

## Southern Indiana Leathernecks Detachment #931

Marine Corps League  
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Dear Friend of the Southern Indiana Leathernecks,

On behalf of the members of the Southern Indiana Leathernecks Detachment, we invite you to become a sponsor of our annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball that will be held on 11 November 2023. With your support we can put on a quality event to celebrate the birth of Our Corps. The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775 to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War. The recruiting headquarters was set up by Capt. Samuel Nicholas in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered to be the birthplace of the Marines.

On November 1st, 1921, Gen John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the honorable service of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the birthday of the Corps. On 28 October 1952, the 20<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., directed that the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday be formalized throughout the Corps, and provided an outline for the cake ceremony. Part of the mission of the Marine Corps League is to uphold the traditions of the Marine Corps.

Sponsors will be acknowledged by having their names on signs placed around the room, on a rolling presentation during social hour prior to the meal, and on our website. As with many organizations, we have our sponsorships categorized to recognize them for their contributions in the following categories: Platinum - \$500 and up, Gold - \$300-\$499, Silver - \$100 - \$299 and Bronze - \$50-\$99.

You may also sponsor a table for \$500. This table will seat 8 people of your choice. Attendees need not be Marines or military. All are welcome. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM with a formal ceremony starting at 7:00 followed by dinner. Our Guest of Honor will be Sue Ellspermann, 50<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Indiana and current President of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. The evening will finish with music and dancing.

Your gift of sponsorship is tax deductible. Our Tax ID will be provided to participating sponsors upon request.

Please make checks payable to the Southern Indiana Leathernecks. Contributions may be given directly to our representative, on our website, or mailed to the address on this letterhead. Complete event information, points of contact and membership information is available on our website, [www.sildmarines.com](http://www.sildmarines.com).

Semper Fidelis,

The Officers of the Southern Indiana Leathernecks

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