



The Grunt

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April 2019 Newsletter

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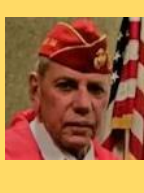
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Mission Statement of Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING—Part 1

Marines are doers and achievers. This is evident with all of the programs and activities that our Lakeland Detachment is involved with during the course of a year. Our list of activities is significant and appears later in this month's Grunt. We are so fortunate to have the number of members participating in our various activities.

Our 3rd Sunday Breakfast initiated by Mike McNulty is a huge success as is the rose program. I'm looking forward to this year's golf outing to also be a huge success. Our veteran's home visits are extremely successful and well received by those veterans looking for a friendly face, some attention and recognition. All of these programs are a success because of our members and their dedication to the principles of "Honor, Courage and Commitment", the core values of our Marine Corps.

Those values are a result of attitude. Our attitude creates our success, not wishful thinking, playing a game of chance or thinking someone else can create or hamper our success. Our success comes about by working together as a team. We inspire each other to succeed. Success in battles, business, social activities and life come about by working as a team towards a common goal. It's very easy to say, "the job will get done by someone else". That's a cop out and Marines don't cop out. We improvise, adapt and overcome all obstacles. Challenges become opportunities for success.

Let's continue with our successes by transfusing our efforts with additional members so we don't exhaust the stamina of members who are always present, thereby discouraging them and causing them to back off. We all have varied obligations and no matter what age group, those responsibilities are there, but in a different format. I know it's tough committing to the programs that we do in the spirit of service to our fellow man. However, we are Marines and Marines have always been counted on to do the job, do it well and see it to its conclusion.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT





Chaplain's Page



Giving Thanks

What better time could we find to give thanks to God than Easter.

**As spring awakens in the world, so also we are re-awakened
to the joy of our Easter Salvation story.**

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God Our Father,

As my thoughts turn to Easter and that day of suffering,

I realize that day was no ordinary day.

That day stands out from every other day.

That day of suffering and death opens the opportunity for us to choose eternal life.

Father, stir my unsaved loved ones to choose Jesus as their Lord and Savior in this Easter season.

Speak to them in personalized ways that will give them every opportunity to make that choice.

Thank you for your love and mercy.

Thank you for your amazing grace.

Amen

Les Derbyshire, Chaplain



***Service Officers Report
March***



Our next Bingo is on the 9th of April (Which is the 2nd Tuesday of the month) at 2 PM. Come out and join us for a good time with some of our Resident Veterans at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home, at 1 Veterans Way, Paramus NJ.

I want to also remind everyone that our next Saturday Breakfast will be on the 20th of April, from 8 AM till 12 Noon. We sure could use your helping hands. Hope to see you there.

We still have a number of seats available for our trip to Washington, that will be leaving on the 28th of June and returning on 30th. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.



As always, if there is anything that I can do to help you with some of your VA Issues, feel free to call me.

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Editor's Page



Greetings Marines,

Historically, there were quite a few major events in Marine Corps history during the month of April. The Battle for Okinawa began on April 1, 1945 and by April 3rd, Marine III Amphibious Corp had reached objectives thought to take at least 11 days. As on Iwo Jima, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors found the Japanese resistance to be even more extreme than any previous battle. While most of the island battles up until Iwo Jima were heavily defended, the Japanese did not have time to really dig in and set up an interactive defense. And while Iwo Jima defenses were prepared for only about 2 years, the defenses on Okinawa had been under construction since the beginning of the war as Okinawa was a Japanese possession. After heavy fighting, the last Japanese resistance ended on June 21st although many Japanese survivors went into hiding. The official surrender ceremony took place on September 7th, 5 days after the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. There were over 82,000 American casualties including over 12,500 dead. Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr whose decision to attack the Japanese defenses head on, though costly in American lives which was ultimately proved to be successful, also holds the distinction of being the highest ranking officer to be killed by enemy fire during WWII.

On April 15, 1962, Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

And lastly but close to my heart, on April 28, 1993, VMA 332 based at MCAS Cherry Point, NC transferred the last active A6E Intruder to St. Augustine, FL and began the move to MCAS Beaufort, SC to transition to the FA-18D Hornet Attack Aircraft. The A6 Intruder first entered service in February of 1963 and immediately began missions in Vietnam. A total of 84 Intruders were lost in action during the Vietnam War. 10 were shot down by SAMs, 2 were shot down by Migs, 16 were lost to operational causes and 56 were shot down by ground fire or AAA. Variants of the A6 (including the A6E) remained in service until February 28, 1997 when the last A6E aircraft were retired by the USN. The A6E had a 2 man crew, pilot and bombardier and was capable of carrying 18,000 lbs of ordinance including nuclear weapons. That is roughly equivalent to the payload of 4 B17 bombers from WWII based upon 4500 lbs on long distance raids. In its 30 plus years of service, the A6 had numerous upgrades in both avionics packages and airframe designs all of which greatly enhanced its primary mission.



The A6A Intruder entered squadron service in February, 1963 with both Navy and Marine Corps Attack squadrons. Although the F4 Phantom was designed as a fighter bomber, the Navy and Marine Corps needed an All Weather/Night Attack Aircraft. When in it's bomber roll, the F4 still had to fly at subsonic speeds. The A6 Wing was purposely designed for subsonic operation and a low altitude mission profile. It's ability to fly and deliver ordinance in any weather or time of night made it invaluable during the Vietnam War. Although the primary models were the A6-A, the A6-E, the KA6-D and EA6B, there were many more variants as listed below:

YA2F-1: Pre-production aircraft, eight built with the first four with rotating jet exhaust pipes, re-designated YA-6A in 1962.

A2F-1: First production variant with fixed tailpipe, 484 built, re-designated A-6A in 1962.

YA2F-1H: Prototype electronic warfare variant, one modified from A2F-1, re-designated YEA-6A in 1962.

A2F-1H: Electronic warfare variant of the A2F-1 re-designated EA-6A in 1962

YA-6A: Pre-production aircraft re-designated from YA2F-1 in 1962.

A-6A: First production variant re-designated from A2F-1 in 1962.

YEA-6A: One YA2F-1 electronic warfare variant prototype re-designated in 1962.

EA-6A: Electronic warfare variant re-designated from A2F-1H, had a redesigned fin and rudder and addition of an ECM radome, able to carry underwing ECM pods, three YA-6A and four A-6As converted and 21 built.

NA-6A: The re-designation of three YA-6As and three A-6As. The six aircraft were modified for special tests.

NEA-6A: One EA-6A aircraft was modified for special test purposes.

TA-6A: Proposed trainer variant with three-seat, not built.

A-6B: Day interdiction variant of the A-6A with simplified avionics, 19 conversions from A-6A and production batch of 54 aircraft were canceled.

EA-6B Prowler: Electronic warfare variant of the A-6A with longer fuselage for four crew.

YEA-6B: The designation of two EA-6B prototypes, which were modified for special test purposes.

A-6C: A-6A conversion for low-level attack role with electro-optical sensors, twelve converted.

KA-6D: A-6A conversion for flight-refueling, 58 converted.

A-6E: A-6A with improved electronics.

VA(L) candidate: Unbuilt single-seat A-6 based design proposal for competition for A-4 Skyhawk replacement based on existing design. Contract ultimately awarded to the LTV A-7 Corsair II

The last A6E was retired on February 28, 1997 after plans to upgrade the engines and avionics as well as airframes were scrapped to reduce aircraft inventory in the budget cuts of the early 1990s.

The last remaining variant, the EA6B Prowler was just retired from the Marine Corps this past March. It is unlikely that we'll ever see an aircraft like it again.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers, Editor





Quartermaster's Report

I'm still working on getting in a few requests in which are taking a little longer than I anticipated (trying to get the best deals as possible) and plan to have some of them in time for the April Breakfast. We now have embroidered long sleeve t-shirts and embroidered detachment t-shirts .

I'm still researching for a new vendor to supply our detachment jacket so please bear with me. If we can get orders for 10 jackets, we can use our current vendor. In the meantime the 4 orders that I do have are on hold.

As always , if anyone has any ideas or something that you think we should carry for both the Ship's Store and the Rose Programs, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



Potential items for the near future



3rd Saturday Breakfast Ship's Store



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

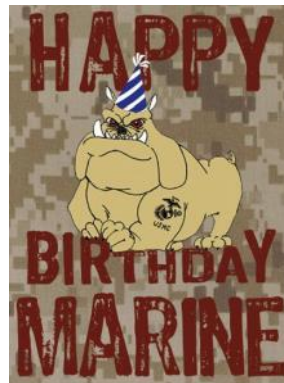
Calendar of Events

March 2019

- 04/09/2019 Bingo--Paramus Veteran's Home--1400
- 04/09/2019 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 04/20/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200
- 04/25/2019 Detachment meeting--1930

Happy Birthday to the following Marines:

- Edward Callahan April 4
- Danny H.K. Jokl April 5
- John Harris April 19
- Nicholas DeAngelis April 20
- Daniel Christian April 25
- Harrison Bruining April 30



April 18, 1983, 1 Marine was killed and 7 other were wounded when a car bomb exploded outside of the US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1 when the explosion took place. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery and was one of 61 people killed by the blast including 17 Americans



On April 10, 1959, Lt. Col John Glen was one of 7 volunteers accepted By NASA in to the astronaut training program.



On April 27, 1805, First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon with 7 other marines and a multi national force of Greeks and Arabs, raised the American flag over a conquered fortress at Deme, a stronghold of the Tripoli Pirates.



April 21, 1951, Marine Corsairs from the USS Bataan, destroyed 3 Yak fighters and severely damaged a 4th Yak fighter in the first Marine aerial combat sortie in the Korean War.



April 12 & 13 1918, Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack while waiting in reserve near Verdun. 9 officers and 305 enlisted were evacuated. 30 Marines later died from the mustard gas.



Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744

Important Dates for 2019

Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th,

August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours



January 19, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th,

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th & December 21st

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Regular Monthly Meeting

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month (Except November December)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th,

August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 19th



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes

Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack



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Washington DC Trip

June 28th to June 30

Itinerary

Hotel in Washington DC, 20-24 rooms: Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Center

June 28th: Depart 7:30am Oakland Elks Club, 33 Route #202, Oakland, NJ

We'll travel south to Washington through New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. We will stop at the Maryland House on the way to stretch our legs and to get a quick bite to eat. The bus will arrive at the Air and Space Museum at approximately 1:30 PM and we will have a guided tour of the museum. From the Museum we will be taken to our hotel to check in, relax and have a bite to eat before going to 8th and I, as special guests for the evening Parade.

Depart for the evening Parade by 6:00pm Must be at the Parade by 7:00PM The Evening Parade is a marvelous display of planning and precision formations This parade is held at Marine Barracks in Washington DC, which is the "Oldest Post of the Corps." Marine Barracks has been used for many events since the early 20th Century including Presidential inaugurations and other special celebrations. After the parade and ceremony we will return to the hotel.

June 29: Breakfast at the hotel

We will be leaving early in the AM to go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Special arrangements have been made for our group, and we will be there for the Changing of the Guard at 9:15 AM. At which time (4) from our group will have the honor to Lay the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After the Ceremony we will take the bus to the Main building at Arlington Cemetery and we can then take the tram and have a guided tour of the Cemetery. If the restoration of the Lee Museum and Grounds have been completed we will have the opportunity to Tour the Mansion and Grounds. Around 1 PM, we will arrive at the Marine Corps Museum. At this time we are in the process of arranging for a Special Tour of the Museum and to arrange either a late lunch at Tun Tavern or early Dinner (Or Both at your expense).

At 5:30pm , we will have our farewell dinner at Globe and Laurel restaurant, which is actually the insignia of the UK's Royal Marines," Richard "Rick" T. Spooner (born 1925) is a former officer in the United States Marine Corps and the proprietor of The Globe and Laurel Restaurant in Stafford, Virginia just a few miles south of the main gate of Marine Corps Base Quantico.

June 30: Breakfast at the Hotel

We will be doing an either or. If the weather is good, the bus will drop us off at Downtown Washington and everyone is free to sight-see on their own. Everything is in walking distance and we can see the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, (my personal favorite) the WW2 Memorial, WW1 Memorial, the Women's Vietnam Memorial, to name just a few. If weather is inclement, we will all be taken to the Smithsonian Museum to tour on our own. Shortly after noon we will get back on the bus for our trip back home.

HOTEL (Based on current availability)

Comfort Inn DC Downtown/Convention Center

1201 13th Street NW, Washington DC 20005

The Comfort Inn Downtown DC /Convention Center is conveniently located in the wonderful neighborhood of Logan Circle. We offer both Double bed and king bedrooms that come complete with a refrigerator, 40" flat screen tv, coffee makers, spacious desk with an ergonomic chair and an in-room safe. Don't forget the warm cookies served at 4 pm daily!

FOLLOWING SERVICES INCLUDED:

1. Bus tours, transfers and sightseeing as mentioned above..
2. Hotel – as mentioned or similar
3. Tour escort tour guide is with the tour
4. Breakfast at Hotel

Not Included:

1. Tips to the Driver & Tour Escort
2. Baggage Handling
3. Admission to the Evening Parade
4. Quantico

***** IMPORTANT*****

Drivers driving allowance: 10 hours of drive time and 15 hours on duty. 9 hours off before the start of the following day.

Price based per person in a Double occupancy:

<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40-44</u>	<u>45-49</u>
\$ 604.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 444.00

SGLB SUPP + \$ 130.00 PP TRPB RED - \$ 25.00 PP

Cancellation policy if entire group cancels:

30 - 15 Days 50% cancellation penalty

14 Days – 0 Days Full Cancellation - Non refundable

Individual cancellations are allowed, final price will be based on the amount of passengers traveling.

If individuals cancel, they will forfeit \$ 25.00 per person cancellation fee.

Payment Schedule :

We require \$ 1,000.00 deposit to book the tour on a definite basis by Jan 11,2019.

The balance is due, April 25, ,2019

Contact Ed Korek for details or questions: 201-317-1678 - koreke@optonline.net



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to our Third Saturday Monthly Breakfast

At The American Legion Hall

65 Oak Street, Oakland, NJ 07436

SATURDAY April 20 8AM-12 NOON

Come have an Outstanding Breakfast and a Good Time

Enjoy Fresh Eggs Made to Order

Eggs Benedict

Omelets; Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Gravy

Pancakes; French Toast & Waffles

Bacon; Sausage; SOS & Corned Beef Hash

Home Fries & Biscuits

Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins

Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults: \$12.00, Seniors: \$10.00

Children Between 6 and 10: \$6.00 & Children under 5: Free

Bring your family and friends

Most Important Support Lakeland Detachment #744

Be sure to visit our Marine Corps League Store in the back Right Corner.



Marine Corps League
Lifetime Achievement Award

At the February detachment meeting, Commandant Charles Huha presented lifetime achievement awards to Marines George Vankat and Joe Piazza. Their individual contributions over the years helped to bring the detachment to where it is today. Their dedication to their service with the detachment includes serving as Commandant, running the Golf Outing for many years and their continued participation greatly contributes to the success of our 3rd Saturday Breakfast. We look forward to their continued participation and leadership.



Pictured left to right are Commandant Charles Huha, Marine Joe Piazza, Marine George Vankat and Senior Vice Commandant Michael McNulty.

Congratulations on the well deserved recognition.



Marine Corps League

Lakeland Detachment 744

Invites you to its:

19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Preakness Valley Golf Course

209 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ 07470 973-881-4921

Date: Friday June 21, 2019

TIME: 8AM Register & Breakfast - 9AM Tee Time Shotgun Start

COST: \$135.00 per Golfer; Includes Green Fees, Cart, Breakfast and Buffet Lunch

Plus: Beer & Soda, on Course and Prizes for All

Reservations & Payments by June 7nd 2019 (Credit Cards Accepted)

BEST BALL FORMAT TEAM SCORE

PLEASE SHOW SHIRT SIZE NEXT TO YOUR NAME

Name _____ Phone _____

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VFW



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
JOHN HAND-TRI COUNTY POST NO. 2906
P.O. Box 86
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442-0086
Est. 1934

March 25, 2019

Dear Memorial Day Parade Participant:

You are cordially invited to participate in the annual Pompton Lakes Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the John Hand Tri-County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2906 and the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

This year's parade will be held on Sunday May 26, 2019. The parade will assemble at 10:45Am at the intersections of Lakeside and Jefferson Avenues.

V.F.W. memorial services will be held at 11:30AM at the Veterans Memorial Park, Jefferson and Lakeside Avenues. The parade will then commence following the services.

Please complete the enclosed postcard, indicating if your organization will be participating, and return the card as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your positive reply, a copy of the parade route will be forwarded to you.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. McGrady".

Robert J. McGrady
Parade Chairman

Commandant as in the past would like the Leagues Color Guard to lead the parade.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Fun Facts



Have you ever wondered why Tootsie Rolls hold significance with the Marine Corps? During the Korean War, the First Marine Division met the enemy at Chosin mountain reservoir in subfreezing temperatures. Out of ammunition, Marines called in for 60mm mortar ammo; code name “Tootsie Rolls.” The radio operator did not have the code sheets that would tell him what a “Tootsie Roll” was, but knew the request was urgent; so he called in the order. Soon, pallets of Tootsie Roll candies parachuted from the sky to the First Marine Division! While they were not ammunition, this candy from the sky provided well needed nourishment for the troops. They also learned they could use warmed Tootsie Rolls to plug bullet holes, sealing them as they refroze.

Over two weeks of incessant fighting, the 15,000-man division suffered 3,000 killed in action, 6,000 wounded and thousands of severe frostbite cases. But they accomplished their goal and destroyed several Chinese divisions in the process. Many credited their very survival to Tootsie Rolls. Surviving Marines called themselves “The Chosin Few.”

In L.I.N.K.S. you'll learn about the Marine Corps' history, culture, and how to navigate through your time at your installation and with the Marine Corps. Next time you pass the candy aisle and see tootsie rolls, think of how sweet those little chocolate snacks were to the “Chosin Few.”

L.I.N.K.S. is an acronym that stands for Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills. It is an interactive acculturation program to Marine Corps life and the local installation. Participants learn about Corps history and rank, local installation resources, services, and benefits, military pay, separation and deployment, crossroad options, communication styles, investing in the community and Marine Corps traditions. Partnerships are made with several services and personnel to include career planners, chaplains, and L.I.N.K.S. mentors.



Military Humor

Marine Corps Close Ground Support

Recently, a Marine Corps Harrier Squadron was invited to attend the annual Air Force Red Flag exercised at Nellis Air Force Base, NV. This is one of the USAF's big exercises where they test Combined Arms employment of tactical air assets. The USAF F-15 pilots showed up on the ramp with dozens of rear echelon airman types and tons of equipment such as Ground Power Units, Accessory Power Units, Hummers, Trucks, Air Conditioners, etc. The Marines appeared ready to operate in a combat environment and showed up with only their Harriers. The Air Force commander commented to the Marine commander:

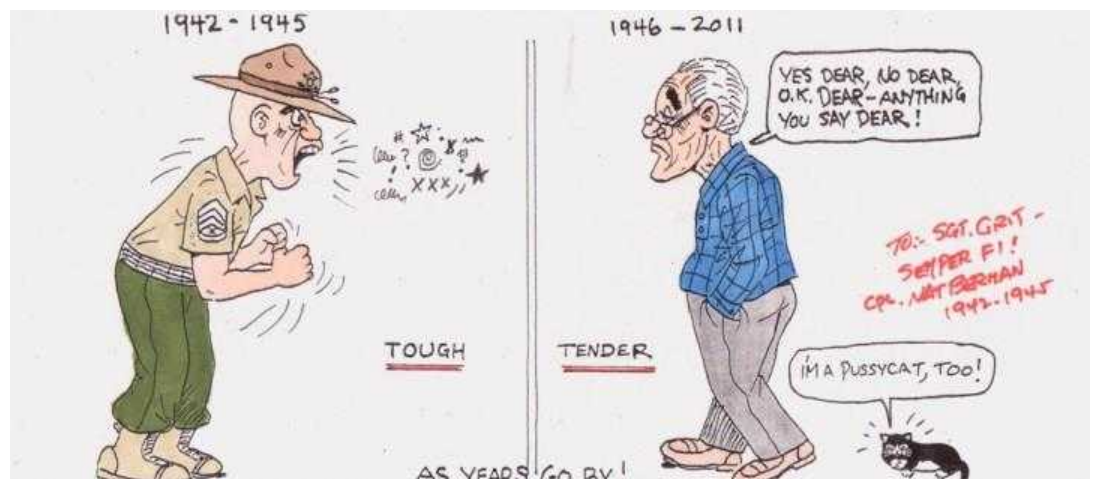
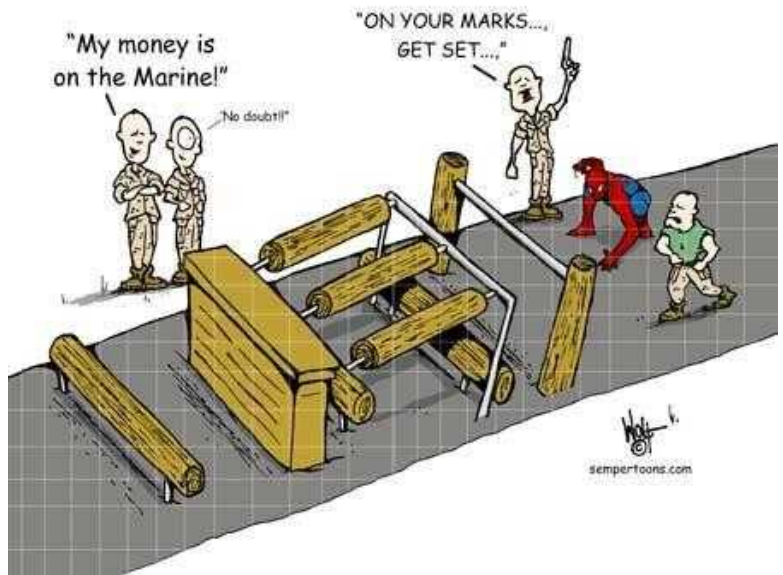
"Where is all your support stuff? Geezz, you guys really are just Grunts that know how to fly."

Not wanting to disappoint the Air Force commander, the Marine commander got an idea of his own to carry on the comment. He talked to his First Sergeant and later that night, the First Sergeant had his Marines make up bayonet studs on hose clamps. You see, there is a Pitot tube sticking out of the nose of a Harrier. In the late hours of darkness, the First Sergeant had the clamp with the bayonet stud tightened onto the Pitot tubes of each Harrier.

The next morning, the Air Force pilots fell out on the ramp in front of their F-15s. The Marine pilots fell out on the other side of the ramp in front of their Harriers. Each Marine pilot had on his deuce gear with a bayonet in the scabbard. The USAF commander ordered his pilots to "man your planes." The USAF ground crews by the dozens scrambled to their trucks, APU's, GPU's, etc. and the pilots ran to their planes. The Marine commander ordered his Marines to "Fix Bayonets."

Each pilot ran to the front of their Harrier and fixed his bayonet on the stud attached to the Pitot tube. The Marine commander then ordered "CHARGE" and the Marines jumped in their Harriers, dusted airborne, and flew off. The Marine commander turned to the USAF commander and said;

"Now that is what we Marines consider Close Ground Support"



Facts Regarding Vietnam and Our Vietnam Veteran Heroes (April 2016)

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam, the clock has been ticking. The following are some statistics that are at once depressing yet, in a larger sense, should give one a sense of pride.

"Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam; less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old."

Editor's note: as of 2018 it is estimated that only 496,777 of the 16 Million Americans that served in WWII are still alive. And currently as of February 2019, there are about 610,000 Vietnam Veterans alive today.

So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. Vets who served in Vietnam?? This is the kind of information we are used to reading about WWII and Korean War vets.

So the last 14 years we are dying too fast, only a few will survive by 2015...if any.

If true, 390 VN vets die a day. So in 2190 days from today you're lucky to be a Vietnam veteran alive..... in only 6 years..

These statistics were taken from a variety of sources to include: The VFW Magazine, the Public Information Office, and the HQ CP Forward Observer - 1st Recon April 12, 1997.

STATISTICS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY VIETNAM VETERANS

- * 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975).
 - 8,744,000 GIs were on active duty during the war (Aug 5, 1964-March 28,1973).
- * 2,709,918 Americans served in Vietnam, this number represents 9.7% of their generation.
- * 3,403,100 (Including 514,300 offshore) personnel served in the broader Southeast Asia Theater (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, flight crews based in Thailand, and sailors in adjacent South China Sea waters).
- * 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam (Jan. 1,965 - March 28, 1973). Another 50,000 men served in Vietnam between 1960 and 1964.
- * Of the 2.6 million, between 1-1.6 million (40-60%) either fought in combat, provided close support or were at least fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack.
 - * 7,484 women (6,250 or 83.5% were nurses) served in Vietnam.
 - * Peak troop strength in Vietnam: 543,482 (April 30, 1968).
- Editor's Note: As of 2017, there were 2,320,202 Active and Reserve members in the Armed Forces of the United States.

CASUALTIES

The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.

Hostile deaths: 47,378.....Non-hostile deaths: 10,800

Total: 58,202 (Includes men formerly classified as MIA and Mayaguez casualties).

Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.

8 nurses died -- 1 was KIA.....61% of the men killed were 21 or younger..

11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old.

Of those killed, 17,539 were married.....Average age of men killed: 23.1 years

Enlisted: 50,274: 22.37 years.....Officers: 6,598: 28.43 years.....Warrants: 1,276: 24.73 years

E1: 525: 20.34 years.....11B MOS: 18,465: 22.55 years

Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.....The oldest man killed was 62 years old.

Highest state death rate: West Virginia - 84.1% (national average 58.9% for every 100,000 males in 1970).

Wounded: 303,704 -- 153,329 hospitalized + 150,375 injured requiring no hospital care.

Severely disabled: 75,000, -- 23,214: 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.

Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than Korea.

Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.

Missing in Action: 2,338.....POWs: 766 (114 died in captivity)

As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. **As of April 14, 2017, there are 1,611 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War across Vietnam (1,258), Laos(297), Cambodia(49), and China(7).**

DRAFTEES vs VOLUNTEERS:

25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees. (66% of U.S. armed forces members were drafted during WWII).
Draftees accounted for 30.4% (17,725) of combat deaths in Vietnam.
Reservists killed: 5,977
National Guard: 6,140 served: 101 died.
Total draftees (1965 - 73): 1,728,344.
Actually served in Vietnam: 38% Marine Corps Draft: 42,633.
Last man drafted: June 30, 1973.

RACE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND

88.4% of the men who actually served in Vietnam were Caucasian; 10.6% (275,000) were black;
1% belonged to other races.
86.3% of the men who died in Vietnam were Caucasian (includes Hispanics)
12.5% (7,241) were black; 1.2% belonged to other races.
170,000 Hispanics served in Vietnam; 3,070 (5.2% of total) died there.
70% of enlisted men killed were of North-west European descent.
86.8% of the men who were killed as a result of hostile action were Caucasian; 12.1% (5,711) were black;
1.1% belonged to other races.
14.6% (1,530) of non-combat deaths were among blacks.
34% of blacks who enlisted volunteered for the combat arms.
Overall, blacks suffered 12.5% of the deaths in Vietnam at a time when the percentage of blacks of military age
was 13.5% of the total population.
Religion of Dead: Protestant -- 64.4%; Catholic -- 28.9%; other/none --? 6.7%

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.
Vietnam veterans' personal income exceeds that of our non-veteran age group by more than 18 percent.
76% of the men sent to Vietnam were from lower middle/working class backgrounds.
Three-fourths had family incomes above the poverty level; 50% were from middle income backgrounds.
Some 23% of Vietnam vets had fathers with professional, managerial or technical occupations.
79% of the men who served in Vietnam had a high school education or better when they entered the military service.
63% of Korean War vets and only 45% of WWII vets had completed high school upon separation.
Deaths by region per 100,000 of population: South -- 31%, West --29.9%; Midwest -- 28.4%; Northeast -- 23.5%.

DRUG USAGE & CRIME

There is no difference in drug usage between Vietnam Veterans and non-Vietnam Veterans of the same age group.
(Source: Veterans Administration Study)
Vietnam Veterans are less likely to be in prison -
only one-half of one percent of Vietnam Veterans have been jailed for crimes.
85% of Vietnam Veterans made successful transitions to civilian life.

WINNING & LOSING

82% of veterans who saw heavy combat strongly believe the war was lost because of lack of political will.
Nearly 75% of the public agrees it was a failure of political will, not of arms.

HONORABLE SERVICE

97% of Vietnam-era veterans were honorably discharged.
91% of actual Vietnam War veterans and 90% of those who saw heavy combat are proud to have served their country.
74% say they would serve again, even knowing the outcome.
87% of the public now holds Vietnam veterans in high esteem..

INTERESTING CENSUS STATISTICS & THOSE TO CLAIM TO HAVE "Been There"

1,713,823 of those who served in Vietnam were still alive as of August, 1995 (census figures). During that same Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country was: 9,492,958.

As of the current Census taken during August, 2000, the surviving U.S. Vietnam Veteran population estimate is: 1,002,511.

This is hard to believe, losing nearly 711,000 between '95 and '00. That's 390 per day.

During this Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country is: 13,853,027.

By this census, FOUR OUT OF FIVE WHO CLAIM TO BE Vietnam vets are not.

The Department of Defense Vietnam War Service Index officially provided by The War Library originally reported with errors that 2,709,918 U.S. military personnel as having served in-country. Corrections and confirmations to this erred index resulted in the addition of 358 U.S. military personnel confirmed to have served in Vietnam but not originally listed by the Department of Defense. (All names are currently on file and accessible 24/7/365).

Isolated atrocities committed by American Soldiers produced torrents of outrage from anti-war critics and the news media while Communist atrocities were so common that they received hardly any media mention at all. The United States sought to minimize and prevent attacks on civilians while North Vietnam made attacks on civilians a centerpiece of its strategy. Americans who deliberately killed civilians received prison sentences while Communists who did so received commendations.

From 1957 to 1973, the National Liberation Front assassinated 36,725 Vietnamese and abducted another 58,499. The death squads focused on leaders at the village level and on anyone who improved the lives of the peasants such as medical personnel, social workers, and school teachers.



Editor's Note: As near as I can tell some of the data supplied above when this was first written, was compiled sometime in the early 2000's. There isn't any publication date that I can find on this version. However, most of the statistics provided in the preceding pages are accurate. I added notes where I could to bring the information up to date. One of the comparisons that I read basically stated that our Vietnam Vets are dying at the same rate as our WWII and Korean War Vets. To our Vietnam Vets, it can not be overstated enough to say :

"Thank you and Welcome Home"



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Your Name _____
Company _____
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Butler, NJ 07405

For more info call Chris Arts, 973-492-2708
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Directions to SkyView:

SkyView Golf Club
226 Lafayette Road
Sparta, NJ 07871
973-726-4653

FROM ROUTE 23

- From Pompton Lakes, take Rt 23 North for approx 20 miles.
- Turn left onto CR-517/ Munsonhurst Rd.
- Continue to follow CR-517 for approx. 6 miles.
- Right onto Lafayette Road (Route 181).
- Proceed 1 mile and make a left onto SkyView Drive.
- Make the first right into the golf club parking lot.

FROM ROUTE 80

- 80 West to Exit 34B for Route 15 North.
- Route 15 North for 10 miles to the exit for Route 517.
- Left onto Route 517 South and proceed 1/2 mile to the second traffic light.
- Right onto Lafayette Road (Route 181).
- Proceed 1 mile and make a left onto SkyView Drive.
- Make the first right into the golf club parking lot.

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**If you only go to one golf outing this year,
make it this one!**

Come join us for a great day of golf at SkyView Golf Club in scenic Sparta, NJ.

When: Friday, May 3, 2019 (RAIN OR SHINE)

**Where: SkyView Golf Club
226 Lafayette Road
Sparta, NJ 07871**

Included with your very reasonable \$125 fee is:

- 18 holes of scenic golf
- Cart rental
- Continental breakfast
- Deluxe BBQ lunch at Clubhouse, incl. beer & soda
- Wide variety of prizes & giveaways
- Cash 50/50 drawing
- Win a New Car Hole-in-One-Contest sponsored by Schumacher Chevrolet
- Putting contest with cash prizes

Schedule

7:00 am	Registration opens
7:30 am	Continental breakfast
9:00	Shotgun start
1:30	BBQ lunch & awards

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Awards for:

- Lowest group score
- Second lowest group score
- Longest drive - men
- Longest drive - women
- Closest to pin
- Hole-in-one

How you can participate

Sign up as an individual golfer, get a foursome together, sponsor a hole or make a donation. See the forms included in this brochure to sign up for golf, as a sponsor or both. Or sign up and pay online using PayPal at our website kofc3801.org

For more info call Chris Arts, 973-492-2708
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About SkyView:

SkyView is ranked among the top 20 public access courses in New Jersey, and in 2003 was voted "New Jersey's Most Scenic Golf Course" by the readers of PubLinks Golfer Magazine. The course layout presents golfers of all skill levels a challenging and enjoyable experience.

SkyView was designed by Robert McNeil, Golf Course Architect of the Northeast Golf Company.

The routing at SkyView is woven through the striking natural terrain of the site. Unique outcroppings of stone, grand sheer rock cliffs and long vistas to the surrounding valleys frame and define the movement of the golf holes.

These memorable features strategically and aesthetically engage the player's senses throughout the golfing experience.

SkyView also features a fully equipped clubhouse, the Eagle's Nest Grille, well stocked pro shop, putting green and driving range.

Your participation in this event, whether as a golfer or sponsor, will enable Marian Council 3801 to continue to support our worthwhile local Knights of Columbus activities, including the KofC Tara Lynn Jankowski Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Marian Council Scholarships we award each year to graduating HS seniors from St. Mary's Parish.

**We hope you can save the date and join us on May 3!
Simply return the registration form and your check to reserve your spot or hole sponsorship.**

GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

(Hole Sponsor Form on reverse side)

PLAYER 1

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLAYER 2

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLAYER 3

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLAYER 4

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Number of golfers _____ @ \$125 = \$ _____

Lunch only _____ @ \$30 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to 'Marian Council 3801'

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Important Numbers and Websites

	Phone Number
Health Care Benefits:	1-877-222-8388
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
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 Hotline	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 Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's 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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Department of New Jersey

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<http://njmcl.org>

Lakeland Detachment 744 Web Site:

<http://www.usmcl744.org>

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