

# “THE GRUNT”



## MCL Lakeland Detachment #744 Newsletter

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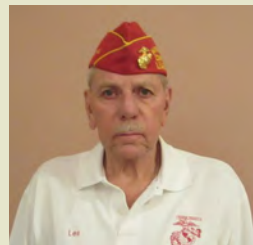


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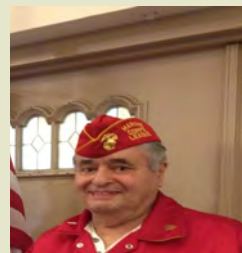


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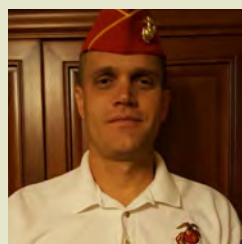


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## Commandants Corner June 2017



### COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment—744  
June, 2017

#### Successorship

The word implies continuity. I've spoken about this on several different occasions. This is extremely important if our Detachment will continue to thrive and succeed in the future. It's not just Detachment—744, but, all organizations, including government and corporations. This is not for change for change sake. We all know where that has taken us, straight down the proverbial tube. It is to provide further growth in the organization, hopefully capitalizing on the strengths of the incumbent and leaving behind any weaknesses. Healthy change enables an organization to grow in a healthy manner and provides the stimulation necessary for that growth.

I'm a firm believer that anyone in a certain hierarchical position needs to find a suitable replacement and train that replacement to assume command at a designated time. That serves several reasons, namely, to provide backup in the event something happens to the primary person holding the position or the person goes on an extended vacation or leave; to provide an opportunity for the primary person to move on to other positions, such as a promotion that may develop and to steer the organization toward future and continued growth. If there is no backup and the person is too valuable in their current role, they cannot move on and you may end up losing a valuable person to another organization.

We have several positions that are complex with some requiring detailed work such as accounting skills. Other positions require other attributes such as organization, planning etc. The Marine Corps is always looking for a few good men. The Marine Corps League is no different. We need Supernumeraries to work with the various members of our Executive Board to provide the benefits outlined previously.



**HONOR**

**COURAGE**

**COMMITMENT**

## Commandants Corner June 2017

In addition to volunteers, I'm asking the members of our Executive board to actively recruit for those members they feel will be most qualified to fulfill the requirements of their positions. This is our Marine Corps League Detachment founded almost 26 years ago. Let's not let it or our founding members down. We have an excellent Detachment, let's continue to make it grow, thrive and prosper and not let it stagnate on the vine.

We will be appointing a nominating committee to arrive at a slate of officers for the coming detachment year commencing with October, 2017. In accordance with our By-Laws, I have served my two terms and cannot enter my name as Commandant. It has been a pleasure to serve you in that capacity. We have achieved some significant goals and, I believe, had some fun, as well. It is time for a change in order to move the detachment toward even greater heights. We have a great slate of officers who can assist the new Commandant; however, some may choose to move on to other responsibilities including as Commandant. Others may wish to remain in their current positions. I ask that you all give serious consideration to this very important matter for the good of our Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

**HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT**



## Service Officers Report June 2017

It's been a great year so far with our visits to the veterans at the Paramus Veterans Home.

Doing the Bingo's and providing "comradeship" is so valuable!

Please join us this month on Thursday June 1st at 2:00pm for another great Bingo at Paramus.

(Note this is a revised time for that date.)

We're always in need for help. Sometimes we have more than enough, and other times we're running from one side of the room to the other side to give out the prizes (especially when 3-4 vets say Bingo at the same time).

At the June League meeting along with my Service officers report, I will give a short talk to our members on what the process is to get someone admitted in a reasonable time to the Veterans Nursing Home (what forms etc.).

And also what are some of the limitations that a lot of veterans aren't aware of.

Feel free to call Ed or myself if you have any questions.

Paul Thompson

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**\*\*\*\*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)





Oakland Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony “Grand Marshall” our very own Tony Lechniak who turned 95 this year. Sr Vice Commandant delivers a memorial Day Message. We did our Detachment Ceremony at the Pompton Monument and Led the Pompton Lakes Parade and then took part in the Oakland parade. The following Day we had two other parade/events to attend. This is the most important Weekend we serve to help our communities remember! “Semper Fidelis”



Our color guard took part in the B&D Fallen Heroes Ceremony. We were Honoring a fallen Marine in this ceremony that took place in Franklin Lakes. Our members were (Charles Huha, Peter Alvarez, Ray Sears, Paul Perchurko, Joe Piazza, Gene Kelly and Mike McNulty.)



Our detachment did a Rose event at the Ramsey Street Fair. While there we met the students and a teacher from the Eric S. Smith middle school. They were promoting their event called “The Field of Flags Ceremony” at their school. The student laid out 6,915 flags on their field to honor all the fallen veterans from Iran and Iraq war. We were so overwhelmed by this we asked who was doing the Color Guard for the event? They did not have one so we told them we would be there to help them promote this amazing act of Patriotism by these young students.





# Rose Program 2017



All Hands On Deck Sunday June 11th is the Biggest Rose event of the Year!!!!!!

Please join your Detachment for the Wyckoff Stop & Shop Rose Event at the Boulder Run shopping center in Wyckoff NJ from 9am til 6pm!





## Marine Corps League Third Saturday Fathers Day Breakfast



Join us on Saturday June 17th

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>SOS</i>	<i>Omelets</i>	<i>Pancakes</i>
<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Sausage Gravy</i>	<i>Sausage</i>	<i>French Toast</i>	<i>Waffles</i>
<i>Hash Browns</i>	<i>Prime Rib w/aujus</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!*



**Golf Outing Results June 2nd Preakness Valley Golf Course**

**1st Place Team**

**Saunders-Kujskvefre-Hochkepple-Philhower**

**Longest Drive**

**Glen Wiggers**

**Seniors Longest Drive**

**Robert Wacera**

**Closest to Pin # 9**

**Ed Kroek**

**Closest To Pin 10**

**Angelo Burrafato**

**THANK YOU TO ALL SPONSORS WHO MADE THIS OUTING A SUCCESS.**

**GOLF COMMITTEE**

**Thank You to all who helped organize and run this event and thank you to all our supporters who sponsored our event and took part in the outing!**



## Department of New Jersey 2017 Shooting Program Schedule

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MATCH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>Pistol</b>	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
<b>Rifle</b>				
	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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## **June Calendar**

**1 Bingo--Paramus Veterans Home--1400**

**2 Conducted annual Golf outing**

**9 NJ MCL State Convention**

**11 Stop & Shop Rose Event Boulder Run Shopping Center Wyckoff NJ 9am-6pm**

**Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Christopher J. Leymeister and Matthew D. Leymeister--Troop 49--Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,--Oakland--1330**

**13 Executive Board Meeting--1900**

**15 Presentation to Stop & Shop--Wyckoff--1100**

**15 Flag Retirement Ceremony--Franklin Lakes--1730**

**16 Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Joseph Ruben Soto--Troop 388--Carnevale Center, Pompton Lakes--1830**

**17 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200**

**22 Detachment meeting--1930**



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		<a href="https://www.nrd.gov/">https://www.nrd.gov/</a>
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

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### Veterans Service Officer

#### Vietnam Veterans of America

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### PASSAIC

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## 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>

