



Department of Florida  
Marine Corps League

Spring Conference 2018 – Hotel Information

When: 5-8 April 2018

Where: Safety Harbor Resort and Spa

105 Bayshore Drive

Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Rates: The room rate is as follows:  
\$95.00 per night (Run of House) including a full  
Buffet breakfast for two. **Be sure to ask for MCL  
Conference rate.** Rates are locked in for (3) days'  
prior and (3) days after the event.

Hotel phone: 727-726-1161,

Reservations: 888-237-8772

**Reservations MUST be made prior to March 6, 2018 to ensure the  
special rate.**



Department of Florida

Marine Corps League

Fall Conference 2017

To: All Department of Florida MCL and MCLA Staff, District Vice Commandants, Detachment Commandants, MCLA Unit Presidents, Florida Pack Leader, Madam Big Flea

From: Commandant Dan Pilon, Morris Dixon Det. 054 Commandant

Subject: Spring Conference, 5-8 April 2018

The Officers, members, MCLA Unit and the MODD of Detachment 054 Marine Corps League, Department of Florida, are proud and honored to be hosting the 2018 Spring Conference. We extend an invitation to all members of the Marine Corps League, MCLA and MODD and MODD Fleas to attend the conference during the period of 5-8 April 2018. The location of the conference will be at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa at 105 North Bayshore Dr, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

The room rate is as follows: \$95.00 per night (Run of House) including a full buffet breakfast for two. Be sure to ask for MCL Conference rate. Rates are locked in for (3) three days' prior and (3) three days after the event. The banquet meal dinner order selection form is included herewith.

**RESERVATIONS:**

Reservations MUST be made prior to 6 March 2018, to insure the special rate.

Semper Fidelis,

Dan Pilon  
Commandant  
Morris Dixon Detachment 54

**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

**2018 SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**MCL/MODD**

**MCLA / MODDF**

**THURSDAY APRIL 5 2018**

1400-1700	MCL/MODD Registration	Baranoff Lobby
1400-1700	Ship Store MCL & MODD	Cypress Room
1500-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD
1500-1600	MCL Board of Trustees	Boardroom
1600-1630	IWFF Meeting	Boardroom
1630-1700	Scholarship committee meeting	Boardroom
1700-1730	Leadership Instructor's meeting	Baranoff Ballroom

**THURSDAY APRIL 5 2018**

1400-1700	MCLA Registration	Baranoff Lobby
1400-1700	Ship Store MCLA & MODDF	Athena Room
1500-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD

**FRIDAY APRIL 6 2018**

0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
0830-1700	MCL/MODD Registration	Baranoff Lobby
0830-1600	Ship's Store MCL & MODD	Cypress Room
0830-1600	Leadership School-Registration & Class	Baranoff Ballroom
1200-1300	Lunch	Tent
1400-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD
1600-1700	MODD Staff Meeting	Boardroom
1830-2030	MODD Growl	Baranoff Ballroom

**FRIDAY APRIL 6 2018**

0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
0830-1600	MCLA Registration	Baranoff Lobby
0830-1600	Ship Store MCLA & MODDF	Athena Room
0900-1130	MCLA Activity (Guests welcome)	Athena Room
1200-1300	Fashion Show & Lunch	Athena Room
1330-1530	MCLA Workshops	Athena Room
1400-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD
1800-2000	MODDF Scratch	Athena Room

**SATURDAY APRIL 7 2018**

0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
0900-1200	MCL Registration	Baranoff Lobby
0820-0845	Chapel Four Chaplains	Baranoff Ballroom
0900-0930	Joint Meeting / Memorial Service	Baranoff Ballroom
0945-1200	MCL Business Meeting	Baranoff Ballroom
1200-1600	Ship's Store MCL & MODD	Cypress Room
1200-1300	Lunch	Tent
1300-1630	Hospitality Room	TBD
1300-1400	MCL Business Meeting (if needed)	Baranoff Ballroom
1400-1500	Past Department Commandants Council	Boardroom
1400-1500	District Vice-Commandants Roundtable	East Room
1500-1600	Detachment Commandants Roundtable	East Room
1700-1800	Cocktail Hour	Baranoff Lobby
1800-2000	Banquet Program	Baranoff Ballroom
2000-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD

**SATURDAY APRIL 7 2018**

0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
0900-1200	MCLA Registration	Baranoff Lobby
0820-0845	Chapel Four Chaplains	Baranoff Ballroom
0900-0930	Joint Meeting-Memorial Service	Baranoff Ballroom
0945-1200	MCLA Business Meeting	Athena Room
1200-1600	Ships Store MCLA & MODDF	Athena Room
1200-1300	Lunch	Tent
1300-1630	Hospitality Room	TBD
1700-1800	Cocktail Hour	Baranoff Lobby
1800-2000	Banquet Program	Baranoff Ballroom
2000-2300	Hospitality Room	TBD

**SUNDAY APRIL 8 2018**

0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
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0700-0900	Breakfast	Fountain Grill
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**\*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***



**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**  
Department of Florida, MCL  
Mike Stewart and Tom Newton, Co-Directors



Nov 25, 2017

To: District Vice Commandants  
Detachment Commandants  
Detachment Members

From: Michael Stewart and Tom Newton, Leadership School Directors

Re: Spring Conference - Leadership School, Friday 6 April 2018

**DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANTS:** Please relay this information to the Detachment Commandants in your District. Please encourage them to discuss the importance of attending the Leadership School in their August and September membership meetings.

(District Vice Commandants, please confirm to the Dept. of Florida Commandant that you have received and acted upon this message.)

**DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS:** Please relay this information to all members in your Detachment Data Base and encourage them to attend the Leadership School.

**DETACHMENT MEMBERS:** Leadership School is an excellent opportunity for new League members, newly elected and appointed officers to have an opportunity to learn the procedures, policies and By-Laws essential for the successful operation of your Detachment, as you strive to work in partnership within the Marine Corps League. The school can add to the knowledge that you already have, and can build on that knowledge to give you the confidence to know that you are employing the best practices available to build and maintain a strong and viable detachment. Hopefully, you and your officers will be able to attend along with members of your Detachment who are aspiring to become elected or appointed officers.

To encourage and to help cover the cost of attendance, perhaps, your detachment can have a fund raiser to pay for the class registration, or for a tank of gas, or even for a night's hotel bill for your members attending. For those of you who would like to sign up early a Registration Form is attached.

Semper Fidelis,

*Mike Stewart and Tom Newton,*

Leadership School Directors  
Dept. of Florida

Department of Florida Marine Corps League  
Spring- Conference - 2018

PLEASE USE YOUR KEYBOARD TO FILL IN FORM

**LEADERSHIP SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is to be used to register for the Leadership Program **ONLY**. The fee is \$10.00. Remember, in addition to this registration you **must also register with the Department of Florida** to attend the Convention / Conference. It is suggested that you retain a copy for your records.

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**PLEASE PRINT LEGABLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment name and number \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Attendance: 6 October 2017

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$

Does the registration fee include others? \_\_\_\_\_

Names:

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**Make check payable to Department of Florida, MCL and mail this form along with any other forms registration forms from your Detachment to the address below, no later than 25 March 2018.**

**Mail the completed form(s) and check to**

**Mike Stewart  
5400 Water Lily Court  
Leesburg, Florida 34748**

**Department of Florida  
Marine Corps League  
Spring Conference 2018**

**CONFERENCE ADS FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE**

**Standard 8 1/2 X 11 Program Book Rates**

Full Page _____	\$100
Half Page _____	\$50
Quarter Page _____	\$25
Business Card _____	\$15
Inside cover _____	\$150
Back cover _____	\$200

**All ads are in black and white. (Color copy is available for an additional \$25 per ad.) Make checks /money orders payable to MCL Det 054. E-mail program ad, in digital format (pdf)/JPEG as you would like the ad to appear.**

**Detachment**

**Name**

**Check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please, E-mail your ad no later than 15 March 2018 to ( [wcona@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wcona@tampabay.rr.com)) and mail your check/ money order to the address below.**

**Stephen Joppa  
8617 Knob Hill Ct  
New Port Richey, FL 34653**

**If there are any questions, please feel free to call Bill @ (727) 785-6878**

Department of Florida

Marine Corps League

2018 Spring CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAMES & TITLE		PLEASE PRINT	
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
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DETACHMENT NAME

DETACHEMENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

MCL MEMBER ATTENDANCE OR DELEGATE FEE IN ADVANCE IS \$5.00 PER PERSON. AT THE EVENT THE FEE IS \$6.00

BANQUET ORDER (\$50.00 PER PERSON)

NAME

Please Print

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PLEASE PRINT NEATLY. FORWARD WITH YOUR CHECK/MONEY ORDER BY 15 March 2018

FOR REGISTRATION AND BANQUET ORDER TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.

PLEASE MAKE CHEK PAYABLE TO Detachment 54 MCL

\*\* CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS:

Stephen Joppa  
8617 Knob Hill Ct  
New Port Richey, FL 34653

Department of Florida  
Marine Corps League and MCL Auxiliary  
Spring Conference 2018



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY  
REGISTRATION – ATTENDANCE FORM (PRINT)

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is \$5.00 per person. Checks must be received before 15 March 2018. Please make check payable to Morris Dixon MCLA unit and Mail to:

GAYLE HEATH  
DEPARTMENT OF FL TREASURER  
PO BOX 1272  
ROSELAND, FL 32957





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Marine Corps League and MCL Auxiliary  
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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY**  
**BANQUET ORDER \$50.00 PER PERSON**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	BEEF	CHICKEN	FISH
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PLEASE PRINT NEATLY. FORWARD YOU ORDER WITH YOUR CHECK/MONEY ORDER BY 15 March 2018 TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MCL Detachment # 054.

**\*\* CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS:**

Stephen Joppa  
8617 Knob Hill Ct  
New Port Richey, FL 34653



**Department of Florida  
Marine Corps League Auxiliary**

**One of a Kind Fashion Show & Luncheon**

**Friday April 6, 2016**

**1200-1300**

**Athena Room**

**\$20.00 (includes gratuity) per person**

**Cobb Salad, Desert, Beverage**

**Surprise models and fashions**

**Limited Seating!**

**Auxiliary, Leaguers & Guests of the Conference**

**Questions: [evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com](mailto:evelyn.mrsjs@gmail.com)**

**Evelyn 727-207-2149**

**Please Print**

<b>Name</b>	<b># Persons</b>

**Please forward with check/money order by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Make Check payable to Department of Florida MCLA**

**Gayle Health, Treasurer**

**PO Box 1272**

**Roseland, Florida 32957**

## BIOGRAPHY, LAWRENCE E. MICCOLIS



Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence E. Miccolis is a Florida attorney with his own his legal practice, focusing in the areas of business law, estate planning, probate, veterans and military benefits, and general civil litigation. He is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is a Florida Supreme Court Certified County Mediator. He is also a member of the Hillsborough County Bar Association and Florida Bar Elder Law Section Committee.

He is a native of Waldwick, New Jersey, attended Villanova University, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1984 and was then designated a Naval Aviator in 1987.

Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis' Marine Corps career spanned over 20 years. As a CH-53 D/E helicopter pilot and Weapons and Tactics Instructor. His operational flying tours included deployments across the Pacific and Central Command areas of responsibility with HMH-361, HMH-462, and HMH-465 out of MCAS Tustin and MCAS Miramar, California and HMH-461 out of MCAS New River, North Carolina. He served in a variety of squadron and aircraft group billets including Operations Officer and Executive Officer. He participated in Philippine contingency operations as part of a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, and is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.

His command assignments include Commanding Officer, Headquarters Squadron 26, Marine Aircraft Group 26 and Commanding Officer, HMH-461.

Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis assumed command of the Iron Horses of HMH-461 in Djibouti, Africa, June 2003, as part of the Combined Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa, (CJTF-HOA), Operation Enduring Freedom. During the 6-month deployment, the squadron supported conventional and Joint Special Operations Force, long-range missions to several countries in the east Africa area. Upon completion of squadron command, Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis retired from the Marine Corps in 2004 to Tampa, Florida.

Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis accumulated over 2,400 flight hours in a variety of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Second Award, the Air Medal with Roman Numeral One, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Second Award, and Navy Achievement Medal.

Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis is also a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Naval Postgraduate School, earning a Master of Science degree in Operations Analysis.

After retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis worked as a Department of Defense contractor. Still passionate about serving as an advocate for others, Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis decided to study law at Stetson University College of Law. While at Stetson, he received the Victor O. Wehle Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy and the William F. Blews Pro Bono Service Award, and in 2016, he received the Paul M. May Meritorious Service Award for continued service. Lieutenant Colonel Miccolis continues to operate his law practice and proudly serves his fellow veterans and our community.