed below. Some items may be deleted depending on what items the Detachment wishes to furnish to the “presenter” and his assistants (tie bar, globe and anchor, collar emblem, Marine Corps League Pocket Crest, white gloves, cap). These are required when presenters are wearing dress suits. It is suggested that the Detachment furnish these items. Three sets should be purchased. They may be kept by the “presenter” and issued to his assistants before the presentation at the visitation site. Recruiting “**presenters**” and assistants is easier when these items are furnished.

Merchandise prices are subject to change.

Order from: Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 3070
Merrifield, VA 22116-3070
1-800-625-1775
www.mcleague.org

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
C12	Blank certificate with embossed Marine Corps League Seal	\$1.00 ea
U1	Cap, Detachment w/Marine Corps League	\$26.00
C25	Presentation folder – holds MCL certificate	&2.00 ea
U31	Tie, Black	\$5.00
U22C	Gold Marine Tie Bar	\$6.50

ST22	Sympathy Cards – w/ embossed MCL logo on front “Our deepest sympathy in this time of loss”		\$7.00 box of 10
ST23	Blank Card (to send one year later)		\$7.00 box of 10
U14	Bronze style Marine Corps Collar Emblem (globe & anchor for men)		\$10.00 set
U23 & 24 & 26	Marine Corps Pocket Crest (for Red Blazer)		\$26.00 ea
U13	Cap Ornament (bronze)		\$3.50 ea
WA195	Read Blazer	up to size 49	\$120.00
		Size 50 and up	\$130.00

Order from: Marine Shop
715 Broadway
Quantico, VA 22134
1-877-640-7195
www.marineshop.com

Item Description

101358	Bow Pin (pendant for ladies)	\$6.30 ea
500650	Red Blazer	\$125.00 ea
1500308	Dress Shoes	\$85.50
500676	White Gloves	\$5.00

Order from: Walter Curtis Co.
P.O. Box 600
DeWitt, MI 48829-0600
1-800-783-8762

----- Marine Corps League Pocket Crest (for Suit) \$39.95 ea

Order from: Office Max, Wall Mart, others

----- Avery ---- Ready Index x5 tab

----- Avery ---- View Binder ½ White

----- Picture Frame (8 1/2 by 11 for certificates)

Questions concerning this program should be directed to:

Marine Corps League
Detachment #668
One Forth Point Bldg. 6B
Galveston, Texas 77550
or www.mclgalveston.com

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
FALLEN MARINE INFORMATION FORM**

Name of fallen Marine _____ Age _____ Date of Death ___/___/___

Funeral Home _____ Phone ___/___/___

Address of F.H. _____

Will there be visitation Yes ___ No ___ Will visitation be local Yes ___ No ___

MCL Honor Service Requested: Date ___/___/___ Time _____ AM ___ PM ___

MCL Honor Service will be during: Visitation ___ Funeral Service ___ Memorial ___ Other _____

Location of visitation (if other than F.H.) _____

Address of visitation (if other than F.H.) _____

Name of spouse _____ Phone ___/___/___

Next of Kin (if other than spouse) _____ (relation) _____ Phone ___/___/___

Mailing Address of Spouse (or next of kin)

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(For M.C.L. use only)

Person receiving honors _____

Presented: Certificate _____ Pendant _____ Globe and Anchor _____

Presented by _____

Time of presentation: Date ___/___/___ Time _____ hrs.

Mailed: Certificate _____ Pendant _____ Globe Anchor _____ Card _____

Comments : Use back of page if needed. *Memorial service only MCL Service # _____

A SOLDIER DIED TODAY

(Author Unknown)

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end?

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his like again.

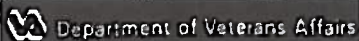
For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simply headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY.

God Bless America and God Bless American Veterans
We Salute You

Marine Corps League



APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES

RESPONDENT BURDEN: VA may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, call 1-800-827-1000 for mailing information on where to send your comments.

IMPORTANT - Postmaster or other issuing official: Submit this form to the nearest VA Regional Office. Be sure to complete the stub at the bottom.

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME OF DECEASED (Print or type)			
2. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Check box)		3. VETERAN'S SERVICE (Check box)	
<input type="checkbox"/> ARMY	<input type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH AMERICAN	<input type="checkbox"/> WWI
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE	<input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS	<input type="checkbox"/> WWI	<input type="checkbox"/> KOREAN CONFLICT
<input type="checkbox"/> COAST GUARD	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> AFTER 1-31-55	<input type="checkbox"/> VIETNAMERA
4. CONDITION UNDER WHICH VETERAN WAS RELEASED FROM SERVICE (Check box) (See Item 2, Instructions on Reverse)			
<input type="checkbox"/> A. VETERAN OF A WAR, MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE, OR OF SERVICE AFTER 1-31-55, DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE		<input type="checkbox"/> C. BY DEATH IN ACTIVE SERVICE AFTER MAY 27, 1941, AND FLAG NOT FURNISHED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. DISCHARGED FROM OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY IN U.S. ARMED FORCES UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE, AFTER SERVING AT LEAST ONE		<input type="checkbox"/> D. SEPARATED FROM PHILIPPINE MILITARY FORCES, UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE, AFTER SERVING WITH THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH FORCE UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER OF JULY 28, 1941, AND DIED ON OR AFTER APRIL 25, 1951	
5. NAME OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG		6. ADDRESS OF PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FLAG	
7. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED (See Item 1, Instructions on Reverse)			
PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED (To be completed if possible)			
8. VA FILE NUMBER		9. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	10. SERVICE SERIAL NUMBER
11. DATE OF ENLISTMENT	12. DATE OF DISCHARGE	13. DATE OF BIRTH	14. DATE OF DEATH
15. DATE OF BURIAL	16. PLACE OF BURIAL (Name of cemetery, city, and State)		
17. REMARKS			
I CERTIFY that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made above are correct and true, the deceased is eligible, in accordance with instructions on reverse for issue of a United States flag for burial purposes, and such flag has not previously been applied for or furnished.			
18. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Sign in INK)	19. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Number and street or rural route, city or P.O., and ZIP Code)	20. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED	21. DATE SIGNED
PENALTY - The law provides that whoever makes any statement of a material fact knowing it to be false shall be punished by a fine or both imprisonment or both.			
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF FLAG			
I CERTIFY that the flag requested by the applicant will be used to drape the casket of the deceased in whose honor it is issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and that Item 6 of the Instructions will be complied with.			
SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVING FLAG (Sign in INK)		DATE FLAG RECEIVED	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF POST OFFICE OR OTHER FLAG ISSUE POINT		FOR VA USE	
		DATE NOTIFICATION FORWARDED TO SUPPLY	INITIALS OF RESPONSIBLE VA EMPLOYEE

VA FORM 21-2008
SEP 1999

EXISTING STOCK OF VA FORM 2008, SEP 1993(R) WILL BE USED.

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Robert D. Richardson
Detachment Commandant

Diane M. Pundson
Detachment Adjutant

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Recognition of Honorable Service In the United States Marine Corps

To the family of:

John Jay Doe

**In appreciation and gratitude for his honorable service to the
United States of America and the United States Marine Corps.**

Awarded this 13th day of June, 2003

**The Marine Corps League
Galveston County Detachment #668**

Robert D. McFarland
Detachment Commandant

Deanne M. Purdon
Detachment Adjutant

"Semper Fidelis"

COMPLETED CERTIFICATE

Section 1.

PRESENTATION COMMITTEE ROSTER

FUNERAL HOME ROSTER

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Detachment #668
Two Fort Point Bldg. 6B, MCTC
Galveston, Texas 77550

Funeral Director

Sir:

The Marine Corps League has initiated a program to honor fallen Marines. In order to accomplish this mission the League is requesting the assistance of Galveston County Funeral Directors. Your partnership is vital if we are to identify and honor these men and women who have served their country and so richly deserve our appreciation. You can assist by notifying a Marine Corps League representative when you become aware of the passing of a Marine or former Marine. This program will begin on February 1, 2002. A member of the Marine Corps League will visit your funeral home as soon as possible to explain and discuss the program in detail, if you have any questions please call me at 409-948-0129.

Sincere appreciation,

Joe Vickery, Chairman
Fallen Marine Committee

Marine Corps League

Detachment #668
Two Fort Point Bldg 6B, MCTC
Galveston, Texas 77550

January 1, 2010

Funeral Director

Sir:

The Marine Corps League would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your help and support of our "Fallen Marine Honor Program." This honor service would not be successful without the cooperation and guidance of the Funeral Homes and the funeral directors. At this time 23 funeral homes, within this Detachments area, are participating. With your assistance we have been privileged to honor 302 Fallen Marines. This program has been well received by family and friends of those veterans. We receive many cards and calls of appreciation for the service presented by the Funeral Homes and the League. We hope to continue these honors through 2010 and look forward to working with you to accomplish this mission. Your partnership is vital if we are to identify and honor those men and woman who have served their country and so richly deserve recognition and appreciation.

Please notify a Marine Corps League representative as soon as you are aware of the passing of a Marine or former Marine. This will afford us time to form a "Presentation Committee." After notifying a League member, by phone, the "Information Form" can be E-mailed to vic33@aol.com or faxed to 409-948-0129

PLEASE KEEP US ON YOUR "**DO NOT FAIL TO CALL LIST.**" We also request that you use the updated "**Fallen Marine Information Form,**" which is included. It is further recommended that you type in the Funeral Home: "Name, Phone Number, Address, Contact E-mail Address and Funeral Home Web Address before making copies.

Again the Marines salute you for your support.

To report a fallen Marine or if you have any questions, please call one of the League members listed below.

Joe Vickery
2613 16th Ave. Circle
Texas City, Texas 77590
409-948-0129
vic33@aol.com

Ronnie Mills
9217 Gettysburg
Texas City, Texas 77591
409-739-3401
millstc@juno.com

"Semper Paratus"

Henry J. Vickery, Chaplain

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Galveston, Texas 77590

Support Form

Company, Business or Person(s): _____ Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Company Website _____

Check enclosed _____ Bill me later _____

Check amount _____

I support the Marine Corps League and my check for _____ is enclosed but do not place my company or my name on your Website.

I would like to advertised on your website. Place my Company/Business ____ and/or my Name ____ on your Website as a supporter of the Marine Corps League.

If you do not have a website please include a company or business card or other information, if different from above, as you would have it appear on our website.
(Use back of this form if needed)

Signature- Owner/Officer/Individual

Initial donation of \$100.00 or more can place a Company or individual on our Website for twelve months (www.mclgalveston.com) as a supporter of the Marine Corps League A \$50.00 donation each year thereafter will maintain your support.

Please return this form with your check to:

Marine Corps League
Detachment #668
Two Fort Point, Bldg. 6B
Galveston, Texas 77550

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Galveston, Texas 77550

(Name of Business)

(Name of CEO),

This letter is to invite you and/or your Company to be a supporter of the "Marine Corps League. Its membership, of over 100,000, is comprised of honorably discharged, active duty, reserve and retired Marines. It includes officers, enlisted, male and female members.

Detachment #668 is headquartered at Fort Point in Galveston, Texas. Its members reside in Galveston, Brazoria and Harris Counties. They are employed by City and County Governments as well as Industries and businesses throughout the area.

The League is classified as a veterans / military service organization and was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the U. S. Marine Corps; to provide camaraderie and assistance to Marines, as well as to their widows and orphans; and to preserve the traditions of the U. S. Marine Corps. It is a not for profit organization within the provisions of 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.

League members participate in the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Program, an assistance program for hospitalized veterans.

The League also:

- Awards scholarships
- Sponsors a National Youth Physical Fitness Program
- Participates in patriotic functions and provides representation to the U. S. Congress in legislative matters affecting the U. S. Marine Corps, national security and veterans benefits through its National Legislative Committee and its National Legislative Officer.
- Participates in "Toys for Tots" and other community-based programs.
- The "Fallen Marine Program" which honors those men and woman who served their country and so richly deserve our gratitude.

With your assistance, Marines can continue these worthwhile services and community programs.

Upon the receipt of a support contribution of one hundred dollars or more, all members of the Detachment will be notified and you and/or your Company can be placed on our Website (www.mclgalveston.com) as a Marine Corps League Supporter.

To participate, complete the attached form and return with your tax-deductible support. If you have questions please refer to the address above, go to our website or call 409-948-0129. Your positive response to this invitation will be appreciated.

Semper Fi