

## Application for Membership in the Pappy Boyington Detachment #966 of the Marine Corps League

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth - mm/dd/yr: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge/Seperation/Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

"I hereby apply for membership in the Pappy Boyington Detachment of the Marine Corps League and enclose \$37 for the first year of membership. This membership includes a subscription to the marine Corps League magazine. I certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service was honorable and that if I have been discharged I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application I certify that the information and this statement is true and, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge upon request."

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion, submit to the sponsoring Marine along with the first year's dues. Applicants will not be processed until dues are submitted. Your 9 digit zip code is required for you to receive the Marine Corps League Magazine. If you do not have a direct sponsor from the detachment, mail this completed form with your first years dues to: Pappy Boyington Detachment #966, P.O. Box 261, hayden, Idaho 83835. Any questions, Please call Michael Quinn at 801-808-0343 or Email @ micq99@yahoo.com



## The Pappy Boyington Detachment #966 of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



Original VFM-214 Patch

The Marine Corps League is a vet-eran's organization of the U.S. Marines. It is composed of Marines and former Marines with honorable service. It aims to perpetuate the traditions and spirit of the U.S. Marine Corps through the continuous association of Marines who served under the Eagle, Globe and Anchor at any time, in war or peace.

There are League detachments all across the country. Regular meetings are conducted under a unified ritual, with the Marine Corps spirit and atmosphere predominating.

The one and only membership qualification is honorable service in excess of 90 days in the Marines. This means that, regardless of rank held, regardless of when or where a Marine served, regardless of what division or wing he may or may not have served with, that Marine, male or female, is welcome in the Marine Corps League.

A common trait of League members is the spirit of Semper Fidelis, the spirit of being "Always Faithful" to the Country, the Corps, and to their fellow Marines, in service and out. So deep is this ingrained in members that, long after most have hung up the uniform for the last time, they still dare to call each other "Marine". Each seems to hold the League slogan as a personal truth that of "Once a Marine ~ Always a Marine".

Being a Marine is what it's all about. John A. Lejeune, who founded the Marine Corps League in 1923, put this first above all else. Although he was the Major General Commandant of the Corps, a decorated hero of the First World War, and the former Commanding General of the victorious Second Army Division, he said his first claim to fame was, "I am a Marine!" All his other attainments came farther down the list. There was nothing more important to him.

The U.S. Congress felt that the purposes of the Marine Corps League were so valid that in 1937 it granted the League a federal charter.

League members know a special bond of comradeship unique to those who have worn the Marine Emblem. The members look after

one another and assist the widows and orphans of their marines. They observe National holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and days of special interest to Marines like "the Birthday", the landings at Guadalcanal, Inchon and DaNang, the anniversary of the flag raising at Iwo Jima, the peacekeeping missions in Grenada, Somalia and Haiti, the forces that fought in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and Marines serving in Bosnia.

Auxiliary members help carry out the purposes of the League. Their members as well as Leaguers may be seen almost any day in the wards of our veterans hospitals, visiting the sick and wounded under their volunteer program. Both assist our veterans with rehabilitation work too, and their trained service workers often assist Marines in obtaining their veteran rights.

Perhaps the Marine Corps League performs its most important service on the local level through programs of benefit to the communities. Many detachments, recognizing a need, embark on special programs to help advance their towns and cities. Others have adopted one of the League's national youth programs, the Young Marines, or the Youth Physical Fitness. These programs seek the mental, moral and physical development of our youngsters.

The Marine Corps has continuously stood in the forefront of our country. The Marine Corps League stands at the forefront too, serving in our hospitals, helping our communities, working with our youth, and assisting our Marines and veterans. Its members realize some of the greatest rewards of life, those of friendship and the sense of individual and group fulfillment.

Should you join the Marine Corps League? If your a Marine the answer is "Yes!" because you're needed in the ranks.

### ***Come Visit Our Meetings***

2nd Thursday of the Month  
Coeur d'Alene Elks Lodge - 1170 W. Prairie Ave.  
1700 Meet and Eat ~ 1800 General Meeting

### **Medal of Honor Citation**

His citation reads in full:

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to



### **MAJOR GREGORY BOYINGTON UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

for service as set forth in the following

#### **CITATION:**

For extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of Marine Fighting Squadron Two Fourteen in action against enemy Japanese forces in Central Solomons Area from 12 September 1943 to 3 January 1944. Consistently out-numbered throughout successive hazardous flights over heavily defended hostile territory, Major Boyington struck at the enemy with daring and courageous persistence, leading his squadron into combat with devastating results to Japanese shipping, shore installations and aerial forces. Resolute in his efforts to inflict crippling damage on the enemy, Major Boyington led a formation of twenty-four fighters over Kahili on 17 October and, persistently circling the airdrome where sixty hostile aircraft were grounded, boldly challenged the Japanese to send up planes. Under his brilliant command, our fighters shot down twenty enemy craft in the ensuing action without the loss of a single ship. A superb airman and determined fighter against overwhelming odds, Major Boyington personally destroyed 26 of the many Japanese planes shot down by his squadron and by his forceful leadership developed the combat readiness in his command which was a distinctive factor in the Allied aerial achievements in this vitally strategic area.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT