



Spring 2023 Commandant Report

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Commandant's Report

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It has been a long time since I was first Commandant of the Tucson Detachment. It is an honor to be back. Since the Fall Conference we were very active in the community. Be sure to take a look at the photos of our activities. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Our members attended the Halloween Party at the Clubhouse.

November 5th we had a table of 10 at the Bulk Fuel Co A Marine Corps 246th Birthday Ball and got to meet the new Commanding Officer. Marine Louis Granillo was honored as the Oldest Marine during the ceremony. On the 10th we celebrated the 246th Marine Corps Birthday with Bulk Fuel Co A 1st Sgt Celestine as our guest speaker. It is great to be building a relationship with the reserve unit.

December was busy with Wreaths Across America and the neighborhood Christmas Party for local children in need. There was a huge turn out with everyone enjoying Santa. Toys were donated by Old Pueblo Mobile Home Park residents along with some other donations. We hope that the relationship continues with Old Pueblo for future events. The Arizona Bowl was a successful recruiting event.

New Year's Eve was well attended and fun to ring in the new year with good friends.

We held elections in January per the change to our bylaws and administrative procedures. Officers will now serve for a full calendar year. We have some new younger Marines involved and we are grateful for their participation. Our new officers and staff are Sr Vice Commandant Louis Granillo, Jr Vice Commandant Jerry Coyle, Judge Advocate Chance Parks, Adjutant/Paymaster Terry Byron, Sgt-at-Arms Robert Cuestas, Chaplain Maxine Lea. Directors are Sonny Rivera, David Caballero, Tony Esparza, and Henry Levario. Color Guard Captain is Sonny Rivera.

After the installation of Officers the Marine of the Year was awarded to Marine Louis Granillo and the Associate Member of the Year was awarded to Associate Lori Ann Kline. You both contribute so much, thank you!

We want to thank Jr Past Commandant Larry Griffin for all his accomplishments and dedicated service to the Detachment and the Clubhouse. He really turned many things around. In appreciation we made a special thank you award for him.

Tucson Detachment volunteered to host the Fall Conference in 2024. We are looking for to it!

We encourage everyone to stop by the Clubhouse and say hello and see all the changes that have taken place as we used the grant monies we received to make renovations.

We are all saddened at the loss of our brother Marine Abner Reese. His presence has been missed for a long time prior to his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and his family as well as all of you. Abner was well known and loved by all.

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Monthly New Member Initiation



50th Department of Arizona Charter Anniversary in Camp Verde



Marine Larry Griffin recognized by the Department of Arizona with Recruiting Award.

Members Enjoying Halloween



247th Marine Corps Birthday Ball by Bulk Fuel Co A



Officers and Board Members (l to r): Mariza Trujillo, Michael Raymond, Louis Granillo, Gloria Granillo, Terry Byron, Kathy Polich (guest), Stephen Polich, Elizabeth Atkinson (guest), and Rene Teran.

247th Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Tucson Detachment



Wreaths Across America at South Lawn Cemetery



Remembering our fallen at Wreaths Across America: Andy Lopez, Ben Rivera, and Alex Romero laid to rest next to his wife Gloria.

Arizona Bowl



Marine Michael Raymond was recognized during the game after he carried the colors across the stadium field during the parade. Many thanks to Marine Francis Cloutier, Marine Irving Pablo, Associate Yanin Valenzuela for being at the booth during the festivities.

Awards and Recognition



Top left is Associate Gloria Granillo receiving her Life Membership Gold Card. Top right is Marine Jerry Coyle being presented with Department of Arizona Membership Certificate for years of service. Middle left is Marine Louis Granillo accepting his Marine of the Year award. Middle right is Associate Lori Ann Kline receiving her Associate Member of the Year award from former AMOY recipients Gloria Granillo and Mariza Trujillo. Bottom is Commandant Griffin receiving his special Thank You from the Detachment.