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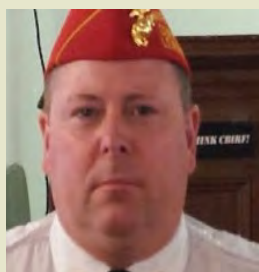


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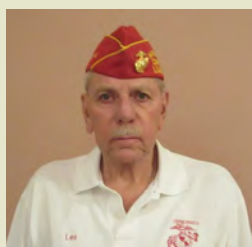


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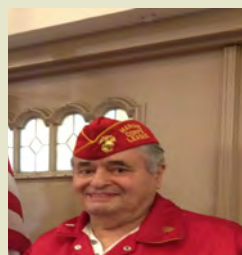


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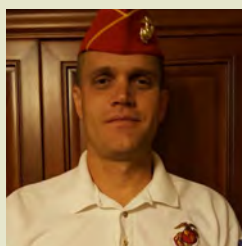


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Commandants Corner January 2017



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744 January 2017

It's time to say goodbye to 2016 and time to say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2017. However, we need to reflect on what we've accomplished as a Detachment in 2016 as follows:

- We acknowledged and honored thirty seven (37) Eagle Scouts
- We attended four State MCL meetings and the State MCL convention
- Held 12 breakfasts, 12 Detachment meetings and Executive Board meetings
- Conducted ceremonies for four fallen Marines, Phil Barnett, Norman Stafford, Joel Redman and James Galbraith
- Conducted 14 Bingo events at the Paramus Veterans Home
- Flag retirement ceremony and attended Mission of Honor Ceremony
- Held veterans picnic at Chrystal Lake
- Sponsored a Dept. of Veterans Affairs Town Hall Meeting and Claims Clinic
- Peter Alvarez and Dave Elshout attended Leadership Training at Sea Girt
- Held two Detachment rifle matches at Cherry Ridge
- Held our annual Detachment Golf Outing, Detachment Picnic and our 241st Marine Corps Birthday Ball
- Presented Plaques of Appreciation to 15 supporters of Lakeland Detachment
- We participated in the following: three Hawthorne Street dedications, Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies at Passaic County Technical Institute, Salute to Veterans program for Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Wyckoff YMCA, 241st Birthday celebration at the governor's Mansion in Princeton, the Beirut Ceremony at Hackensack Court House and Wreaths across America in Wyckoff
- Our Color Guard was represented at the Special Olympics in Wayne, opening basketball games at Pequannock High School to honor veterans, Memorial Day Ceremonies and parades at Pompton Lakes, Riverdale, Oakland and Hawthorne, Basilone Parade, 9-1-1 Ceremony in Pompton Lakes, Veterans Day Ceremonies at Pompton Lakes and Hawthorne, and Holiday Stroll in Pompton Lakes
- Held 17 Rose Program events at various locations
- Inducted 16 new members



Commandants Corner Cont.

--DONATED \$29,250.00 TO VARIOUS NEEDY VETERANS, VETERANS HOMES AND VETERANS GROUPS.

We've also had some success in obtaining understudies or Supernumeraries for various positions as follows:

- Paul Chepurko will be working with Ray Sears in the Judge Advocate/Range Officer position.
- Dave Elshout has agreed to be Assistant Chaplain working with Chaplain, Les Derbyshire.
- Ed Korek has been working with Paul Thompson as Assistant Service Officer.
- Bill Grotz has agreed to take charge of the Drop Box for retired flags.
- Don Kanarr agreed to take on the responsibility of maintenance of the monument and walkway.
- We still need someone to understudy Peter Alvarez as Paymaster/Adjutant.
- We could use someone to understudy Theresa Muttell as Secretary during her absence.
- Mike McNulty is working on members to take on the Grunt and WebMaster positions.

I believe we had a highly significant year of accomplishments. As we look forward to 2017, we can do so with the knowledge that our Detachment is strong; our members are active, participating in our activities and contributing to the success of our Detachment. As Marines and Corpsmen of our Detachment, we can be counted on to do our very best. I'm extremely proud of our members and look forward to a successful 2017.

I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report January, 2017

Thanks for a great year to all those who helped out at the veterans Bingo's! You brought a lot of smiles to our veterans, they all think Marines are the greatest!

For those who weren't able to attend I hope you can find some time in 2017-it's very rewarding!

I scheduled some of the Bingo's next year on some evenings at the request of a few of you that are working during the day.

I happened to be there the other day visiting someone, and as I made my way around, a few of the guys got all excited because they thought I was there to do another Bingo!

Our next Bingo is on Tuesday January 24th at 2:00pm at the Paramus Veterans Home, Paramus.

During the year Ed and I have been trying to help veterans with their questions and direct them to the right source.

I run into so many veterans during the year that have never got into the VA system, and never even found out if they qualify for any help with medical benefits, or to see if they qualify for any disability benefits.

Everyone can ask a vet if they're in the system, or would like help in finding out their eligibility status. You'll be doing them a big favor!

Any questions please feel free to Ed or myself, and we'll try our best to get a fellow veteran some help

What is eBenefits?

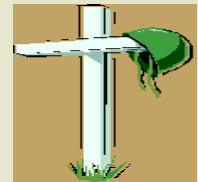
eBenefits provides electronic resources in a self-service environment to Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. Use of these resources often helps us serve you faster! Through the eBenefits website you can:

- Submit claims for benefits and/or upload documents directly to the VA
- Request to add or change your dependents
- Update your contact and direct deposit information and view payment history
- Request a Veterans Service Officer to represent you
- Track the status of your claim or appeal
- Obtain verification of military service, civil service preference, or VA benefits
- And much more!

Enrolling in eBenefits is easy. Just visit www.eBenefits.va.gov for more information. If you submit a claim in the future, consider filing through eBenefits. Filing electronically, especially if you participate in our fully developed claim program, may result in a faster decision than if you submit your claim through the mail.



Chaplains Desk January, 2017



Happy New Year, Marines! A new year full of promise and hope. No doubt many of us have made resolutions, half of which are already broken. We always look at a new year with anticipation. We make plans, set goals, and resolve that this year will be better than the last. As detachment members, we plan ahead for Rose events, breakfasts, etc. We are even beginning to plan for next year's birthday ball. These are all good things. And the success of all these things depends on God's blessing. Let's begin this new year with the prayer that God will bless all of our good endeavors. Romans 8:31 says, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt in the Exodus, he was very aware of the need for God's favor. In Exodus 33:15, Moses prayed to God, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here." He was very aware that without God's blessing, this migration of a million plus people would be a disaster. He knew that the blessing of God was of paramount importance. So it is with our detachment. The work that do is important, and good. We help those in need. Let us pray that this year God will grant success to our events, incline the hearts of individuals to give generously, and give peace, comfort and hope to those we help. May God bless all of us in this coming year.

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplain

******PAY ADJUDANT NEWS******

Marine Corps League National Headquarters has informed Detachment Commandant and PayMasters that there has been a change to when Detachment Members annual dues are due. Effective September 1, 2017 Detachment Members Annual Dues will be due

Effective January 1, 2017 “Detachment Members” will no longer be receiving their “Membership Renewal Notice” from National Headquarters informing them when their “Annual Dues” are due.

The Detachment PayMaster will be notifying by “Mail” Detachment Members when their Annual Dues have expired.

Any question in reference to the above matter, please call [\(973-839-5693\)](tel:973-839-5693) Peter J. Alvarez (PayMaster)





With VA's Caregiver Support Line assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed professionals who answer the support line can:

Tell you about the assistance available from VA.

Help you access services.

Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.

Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line is a great first step to take to learn more about the support that's available to you.

Learn more about Veteran specific information by visiting the new webpage: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/information-for-veterans>



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Lakeland Det. #744 took part in these events and more for 2016

18 Rose events

23 + Eagle Court of Honors

14 Veterans Bingos

12 Detachment Breakfasts

4 Memorial services

3+ Street Dedications

12 Detachment Meetings

12 Officers Board Meetings

4 State MCL Meetings

1 State MCL Convention

1 VA Town Hall Meeting

1 Detachment Picnic

1 Marine Corps Ball

20+ Veteran Ceremonies, Events, Luncheons , and Remembrances

Outstanding Job Marines!
2017 Bigger Bolder Better!



January Calendar

January 1 "Happy New Year to all!!!"

- January 5 Eagle scout court of Honor Troop 12 Livingston NJ 19:30**
- January 7 Eagle scout Court of Honor Troop 388 Pompton Lakes 14:00**
- January 7 Eagle scout Court of Honor Troop 49 Ramsey**
- January 10 Executive Board Meeting 7:30 pm American Legion**
- January 14 Eagle Scout Court of Honor troop 388 Pompton Lakes 14:00**
- January 15 State MCL Meeting– Red Bank NJ 10:00am**
- January 20 Breakfast Prep 12pm– 2pm American Legion**
- January 21 Detachment Breakfast**
- January 24 Bingo- Paramus Veterans Home– 14:00**
- January 26 Detachment Meeting American Legion 7:30pm**
- January 28 Eagle scout Court of Honor Troop 388 Pompton Lakes NJ 15:00**

February Calendar

- February 14 Board Meeting American Legion 17:00**
- February 17 Breakfast Prep 12pm—2pm American Legion**
- February 18 Third Saturday Breakfast 8am–12pm**
- February 23 Detachment Meeting 7:30pm**

Rose Program 2016



Our detachment took part in our final Rose event of the Year at the Boulder Run Stop & Shop. Thanks to a great team effort we had our most successful event of the 2016 season. Our Rose program has grown into a great way to brand our detachments name with all the communities in our area that we serve.

We have the communities attention and they can count on us to uphold traditions and we can count on them to support our efforts to help our veterans. To all who have helped our Rose program or support our Rose program "Great Job " and Great Teamwork!

We will start gearing up for our new year 2017. We must stay on point as the future can be a bigger challenge than we know!

Semper Fidelis Marines!



Presents



Charity Tournament

All proceeds to benefit the programs of Alpine Learning Group and Epic School

DATE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH
TIME: 6PM BUFFET B/W/S INCLUDED
7PM-11PM TOURNAMENT
PLACE: ALPINE LEARNING GROUP
ELY CENTER FOR ADULT LEARNING
777 PARAMUS RD. PARAMUS NJ

Registration includes \$6,000 in CHIPS

Advanced: \$125 per player- Register before Jan 13th receive an additional \$1,000 in CHIPS.

At the Door: \$150 per player

For more information and to register online please go to:
<https://alpinelearninggroup.ejoinme.org/poker2017>

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$1,000

EVENT SPONSOR

Prominent Recognition and signage at event, registration for 2 players and a bonus \$4,000 in

CHIPS

\$500

BUFFET SPONSOR

Event recognition & signage, registration for 2 players

\$250

TABLE SPONSOR

Signage at poker table, registration for 1 player

-Blinds start at \$50/\$100 no ante
-Blinds increase every 15 minutes
-Re-buys available up to the break (must have less than \$10,000 in chips)
-1 Add-On available prior to first card dealt and 1 Add-on available at the break regardless of chip count
-Cash, checks and credit cards accepted at Bank
-Players blinded out until break
CANNOT BE EXCHANGED FOR CASH

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744 Website Address

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744 Facebook Page Address

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