

“THE GRUNT”



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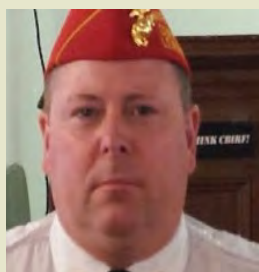


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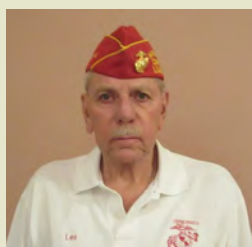


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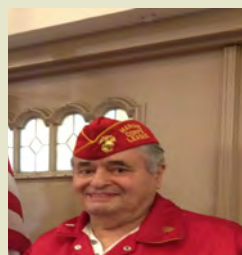


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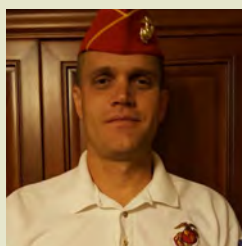


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Commandants Corner March 2017



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League

Lakeland Detachment—744

April, 2017

On March 25, 2017, a veterans job fair was held at the Wayne YMCA sponsored by Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen. Mike McNulty, Ed Korek, Dave Elshout with his daughter Julia, Bill and Mona Harrison and I participated to not only support Congressman Frelinghuysen, but, to support all of our veterans especially, Marines. Paul Purcell was also in attendance representing his company, Scripts Express.

The fair was from 1000 to 1300 with about 25 different companies represented and I suspect 50-100 veterans. The representatives from the participating companies were extremely pleasant, friendly and interested in serving the veteran community. The atmosphere was upbeat and veterans seemed optimistic about being there. The Congressman's staff led by Aura Dunn, District Director for Congressman Frelinghuysen were extremely cordial and helpful. Congressman Frelinghuysen was in attendance the entire time speaking with veterans and making certain they were being taken care of. Refreshments were also served. The time went by quickly. It was a special and caring time and I'm hoping very beneficial for the veterans who turned out as well as the companies who pWe met many veterans, but, especially two young Marines recently discharged and attending local colleges. We spoke with them, at length, provided them with applications and encouraged to try us out. We have a great Marine Detachment and I'm hoping they will follow up on our invitation. I think they would like it.

The title Marine is not to be taken lightly, it represents a commitment to be the very best and to follow and adhere to our core values of HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT. Our commitment extends to these young Marines, as well as, all of our members.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report April 2017

We're off to a great start this year providing comradeship and fun for our veterans at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home!

I was informed the other day, that 11 Veterans from the home have passed since the beginning of the year. While I find that sad, I'm happy that it's possible that some of them were at our monthly Bingo's!

Our support with a few dollars and some morale support goes a long way!

Even though it's only a little time once a month that we spend with them, anyone who has volunteered finds it as a rewarding experience!

Our next Bingo is on March 30th, at 2:00pm. at the Paramus Veterans Home, Paramus.

Come join us!

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 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 Report April 2017



Spring time. A wonderful time of the year in which we celebrate the resurgence of life in all around us. Although it hasn't quite come yet in New Jersey, soon we will begin to see trees blossom, flowers begin to poke their heads out of the ground, and warm weather arrive. After a dreary winter, Spring is a welcome guest. Spring also ushers in the coming of Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Early Christians used to greet each other with the phrase, "He is risen!" However, the open grave, as glorious as it is, is also a sober reminder of what happened on Good Friday. On that day, the Son of God suffered and died to pay the penalty for the sins of His people. That thought should cause us to reflect on our own lives. Often we view our sins against God with a cavalier attitude. The cross of Jesus Christ proves how seriously God views sin. It also proves the incredible love of God, how much he was willing to and wanted to redeem the human race. For the sinful human race, what happened on that Friday thousands of years ago truly was very "good." So this Easter season, let's ask God to forgive our sins because of what His Son did, let's strive to live our lives according to His commandments, let's rejoice that Jesus is risen and lives forevermore, and let's allow the new life of Spring remind us of His words in John 10:10, "I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplain

******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)





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
LAKELAND DETACHMENT 744
18TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Preakness Valley Golf Course

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

Date: Friday June 2nd 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 22nd 2017

(CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
LAKELAND DETACHMENT 744

Friday June 2nd, 2017

TEE & HOLE

SPONSORS NEEDED

18th Annual Golf outing

SGT'S \$100.00

CPL'S \$50.00

PFC'S \$25.00

Sponsors Name & Address

Rose Program 2017



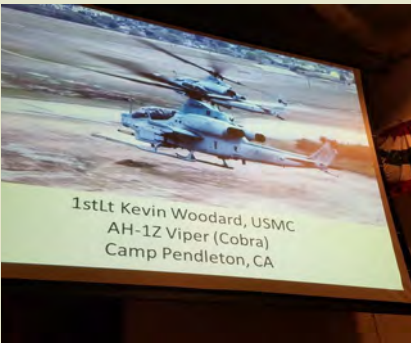
This years Rose Program will be streamlined with our Team taking I part in the events that benefit the Detachment and our veterans the most. We should see our Rose event calendar start to develop soon!

Semper Fidelis

Mike McNulty

Kevin Woodard and his Son at the Lt.'s Wing Ceremony

Was winged on Mar 24 at NAS Milton. 33 pilots including 6 Marines. Selected AH-1Z viper and heads to Pendleton to train on that platform.





Department of New Jersey 2017 Shooting Program Schedule

| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>MATCH</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Pistol | 3/12 | 8:30 AM | Combat Pistol Match | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range |
| | 3/26 | 8:30 AM | Three Gun Aggregate | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range |
| | 4/23 | 8:30 AM | Pistol Qualification | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range |
| | 5/07 | 8:30 AM | MCL – NJ Championship | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range |
| | 5/21 | 8:30 AM | 600 Aggregate | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range |
| Rifle | | | | |
| | 6/25 | 8:30 AM | Garand Match | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland Lakes, NJ |
| | 8/06 | 8:30 AM | Four Position Match | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland Lakes, NJ |
| | 8/27 | 8:30 AM | Rifle Qualification Match | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland Lakes, NJ |
| | 10/29 | 8:30 AM | Carlos Hathcock Match | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland Lakes, NJ |

Respectfully Submitted,

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April Calendar

April 1 Eagle Court of Honor Troop 12 Livingston 1700

April 1 Leadership school for Bill and Mona Harris

April 10 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home 1400

April 11 Executive Board Meeting 1900

April 14 Prep for Breakfast 10am-2pm

April 15 Third Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200

April 22 Provide Color Guard for opening ceremony for Comedy Night fundraiser Carnavale Center Pompton Lakes 1830

April 23 Eagle Court of Honor Troop 388 St. Mary's—Pompton Lakes

April 23 Pistol Qualification—Union county Sheriffs Pistol Range

April 27 Detachment Meeting 1930

April 30 Eagle court of Honor Troop 388 Carnavale Center Pompton Lakes 1400

May Calendar

May 1 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home 1900

May 6 Detachment Rifle shoot cherry Ridge Range 0800

May 6 Color Guard at Special Olympics— PCTI, Oldham Road, Wayne 0815

May 9 Executive Board Meeting—1900

May 19 Breakfast Prep 10am-2pm

May 20 Third Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200

May 25 Detachment Meeting 730pm

Veterans Information

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Lakeland Detachment 744

Marine Corps League

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