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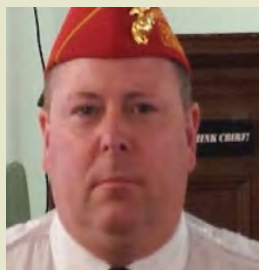


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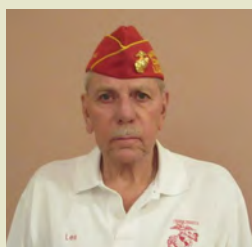


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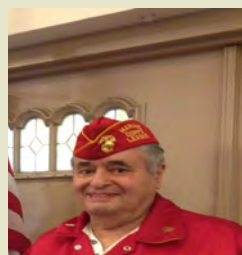


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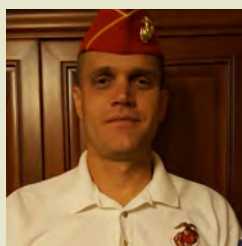


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Commandants Corner August 2017



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744 August, 2017

In Memoriam—Joseph J. Buchheit—1924--2015

Lakeland Detachment members Ed Buschmann along with Jerry Capozza were best friends with Joe Buchheit, a Lakeland Detachment member. Ed is working with the Wayne Township Council to have a street dedication ceremony for Joe who passed away June 9, 2015 at the age of 90.

Joe was born in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn on December 7, 1924. He lost his Mother at the age of two and was raised by his Father and Aunt. Since they both had jobs, he spent a lot of his time unattended. His Father knew the Truant Officer's first name since Joe was not academically inclined and often played hookie. Joe saw his future in art, not academics and was soon drawing advertisements for local stores which eventually made it into the newspapers.

The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on his birthday which resulted in the declaration of the U.S. entry into WWII. Wanting to help his country, Joe convinced his Father to sign the papers so he could enlist in the Marine Corps along with several of his friends. Prior to leaving for Boot Camp, Joe became engaged to his Girl Friend, Eileane Trinker. They were married prior to his deployment to the South Pacific.

Joe was assigned to the 4th Division as a BAR Man and carried his weapon through many campaigns including Tarawa, Engebi, Saipan, Tinian and Guam. He was wounded twice and both times requested to be patched up and returned to his unit.

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Joe was in the first wave that hit the beach at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. He was severely wounded by grenades that were rolled down the steep shores of the Iwo beaches. Concussed and heavily bleeding from multiple shrapnel wounds, Joe couldn't stay conscious long enough to communicate or remember how long it took to get him back to the ship. In addition, his eyes were full of shrapnel. He was heavily medicated and lucky to be alive. His 19 year old wife received a telegram that Joe was missing in action and presumed dead. Eventually he was shipped back to Hawaii and stabilized.

Returning to the States, he was sent for surgery on his eyes to remove the shrapnel. They managed to save one eye but were unable to retrieve all of the shrapnel due to the dangerous location of some of the pieces. He carried those with him until his death.

After his discharge, Joe had to make changes in his plans for the future. With only one eye, Joe had no depth perception which made it impossible for him to pursue a career as an artist. He applied his skills to advertising where he received a job as a lay out man for an art director in an advertising company. This opened the door for him to his future success in sales, marketing and finance.

Just as the writings of Horatio Alger predicted, that through hard work, honesty and determination one could rise from rags to riches, so did Joe Buchheit rise to become the President and owner of Reply-O Letter Company, a leader in direct mail sales.

In retirement, Joe enjoyed spending time with his friends in the Marine Corps League and enjoying a good meal and glass of wine with family and friends. He died in Connecticut on June 9, 2015 at the age of 90. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors along with his wife of 49 years, Eileane.

God Bless you Joe. Rest in Peace Marine.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

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Service Officers Report August 2017

Hi everyone.

Thanks to all the men and women who have been helping out on the Bingo's this year. Your efforts are really appreciated by our veterans there!

Susan(head of Volunteer Services) said that we're remembered the most!

It's not the few dollars they earn, it's the dialog and comradeship we bring that make the Bingo's a success!

Our next Bingo is Friday September 22nd at 2pm. Please come out be with "friends" for a few hours!

Please remember that the Hospital is looking for large print books for the Veteran's library.

Please check with your town library. I get each a few from my library in Franklin Lakes.

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

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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)



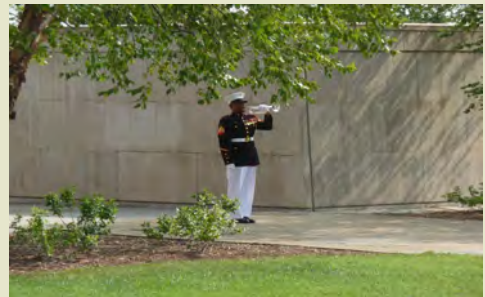
Chaplains Message August 2017



Summer: a beautiful time of the year. Flowers are blooming, fruit is ripening, the warm sun and clear skies brighten our days. It makes us forget the cold of winter. This year we have had plenty of rain, for which we should be thankful. However, all of us remember summers when we didn't have much rain, and the heat of sun scorched our lawns, trees withered and farm crops began to suffer. The book of Jeremiah in the Bible talks about the man whose hope is God. Jeremiah 17:7 and 8 says, "Blessed is the man whose hope is in the LORD, for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters...and will not fear when the heat comes." Some of us are going through tough times right now, where we may feel like a scorched plant with no strength left. This passage tells us that if our hope and trust is in God, we will be like trees planted by the river, able to withstand the summer heat. For all of us Marines who are not going through trying times, we need to remember those who are. And to those of you who are in the midst of dark days, remember God's promise in Isaiah 40:30 and 31, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplain



On July 27, 2017 Marines Peter J. Alvarez and Eugene Kelley members of the Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744 attended Marine Hank Kuhn Sr. Entombment Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Hank was one of Lakeland Detachment founding fathers.

Rest in Peace Hank.

Thanks
Semper Fi

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Marine Corps League Third Saturday Morning Delicious Breakfast



Join us on Saturday August 19th

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!





The Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to its:

ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

PLACE: Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ

DATE: Friday, November 3rd, 2017

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

For 242 years the Marine Corps has celebrated its founding in 1775. On Friday, November 3rd, 2017, the Marine Corps League, Lakeland Detachment 744, Pompton Lakes, NJ will host its Twenty Seventh Annual Marine Corps Ball. Please join the Detachment in celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at Macaluso's Restaurant. If you plan to attend, please send a check for \$75.00 per person, payable to MCL #744 and mail to MCL P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008, no later than October 15, 2017.

If you have any dietary restrictions and need additional information, please contact: Grace Alvarez at 973-839-5693. (Invitations will be mailed by the "End of August 2017")



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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!!!!

September 3rd Pompton Lakes Day 9am-5pm

September 23rd Mahwah Day 9am-5pm

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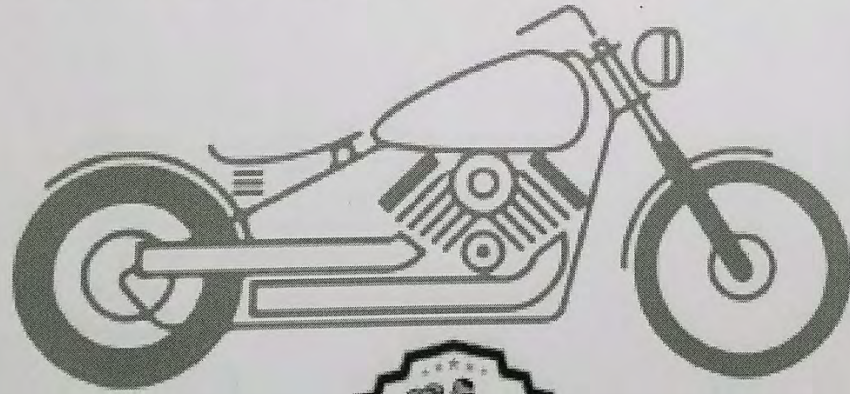
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Department of New Jersey 2017 Shooting Program Schedule

	<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,

Joseph Riley
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August Calendar

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

September Calendar

- September 03 Pompton Lakes Day Rose Event 9am-5pm
- September 12 Executive Board Meeting--1900
- September 16 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200
- September 17 State MCL meeting--Red Bank, NJ--1200
- September 22 Bingo--Paramus Veterans Home--1400
- September 23 Mahwah day Rose event 9-5pm Commodore Perry Field
- September 23 Veterans Information & Outreach Fair, Concert and 5K run
registration at 0800, run at 1000, Fair at 1200, Concert at 1400-
Memorial Middle School, 12-00 1st Street, Fairlawn
- September 24 Basilone parade--1130 with parade start at 1300--Raritan Train
Station--Thompson and
Anderson Street
- September 28 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		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

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744 Facebook Page Address

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