

# “THE GRUNT”



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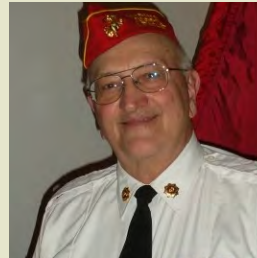


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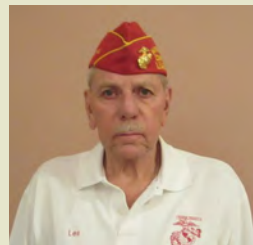


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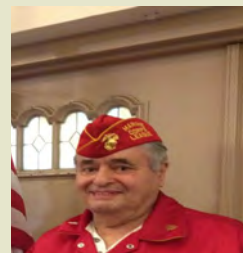


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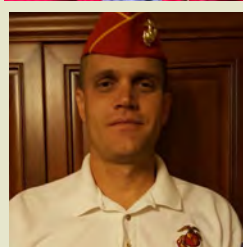


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## Commandants Corner February 2017



### COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment—744  
February 2017

#### IWO JIMA

Iwo Jima, otherwise known as Sulfur Island represented a strategically important air base which would allow fighter escorts to support long-range bombing missions against mainland Japan. The island would provide an emergency landing strip for crippled B-29's returning from bombing runs. The seizure of Iwo would allow for sea and air blockades, provide for the ability to conduct intensive air bombardment and provide the opportunity to destroy the enemy's air and naval capabilities.

The battle commenced February 19, 1945 and ceased March 16, 1945. Mopping up activities commenced after that to clean up the remaining pockets of resistance. The island was officially declared secured on March 26, 1945. This year marks the seventieth anniversary of that historic battle.

The seizure of Iwo Jima was deemed necessary, but, would not come easy. 70,000 U.S. Marines would be involved in the invasion. Total U.S losses amounted to 28,686 of which 6,821 were KIA, 19,217 were WIA and 2,648 suffered combat fatigue. Of the total number, Marine casualties amounted to 23,573. Japanese losses amounted to 1,083 POW's and over 20,000 est. killed.



## Commandants Corner Cont.

We have two surviving members of the Battle of Iwo Jima in our Detachment, Gene Frederick, who was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions and Anthony Lechniak. Both men epitomize the strong values that make up Marines. We should consider ourselves fortunate to have known these two Marines and to be present in their company. Well done Marines, the Lakeland Detachment and our country honor and salute you.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet/Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean areas said it best "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue".

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



## Service Officers Report February 2017

Our next Bingo at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home is on Monday Feb.20th at 2:00pm.

Come out and spread some goodwill and listen to their stories.They really appreciate your moments with them.

On another note, for those of you that find someone who could use some help with questions on Veterans benefits, or questions on getting into a Veterans hospital-the best thing is to give them my number or Ed's, or give us their number.Depending on where they live, we'll help them connect with a County service officer if they need more help.

For example, if someone wanted paperwork to get into a veterans hospital, I keep the forms at my office-but there's a lot of paperwork(surprise) that's got to be completed.

With my experience in helping vet's get into the home, I can help them get it done faster, if I'm helping them.

And one more thing-does your spouse or next of kin know where everything is, in case of something happens? I'm not just referring to dying, I've seen vet's that have a stroke and not able to speak.

From my experience, I've found that too many times nobody in the family knows where everything is.

**Paul Thompson**

### 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](http://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.

Paul

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

**Marine Corps League National Headquarters has informed Detachment Commandant and Pay Masters 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)





## 2017 Eagle Scout Ceremonies



Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Steven Brautigam of Troop 388, Pompton Lakes on 01/28/17. Charlie Huha and Ray Sears have already had a busy January with Eagle scout Ceremonies. They are on pace to top last years amazing record! If you have time please join them in an event it is a pleasure!





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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## Marine Corps League Third Saturday Morning Delicious Breakfast



Join us on Saturday February 18th

8am-12pm

Third Saturday Monthly Breakfast

American Legion Hall

65 Oak street

Oakland NJ 07436

Adults \$10

Seniors \$9

Kids under 10 Free

## Menu

<i>Bacon</i>	<i>Scrambled Eggs</i>	<i>Sausage</i>	<i>Omelets</i>	<i>Pancakes</i>
<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Sausage Gravy</i>	<i>SOS</i>	<i>French Toast</i>	<i>Waffles</i>
<i>Hash Browns</i>	<i>Corned Beef Hash</i>	<i>Bagels</i>	<i>English Muffins</i>	

*Coffee, Juice, Tea, Hot Chocolate Entemans treats and more!!*

*Bring the whole family and enjoy supporting the Marines who support veterans 365 days a year!*







## **February Calendar**

**February 07 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**

## **March Calendar**

**March 14th Board meeting American Legion 17:00**

**March 17th Breakfast Prep 10am—1pm**

**March 18th Breakfast 8am-12pm**

**March 23rd Detachment Meeting 7:30 pm**

**March 25th Veterans Job Fair 10am-1pm Wayne YMCA**

# 2017 Street Dedications



**Gene Kelley, Ken Fackina and Frank Mackey start off this years Street dedications! "Semper Fi"**



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**LAKELAND DETACHMENT 744**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**Preakness Valley Golf Course**

**209 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ 973-881-4921**

**Date: Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

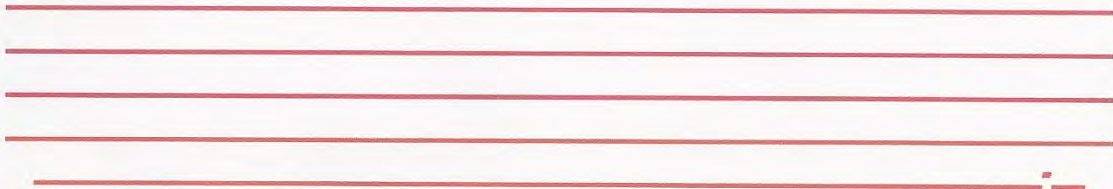
**TIME 8 AM Register & Breakfast—9AM Shotgun start**

**PRICE: \$135.00 per Golfer, includes Breakfast,  
Lunch, Golf & Cart, Plus Beer & Soda on course & @ Lunch**

**Best ball Team Prize & prizes for all**

**Reservations & Payments by May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

**(CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)**



**GOLF COMMITTEE**

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**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**LAKELAND DETACHMENT 744**

**Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**TEE & HOLE**

**SPONSORS NEEDED**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf outing**

**SGT'S \$100.00**

**CPL'S \$50.00**

**PFC'S \$25.00**

**Sponsors Name & Address**

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# VETERANS JOB FAIR

— FREE HIRING FAIR FOR VETERANS —

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 - 10A.M. - 1P.M.**  
**WAYNE YMCA**  
**1 PIKE DRIVE, WAYNE, NJ 07470**

## Co-sponsors:

- **Township of Wayne  
Mayor Chris Vergano**
- **Passaic County Veterans Services**
- **Community Hope**
- **Passaic County  
Board Of Chosen Freeholders**
- **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**
- **American Legion Post 174 &  
Veterans of Foreign Wars**
- **Jewish War Veterans Post 695**
- **Military Order of the Purple Heart**
- **Lakeland Chapter-Marine Corps  
League Detachment 744**
- **U.S. Congressman  
Rodney Frelinghuysen, NJ-11**
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## **For More Information Please Contact:**

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Office Of  
U.S. Representative  
Rodney Frelinghuysen  
30 Schuyler Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Morristown  
(973) 984-0711**

# Rose Program 2017



This years Rose Program will be streamlined with our Team taking I part in the events that benefit the Detachment and our veterans the most. We should see our Rose event calendar start to develop soon!

Semper Fidelis

Mike McNulty



*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 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

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**\$1,000**

### **EVENT SPONSOR**

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

**CHIPS**

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**\$500**

### **BUFFET SPONSOR**

Event recognition & signage, registration for 2 players

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**\$250**

### **TABLE SPONSOR**

Signage at poker table, registration for 1 player

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-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**



## REGISTRATION FORM

**Saturday February, 11, 2017**  
**Alpine Learning Group Ely Center for Adult Education**  
**777 Paramus Rd. Paramus, NJ 07652**  
**Doors open at 6pm Tournament begins at 7pm**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Player(s) (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration:

- \$125 Advanced Registration per player       \$150 Walk-In Registration per player  
\*Early registration bonus: Receive an additional \$1,000 chips if registered before 2/1/2015!

### Additional Add On:

- \$100 per player - \$6,000 additional chips       \$50 per player - \$3,000 additional chips

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method:**       Check       Visa       MC       American Express

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: ALPINE LEARNING GROUP  
**Mail form and payment to: 777 Paramus Rd.**  
**Paramus NJ 07652 or Fax; 201 612-7710**  
For questions or information, please contact MJ Bray, Dir. Of Development  
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### Veterans Administration

Department Of Veterans Affairs

20 Washington Place

Newark, New Jersey 07102-3174

Phone 1 800 827 1000

### Veterans Campus Lyons

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Phone: 908-647-0180

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### Veterans Service Officer

#### Vietnam Veterans of America

Margaret Wojciechowicz

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### PASSAIC

Veterans Service Office

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### BERGEN

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Richard Daul, Director

## Marine Corps League Information

### Marine Corps league National Website

<http://www.mclnational.org/>

### Marine Corps League NJ State Website

<http://www.njmcl.org/>

### 744 Website Address

<http://www.usmcl744.org/>

### 744 Facebook Page Address

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-League-Lakeland-Detachment-744/165447603504657>

