



The Grunt

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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

January 2020

Another year has flown by and it's time to say goodbye not only to the year 2019, but to the decade, as well. Let's say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2020 and a new decade. However, we need to reflect on the following significant accomplishments as a Detachment in 2019:

We acknowledged and honored twenty-one (21) Eagle Scouts

We attended four State MCL meetings and the State MCL convention

Held 12 breakfasts, 12 Detachment meetings and 11 Executive Board meetings

Conducted ceremonies for fallen Detachment Marines, Peter T. Mooney Jr., Tyrell TK. Rydgren, and John Ruckstuhl. In addition, we lost former Detachment member and Past National Commandant John Kovalchik. We also honored fallen Marines Donald John Kennedy, Charles Lenoy and Gary O'Leary who was the brother of Past Jr. Vice Commandant Kevin O'Leary

Conducted 10 Bingo events at the Paramus Veterans Home. Job well done by our Marine volunteers.

Conducted Flag retirement ceremony

Held veteran's picnic at Chrystal Lake

Darryl Laxson, Ted Wurster and Jimmy Gaines attended Leadership Training at Sea Girt

Held Detachment rifle match at Cherry Ridge

After a brief hiatus we again sponsored the Detachment Golf outing which was a huge success. Thanks to Bob Ranzinger for chairing this event.

Held our annual Detachment 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball where Detachment Marine Anthony Lechniak was presented with a Quilt of Honor. An outstanding job was done by our Ball Committee, Les Derbyshire, Trudi Derbyshire, Peter Alvarez and Grace Alvarez. In addition, Trudi Derbyshire presented the most successful Birthday Ball Book in the history of the Detachment. Well done Trudi.

On November 10, 2019, approximately 20 Detachment members celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday at Mack's American Bar and Grill.

Detachment Marines Joe Piazza and George Vankat were presented with well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Awards

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Mike Volpe and Mike Greig

Presented Plaques of Appreciation to 2 supporters of Lakeland Detachment

We participated at three street dedications in Hawthorne

Our Color Guard was represented on many occasions including the Special Olympics in Wayne, Memorial Day ceremonies and parades in Pompton Lakes, Riverdale, Oakland and Hawthorne, as well as, a memorial service at Chilton Hospital, the Basilone Parade, 9-1-1 Ceremony in Pompton Lakes, six Veterans Day Ceremonies, Holiday Stroll in Pompton Lakes, and ceremony at Becton Dickinson's in Franklin Lakes honoring a fallen Marine.

Participated in the July 4th Parade in Ridgefield Park with the Gooney Bird Detachment.

Held 6 Rose Program events at various locations

Inducted 4 new members

DONATED ALMOST \$28,000.00 TO VARIOUS NEEDY VETERANS, VETERANS HOMES, VETERANS GROUPS AND OTHER WORTHY CAUSES. This is significant and I congratulate all who made this possible.

Our annual election of Officers was conducted by our State Representatives. Paul Thompson has agreed to serve as the Service Officer and will be ably assisted by John Harris and Bill Grotz. Ken Gysbers has willingly agreed to remain as Quartermaster ably assisted by Kelly Cole. Ken has also retained his position as the Editor of our Detachment newsletter, The Grunt. Ken continues to do an outstanding job as our Editor and I'm glad that he remains in that position. Mike McNulty has agreed to remain as Sr. Vice Commandant and does an outstanding job with the Rose Program and our monthly breakfasts. I often wonder whether he graduated from the Culinary Institute and the Dale Carnegie Institute. As you all know, our breakfasts are eagerly attended by all who participate. We served in excess of 400 hungry patrons in December. A hearty thanks to all who help make this event the huge success that it is. There are approximately 20-25 members plus other volunteers who contribute to making this event a significant success for our Detachment. Chris Cioppa has agreed to serve as Jr. Vice Commandant and as our liaison for the Marine for Life program. Les Derbyshire has agreed to continue to serve as our Chaplain, ably assisted by Dennis Kievit. Theresa Muttel has agreed to remain as Secretary. Ray Sears remains as our Judge Advocate, who has nothing to report and that's a good thing, as well as, serving as our very capable Range Officer. Len Graff has agreed to serve as our Sgt. at Arms. Len has also agreed to serve as our representative in procuring the State MCL License Plate. Peter Alvarez continues as our Paymaster/Adjutant.

We still need someone to understudy Peter Alvarez as Paymaster/Adjutant. In addition, we can use someone to understudy Ray Sears as Judge Advocate. These are extremely important and detail-oriented positions. I know Peter and Ray can use the help and anyone interested should contact Peter, Ray or me.

I believe we had a highly significant year of accomplishments. As we look forward to 2020, we can do so with the knowledge that our Detachment is strong because our members are participating in our activities, thereby, 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 2020.

I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. God Bless the Marine Corps League, The United States Marine Corps and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT

Chaplain's Page



In the Year 2020

I believe we should be guided by the prayer of St. Francis as we venture down the road of life this year.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

May God's blessing be on all of you as I wish you and yours good health and happiness.

Submitted by:
Les Derbyshire
Chaplain



Service Officers Report

January 2020

From Paul Thompson

I want to Thank everyone who has come out over the last few years in making the veterans at the Paramus Veterans Home so happy. They appreciate your comradeship, your joy, and of the opportunity to earn a couple dollars to buy a few snacks, pay for a hair cut, buy a few gifts for their friends, and a few dollars for the grandchildren when they come to visit!

I also want to thank everyone that's been calling me either through the phone or email that you're going to make it to the Bingos, makes a big difference when we know when in advance how many volunteers we have a showing up to help out.

If you haven't been advised yet, The State of New Jersey awards five different medals to New Jersey residents who served in a time of war or national emergency in a combat theater of operation or listed as a POW or MIA. These awards can be issued posthumously to the family of an eligible veteran.

Also within each county in New Jersey there's a separate service medal award given to all veterans. I have the forms for these medals and if you like a form to apply for these medals just email me at paulcftp@aol.com or call me at 201-320-3210

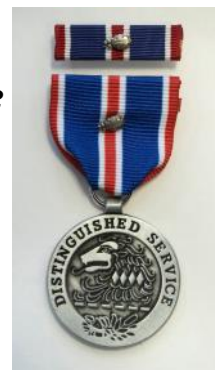
Also if you need a copy of the veterans income tax exemption submission form, please let me know and I will supply you a copy. For those of you that have already submitted this form previously, I've been told that you have to resubmit it this year only due to the fact that the all records of everyone's have been lost at the state department somehow.

Reminder that the next Bingo at the Paramus Veterans Home will be once again on the 2nd Tuesday of January at 2:00 PM (January 14th).

Respectfully,

Paul Thompson,

Service Officer 201-320-3210



NJ Distinguished
Service Medal

Editor's Page

Happy New Year Marines!

As we march forward into a new year and a new decade, I take stock in what we have accomplished as a group of Marines who get the job done. As Charlie mentioned in the Commandant's Corner, we've accomplished quite much over the past year as well as for several years. It's quite amazing to see what happens when a few good men and ladies put their heads together and work toward a common goal of supporting our fellow Marines and brothers or sisters for the other branches of the Armed Services. I look forward to working with all of you again over the coming year.

On December 30th I celebrated my 60th Birthday and I also take stock in my personal accomplishments over the 6 decades of my life. I am fortunate to have married the best woman in Liz. I've always said that she is the rock that stands beside me. To borrow a line, behind every great man, is an even greater woman. I thank her for her support and if she doesn't already know it, I'm a better person because of her. We've also raised 2 awesome children and are quite proud of where they are in life today. I coached both of my children in several sports over most of their youth and teenage years. I was very active in the Oakland Recreation Program as both a coach, referee/official, program director and Recreation Commissioner. I taught religious education to 7th graders for 5 years while I was involved with recreation and travel sports. One can say I was quite busy. I can also look back and say what if I had done something different. What if I didn't volunteer for all of those things? Would my children have a better life? Would the other lives I touched be different? I would hope that I had at the very least a positive influence to some degree. However, I wouldn't go back and change anything. I've said it before and I'll keep repeating over and over. I am a volunteer. I volunteered to join the Marine Corps. The only regret I ever had was that I got out. However, I know that if I had stayed in I wouldn't have married Liz. God closes doors but always opens other windows of opportunity. I also volunteered to be the Quartermaster and Editor of the Grunt.

Speaking of volunteers, I'm putting out the call for volunteers at the breakfasts yet again. We continue to need help for set up on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday Breakfasts, the actual breakfast and clean up after the breakfast. This is an important part of our DNA now and other detachments are starting to copy our format so its very important that we support the detachment by helping as much as possible.

Now, on to Weapons of the Corps and History of the Corps . I ended my discussion on the Chosin Reservoir in December so I'll open a new topic this month.



“Weapons of The Marine Corps”

The “Brown Bess Musket” continued service with the Marine Corps well into the Civil War Era. Because of the nature of close combat aboard ships that Marines would commonly be found fighting, the Brown Bess Musket Short Barrel Musket (or a copy of the French Charleville Musket produced at the Springfield Armory after independence was secured (Models M1795 and U.S. M1842)) was used rather extensively by US Marines. While range did not make that much of a difference, the bayonet was the primary weapon. The Blunderbuss became a secondary weapon for enlisted Marines. Instead of a single shot, the Blunderbuss, was loaded pretty much like a shotgun and was used with devastating effect in battle. In fact, the Blunderbuss is considered to be the forerunner of the shotgun. The wide mouth of the barrel, enabled rapid loading of shot.



Officers typically carried a brace of pistols and a sword for use in close combat. The Mameluke Sword became part of the uniform in 1829.

Shotguns started to evolve in the 1830s and in 1847, Marine Major Levi Twiggs carried his favorite Double Barreled Shotgun in to battle during the capture of Mexico City.



In the 1830's, Marines used for a short time The Hall Breech Loading Rifle during the Seminole Wars. This was an example of early American ingenuity. Harper's Ferry Armory developed the Hall Rifle by taking a muzzle loading rifle and adding a device to load and fire it from the breech. Samuel Colt 's revolver was also developed in this time frame. And the Marine Corps experimented with a revolver rifle. While the Colt Revolver was acceptable when fired with the arms extended, the powder flume from the rifle was too excessive for regular use. However, the Navy Colt Revolver became standard issue for Marine officers in the 1850's.

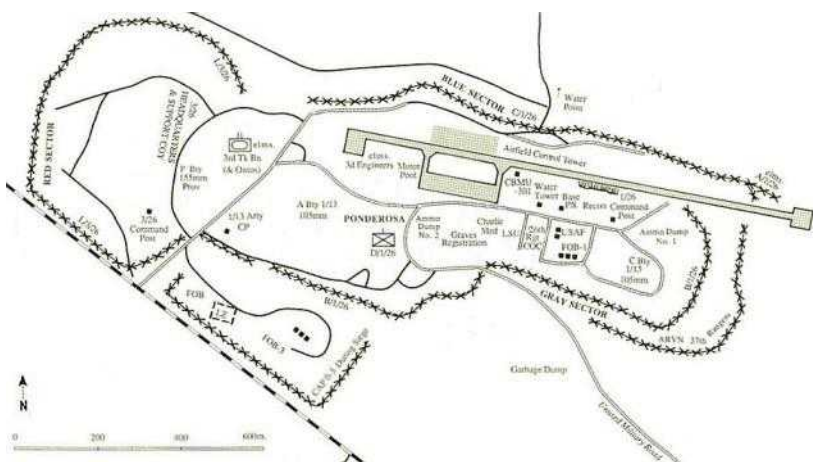


At the start of the Civil War, Marines still used smoothbore muskets .69 Caliber M1842 even though it had been rendered obsolete by the M1855 .58 Caliber Rifled Musket. The primary mission of Marines was still protection of Navy ships and boarding of enemy ships. Most action would be at less than 50 yards and at close quarters. A muzzle loading rifle was too expensive and could not be reloaded quickly enough. Marines on ships began receiving the M1861 Rifle in 1862 as supply caught up with demand. In late 1863, the Marine Corps began receiving the M1863 Rifle which had significant improvements which aided in loading speed.

I'm going to turn to the Vietnam War now for this month's history narrative. The Khe Sanh was initially a site that Special Forces set up in early 1962 as a staging site for local Montagnard forces along Route 9 which was a highway that ran from north to south (although in severe disrepair). Their operations base eventually moved closer to Laos and Montagnard villages. However, the strategic importance of the Khe Sanh was quickly realized and by 1966 it became a major staging base for ARVN, Army and Marine Corps units. The first battle for the Khe Sanh took place in the late spring of 1967 lasting into the summer months. Although there were sporadic instances through out the rest of the year, there was not a concerted effort. In October 1967, a resupply convoy was ambushed which was the last overland resupply attempt. Other than incessant shelling, the area remained quiet until Jan 20 1968.

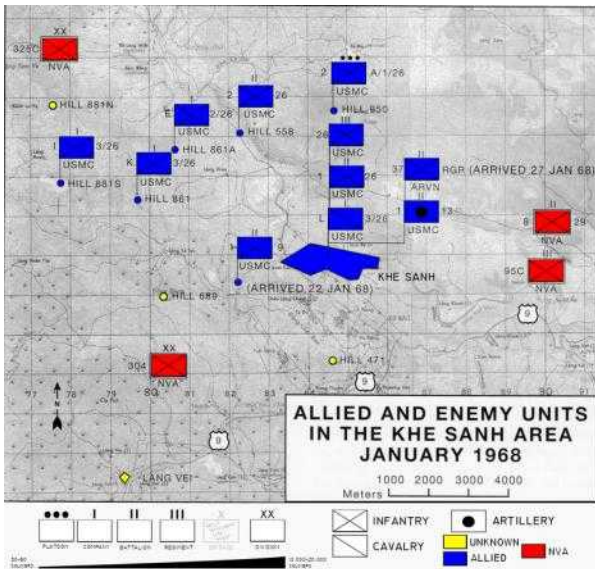


During the actions of late 1966 and 1967, it became necessary to remove battalion size pockets of NVA (PAVN) from hills in the area and in order to deter re-occupation, occupy these hills. In October, November and December of 1967, the PAVN launched prolonged attacks at Song Be, Loc Ninh and Dak To. In each of these attacks, the PAVN attacked with regimental sized units over the course of several days with the goal of appearing to have been to have inflict casualties. However, they took much more casualties than they gave. The American Intelligence community was rather perplexed because there didn't appear to be any cohesive attacks. What they did serve was to draw attention away for the inner cities and costal low lands in time for the Tet Offensive on January 30, 1968.



In January of 1968, the 304th PAVN Division and 325th PAVN Division took up positions in the Quang Tri Province along the Laos border. They established their artillery over the Laotian border where their 130MM, and 155MM Artillery pieces and 122 MM Rocket Launchers were out of range of US 105mm and 155mm howitzers. In addition, the 320th PAVN and 325th PAVN division were situated nearby in order to provide support if needed.

On January 20, La Thanh Ton, a 2nd Lieutenant with PAVN defected and gave American Intelligence the plans for the attacks that were to begin that night. At 0030 on January 21st, Hill 861 was attacked by 300 PAVN however Marines were prepared for the attack. In spite of severe losses, the PAVN managed to break through the defensive wire and were only driven back by intense close combat. At the same time both Hill 881 South and the main base came under intense artillery, motor and rocket attack. The intense shelling leveled most of the above ground structures and at some point in the morning hours set off one of the ammunition dumps causing multiple explosions. Artillery shells and motor shells were sent up into the air and exploded on impact. One of the PAVN rockets or artillery shells set off the tear gas dump which saturated the area. While the bombardment ensued, the PAVN launched an attack on Khe Sanh village which was defended by 160 local troops and 15 American Advisors. The 300 man PAVN attacked through out the



day and night successfully capturing the village at 0930 on Jan 22 after re-enforcement attempts were defeated. Survivors made their way back to the KSCB.

The PVAN also attacked the village of Ban Houie Sane in Laos on Route 9 which was defended by Laotian Battalion BV-33 in order to protect their flanks. The attack went off with 3 PAVN battalions supported by 7 PT-76 amphibious tanks and marked the first time that the PAVN committed armor in battle. The Laotian battalion was quickly overrun and survivors retreated to the Special Forces camp at Lang Ve.

Earlier in January, Westmoreland had made the decision to defend Khe Sanh. Intelligence had indicated a large build up of PAVN divisions in the area and saw an opportunity to draw his enemy in to open combat. Up until now, the enemy with little exception had been doing mostly hit and run tactics. The remote location of the Khe Sanh also eliminated the

possibility of civilian casualties which become a concern in populated areas due to growing media involvement in the war. From 1966 through January 1968, the units at Khe Sanh varied in size from as small as the original Special Forces group that occupied it in 1964 and Bravo Company of 1/9 which had replaced 1/3 in January 1967. From February through April 1967, the 2/3 and 3/3 was given the task of clearing the hills surrounding Khe Sanh. Later on in the year, both 2/3 and 3/3 were withdrawn and replaced by 1/26 given the lack of action at Khe Sanh. In January 1968, 2/26 and 3/26 had re-enforced 1/26 marking the first time since Iwo Jima that all 3 battalions were in combat together.

On January 22, 1/9 was added in as additional re-enforcements. A final re-enforcement from the ARVN arrived on January 25th. Shelling of KSCB continued throughout this time period and Khe Sanh was effectively surrounded. Resupply overland was no longer possible and it fell upon C130s and Helicopters to get supplies into Khe Sanh. Roughly 30 Tons of supplies were airdropped on a daily basis. Between January and April 1968, the Air Force estimates that it air dropped 14,356 Tons of supplies and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing records indicate that it delivered 4661 Tons. PAVN attacks slowed down after January 24 but continued long range artillery and rocket attacks on the hill bases and KSCB. On January 30th, Tet began with a massive coordinated strikes across the entire country in large and smaller cities. However Khe Sanh remained quiet except for the continuous shelling. Westmoreland remained convinced that the Tet offensive was a diversion and Khe Sanh was the real target.

Khe Sanh also saw the first use of electronic sensors. A series of sensors were dropped by Navy and Air Force aircraft along the Laos border in areas known to be part of the Ho Chi Minh trail. The original plan was to also drop mines that would work in conjunction with the sensors. However, testing revealed that this was impractical. However, the sensors which registered either seismic activity or voice activity, could be monitored by either the Air Force 533rd Reconnaissance Squadron flying the EC121R Warning Star Aircraft or Navy Squadron VO-67 flying OP-2E Neptune (highly modified) Aircraft. With the advanced computers and communications on both platforms, artillery or aviation assets could be directed into a target area in minutes. Westmoreland wanted a single point of control for all aviation assets but the Marine Corps was reluctant to relinquish its own aviation assets which they effectively used for close air support through the DASC. It took some time but Westmoreland eventually won out. In January though Marines still had their own close air support. In January, there were an average of 350 tactical fighter bombers, 60 B52's and about 30 light observation or reconnaissance aircraft were in the sky over Khe Sanh every day. More to follow in February.



OP-2E Neptune Aircraft of VO-67



EC121R Warning Star of the 533rd

Right—typical emplacement of a Marine Direct Air Support Center.



Editor's Note: Most of the information comes from Wikipedia. For some reason, their layout on Khe Sanh is a bit jumbled and goes back and forth over time. In light of this I'm not 100% sure that I've got all of the correct units at the right places and times. I apologize in advance if something isn't correct or I omitted a unit or 2.



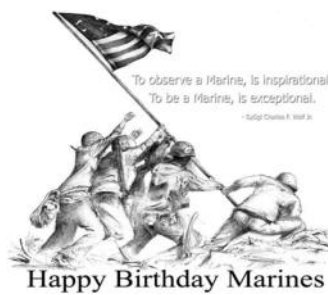
Quartermaster's Report

Thanks to everyone that assisted with the breakdown at the December Breakfast. With the assistance that was rendered, I was able to get where I needed to on time. So once again, many thanks. Still looking into the jackets and hope to have some information soon. I'm also looking into other items and as always welcome any suggestions.

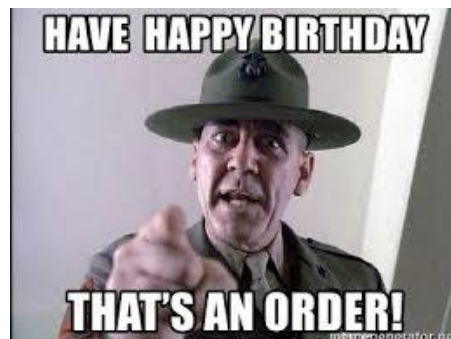
Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



Roger Phillips	1/02	Ed Hawk	1/03
Bill Delorenzo	1/08	Sam James	1/13
Bill Grotz	1/14	Kevin O'Leary	1/15
Jerry Capozza	1/16	Paul Ruebenacker	1/21
Jim Hahn	1/22	Nick Ciampo	1/26
Jeff Levitt	1/29	Jim Davila	1/31
Bill Brender	1/31	Chris Baker	1/31
Mike Timmins	1/31		



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

December 2019

January 2020

- 01/05/2020 Ceremony to honor General Peter Pace at the Teaneck Library 1400
- 01/14/2020 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home- - 1400
- 01/14/2020 Executive Board Meeting- - 1900
- 01/18/2020 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800 to 1200
- 01/19/2020 NJ Dept. MCL meeting--Sea Girt--1200
- 01/23/2020 Detachment Meeting- - 1930

February 2020

- 02/11/2020 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home - - 1400
- 02/11/2020 Executive Board Meeting - - 1900
- 02/15/2020 3rd Saturday Breakfast - - 0800-1200
- 02/27/2020 Detachment Meeting - - 1930



January 16, 1990, Marines begin the air assault portion of Operation Desert storm



January 25 1854, Marines and Sailors from the US Sloop Decatur land at Seattle Washington to protect the village. Indians launched a 7 hour attack before withdrawing with severe losses. Only 2 civilian volunteers were KIA.



January 10, 1995, The Pentagon announces the deployment of 2600 Marines to Somalia at the request of the UN to protect the final withdrawal of UN Peace Keeping Troops for the embattled country.



11 January 1945, MAG 24 and Mag 32 begin arriving at Lingayen Luzon. Together they would provide close air support for the Sixth Army into April.



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

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 14th, February 11th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th,

August 11th, September 8th, October 8th, November 10th & December 8th

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours



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

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 23rd, February 27th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd,

August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 19th & December 17th

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 January 18th 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.

Current Operation Notes

Santa and Mrs Claus paid a visit to the MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 Breakfast. Children in attendance (young and old) had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa and children were free to select toy that were under the Christmas Tree courtesy of the Toys for Tots program.



Announcement

General Paul Kelly 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps passed away on Dec 29, 2019 at 91. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt in June of 1950 and served through his retirement as Commandant in 1987. During his career, he served in many units through out the corps including ship's security detachment, aviation, infantry, intelligence, and as commanding officer of several units. In 1960, he was the Marine Corps Exchange Officer with the British Royal Marines and is one of only a few foreigners to earn the Royal Marines coveted Green Beret. He commanded "C" Troop 42 Commando in Singapore, Malaya and Borneo in 1961 and was promoted to Major. In Vietnam, he was the Combat Intelligence Officer for 3rd Marine Amphibious Force in 1965. Following this assignment, he was the Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion 4th Marines and was promoted to Lt. Col on Jan 20, 1966. During his tour as a battalion commander, he earned the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit w/ Valor Device and 2 Bronze Stars w/ Valor Device. In 1970 to 1971, he commanded 1st Marines which was the last Marine regiment in combat during Vietnam. He won a second Legion of Merit award. In 1974 he was promoted to Brigadier Gen and C.O. of the 4th Marine Division. In 1980, he was promoted to Lt. Gen. and was named as the first commander of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force. In 1981, he was promoted to General and became the Assistant CMC. On July 1, 1983, General Kelly became the 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps. After he retired, he served on many corporate boards and was on the board of directors for Wine Country Marines. Rest in Peace Commandant Kelly.



\$6000 NJ Veterans Income Tax Deduction

Treasurer Muoio Urges NJ Veterans to Apply for Newly Doubled \$6,000 Income Tax Exemption November 7, 2019 (TRENTON) – With the Veterans Income Tax Exemption doubling to \$6,000 for 2019, State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio is urging New Jersey veterans to check their eligibility and pre-certify to make claiming the exemption easier during tax filing season.

“Under the law signed by Governor Murphy earlier this year, the veteran’s income tax exemption has now doubled to \$6,000,” said Treasurer Muoio. “We can never fully repay our service men and women for their sacrifices, but it is our hope that this increased benefit will make a sizable difference for veterans acclimating to civilian life, raising a family, or living on a retirement budget. Our personnel in the Division of Taxation stand ready to help and urge veterans to pre-certify to expedite the process when it comes time to file.”

Muoio noted that since the exemption went into effect for the 2017 tax year, Treasury’s Division of Taxation has conducted extensive outreach in concert with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans are aware of this benefit. That initiative included outreach to civic organizations and veterans groups, public presentations by Taxation staff, an informative online video, and numerous other initiatives. As a result, the Division of Taxation has pre-certified roughly one-third of the state’s approximately 400,000 eligible veterans to date.

Applicants need only apply the first year they claim the exemption. A veteran’s spouse or civil union partner, who is also a veteran, can take the exemption if they are filing a joint return. However, a veteran cannot claim this exemption for a domestic partner or dependents.

Veterans who file paper New Jersey Income Tax returns (NJ-1040) or Non-Resident Income Tax returns (NJ-1040NR) must:

Enclose a copy of Form DD-214, Certificate of Release, or Discharge from Active Duty, with their tax returns the first time they claim the exemption(s). This form does not need to be submitted each year. The United States National Archives and Records Administration can assist with obtaining DD-214.

Check the oval on a resident tax return that indicates the veteran is taking the exemption, or click the box on the non-resident return that indicates a veteran is taking an exemption.

Veterans who normally electronically file their New Jersey Income Tax return (NJ-1040) or New Jersey Non-Resident Income Tax return (NJ-1040NR) should pre-certify for this exemption by sending necessary documents before filing taxes. This will allow returns to be processed without delay or time lost because of requests for additional proof of exemption status.

There are three ways to send materials to the Division of Taxation:

By mail:

New Jersey Division of Taxation

Veteran Exemption

PO Box 440

Trenton, NJ 08646-0440

By secure upload:

<https://www.njportal.com/DOR/TCM/>

Use POB 440 Code: VET

By fax: (609) 633-8427

Treasurer Muoio also encouraged New Jersey veterans, their spouses, and caregivers to take advantage of other tax benefits that the state offers.

Important: Even if you filed for the previous \$3000 deduction, you must file this form to qualify for the \$6000 deduction. A printable copy of the form is on the next page.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are uncomfortable with mailing, faxing or uploading the form, there is another option available. There is a State of NJ Tax Office in Fairlawn on Route 208. You just need your drivers license and DD214 and they load it while you wait. No copies are necessary. If you haven’t taken care of this yet, you need to do this asap.



Veteran Income Tax Exemption Submission Form

You Must Send a Copy of Your [Official Discharge Document](#) With This Form.

We only need a copy of your records the first time you claim the exemption. Once you receive confirmation we have accepted your discharge paperwork, you claim the exemption on your return annually.

You do not need to provide documentation each year.

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last *First*

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse Name: _____
Last *First*

Spouse Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Home Phone: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature: _____ Date: _____

Where to Send the Completed Form

Online, use our secure document [upload](#) feature.
Enter the notice code **VET** and select **PO Box 440**;

Mail, with a copy of your [discharge document](#) to:

**New Jersey Division of Taxation
Veteran Exemption
PO Box 440
Trenton, NJ 08646-0440; or**

Fax with a copy of your [discharge document](#) to: **609-633-8427.**

Military Humor

A recently discharged Marine Sargent takes a new job as a high school teacher.

Just before the school year started, he injured his back.

He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper

part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard that the new teacher was a Marine,

were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

There was dead silence... the rest of the year went quite smoothly.

God does an experiment with US Marines...

One lofty Sunday God looks down and sees a boat of six Marines paddling in the ocean, chanting; ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR...United States Marine Corps.

Impressed by their focus and intensity he ponders; "What would happen if I removed half their brain powers" and does so. "ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR...United States Marine Corps" chants the men with 50% brain power.

Very impressed God decides to push it and remove 3/4's of their brain powers; "ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR...United States Marine Corps" Scream the men with the same focus and intensity as they row their boat through the ocean.

God clearly bemused thinks "Something has to change if I take away 100% of their brain's capacity to think" POOF.

Meagerly the Marines start chortling; "...be all that you can be..."





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Important Numbers and Websites

	Phone Number
Health Care Benefits:	1-877-222-8388
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
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
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
VA Caregiver Support Line	1-855-260-3274
VA for Vets	1-855-824-8387
VA Inspector General	1-800-488-8244
VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs	1-202-461-7600
Veteran's ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
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Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647



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National Web Site:

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Department of New Jersey

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