

# "THE GRUNT"



## MCL Lakeland Detachment #744 Newsletter

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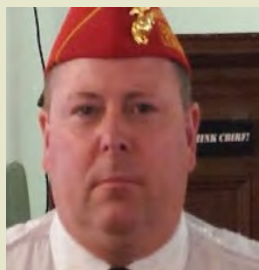


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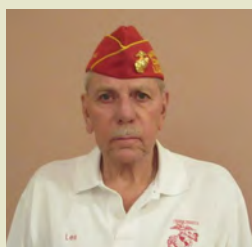


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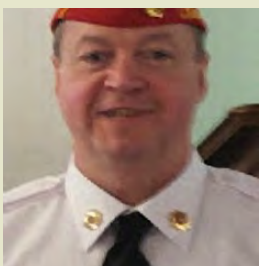


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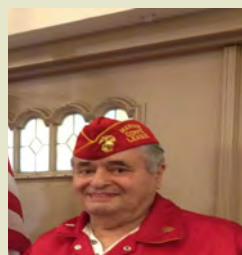


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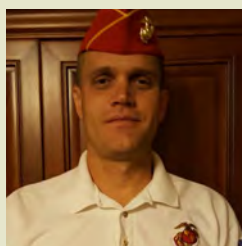


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## Commandants Corner June 2017



### COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment—744  
July, 2017

#### Independence Day—July 4, 1776

July 4<sup>th</sup> is officially the day we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. The events preceding this date eventually led to the historic occasion which called for independence from England and the eventual formation of the United States. Each year on July 4<sup>th</sup>, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later to become Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words:

*“Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be totally dissolved”.*

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for Independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by twelve of the thirteen colonies. New York did not vote. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and into the late afternoon of July 4<sup>th</sup>, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the thirteen colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock, signed his name “with a great flourish” so England's King George could read it without spectacles.



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Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4<sup>th</sup> has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

Excerpt from speech by Colonel Mitchell Paige, Eagle Scout, Hero of Guadalcanal and Medal of Honor Awardee:

"I am proud to be a citizen of a nation whose objective is peace and goodwill for all mankind. A nation, that has contributed so much, for the benefit of peoples all over the world. A nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. I am proud to be an American. I can never believe it is old fashioned to love our Flag and Country, nor, can I ever believe it is being square to stand in readiness behind our flag to defend those ideals for which it stands against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

God Bless the Marine Corps League, God Bless the Marine Corps and God Bless America

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

**HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT**



## Service Officers Report July 2017

It's that time again to remind everyone to get your house in order. What I mean by this statement, is have you got all your records and paperwork easily accessible to your loved ones? I've spoken in the Grunt and at meetings about this, and hate to sound like a broken record, but after attending a friends wake, and finding out that the funeral home couldn't give a veterans widow a US flag at the burial I was sad for her. Because she thinks her deceased husbands paperwork is somewhere at their main residence in Florida! Please let immediate family know where your DD-214 form is at, along with any information you have reference to your disability benefits. In moments of distress we have when a loved one passes, it's hard to go through file cabinets (especially if they're in a different state).

Another issue I want you to think about is what happens when you get sick or in a accident, either locally or away.

For anyone who has any kind of health problems it might also be helpful to have all your medical contacts and information about your health written down somewhere where it's accessible. Trust me you don't want a half a dozen medical procedures unnecessarily done on you (never mind the extra costs)!

Our next Bingo is Monday-July 31st at 2pm at the Paramus Veterans Home, Paramus. Please come out and spend some time with other veterans, and help them have an enjoyable afternoon. They love to relate their stories to someone who's been in the service. Some of them work very hard at winning, cause they want to earn their winnings.

The following are the dates for the rest of the year.

8/8, 9/22, 10/5, 11/6, and 12/4 ; all at 2:00pm at the Paramus Veterans Home.

Any questions about veteran's benefits, feel free to call Ed or myself at anytime.

Paul Thompson— 201-651-1822

Ed Koreke- **201-317-1678**

**\*\*\*\*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)





## Chaplains Message July 2017



July 4, 1776. Independence Day, the birth of our nation, the beginning of the great American experiment. Thomas Jefferson, one of the most brilliant men of all time, eloquently penned a document that officially separated us from Great Britain. For these men, failure most certainly meant a traitor's death. They pledged their lives and fortunes to each other. Over the course of almost 250 years, many other men have pledged their lives and fortunes to this great democratic republic. All of us owe a great debt to each and every one of them. Every one of our signers realized a truth that gave them courage and purpose. They were convinced that they were in the right, and at the end of the Declaration acknowledged it. "...And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence..." They recognized their need of Divine intervention. They were outnumbered, outgunned, under trained, inexperienced, and going up against one of the great military machines of the time. But they were convinced that their cause was just and that God would help them. And He did. America won its freedom. Almost 250 years later there are not many in this nation who have the same reliance on God. He has all but been erased from our schools, our public institutions, and many facets of our society. We need to continue relying upon His blessing and protection, or we too will join many other great societies on the ash heap of history. He has promised in His Word that those that honor Him, He will honor and He has declared that "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Let's pray for our nation and rely upon Divine Providence. Happy Birthday America!! And may God grant many more.

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplain





I was in the supermarket the other day. It was one of the High end Gourmet markets that we have in Bergen county. And I was amazed at all the great foods and items that were expensive but probably worth the price. I felt blessed to be there and having the opportunity to purchase something special for my family. I thanked God and enjoyed my visit to this store.

Upon getting in line there was a young man with a beard and a ponytail who was ranting to the cashier after she asked him about his holiday plans for the fourth of July! He made comment to her about how can he celebrate living in a country that oppressed its people, and is trying to take away free health care, and does not want its people to succeed and just keep them down???

Now those of you who know me know that I may have a broken filter when it comes to saying what's on my mind. Its even said I may irritate easily. But this time I calmly spoke up and said to the young this: "Excuse me" "yes the young man said" (eyeing the Eagle Globe and Anchor on my chest) Are you oppressed? "yes we all are he said"

Oh I thought that's what I heard, so have you ever been in another Country that does not have basic human rights, does not have a constitution, a bill of rights or a declaration of independence? Have you ever held a starving child who's parents are not able to get a decent job to afford food to feed themselves or family and a government that provides them no help? Have you seen what a war torn country looks like when an government kills and tortures its own people because they do not agree with what the government does.

Do you know how absurd you sound saying all these things in an upscale gourmet market? Do you even have a clue at how good you have it in comparison to others around the world? I am not going to waste to much time on giving you my peace of mind because you never going to understand my point of view until you go out and experience what the real world is like! I want you to have a great "Independence Day"

At that moment several, people started clapping and the young mans face turned very red. I think and hope he felt embarrassed and ashamed. He left and upon my leaving I was wished happy 4th of July by many of the patrons!

We have to set the record straight with this new generation!

Happy 4th of July Marines!



The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to its:

## ANNUAL COMMANDANT'S CLUB

### WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN THIS YEAR

#### What is the COMMANDANT'S CLUB?

It's the Detachment Annual Fund Raiser for 2017. It is in the same format as the campaign in 2016. A total of 350 tickets will be offered to the members for themselves, family, friends and neighbors. One half of the proceeds will be distributed as prizes the balance will go to the Detachment's activities.

The rules are simple. As each membership is sold, the buyer is recorded and a chip bearing the member's number is placed in a basket. As soon as all 350 Memberships are filled the drawings will take place or if all are not sold, the drawings will take place at the Detachment's September 28, 2017 meeting. Winners need not be present and will be notified by letter. Winnings will be mailed to their homes.

EACH TICKET PARTICIPATES IN ALL 25 DRAWINGS AND HAS  
25 CHANCES TO WIN  
ODDS ARE 14 TO 1 (25/350)

If you are interested in purchasing a membership in the Commandant's Club for yourself or someone else, please contact Marine Gene Kelley at (973) 986-7792. Tickets will be available at all Detachment meetings.





# Rose Program 2017



Our next event will be at the American Legion Poker

Run on August 6th from 11am till 6pm. We will be selling hats, shirts etc. All help will be appreciated and rewarded with a burger!!!!

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33 WEST PASSAIC ST

ROCHELLE PARK NJ

AMERICAN  
LEGION ♠  
POKER RUN ♡  
SUNDAY ♣  
AUGUST 6 ♦

RAIN OR SHINE BBQ 12PM-6PM



ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL BENEFIT



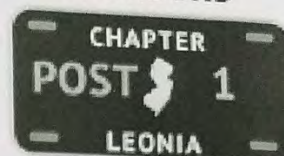
SAVE A  
WARRIOR

REGISTRATION 9-11AM  
Post 132 1 Legion Place, Franklin, NJ

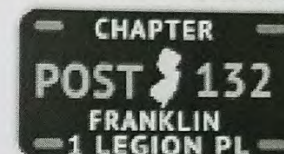
RIDERS \$20 PASSENGER \$10 BBQ WALK-INS \$10

SAVE A WARRIOR - 501(c)(3) and AMERICAN LEGION POST 170 - 501(c)(19) are non-profit organizations

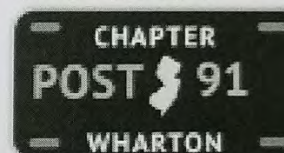
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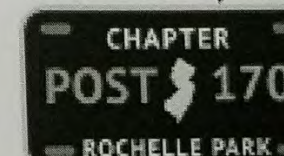
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5TH CARD ↓ END



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## 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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## **July Calendar**

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| <b>July 11</b> | <b>Executive Board Meeting--1900</b>   |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200</b>   |
| <b>July 22</b> | <b>American Legion Post 174 Motorcycle Benefit Run<br/>--55 Mountain View Blvd.-, Wayne--0900--\$20.00 /raffle</b> |
| <b>July 27</b> | <b>Detachment meeting--1930</b>  |
| <b>July 31</b> | <b>Bingo--Paramus Veterans Home--1400</b>  |

## **August Calendar**

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| <b>August 6</b>  | <b>Four Position Match--Cherry Ridge Range--0830</b>       |
| <b>August 6</b>  | <b>American Legion Poker Run 9-11 BBQ 12-6pm</b>           |
| <b>August 6</b>  | <b>Rose event American Legion Poker Run 11-6pm</b>         |
| <b>August 8</b>  | <b>Bingo--Paramus Veterans Home--1400</b>                  |
| <b>August 8</b>  | <b>Executive Board Meeting--1900</b>                       |
| <b>August 18</b> | <b>Breakfast Prep 10am-- 2pm American Legion</b>           |
| <b>August 19</b> | <b>3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200</b>                   |
| <b>August 24</b> | <b>Detachment meeting--1930</b>                            |
| <b>August 27</b> | <b>Rifle Qualification Match--Cherry Ridge Range--0830</b> |



## 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 Administration

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### Veterans Campus Lyons

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### Veterans Service Officer

#### Vietnam Veterans of America

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### Marine Corps league National Website

<http://www.mcInational.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>

