# **"THE GRUNT"**



# **MCL Lakeland Detachment #744 Newsletter**

Officers 2016

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### **Commandants Corner April 2016**



### HONOR—COURAGE—COMMITMENT

The above words represent the core values that are cherished in our beloved Corps. During 2015 we attended 21 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. So far this year we've attended 12 with three more scheduled by May 1. You're probably asking, so what?

Just as the Marine Corps is the greatest military force in the world, I believe, Scouting is the best program in the world for our youth and young adults either girls or boys. Although the Girls Scout program has the Gold Award as the highest award in Girl Scouts, I will obviously render my comments on the Boy Scout program since I'm most familiar with it. Over the next several months I'd like to explain how the scouting program exhibits those same core values printed at the top.

**HONOR**—Honor guides Marines to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior; to never lie, cheat or steal; to abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; respect for human dignity and respect for others. The qualities of maturity, dedication, trust and dependability commit Marines to act responsibly; to be accountable for our actions; to fulfill our obligations; and to hold others accountable for their actions.

How does the Scouting program promote HONOR? The first three words of the Scout Oath are "On My Honor" followed by others such as "I will do my best, to do my duty, to god and country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. What a powerful Oath.

The Scout Slogan is "Do a good turn daily" representing a mature and responsible way of living one's life by doing a good deed each day.

The Scout Law has these words of "Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous and Kind " included as further demonstration of HONOR.



## **Commandants Corner April 2016**



I'm proud of our efforts on behalf of the Scouting program and we should all be proud of a program exemplifying such high ideals to benefit the youth and young men of our country.

Next month we'll cover the core value of COURAGE.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

### HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



## **Service Officers Report April 2016**

Our next Bingo is on Friday April 15th starting at 2pm. at the Paramus Veterans home.

Our honorary Marine member-Lou, says he's noticed we're there more often, and he really looks forward to talking to our group of volunteers.

He likes our group the best!

Thanks to all the volunteers that come out each month and spread good comradeship. I'm told we're one of the few groups that not only bring down veterans from their sections, but also take the time to bring them back.For those who haven't done this-it's a long stretch for some of them back to their rooms.

Keep coming out-it's APPRECIATED!

Paul

I wanted to remind everyone that each month we have a Bingo for the Veterans at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home. We changed it up a bit this year and decided to schedule all of the Bingo's for 2PM. I think that Paul took pity on me because he knows that I find it a lot easier driving in the daylight.

Below you will find the schedule for the remainder of the year.

April 15 Fri. 2pm May 16 Mon.2pm June 12 Fri 2pm July 18 Mon 2pm Aug 1 Mon 2pm Sept 16 Fri 2pm Oct TBA Picnic Nov 18 Fri 2pm Dec 16 Fri 2pm

Often when we arrive we will bring donations that are dropped off at the reception area. The type of things that we drop off are, almost new or new clothing, Books and games. So if you are like me, you might find something that you wore only once or twice and you notice has shrunk. Personally I blame the wife for shrinking my clothes, I certainly have not gotten fatter.

The nursing home is very easy to find, just put the below address in your GPS.

N J Veterans Memorial Home of Paramus

*1 Veterans Dr Paramus, NJ 07652* 





### The Chaplain's Desk April 2016

#### The Marine Chaplain; a tough job with no weapon for protection!

The Marine Corps itself does not have Chaplains (or doctors, nurses, medics, etc.), because every single Marine is a rifleman (combatant) first and foremost. The Navy supplies all of these personnel to Marine Corps units. Navy Chaplain's are assigned to a Marine Corps unit. They have several layers of training to go through as Navy Chaplains. The first of which is the general officer indoctrination course called "Officer Development School". This is different from "Officer Candidate School" (OCS) that line officers go through. Chaplains are staff corps officers, along with doctors, nurses, lawyers, psychologists, etc, and they receive their commission directly from the civilian world. The Navy has decided that they want them to serve, and that they have proven themselves through their course of graduate study, so they do not become "officer candidates" as line officers do (these are the people who drive the ships, fly the planes, and directly contribute to combat operations). ODS is really about learning how to be in the military, and it teaches basic drilling, discipline, military bearing, and general Navy knowledge. There is plenty of physical training, as well. Chaplains have special training that follows on after ODS. They go through a course called, "Professional Naval Chaplaincy - Basic Leadership Course", or just Chaplain School, for short, and it is held at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Chaplain school consists of three phases: 1) Phase I is a lot of lecture time, a few "field trips" to Parris Island, Mayport, and local spots. 2) Phase II is called RMTEX, which is short for Religious Ministry Team EXpeditionary training. This is where chaplains, along with RPs (assistants) learn basic skills of how to handle themselves in the field. They learn land navigation, night navigation, cover/concealment, trauma / first aid, and general survival, combat skills.

Chaplains are designated as non-combatants by the Geneva Convention, and American chaplains are forbidden from carrying weapons (which is why they have RPs with them), so they are not training in how to fight, but rather how to survive and do ministry in a combat setting. 3) Phase III is called TEAMS, and this is where they learn the most current crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and other counseling skills and interventions. There is also follow-on training that chaplains who are assigned to Marine Corps units can do called CREST (Chaplains and Religious Personnel Specialist Expeditionary Skills Training). This is two weeks (eight for RPs) of field and combat training: how to handle oneself under fire, forced marches, survival skills, etc. It is held at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and is typically grueling. Apart from these basic training related schools, a chaplain assigned to a Marine Corps unit that is being deployed will go through all of their deployment workups with them, and train side by side with their Marines.

Les Derbyshire / Chaplain Dave Elshout / Asst Chaplain



Members Ed Korek, Ken Fackina, Peter Alvarez and Dennis Kievit present Terry from The Mahwah Marine Moms a Donation to assist them in all the great things they do for our troops. The Marine Moms are great supporters of our Detachment. They take part in many of our activities as we do theirs. We all share a common goal to help Marines and other veterans.



Our Breakfast Team has done a fantastic job of preparing food, setting up the monthly Breakfast, serving it to the public and cleaning up and leaving the room ready for other rentals for the American Legion. Our Breakfast is currently serving 170 guests between 8am-12pm. With everyone's help we can serve 200 + folks every month. This months breakfast is April 16th. We prep on Fridays April 15th from 10am till 1pm. Please lend a hand where you can, we need help serving and especially breakdown and cleanup from 11-1pm. OPEN BENCH PRESS COMPETITION Monday, April 11 11:30 a.m.

2016 VETERANS

Student Center Main Campus

# 'How much 'ya bench?"

Have you ever wondered how much weight you can lift? Well, you'll have a chance to answer that question at the first-ever Veterans Open Bench Press Competition. All proceeds benefit the Student Veterans Emergency Fund.

- \*Weight Classes: 5 (Men), 2 (Women) \*Eligibility: Open to All
- \*Prizes: First, Second, Third
- \*Entry: \$20
- \*Information: mechols@bergen.edu

**Gold's Gym**, Paramus has graciously donated the use of their equipment.





# Marine Corps League Saturday Morning Breakfast

"The Best Breakfast in Town"



Join us on April 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

| Bacon      | Scrambled Eggs   | Sausage | Omelets         | Pancakes |
|------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| Biscuits   | Sausage Gravy    | sos     | French Toast    | Waffles  |
| Hash Brows | Corned Beef Hash | Bagels  | English Muffins | Pastries |

Coffee, Juice, Tea, Hot Chocolate and More!!

Bring the whole family and enjoy supporting the Marines who support veterans 365 days a year!



# Rose Program 2016



April starts with the Maywood Street Fair Rose event.

Check In Location: 101 West Pleasant Ave Maywood NJ Set up time: 7AM-8:30AM Event time: 10AM-5AM

May 1st we will be at the Walmart in Riverdale NJ From 10am-2pm

This years events will need a lot of help. Please come and help our Team out!

Semper Fi

732-213-5264



# Marine Corps League



LAKELAND DETACHMENT 744

# 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Preakness Valley Golf Course

209 Totowa Road, Wayne, NJ 07470

Date: Friday May 20th 2016

Time:8 AM Register & Breakfast Tee Time 9 AM

Cost: \$150.00 per Golfer

Includes: Green Fees & Cart, Breakfast Plus

Buffet Lunch With Beer, Soda, Dessert & Prizes

TEAM SCORE BEST BALL FORMAT NAME PHONE SHIRT SIZE

Please Make Checks Payable to: MCL LAKELAND DET. 744

Mail to: P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

Committee G.Vankat 201-797-8616 H—201-321-6897 c

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# **Lakeland Detachment 744 MCL**

### Help Us to Support Wounded Marines & Vets Who need help

### Hole Sponsors start @\$25.00 each

**Golf Committee:** 

G.Vankat 201-321-6897—J.Piazza 201-505-1361—P. Alvarez-973-839-5693

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The Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to its:

## **TWENTY FIVETH ANNUAL RIFLE SHOOT**

- **PLACE:** CHERRY RIDGE RIFLE RANGE
- **DATE:** SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
- **<u>TIME:</u>** 0800 HRS. TILL: 1200 HRS.
- COST: \$35.00 Per Person Includes: Coffee, Donuts, Ammo and Lunch.

Please mail checks made payable to:

"MCL Lakeland Detachment 744"

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE P.O. BOX 8, POMPTON LAKES, NJ 07442-0008





### Department of New Jersey 2016 Shooting Program Schedule

| Distal | DATE  | TIME    | MATCH  | LOCATION                                   |
|--------|-------|---------|--|--|
| Pistol | 3/13  | 8:30 AM | Combat Pistol Match                            | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range        |
|        | 4/03  | 8:30 AM | Three Gun Aggregate                            | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range        |
|        | 4/17  | 8:30 AM | Pistol Qualification                           | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range        |
|        | 5/01  | 8:30 AM | MCL – NJ<br>Championship                       | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range        |
|        | 5/15  | 8:30 AM | 600 Aggregate                                  | Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range        |
| Rifle  | 6/26  | 8:30 AM | Garand Match                                   | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland<br>Lakes, NJ |
|        | 8/14  | 8:30 AM | Rifle Qualification<br>Match                   | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland<br>Lakes, NJ |
|        | 9/11  | 8:30 AM | Four Position Match                            | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland<br>Lakes, NJ |
|        | 10/30 | 8:30 AM | Carlos Hathcock<br>Match<br>(22nd Anniversary) | Cherry Ridge Range - Highland<br>Lakes, NJ |

#### **Respectfully Submitted,**

Joe Riley Shooting Program Chairman (201) 592-6093 (Home) joseph.riley10@verizon.net

This is the 2016 MCL shooting schedule. Our detachment currently has 8-12 members who attend these matches. The matches are normally \$20 per match. The matches are open to all shooters. If you have any questions about the program please contact our Range Officer Ray Sears 973-694-8457



April 2016

This year has been busy already in the first 3 months we have taken on over a dozen Eagle Scout Court of Honors. We have taken on and accomplished a large fundraising project. We have settled in to a new building. We have done two Rose events, 3 breakfasts, three Bingos at Paramus Veterans Home.

We sent two Marines, Dave Elshout and Peter Alvarez attend Leadership school and our Color Guard has participated in several events. The Demand for our Detachment is growing.

The professionalism and the pride we take in our work is a direct reflection on ourselves an Marines. We are being recognized by our local community leaders, our local newspapers and by our local residents of all the communities we serve.

The single biggest thing we need to do as a Detachment is recruit new members to help us grow our Team. This is essential so that we can accomplish more. Right now we have events that are overlapping on dates and we are faced with not having enough Marines to do the both jobs.

Please help by recruiting Marines as you meet them. If you want business cards to hand out with our information please see Paul Purcell he can order them for you!

At our meetings each month afterwards we have an bar open downstairs and we are picking up the tab. Beer and soda only if you want a cocktail they are \$4.

Every Friday night we have dinner and a movie hosted by the American Legion. Sometimes we order out and other times we cook dinners on our own. Coffee and dessert included!!!

The meals are anywhere from \$5-\$12 depending on the menu. drinks are available. The movies are sometimes new movies out in the theaters or classic movies that you may or may not have seen. Come join us at 7pm for dinner 8pm for the movie.

Semper Fi

# APRIL 2016

| MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY                            | SUNDAY   |  |
|--------|---|-----------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
|        |   |           |                                    | 1   | 2                                   | 3  |  |
| 1      | 5   | 6.        | 7                                  | 8   | 9                                   | 10   | * CONTRACTOR   |
| 11     | 12<br>Executive Board<br>Meeting 7pm<br>American Legion | 13        | 14                                 | 15<br>Bingo Paramus<br>veterans Home<br>14:00 | 16<br>Breakfast MCL 744<br>8am-12pm | 17<br>Maywood Street<br>Fair Rose Event<br>Eagle Scout Court of<br>HonorDavid  |  |
| 8      | 19  | 20        | 21                                 | 22  | 23                                  | Michael Thompson<br>24<br>Eagle Scott Court of<br>HonorKevin Donald<br>BoltTroop 3881400<br>Carnevale Center, St.<br>Mary's Church, Pompton<br>Lakes | 3rd Marine Division  |
| 25     | 26  | 27        | 28<br>Detachment<br>Meeting 7:30pm | 29  | 30                                  |  | Lakeland Detachmen<br>#744                                   |
|        |   | NOTES:    |                                    |   |                                     |  | www.usmcl744.org<br>P.O. Box 8<br>Pompton Lakes, NJ<br>07442 |



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#### **Paul Thompson**

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**Richard Daul, Director** 

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