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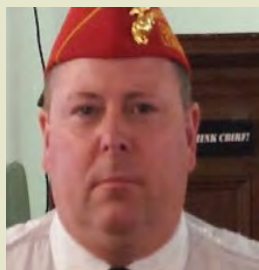


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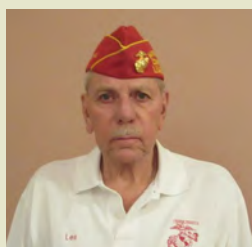


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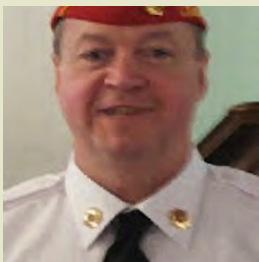


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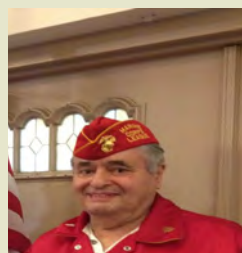


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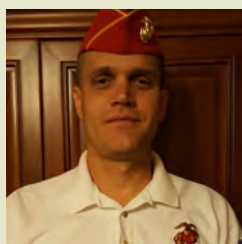


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Commandants Corner September 2017



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

**Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment—744
September, 2017**

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability applies to many things and can be used in many contexts. We have the sustaining of the ecological system, the sustenance of life, sustaining a certain rate of activity or of equipment for a certain period of time. The prevailing theme is the ability to endure or to survive another day or time.

We've had many challenges over the past 200+ years since our nation was first founded. Our ancestors and founding Fathers had to create something out of nothing. They faced those challenges of tilling the soil, expanding the country from sea to shining sea, internal and external conflicts in the guise of war, disease, pestilence and creating a form of government unlike any other in the world. They endured and survived. We are the product of their success.

Today we still face challenges. We have the challenge of trying to stay out of more conflicts and wars, while others are trying desperately to destroy us, our way of life and the freedoms that we enjoy. We have the internal political challenges of differing viewpoints and political manipulation. We have a significant challenge facing the Southwest in Texas and Louisiana. They've been faced with a horrific storm, the likes of which has never been seen, except possibly by Noah.



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However, they will endure and survive due to the spirit of America that is embodied in each and every one of us as handed down by our Forefathers. That spirit of sustainability which tells us we will endure and survive to live another day. You see it in the people who come together to help each other to overcome this significant challenge. There is no hesitation. They're Americans and they will overcome. Just as Marines, we Improvise, Adapt and Overcome all challenges and obstacles.

The Southwest will endure, survive and be stronger for their effort. America will likewise endure and survive to remain a beacon of hope for the remainder of the world.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report September 2017

We were at the Bingo last month, and it felt so good to hear a Marine Veteran say "It feels like home, when you guys get here"!

There seems to be more and more marines there each month. These guys don't get a vacation like we do, or a chance to leave the facility; so it's great we're able each month to have an opportunity to spread some good comradeship!

And please keep on the lookout for over-sized books for them to read. They also need audio books.

Our next Bingo dates at the Paramus Veterans Home are Sept.22nd at 2:pm; Oct.9th at 2:pm; Nov.6th at 2 pm; and Dec.4th at 2pm.

It's been the efforts of of you guy's that been asking and getting donations from the Rose programs that enable to give these veterans the chance to earn a few dollars. They use the money to buy miscellaneous things from the canteen, to pay for haircuts, gifts, etc.

Keep up the great work!

As always any questions about veterans benefits, please feel free to Ed or myself.

Paul Thompson– 201-651-1822

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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 September 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

Rose Program 2017



September 3rd Pompton Lakes Day 9am-5pm

September 23rd Mahwah Day 9am-5pm

October 7th Allendale Day 9-5pm

October 14th Autumn Lights Festival 9-5pm



CPL. JOE BUCHHEIT
LIFE MEMBER of LAKELAND
744

**Street dedication will take
place at Poplar Road in
the Pines Lake section of
Wayne.**

9 Sept @ 10:00 hours

Contact Ed Buschmann for more info:

973-897-8826



Borough Of Pompton Lakes
16th Anniversary
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 11, 2017 - 7:00-7:30pm
Municipal Building – 25 Lenox Avenue
Inclement Weather – Lenox School

You Are Invited To Participate In The
Annual Memorial Commemorative
Ceremony Honoring Those
Victims And Heroes Of 9/11/01

Rekindle The Spirit Of Unity And Compassion

We Will Never Forget!!!



Marine Corps League Third Saturday Morning Delicious Breakfast



Join us Saturday September 16th

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:

1st ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK DINNER

PLACE: American Legion Post #0369
65 Oak Street
Oakland, NJ 07436

DATE: Friday, October 6, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P/M – 10pm

COST: \$55.00 Per Person

MENU: Beefsteak, Olives, French fries, salad, Beer, Soda,
Dessert &
Cash Bar

Please mail checks made payable to:

"MCL Lakeland Detachment 744"

c/o PETER J. ALVAREZ
84 PERRIN AVE.
POMPTON LAKES, NJ 07442-1124
PHONE # 973-839-5693



**WHICH SUPERHERO
ARE YOU**

**PRIZES FOR
BEST COSTUMES**

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S
**2ND ANNUAL
HERO
5K RUN/WALK**

**5K WALK AND RUN
1K FAMILY FUN RUN*
5K WHEELCHAIR RACE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017
Bergen Community College
Race Starts at 9:00 am

**PRIZES
FOR TOP FINISHER AND
FAMILY FUN RUN
*OPEN
TO KIDS
UNDER 8**

SUPPORTING BCC'S VETETANS
DRESS AS A HERO TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR HEROS
Register today at: <http://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Paramus/bcc5k>



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")





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
Shooting Program Chairman
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September Calendar

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| 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 |

October Calendar

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| October | 6 | 1st Annual Beefsteak Dinner 7pm-10pm |
| October | 7 | Allendale Day Rose 9-5pm |
| October | 10 | Officers Board Meeting 7pm |
| October | 14 | Autumn Lights Festival 9-5pm |
| October | 21 | Marine Corps League Breakfast 8-12 |
| October | 26 | Installation Dinner 7:30pm |



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

Veterans Information

Paul Thompson

Lakeland Detachment 744

Marine Corps League

Veterans Service Officer

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Veterans Administration

Department Of Veterans Affairs

20 Washington Place

Newark, New Jersey 07102-3174

Phone 1 800 827 1000

Veterans Campus Lyons

151 Knollcroft Road

Lyons, NJ 07939

Phone: 908-647-0180

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Veterans Service Officer

Vietnam Veterans of America

Margaret Wojciechowicz

973-297-3227

PASSAIC

Veterans Service Office

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200

Totowa, NJ 07512

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John Harris VSO/ Richard Mannes VSO

BERGEN

Division of Veterans Services

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2nd Floor

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6326, 7406

Richard Daul, Director

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>

