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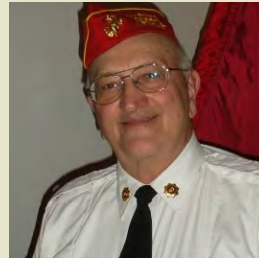


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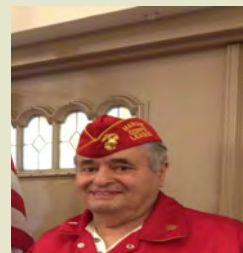


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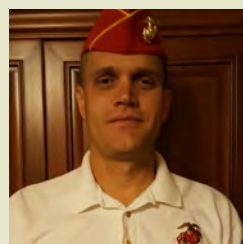


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COMMANDANT'S CORNER Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744 May, 2017

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

(A Soldier Died Today)

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.
And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.
He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,



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While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,

But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives

Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,

Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,

That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,

Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,

Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?

Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend

His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,

But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,

Our Country is in mourning, "For A Soldier

Died Today".



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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.

Let's continue that commitment by participating in our Memorial Day ceremony at Pompton Lakes Veterans Park on Jefferson Avenue on May 28th. Assembly is at 1000 with the ceremony at 1030. This is followed by the VFW ceremony at 1100 and the parade at 1200. Our Color Guard will lead the parade. The Color Guard will also lead the Memorial Day parade in Riverdale on May 29 at 1000.

Semper Fidelis,
Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report May 2017

I know periodically that we see different emails on discounts with being a Veteran.

Verizon will give you 12% of your monthly bill, if you take your DD 214 to a corporate office (i.e. Rt 17 Paramus) where they will fax your DD 214, up to the corporate office.

Also, they give you a 25% discount on any accessories.

At our last Bingo, Peter and I were talking to a veteran who directly served under Chesty Puller! Some of the war stories we hear at the Veterans Home are incredible. To be able to help our fellow veterans is truly a great honor! All of us that have done some volunteer' have felt moved.

Come on out!

Our next Bingo at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home is on Monday May 1st at 7:00pm.

One our Marines at the Veterans Home- "Lou" was in the Record recently. They had a great story of his WW11 experiences.

For those that have been bringing books to the VA Hospital, the head of volunteer services is asking for our help. They have plenty of books to read, but the problem is that most of them can't read the small print anymore. She is asking us if we could get large print books donated and audio books.

I went to my local library (and I asking you to do the same) and they donated some large print books. Any help with this matter would be greatly appreciated by our veterans!

Paul Thomson

******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)





The annual MC Law Enforcement Foundation

Usually held at the Waldorf but due to construction it was held down at 60 Wall st

Not sure of the name of the building.

I met and shook hands with former commandant Alfred Grey, former Marine/NYC Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and Gen. Dunford too.

Trust your car to the man who wears the Star.

Remember that old Texaco tv commercial?

Peter Pace also gave a moving speech about his time in Hue City.

I'm still in shock I was there among all these heavy hitters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cascio were in attendance also.

Mike Szymanski



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



Marine Corps League Third Saturday Morning Delicious Breakfast



Join us on Saturday May 20th

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>	<i>Eggs Benedict</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!



Rose Program 2017



Our first event has arrived "The Ramsey Street Fair Rose event" will take place at Main Street Between Mechanics and Island road On Sunday May 7th from 10am-5pm. The dress can be Detachment black tshirt and desert camo trousers or Jeans and our white polo shirt. If you don't have either come looking like a Marine!

Semper Fidelis

Mike McNulty



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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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 7 Ramsey street Fair Rose Event 10am-5pm (See below for address)**
- May 9 Executive Board Meeting—1900**
- May 19 Breakfast Prep 10am-2pm**
- May 20 Third Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200**
- May 25 Detachment Meeting 7:30pm**
- May 25 Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Kevin Fong--Troop 12 Livingston--1930**
- May 28 Memorial Day Parade----Assemble at 1000 for ceremony at 1030. Parade to follow at 1200 led by Color Guard**
- May 29 Memorial Day Parade----Assemble at 0930 in Riverdale Park. Parade to follow at 1000 led by Color Guard**



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387

Additional Numbers and Websites

RESOURCE	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530	
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)	1-877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756	
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387	
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	1-800-827-0648	
Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans hotline	1-877-424-3838	
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 Helpline	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 Hot Line	1-800-333-4636
Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
Women Veterans	1-202-461-1070
Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647

MAY 11, 2017

“WOMEN WARRIORS IN BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM”

AT RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL NEWARK

8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

**HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION, RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL,
THE U.S. SBA, AND PRUDENTIAL**

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

1 Washington Park, Newark, NJ 07102 (Essex County)

MAY 13, 2017

“SPIRIT OF THE JERSEYS” - STATE HISTORY FAIR

MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. (Rain or Shine)

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

16 Business Route #33, Manalapan, NJ 07726 (Monmouth County)

MAY 16, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLAIMS CLINIC

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

HOSTED BY ASSEMBLYMAN JOE DANIELSON &

LILLIE NUBLE – DIRECTOR, NEWARK REGIONAL OFFICE

9:30a.m. – 2:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

475 Demott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 (Somerset County)

MAY 17, 2017

“STAND DOWN 2017”

SERVING HOMELESS VETERANS

ALL WARS MEMORIAL BUILDING IN ATLANTIC CITY

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

1510 Adriatic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 (Atlantic County)

NEW JERSEY
Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
“Veterans Outreach Campaign”

MAY 6, 2017

WARREN COUNTY 14th ANNUAL VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

AT THE WARREN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL IN BELVIDERE

11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

Corner of Second and Mansfield Streets (Next to the Courthouse), Belvidere, NJ 07823 (Warren County)

MAY *7, 2017

NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

11:00a.m. – AT THE MEMORIAL

A DMAVA “MEDAL CEREMONY” WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS CEREMONY

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

PNC Bank Arts Center, Garden State Parkway Exit 116, Holmdel, NJ 07777 (Monmouth County)

MAY 7, 2017

JOINT DMAVA/VENTNOR VET CENTER OUTREACH EVENT

AT THE NJ ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN ATLANTIC CITY

1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERANS

1008 Absecon Blvd., Atlantic City, NJ 08401 (Atlantic County)

MAY 9, 2017

“BOOTS TO BUSINESS”

PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR VETERANS WHO WANT TO START,

EXPAND OR PURCHASE A SMALL BUSINESS

8:30a.m. – 5:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

Hosted by Wayne American Legion Post 174, William Paterson University

and the U.S. Small Business Association

American Legion Post 174, 55 Mountain View Blvd., Wayne, NJ 07470 (Passaic County)

Veterans Information

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

