



June 2021
Commandant Report

June 5, 2021

Commandant's Report

Marine Larry Griffin



2020/21 was a year of challenges. During the height of the pandemic we lost 4 active members of the Detachment. Past Department Commandant John Rodriguez, Past Detachment Commandant Andy Lopez, Associate Member Manny Alvarado, and Associate Member Patsy Escalante. The Tucson Detachment 007 has been in recovery since and has turned the corner to be in a positive position.

We are extremely fortunate to have some great volunteers that continue to give of their time and energy. I am truly grateful to my Officers and Eboard for their support.

The Color Guard has been busy with many funerals and other events. Tombstone and Benson Color Guard members have come to Tucson to assist us when we needed help. The 21st Annual Nighthawk-72 Memorial Service was very nice and it is always an honor to remember those 19 Marines. Our Korean and Vietnam Wars Veteran members are passing away. Marine Ruben Moreno of Easy Company just recently passed. Since that time, his son, Ruben has become a regular member of the Color Guard playing taps for the fallen. We are honored to have his participation, as a live version of taps is much better than recorded. 2021 marks our 26th Memorial Day ceremony at South Lawn Cemetery providing colors, rifle salute and taps. In addition, we visit our fallen Detachment Members specifically and render honors for them at South Lawn and Holy Hope cemeteries. You can view the ceremony without a Facebook account at www.Facebook.com/FunerariaDelAngelSouthLawn.

The Clubhouse is busy with rentals and other events. We added a couple of dartboards, a claw game, and a pull tab lottery machine. Those help us keep our guests entertained. We are working on new bands and new events keeping things exciting!

The Detachment was very excited about receiving the National Junior Vice Commandants Citation for exceeding the previous year's membership award presented by Marine Pat Connell at the Spring Conference this past March.



Upcoming Events:

- June 19th – 3rd Annual Andy Lopez Memorial Golf Tournament
- July 4th – Detachment will celebrate our country's independence
- September 2 – Nominations for new Officers
- October 2 – Election of new Officers
- November 4 – Installation of new Officers
- November 10 – 246th Marine Corps Birthday celebration

