



Mr. Lawrence Dean
GySgt USMC



Biography: GySgt. Lawrence “Life” Dean II is philanthropic poet from Conway, South Carolina. For the last ten years he has been an internationally acclaimed spoken word artist who has appeared on numerous broadcasting ranging from Fox News to the BBC. His “from projects to the pulpit, 1 or 1 million” approach to poetry has placed him at in a host of Universities, stages, churches, prisons, projects and corners in around the world bringing inspirational and socially conscience material to wherever there is need.

GySgt. Dean has served over 17 years in the United States Marine Corps. He has traveled all over the world performing spoken word and visiting youth detention centers encouraging self-expression and leadership skills. He is known for self- esteem building, directing creative teams, providing creative instruction, and establishing positive, productive outlets for self-expression. His original thinking, oral communication skills are in demand the world over. While working with young spoken word artists and veterans he noticed that many of them lacked the life skills and personal development skills required for success in the creative arts sector. He is the founder of an organization called L.Y.F.E. 3, Inc. (**Leading Youth Forward through; Education, Expression, and Empowerment**). Their mission of L.Y.F.E. 3, Inc. is to empower youth and veteran aspiring artists with the life skills and personal development skills required in order to become independent and self-sufficient while developing their creative artistic pursuits. L.Y.F.E. 3, Inc. will collaborate with and make referrals to our many partners that provide health care, apprenticeship opportunities, parenting skills, financial literacy, higher education, marketing, management, job placement and legal assistance.

Grounded in his belief that his gift was given with a purpose, he embraces ‘Life’s struggles, learns from the pain, and speaks for the voiceless and downtrodden.