

Detachment Commandant MCL Battle Born Detachment 672 Reno, NV 89513

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To: All Marines, Sailors, Associates, & Family Members

From: Jon Lopey, Detachment Commandant

Subj: April 2023 Commandant's Message & March 2023 Meeting Summary

The purpose of this message is to provide you an update on our April 2023 meeting and important information pertaining to upcoming events and other issues. I have also summarized highlights of our 21 March 2023 regular meeting, conducted at the VFW Bunker:

- Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 4 April 2023, 1800, VFW 9211 bunker (Leaders meet at 1730).
- I have attached a 2023 Strategic Plan for MCL, Battle Born Detachment, #672. Please review for 4/4/ vote.
- Please sign up for the MCL Department of Nevada Convention, schedule 14-15 April 2023, at the Peppermill; we need maximum participation in this key event, including luncheon on 4/15.
- Please order you red MCL covers (Semper Fi Store) ASAP for meetings & convention.
- Miller's School Jackets has design for our MCL polo shirts and red jackets. The white, polo shirt will cost you a little less than \$30.00 (sewing on patch, embroidery, etc.); however, the red jackets have gone up and will cost \$78 to \$95.00; however, I must take an order for jackets at the April meeting due to a minimum of 6 jackets per order. Go by and order your white polo shirts now (ask for Diane). US Flags right-sleeve okay.
- Don Enea was released on Thursday (3/9) from the VA hospital and is back in action.
- Please sign up for the blood drive at the NNSVH, scheduled for 10 April (on-line link).
- As you know, we voted in February to buy more products for gun show sales. Our Paymaster, Josh Hall, gave a summary of costs, total fiscal savings account, expenditures, and related information. Josh has formulated "Membership On-Line" and program improvements, including a Google Drive Account system.
- Our MCL Detachment will attend a MOAA-sponsored multiple vet's organization picnic in June 2023.
- In May 2023, we must schedule work on our artillery piece at the Fernley Vet's Cemetery for Memorial Day.
- Richard, Cary, Josh, Karl and me, volunteered to man the reception table and related functions during the MCL convention (4/14) and Richard, Josh, Tom, Cary, and me, volunteered to man the reception table and related functions on 4/15. THANK YOU! If you have auction or raffle items, please bring them on 4/14.
- Our main priority for now is to prepare for, support, assign taskings, and attend the upcoming April Department of Nevada MCL convention. Thank you for all who have signed up in support!
- Crossroads of the West Gun Show is scheduled for 5/6 and 5/7/2023 (set-up 5/5). We will solicit volunteers.
- Susan & George Malone received recognition as Veterans' of the Month from Governor Lombardo (March) and Susan received national recognition for being one of the first 2 female FBI Special Agents in U.S. history.
- The Reno Air Races are scheduled for September, and sadly, may be the last event of its type hosted in Reno.
- If you have any questions about scheduling, uniforms, or assignments, please call me, at 530-598-2910, or email me at ilopeyusmc@gmail.com. Thanks once again for the hard work, dedication, and support!

Again, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (530) 598-2910, or, at <u>jlopeyusmc@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance for your outstanding work and support!

Semper Fi,

Jon E. Lopey Commandant