



The Grunt

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744

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Mission Statement of Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



**Commandant's Corner
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment—744
November 2019**

VETERANS DAY

On November 10th we happily and eagerly celebrate the birthday of our beloved Corps. November is also the month we honor the living and those departed who made the supreme sacrifice to preserve our freedoms and those of freedom loving peoples throughout the world.

After four years of carnage in Europe, the giant cannons finally fell silent at 11:00 AM on 11 November 1918. On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, the Allies and Germany signed an armistice. The Great War, The World War, the War to end all Wars mercifully ended and the whole world rejoiced. Thereafter, the eleventh day of November became Armistice Day in most of the western world. In Canada, it became known as Remembrance Day.

In the United States, Congress officially recognized Armistice Day in 1926. Twelve years later it became a national holiday. Unfortunately, three decades and two wars later, America realized that world order had been equally preserved by veterans of World War II and the Korean War. In 1954, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President, signed an act which changed the name of Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, Congress changed the day of observance to the fourth Monday in October. Veterans Day had become just another long three day weekend. The reason for the holiday had been forgotten by many. Fortunately, public outcry rose steadily over the next ten years. Finally, bowing to public pressure, Congress reversed itself in 1978 and the eleventh day of November again became the day on which Americans observe Veterans Day.

By law, Veterans Day is set aside to honor our nation's military veterans, both living and departed, who served in time of war. The focal point for national observance is at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. At 11:00am on 11 November, a color guard that includes all military services executes "Present Arms". The President of the United States lays a wreath at the tomb, steps back, salutes, and a bugler plays Taps. A grateful nation has not forgotten.

We are here today to pay tribute and honor all veterans, but we especially remember our Marine veterans. All of us know what it took to earn the title "Marine" and once earned, it is something no one can take away from us.

As we celebrate this Veterans Day let us especially remember our too soon departed Brother Marines—Peter T. Mooney Jr., 02/10/19; John Kovalcik, 05/17/19, John was an early member of Lakeland, relocated to So. Carolina, was involved with local Detachment and National activities ultimately to become the 60th National Marine Corps League Commandant in 2014; Tyrell TK Rydgren, 05/20/19; John A. Ruckstuhl, 08/31/19. Rest in peace Marines. You will be missed. Semper Fi.

**God Bless the Marine Corps League, The United States Marine Corps and
God Bless The United States of America.**

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMEN



Chaplain's Page



Almighty God, creator and sustainer of all life,

It is our duty and our privilege to give you thanks for your loving care. We thank you for the many blessings you have given us over this past year.

We thank you ...

For food to eat and clothes to wear,

For shelter from the heat of summer and the cold of winter,

For the fruitfulness of farms and factories and fertile minds,

For safety in our homes and in our homeland,

For health and happiness of every sort,

And, perhaps most of all, for friends and family who love us.



As citizens of these United States, we are also grateful for the civil and religious freedom we enjoy. We thank you for the labors of all those who have secured these many blessings for us, especially for those who serve in our nation's armed forces. Watch over our brothers and sisters in arms who today are far from home. Heal those who are suffering from the grief and wounds of war, and provide for all those in need.

We pray for your continued care and protection for our nation. Form in us a more perfect union. Establish your justice throughout the land. Enable us to provide for the welfare of all. Secure for us and our posterity, the blessings of liberty. Defend us from harm. Grant us peace.

The gifts we seek for ourselves, we also seek for others. Pour out your blessing on our community, our nation and our world.

Amen.

Submitted by Chaplin

Marine Les Derbyshire



THE FOUR FREEDOMS



FREEDOM OF
SPEECH



FREEDOM OF
WORSHIP



FREEDOM FROM
WANT



FREEDOM FROM
FEAR

Service Officers Report

November 2019

From Paul Thompson

VA MISSION Act

VA's new eligibility criteria for community care, providing more choices for Veterans.

Some of you have been asking what is the new Mission Act from the VA.

The Mission Act gives Veteran's greater access to healthcare and VA facilities in the community, experience benefits for caregivers, and improved VA's ability to recruit and retain the best medical providers.

Under the Mission Act, you'll have more ways to access healthcare. This includes within VA's network and through approved non-VA medical providers in your community, call community care providers.

For example, if a certain type of health service isn't provided by the VA, he may be able to go to a non-VA provider, using a VA coverage.

To obtain community care, you must receive prior approval from the VA.

To receive care from VA or a Committee provider, you must be enrolled in VA health care. You can apply online, by mail or in person.

For general Mission Act Health Care inquiries, contact 1-844-698-2311.

We had a better turnout in October for our monthly bingo at the Paramus Veterans nursing home. I appreciate that some of you let me know that you were coming .

The bingo has a set schedule all year to help you remember it-the second Tuesday of every month at 2pm.

Please keep coming out and supporting our veterans and providing comradeship; it means a lot to them!

Paul Thompson

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Happy 244th Birthday Marines!

So here we are. Another year has passed and we have accomplished much as a detachment. Yet we need to continue to look forward to the future in order to accomplish the goals of the detachment.

While we celebrate the 244th Birthday of our beloved Marine Corps, we must remember and continue to perpetuate the memory of the many traditions on which we pride ourselves as Marines. Tradition and the Marine Corps go back through the course of our 244 year history. Following are some of our traditions:

The Marine's Hymn: After the Barbary Wars of 1805, The Marine Corps Colors were inscribed with, "to the shores of Tripoli". After the capture of Mexico City in 1847, the words, "to the Halls of Montezuma" were added, thus becoming the origin of the opening words of the Marines Hymn.

According to tradition, the words of the Marines Hymn were written by a Marine serving in Mexico. However, the author remains unknown. During the John Philip Sousa era, Col Albert McLemire and Walter F. Smith, Asst Band Director attempted to trace the melody back to its origins. In 1878, it was reported that the tune was popular in Paris, appearing as an aria in the comic opera Genevieve de Brabant by Jacques Offenbach which was later confirmed by John Philip Sousa.

The hymn saw widespread use through out the mid 1800s and Copyright Ownership was issued to the Marine Corps on 19 Aug 1891. In 1929, it became the official hymn of the USMC.

Based upon a proposal from Gunnery Sgt H.L. Tallman, an aviator and veteran of WWI, the Commandant authorized an official change in the 1st verse, 4th line to reflect the change in the Marine Corps Mission on 21 Nov 1942. The new line read: " in the air, on land and sea". Shortly after the end of WWII, Marines began to stand at attention while the Marine Corps Hymn is played. This tradition continues today in honor of all those who have earned the title, "United States Marine".

The Eagle Globe and Anchor / The Seal of the Marine Corps:

Origins of the EGA date back to both the Continental Marines and the British Marines. Both services wore a device the represented a fouled anchor. After some minor changes, an eagle was added in 1834. In 1868, a new design was approved which consisted of the western hemisphere of the globe, intersected by the fouled anchor surmounted by a crested eagle with a ribbon engraved with the words Semper Fidelis. In 1954, President Eisenhower authorized the Seal of The Marine Corps as requested by Commandant Shepard. The new seal changed the eagle to an American bald eagle.

The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor insignia is a testament to the training of each Marine, to the history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and to the values upheld by the Corps. It represents "those intangible possessions that cannot be issued: pride, honor, integrity, and being able to carry on the traditions for generations of warriors past." Retired Sergeant Major David W. Sommers states, "the emblem of the Corps is the common thread that binds all Marines together, officer and enlisted, past and present... The eagle, globe and anchor tells the world who we are, what we stand for, and what we are capable of, in a single glance."

The Marine Corps Motto: Semper Fidelis: The USMC adapted the motto, "Semper Fidelis" in 1883. There were 3 unofficial but traditional mottos used before Semper Fidelis. The first motto antedated the War of 1812 and was the Latin phrase for, "with courage—Fortitudeine". It was emblazoned on the brass shako plates worn by Marines during the Federal Period. The second motto, "By Sea and by Land" was taken from the Royal Marines, "Per Mare, Per Terram."

The third motto was, "To the shores of Tripoli" as inscribed on the Marine Colors until 1848 when it was revised to, "From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli. The Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis" or "Always Faithful" identifies the dedication that all Marine have for the Corps and our Country. It is a way of life. A Marine once said, "It is non negotiable. It is not relative, but absolute ... Marines pride themselves on their mission and steadfast dedication to accomplish it."

The Marine Sword: There are 2 types of swords authorized for ceremonial use today. The Officer's "Marmaluke" sword is the oldest approved sword. Tradition holds that the sword was a gift to Lt Presley O'Bannon from the Ottoman Viceroy Prince Hamet in recognition of the Marines actions during the Battle of Derna in 1805. In 1825, Commandant Archibald Henderson adapted the sword as authorized wear for all officers. The NCO Sword is the second sword. Introduced by the 6th Commandant—Col John Harris, the sword honors the leadership of NCO and SNCOs in battle. It is currently the oldest weapon in continuous use in the United States Armed Forces. The Marmaluke sword is older but it's use stopped during the Civil War years.



The Code: Honor— Courage — Commitment. Our core values as Marines are based on these 3 values. Honor—respect for others is essential, high moral and ethical standards, honesty and character are part of our DNA. Marines are dependable and responsible. Our actions and behavior is expected to reflect Honor on the Marine Corps. Courage — Marines have an unique ability to overcome fear. We aren't expected to be without fear but to have the moral, physical and mental strength to overcome fear. Commitment — Marines possess a strong spirit of dedication and determination. Our Esprit de Corps is unmatched among other military services. It is so engraved into our DNA, we know without any doubt that our brother and sister Marines will always have our backs. It truly means, "No Marine Left Behind".

The Title: Each Marine whether officer or enlisted, has earned the title, "Marine". It matters not whether your went through recruit training at MRCD or through OCS, the training is basically the same with a few exceptions.



THE TITLE

It Can Not be Inherited Nor Can it Ever be Purchased
You or No One Alive can Buy It for Any Price
It is Impossible to Rent and It Can Not be Lent
You Alone and Our Own have Earned It
with Your Sweat, Blood and Lives.
You Own It Forever
United States Marine

Continuing where I left off in the October 2019 Issue of the Grunt, Marines of the 1st Marine Division under Major General Oliver P. Smith were ordered to advance north to the Chosin Reservoir in November of 1950. While the X Corps commander—Major General Almond's orders were to advance as quickly as possible, Gen Smith's advance from Wonson to Hungnam and to the Chosin was done slowly and deliberately. This allowed the division to set up supply points and establish other resources in the area including a landing strip in Hungnam. This proved to be vital in the very near future. During the advance northward, the Chinese started to secretly move the 9th Army across the border. The 9th Army was estimated at about 120,000 plus fielding 12 divisions of 10,000 troops. They moved at night and carried 3-5 days of field rations. They hid in caves and under camouflage during the day. The discipline was such that if they left any visible signs that they were there, their officers would kill them. Chinese troops from the PVA 42nd Corps had already been in the Chosin area and was charged with stopping UN attacks north since mid October. On November 14th, a cold front from Siberia slipped into North Korea for much of the winter. It brought with it temperatures as low as -36 Degrees Fahrenheit. In

addition to frozen ground, heavy snowfall, and icy roads, frostbite and inoperable weapons became major problems. The terrain was mountainous and in many place the single road was nothing more than one lane of gravel. Plasma froze in it's containers. Corpsmen would have to warm morphine injections in their mouths. Removing clothing or dressings from wounds would bring on the onset of gangrene.



By November 24th, the 1st Marine Division occupied Sinhung-ni on the eastern side of the Chosin and Yudami-ni on the western side. The total combined strength of UN Forces in the Chosin area was about 30,000 of which 25,473 were Marines. The estimated number of 120,000 Chinese troops can be essentially reduced to about 60,000 effectives at the onset of the battle. With the UN having air superiority, most (if not all) of the transports for the 9th Chinese Army were destroyed during the movement. Due to the extreme cold, estimates put the Chinese losses before the battle even began at about 35% leaving an average of 6500 to 7000 effectives per division or roughly 60,000 effectives on Nov 27th. The Chinese began their attack the night of Nov 27th, and was designed to annihilate the units they were attacking completely. The attack began along the road between the Chosin and Kot'o-ri. At Yudam-ni, the 5th, 7th and 11th Marines were surrounded and attacked by the PVA 79th and 89th Divisions, with the 59th Division attacking the road between Yudam-ni and Hagaru-ri to cut off communication. Similarly, RCT-31 was isolated and ambushed at Sinhung-ni by the PVA 80th and 81st Divisions. At Hagaru-ri, the 1st Marine Division command headquarters was targeted by the PVA 58th Division. Finally, the PVA 60th Division surrounded elements of the 1st Marines at Kot'o-ri from the north. Caught by complete surprise, the UN forces were cut off at Yudam-ni, Sinhung-ni, Hagaru-ri and Kot'o-ri by 28 November.



As night came, three Chinese regiments of the 79th Division attacked the ridges on the north and northwest of Yudam-ni, hoping to annihilate the garrison in one stroke. Close range fighting soon developed as the attackers infiltrated Marine positions, but the 5th and 7th Marines held the line while inflicting heavy casualties on the Chinese. As day broke on 28 November, the Chinese and Americans were locked in a stalemate around the Yudam-ni perimeter.



While the battle was underway at Yudam-ni, the PVA 59th Division blocked the road between Yudam-ni and Hagaru-ri by attacking the defending Charlie and Fox Companies of the 7th Marines. The successful assault forced Charlie Company to retreat into Yudam-ni, which left Fox Company commanded by Captain William E. Barber isolated on a hill overlooking the Toktong Pass, a vital pass that controlled the road. On 29 November, several efforts by the 7th Marines failed to rescue Fox Company, despite inflicting heavy casualties on the Chinese. Aided by artillery from Hagaru-ri and Marine Corsair fighters, Fox Company managed to hold out for five days while enduring constant attacks by the PVA 59th Division.

After the heavy losses suffered by the PVA 79th Division at Yudam-ni, 9th Army headquarters realized that the bulk of the 1st Marine Division was stationed at Yudam-ni, with a garrison strength that was double the initial estimate. Believing that any further assaults would be futile, Gen Song Shilun ordered the 9th Army to switch their main attacks toward Sinhung-ni and Hagaru-ri, leaving Yudam-ni alone from 28 to 30 Nov. At the same time, the US Eighth Army on the Korean western front was forced into full retreat at the Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River, and MacArthur ordered Almond to withdraw the US X Corps to the port of Hungnam. Acting on the instruction of Almond and Smith, Lieutenant Colonel Raymond L. Murray and Colonel Homer L. Litzenberg, commanders of the 5th and 7th Marines, respectively, issued a joint order to break out from Yudam-ni to Hagaru-ri on 30 November. Faced with tough fighting between the blocking Chinese divisions and the withdrawing Marines, Smith remarked: "Retreat, hell! We're not retreating, we're just advancing in a different direction."



For the breakout, the Marines formed into a convoy with a single M4A3 Sherman tank as the lead. The plan was to have 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (3/5) as the vanguard of the convoy, with three battalions covering the rear. At the same time, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (1/7) would attack towards Fox Company in order to open the road at Toktong Pass. To start the breakout, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (3/7) had to first attack south and capture Hills 1542 and 1419 in order to cover the road from Chinese attacks. The breakout was carried out under the air cover of the 1st Marine Air Wing. True to form, the Marines brought out their wounded and dead as well as most of their equipment. More to follow in December.

Semper Fi

Ken Gysbers



Quartermaster's Report

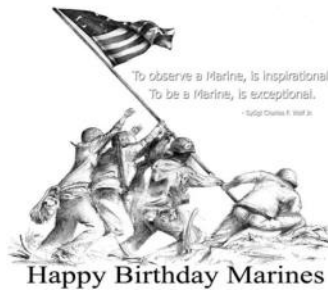
We have been resupplied with the Black Windbreakers and the Black Softshell Jackets.

A resupply of sweatshirts is in the works. I'm working on some requests and hope to have them in place.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



11/02--Grace Alvarez

11/02—Bill Houston

11/03—Paul Chepurko

11/03—Dick Wedemeyer

11/05—Tom Dulkis

11/07—Lou Tyminski

11/09—John Dunphy

11/13—Dot Fackina

11/15—Ed Streuli

11/16—Dave Elshout

11/17—Mike Howe

11/18—Bob Gay

11/19—Ben Cascio

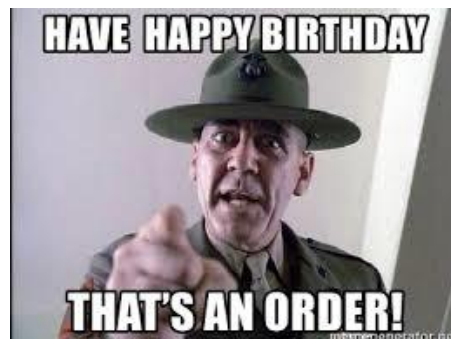
11/24—John Forest

11/24---Ed Korek

11/26---Seth Mendez

11/27---Bob Seldomridge

11/29—Bill Harrison



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2019

- 11/01/2019 Funeral Service for Cpl. Donald Kennedy, USMC/Retired Police Officer in Secaucus
- 11/10/2019 Meet at Mack's American Bar & Grill to celebrate Marine Corps Birthday--1800
- 11/11/2019 Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park in Pompton Lakes--1000
- 11/11/2019 Veterans ceremony at Chilton Hospital--1200
- 11/11/2019 Hawthorne Street Dedication for fallen Warrior - - 1300
- 11/12/2019 Bingo—Paramus Veterans Home- - 1400
- 11/12/2019 Executive Board Meeting- - 1900
- 11/15/2019 Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Macaluso's in Hawthorne--1800
- 11/16/2019 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Tr.86, Luke Piekarcz Bloomingdale Methodist Church 1200
- 11/17/2019 State MCL Meeting at Sea Girt--1200
- 11/21/2019 Detachment Meeting 1930
- 11/23/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast (Moved from the 3rd Saturday to the 4th Saturday)

December 2019

- 12/07/2019 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Tr.49, Oakland Jonathan Wong & Matthew Fishman--1300
- 12/07/2019 Color Guard to lead Pompton Lakes Parade for Holiday Stroll
- 12/10/2019 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home- - 1400
- 12/10/2019 Executive Board Meeting- - 1900
- 12/19/2019 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Tr.12 Livingston Max Shen--1800
- 12/19/2019 Detachment Meeting- - 1930
- 12/21/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800 to 1200.



20 Nov 1943, Marines from the 2nd Marine Division land on Betio Island. After 76 hours, almost 1000 KIA and 2000 WIA, General Smith declared the island secured.



1 NOV 1983, Marines of the 22nd MAU staged helicopter and amphibious landings on Carriacou, 15 miles NE of Grenada. The next day, it sailed to replace the 24th MAU in Beirut.



13 NOV 1982, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated. The names of over 13,000 Marines are on the wall.



25 NOV 1968 Operation Lancaster II concludes, ending 10 months of action against the VC and NVA troops in the west-central sector of the DMZ in Vietnam.



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Dear Member:

FRIENDLY REMINDER

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

As we've discussed at the detachment's monthly meetings, Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed the due dates for all membership renewals to: **August 31st of each calendar year.** By paying on or before 31 August of 2019, membership renewals will be due on August 31 of 2020 and each year thereafter.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES AS OF THIS PUBLICATION, YOU ARE LATE!

Please remit your check for \$50.00, payable to MCL # 744 and mail to:

MCL
P.O. Box 8,
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008.

Important: Please put your six (6) digit ID number on the bottom left side of your check (Know as the Memo Section).

Please take note: Marine Corps League National Headquarters no longer sends out renewal Notices. Any notices will come from the Detachment Paymaster.

If you hold a NJ MCL License Plate, please remit your renewal check as soon as possible. Failure to renew your membership on time can result in forfeiture of the plate.

Any questions to the above please feel free to call me at 973-839-5693.

Semper Fidelis

Marine Peter J. Alvarez
Paymaster / Adjutant
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744



Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2019
Executive Board Meetings



7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th,

August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours



**January 19, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th,
August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 23rd* & December 21st**

*** Changed from Nov 16th due to our Birthday Ball on Nov 15th.**

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Regular Monthly Meeting

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month (Except November December)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th,

August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 19th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to our Third Saturday Monthly Breakfast

At The American Legion Hall

65 Oak Street, Oakland, NJ 07436

SATURDAY November 23rd 8AM-12 NOON

Come have an Outstanding Breakfast and a Good Time

Enjoy Fresh Eggs Made to Order

Eggs Benedict

Omelets; Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Gravy

Pancakes; French Toast & Waffles

Bacon; Sausage; SOS & Corned Beef Hash

Home Fries & Biscuits

Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins

Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults: \$12.00, Seniors: \$10.00

Children Between 6 and 10: \$6.00 & Children under 5: Free

Bring your family and friends

Most Important Support Lakeland Detachment #744

Be sure to visit our Marine Corps League Store in the back Right Corner.



The Marine Corps League

Lakeland Detachment 744

Invites you to its:

ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

PLACE: Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ

DATE: Friday, November 15th, 2019

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

For 244 years the Marine Corps has celebrated its founding in 1775. On Friday, November 15th, 2019, the Marine Corps League, Lakeland Detachment 744, Pompton Lakes, NJ will host its Twenty Ninth Annual Marine Corps Ball. Please join the Detachment in celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at Macaluso's Restaurant. If you plan to attend, please send a check for \$80.00 per person, payable to MCL #744 and mail to MCL P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008, no later than November 5, 2019.

If you have any dietary restrictions and need additional information, please contact: Grace Alvarez at 973-839-5693. (Invitations were mailed at the "End of August 2019")



MARINES
THE FEW. THE PROUD.

Current Operation Notes:

On Saturday Oct 19th, The Detachment Color Guard presented the colors at the Oakland Braves Football First Annual "Salute to Service". The Detachment Bugler performed the national anthem. The ceremony cumulated with a flyover by a Blackhawk Helicopter. Veterans were escorted by a member of the football team and a cheerleader. Of important note, several football players and cheerleaders came up to us to thank us after the ceremonies were over. Perhaps, there is still some hope for the future.



On Thursday Oct 24th, the detachment had our annual installation of officers. The MCL Dept of NJ Installation Team consisted of Dept Sr. Vice Commandant John Cleary, Dept Jr. Vice Commandant Mike Waluk, District Vice Jason Hauck and Our own District Vice Al Frater. Dept Sr. Vice Commandant John Cleary was the Installation Team Commandant. Dept Jr. Vice Commandant Mike Waluk was the Installation Team Sgt at Arms and District Vice Jason Hauck was the Installation Team Chaplain. John Cleary's words complimented and echoed the editorial from the October Grunt.



John Cleary administers the oath of office. Ed Korek and Kevin O'Leary are stand ins for Ray Sears and Paul Thompson

Detachment officers with the installation team . Ray Sears and Paul Thompson were unable to attend.



Calling All Detachment Marines!

MCL Lakeland Detachment will have it's last Marine Rose Event of the Season

On Sunday November 24

Wyckoff Stop & Shop

Boulder Run Mall

327 Franklin Ave Wyckoff, NJ 07481

0900 to 1700

Historically, this is our best event of the year so we need as many Marines that can come to show up and help out with set up through breakdown.

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood, Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances take and wear one proudly.

THE PROGRAM: Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

- Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.
- Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes.
- Scholarships
- Assist youth programs
- Humanitarian Aid





Calling all Pompton Lakes Veterans



You are invited to a free Dinner

Date: Sat November 9th Time: 5 to 8:00 pm

Where: Pompton Lakes VFW Hall
260 Wanaque ave, Pompton Lakes

Live DJ Joe V from Premier Lights and Sound




Come out and meet with fellow veterans from all service branches and various military campaigns. Dinner and soft drinks will be provided. Free for Vets and spouses. \$10.00 for additional guests. Donations and sponsors are gladly accepted.

100% net proceeds to Pompton Lakes VFW Post 2906 and Lakeland Marine Care Fund



Reservations required by 10/21/19.

Seating is limited for reservations or info, call or text Frank Abate 973-650-0149

Sponsored by Pompton Lakes Republican Club 



Pompton Lakes Republican Club



Seeks sponsors to help honor our Veterans in Pompton Lakes
on Nov 9th 2019 5 to 8 pm at VFW Post 2906
260 Wanaque Ave, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

This will be our 4th event. We provide a great night to celebrate and meet Veterans connected to residents in Pompton Lakes. We provide, dinner, entertainment and seek to raise funds in support of NJ Veterans. **100% of net proceeds** from this event will be donated equally to our local VFW Post 2906 and the Lakeland Marine Care Fund. Both are 501-C3 organizations.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation's mission is to support programs and services that secure, manage and distribute resources to improve the lives of veterans, military service personnel, their families and the communities where they live. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation is the official charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), America's oldest and largest organization for combat veterans. Our mission is to support programs and services that help provide financial assistance for military families, free phone calls for deployed troops, VIP treatment for service members and their families at entertainment events, morale boosting events for military units and critical services that guide veterans through VA entitlement claims. The VFW Foundation is one of the nation's highest rated 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. For more information, please visit <http://www.vfwfoundation.org>

Lakeland Marine Care Fund was created by The Lakeland Marine Corps League Detachment #744 in order to have a Veterans Non Profit Fund that has no overhead expenses and contributes 100% of its Dollars to Veterans and Veterans Families, either one on one with Veterans or through Donations to Veterans organizations that are making a difference.

Sponsor Level

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Please contact Frank Abate cell – 973-650-0149 if you have any questions.

Military Humor

The Staff Sgt:

This is a actual true story! I was a young Lieutenant stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. I lived off base and every day came into the barracks where at one end there was about a 10ft by 15ft area walled off with lockers for Officers and SNCOs to change from civvies to uniforms of the day. There was bench down the center to sit on. One day there were several of us in various stages of dressing when a Staff Sgt. let loose with an enormous FART! At that same moment a Gunnery Sgt walks in and looks at the Staff Sgt and, without hesitation, says (and I quote) "DON'T SIT THERE GROWLING AT ME BOY, SPEAK UP" THE LAUGHTER DIDN'T STOP FOR 10 MINUTES!!

Subject: Osama

When Osama Bin Laden was killed by the U.S. Military, he was met at the Pearly Gates by George Washington, who slapped him across the face and yelled, "How dare you try to destroy the nation I helped conceive!"

Patrick Henry approached, punched him in the nose and shouted, "You wanted to end our liberties but you failed."

James Madison followed, kicked him in the groin and said, "This is why I allowed our government to provide for the common defense!"

Thomas Jefferson was next, beat Osama with a long cane and snarled, "It was evil men like you who inspired me to write the Declaration of Independence."

The beatings and thrashings continued as George Mason, James Monroe and 66 other early Americans unleashed their anger on the terrorist leader.

As Osama lay bleeding and in pain, an Angel appeared. Bin Laden wept and said, "This is not what you promised me."

The Angel replied, "I told you there would be 72 Virginians waiting for you in Heaven. What did you think I said?"





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Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
eBenefits (General Questions & Technical Issues)	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Federal Recovery Coordination Program	1-877-732-4456
Foreign Medical Program	1-888-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hotline	1-800-749-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Means Testing	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
National Cemetery Scheduling Office	1-800-535-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-314-801-0800
National Resource Directory	https://www.nrd.gov/
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
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Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
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Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
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VA Caregiver Support Line	1-855-260-3274
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Veteran's ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
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