

# THE GRUNT



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## Commandants Corner

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## Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744 August, 2015

Marines are doers and achievers. That is evident with all of the programs and activities the Lakeland Detachment is involved with during the course of a year. Our list of activities is already overwhelming and will be included in this month’s Grunt. We are so fortunate to have the number of members participating in our various activities. All of our 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.

However, we continually need to transfuse these 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, especially other veterans; however, we are Marines and Marines have always been counted on to do the job, do it well and see it to its conclusion. We have a job to do, so let’s do it.

On another note, we are actively in pursuit of ads for our Marine Corps 240<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball ad book. As you know the cost of the ball is offset by the profit from the sale of ads. If each member just brought in one ad we would have enough to fill a 1-2” book. That would be extremely impressive.

## Commandants Corner (Cont.)

Commandants corner cont.

In addition we are also selling Commandant's Club tickets as a general fund raiser for the Detachment. The date of the picnic, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is not far off. Let's make sure we sell all 3,500 tickets. Contact Gene Kelley for extra tickets. He has about 18 left, but, minimal returns on sold tickets. Unsold tickets don't help us. It's just like voting, uncast votes don't mean a thing; consequently, unsold tickets don't mean a thing. So let's swing, obtain those ads and sell those tickets.

While we're at it make sure you patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Ad book and that's why you're there.

Semper Fidelis,  
Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



## Service Officers Report



At this September's meeting we will have representatives from our local VA, who will discuss Veterans benefits and answer questions you might have about benefits. John Harris (Passaic County Service Officer) has been our main guy to go to for help, so I think you'll really enjoy hearing from him!

October 3rd is our annual off-station Veterans picnic at the Oakland Elks. It will go from 12pm till 3pm. We're going to need help setting up, starting at 10am.

There should be approx. 60-70 Veterans coming up from three hospitals. This is a joint project with the Oakland Elks, and it worked out well last year.

Come out and make it a great day for our veterans!

Paul Thompson 201-651-1822

Ed Korek 973-835-4388

### Commandants Club Tickets

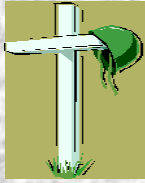
#### COMMANDANT CLUB TICKETS

There are only 23 tickets left.

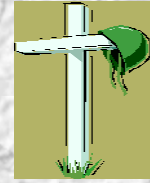
Those who have tickets please try to get the money in by August's meeting.

Thanks...

Gene



## Chaplains Desk



The Chaplain's Desk August 2015

Marines, this article sums it up quite well. It was sent to your Chaplain by George Vankat and is a perfect piece for the Chaplain's Desk this month.

"Occasionally, I venture back to my old duty base, where I'm greeted by an imposing security guard who looks carefully at my identification card, hands it back and says, "Have a good day, Gunny". Every time I go back to any base it feels good to be called by my previous rank, but odd to be in civilian clothes, walking among the servicemen and service women going about their duties as I once did, many years ago.

The military is a comfort zone for anyone who has ever worn the uniform. It's a place where you know the rules and know they are enforced - a place where everybody is busy, but not too busy to take care of business. Because there exists behind the gates of every military facility an institutional understanding of respect, order, uniformity, accountability and dedication that becomes part of your marrow and never, ever leaves you. Personally, I miss the fact that you always knew where you stood in the military, and who you were dealing with. That's because you could read somebody's uniform from 20 feet away and know the score. Service personnel wear their careers on their sleeves, so to speak. When you approach each other, you can read their name tag, examine their rank and, if they are in dress uniform, read their ribbons and know where they've served. I miss all those little things you take for granted when you're in the ranks, like breaking starch on a set of utilities fresh from the laundry and standing in a perfectly straight line military formation that looks like a mirror as it stretches to the endless horizon. I miss the sight of troops marching in the early morning mist, the sound of boot heels thumping in unison on the grinder, the bark of drill instructors and the sing-song answers from the platoons as they pass by in review.

To romanticize military service is to be far removed from its reality, because it's very serious business -- especially in times of war. But I miss the salutes I'd throw at officers and the crisp returns as we criss-crossed with a "by your leave sir". I even miss the hurry-up-and-wait mentality that enlisted men gripe about constantly, a masterful invention that bonded people more than they'll ever know or admit. I miss military people as they interact; speaking directly and clearly to each other and never showing disrespect for rank, race, religion or gender. Mostly, I miss being a small cog in a machine so complex it constantly circumnavigates the Earth and yet, so simple it feeds everyone on time, three times a day, on the ground, in the air or at sea.

I wish I could express my thoughts better about something I sometimes hated and yet, truly loved! I don't know anyone who has served who regrets it and doesn't feel a sense of pride when they pass through those gates and re-enter the world they left behind with their youth.

Face it guys - we all miss it...Whether you had one tour or a career; it shaped your life."

Dennis Kievit / Chaplain Lakeland Detachment / MCL#744  
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## Good News!

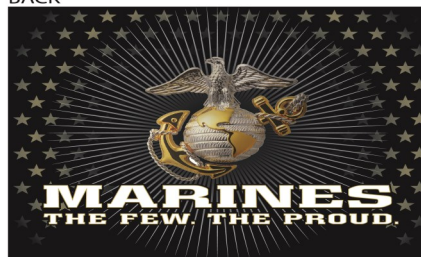
Our Trailer is in and heading for the shop to be wrapped with the artwork. Below is the sides, back door and the panels on the front of the v-nose. Anthony Falcone has graciously asked to donate the artwork for the trailer. He is a great supporter of our detachment and deserves our thanks for his generosity toward our Detachment. "Semper Fidelis" Anthony.



FRONT



BACK



SIDES



## Sick Call



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## Editors Corner



Sheep, Wolves and sheep dogs

This letter was written by Charles Grennel and his comrades, veterans of the Global War On Terror. Grennel is an Army Reservist who spent two years in Iraq and was a principal in putting together the first Iraq elections in January 2005.

It was written to Jill Edwards, student at the University of Washington, who did not want to honor Medal of Honor winner USMC Colonel Greg "Pappy" Boyington. Ms. Edwards and other students and faculty do not think those who serve in the U.S. Armed Services are worthy as good role models.

To: Jill Edwards, Student, c/o University of Washington  
Subject: Sheep, Wolves and Sheepdogs

Miss Edwards, I read of your student activity regarding the proposed memorial to Colonel Greg Boyington, USMC and a Medal of Honor winner. I suspect you will receive many angry emails from conservative people like me. You may be too young to appreciate fully the sacrifices of generations of servicemen and servicewomen, on whose shoulders you and your fellow students stand. I forgive you for the untutored ways of youth and your naiveté. It may be that you are simply a sheep. There's no dishonor in being a sheep, as long as you know and accept what you are.

William J. Bennett, in a lecture to the United States Naval Academy November 24, 1997 said "Most of the people in our society are sheep. They are kind, gentle, productive creatures who can only hurt one another by accident." We may well be in the most violent times in history, but violence is still remarkably rare. This is because most citizens are kind, decent people, not capable of hurting each other except by accident or under extreme provocation. They are sheep.

Then there are the wolves who feed on the sheep without mercy. Do you believe there are wolves out there who will feed on the flock without mercy? You better believe it. There are evil men in this world and they are capable of evil deeds. The moment you forget that or pretend it is not so, you become a sheep. There is no safety in denial.

Then there are sheepdogs and I'm a sheepdog. I live to protect the flock and confront the wolf. If you have no capacity for violence and you are a healthy productive citizen, you are a sheep. If you have a capacity for violence and no empathy for your fellow citizens, then you have defined an aggressive sociopath, a wolf. But what if you have a capacity for violence, and a deep love for your fellow citizens? What do you have then? A sheepdog, a warrior, someone who is walking the uncharted path. Someone who can walk into the heart of darkness, into the universal human phobia, and walk out unscathed.



We know that the sheep live in denial, which is what makes them sheep. They do not want to believe that there is evil in the world. They can accept the fact that fires can happen, which is why they want fire extinguishers, fire sprinklers, fire alarms and fire exits throughout their kid's schools. But many of them are outraged at the idea of putting an armed police officer in their kid's school. Our children are thousands of times more likely to be killed or seriously injured by school violence than fire, but the sheep's only response to the possibility of violence is denial. The idea of someone coming to kill or harm their child is just too hard. So they choose the path of denial.

The sheep generally do not like the sheepdog. He looks a lot like the wolf. He has fangs and the capacity for violence. The difference, though, is that the sheepdog must not, cannot and will not ever harm the sheep. Any sheepdog that intentionally harms the lowliest little lamb will be punished and removed. The world cannot work any other way, at least not in a representative democracy or a republic such as ours. Still, the sheepdog disturbs the sheep. He is a constant reminder that there are wolves in the land. They would prefer that he didn't tell them where to go, or give them traffic tickets, or stand at the ready in our airports, in camouflage fatigues, holding an M-16.

The sheep would much rather have the sheepdog cash in his fangs, spray paint himself white, and go Baa. That is, until the wolf shows up, and then the entire flock try desperately to hide behind one lonely sheepdog.

The students, the victims, at Columbine High School were big, tough, know-it-all high school students, and under ordinary circumstances would not have had the time of day for a police officer. They were not bad kids; they just had nothing to say to a cop. When the school was under attack, however, and SWAT teams were clearing the rooms and hallways, the officers had to physically peel those clinging, sobbing kids off of them.

This is how the little lambs feel about their sheepdog when the wolf is at the door. Look at what happened after September 11, 2001 when the wolf pounded hard on the door. Remember how America, more than ever before, felt differently about their law enforcement officers and military personnel? Understand that there is nothing morally superior about being a sheepdog; it is just what you choose to be.

Also understand that a sheepdog is a funny critter. He is always sniffing around out on the perimeter, checking the breeze, barking at things that go bump in the night and yearning for a righteous battle. That is, the young sheepdogs yearn for a righteous battle. The old sheepdogs are a little older and wiser, but they move to the sound of the guns when needed, right along with the young ones. Here is how the sheep and the sheepdog think differently. The sheep pretend the wolf will never come, but the sheepdog lives for that day.

After the attacks on September 11, 2001, most of the sheep, that is, most citizens in America said "Thank God I wasn't on one of those planes." The sheepdogs, the warriors, said, "Dear God, I wish I could have been on one of those planes. Maybe I could have made a difference." You want to be able to make a difference. There is nothing morally superior about the sheepdog, the warrior, but he does have one real advantage. Only one. And that is that he is able to survive and thrive in an environment that would destroy 98 percent of the population.

Research was conducted a few years ago with individuals convicted of violent crimes. These cons were in prison for serious, predatory crimes of violence: assaults, murders and killing law enforcement officers. The vast majority said they specifically targeted victims by body language: Slumped walk, passive behavior and lack of awareness. They chose their victims like big cats do in Africa, when they select one out of the herd that is least able to protect itself.

Some people may be destined to be sheep and others might be genetically primed to be wolves or sheepdogs. But I believe that most people can choose which one they want to be, and I'm proud to say that more and more Americans are choosing to become sheepdogs. Seven months after the attack on September 11, 2001, Todd Beamer was honored in his hometown of Cranbury, New Jersey. Todd, as you recall, was the man on Flight 93 over Pennsylvania who called on his cell phone to alert an operator from United Airlines about the hijacking. When they learned of the other three passenger planes that had been used as weapons, Todd and the other passengers confronted the terrorist hijackers. In one hour, a transformation occurred among the passengers –athletes, business people and parents – from sheep to sheepdogs and together they fought the wolves, ultimately saving an unknown number of lives on the ground.

Edmund Burke said "There is no safety for honest men except by believing all possible evil of evil men." Here is the point I want to emphasize, especially to the thousands of police officers and soldiers I speak to each year. In nature the sheep, real sheep, are born as sheep. Sheepdogs are born that way, and so are wolves. They don't have a choice. But you are not a critter. As a human being, you can be whatever you want to be. It is a conscious, moral decision.

If you want to be a sheep, then you can be a sheep and that is okay, but you must understand the price you pay. When the wolf comes, you and your loved ones are going to die if there is not a sheepdog there to protect you. If you want to be a wolf, you can be one, but the sheepdogs are going to hunt you down and you will never have rest, safety, trust or love. But if you want to be a sheepdog and walk the warrior's path, then you must make a conscious and moral decision every day to dedicate, equip and prepare yourself to thrive in that toxic, corrosive moment when the wolf comes knocking at the door.

This business of being a sheep or a sheepdog is not a yes-no dichotomy. It is not an all-or nothing, either-or choice. It is a matter of degrees, a continuum. On one end is an abject, head-in-the-sand-sheep and on the other end is the ultimate warrior. Few people exist completely on one end or the other. Most of us live somewhere in between. Since 9-11 almost everyone in America took a step up that continuum, away from denial. The sheep took a few steps toward accepting and appreciating their warriors and the warriors started taking their job more seriously.

It's OK to be a sheep, but do not kick the sheepdog. Indeed, the sheepdog may just run a little harder, strive to protect a little better and be fully prepared to pay an ultimate price in battle and spirit with the sheep moving from "baa" to "thanks".

We do not call for gifts or freedoms beyond our lot. Just like the sheepdog, we in the military just need a small pat on the head, a smile and a thank you to fill the emotional tank which is drained protecting the sheep.

And, when our number is called by The Almighty, and day retreats into night, a small prayer before the heavens just may be in order to say thanks for letting you continue to be a sheep. And be grateful for the millions of American sheepdogs who permit you the freedom to express even bad ideas.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE--LAKELAND DETACHMENT--744

SCHEDULE OF DETAILED ACTIVITIES --2015

DATE ACTIVITY

January

- 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Richard Borini and Jeevan Jeyabalan of Troop 49 in Oakland, NJ
- 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Evan DenDanto, Samuel DenDanto, Evan McDowell, Brandon Miller, Alec Wapshare and Zachary Mayfield of Troop 62 in Middletown, NY
- 12 Officers meeting
- 18 Sunday morning breakfast
- 18 Attended State MCL Meeting
- 22 Detachment meeting--Presentation to Rhonda and Steve Pearl who, on an unsolicited basis, paid for part of the dinner for our Detachment on the Marine Corps Birthday.

February

- 9 Officers meeting
- 15 Sunday morning breakfast
- 16 Conducted ceremony for fallen Marine John Kmetz at Richards Funeral Home
- 19 Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900
- 26 Detachment meeting--Approved following donations--\$300.00 towards barbeque grill for Paramus VA Nursing Home, \$1,000.00 to Family and Friends for Freedom Fund, \$1,000.00 to Marines Care, \$500.00 to Joseph Clayton for his son. Presentations made to Anthony Falcone of Phoenix Diversified who donated the new flag drop box and to Tony Lechniak of our Detachment who is a survivor of the Battle for Iwo Jima.

March

- 7 Kevin o'Leary and Ed Korek attended the Leadership Conference at Sea Bright
- 8 Participated in the Combat Pistol Match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range
- 10 Officers meeting
- 15 Sunday morning breakfast
- Attended State meeting in Red Bank
- 20 Bingo night at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900
- 22 Participated in Three Gun Aggregate match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range

26 Detachment meeting--Presented check to GySgt. Mario Monaco for \$1,000.00 for the Marines Care Fund; Approved additional \$500.00 to present to GySgt. Joseph Clayton for his son; Presented autographed , framed photo by Captain Ben Cascio to Don Seise of Minuteman Press for his service to the Detachment; Presented Eagle Scout Certificate to Robert "Austin" Schuster.

#### April

7 Officers meeting

12 Pistol Qualification at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range

19 Sunday morning breakfast

22 Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900

23 Detachment meeting--Presented Awards of appreciation to Mike Arendt of Mack's American Bar & Grill and John Encke of Stop & Shop for their support of Lakeland Detachment. Approved \$300.00 to be sent to the Mission of Honor Fund.

26 Rose program--Adorno's Father's Fair

26 MCL--NJ Championship at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range

#### May

1 Hawthorne Street Dedication--1300--requires 3 Marines

2 Special Olympics, Wayne, NJ--Color Guard

3 Eagle Scout ceremony for Jeff Depetris of Troop 49, Wayne, NJ

5 Presented Award of Appreciation to Corporate office of Stop & Shop, Brenda Delloio for their support of Lakeland Detachment.

12 Officers meeting

14 Eagle Scout ceremony for Christopher Yap of Troop 12 in Livingston, NJ

15 Bingo night at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900

15 Participated in fund raiser for Joey Clayton, son of Gy. Sgt. Joe Clayton

15 Attended Veterans Appreciation Ceremony at Bergen County Courthouse. Guest speaker was our own Captain Ben Cascio, Ret.

17 Sunday morning breakfast

17 600 Aggregate Match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range

21 Attended Memorial Day Ceremony at Passaic County Technical Institute

24 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony--Pompton Lakes

25 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony--Riverdale

24 Memorial Day Parade--Oakland

25 Memorial Day Parade--Hawthorne

28 Detachment meeting

28 Eagle Scout ceremony for Clement Lai of Troop 12 in Livingston, NJ

30 Detachment Rifle Shoot at Cherry Ridge Range--Highland Lakes, NJ

31 Eagle Scout ceremony--Collin A. Marzella--Troop 108--Wayne

31 Rose program--Walmart--Riverdale

June

5 Hawthorne Street Dedication--1300--requires 2 Marines

Rose program--Montvale Street Fair

9 Officers meeting

11,12,13 State Convention at Seaview Golf and Country Club in Galloway, NJ

14 Rose program--Pequanock Street Fair

14 Flag Day ceremony w/Oakland Elks--Veterans Monument--Oakland

18 Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900

20 Rose program--Boulder Run Stop & Shop--Wyckoff

21 Sunday morning breakfast--Fathers Day

26 Detachment meeting

July

14 Officers meeting

16 Eagle Court of Honor--Matthew Scavetta--Troop 12 in Livingston

17 Xmas in July camp moore special needs kids

19 Sunday morning breakfast

23 Detachment meeting

August

11 Officers meeting

16 Sunday morning breakfast

27 Detachment meeting

September

- 6 Rose program--Pompton Lakes Street Fair
- 7 Rose program--Riverdale Street Fair
- 9 Rose program--Mahwah Day--Color Guard needed
- 15 Officers meeting
- 20 Sunday morning breakfast
- 24 Detachment meeting

October

- 3 Annual Veterans picnic at Oakland Elks at 1200
- 4 Four Chaplains Ceremony--Pompton Lakes
- 6 Officers meeting
- 10 Detachment Rifle Shoot at Cherry Ridge Range--Highland Lakes, NJ
- 11 Rose program--Adorno's Father's Fair
- 18 Sunday morning breakfast
- 22 Detachment meeting

November

- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony--Pompton Lakes
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony--Hawthorne
- 12 Officers meeting
- 15 Sunday morning breakfast
- 24 Detachment meeting

December

- 12 Annual Bingo and christmas party at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900
- 15 Officers meeting
- 20 Sunday morning breakfast
- 22 Detachment meeting

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Tec-Sgt. Timothy J. Driscoll**

**United States Marine Corps 1943 – 1948**

Tim was a trained aerial navigator with the First Marine Air-wing in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. At the conclusion of World War II Tim and I arrived in North China to be present to accept the surrender of 250, 000 Japanese Troops. Although Tim was with the Marine Air-wing and myself with the 6<sup>th</sup> Marine Division from Okinawa then to Tsingto China. We met and became best of friends for many years there-after.

In 1990 when the Lakeland Detachment was being formed I immediately phoned Tim to join us as Judge Advocate. Tim conferred with State and National officials regarding By-Laws for the Detachment and other legal matters. Many of those By-Laws are still in effect 25 years later.

Tim was a life member for 25 years served us as Judge Advocate for 9 years and passed away on April 8, 2015

Semper Fidels

Marine Robert "Bob" Bateson



The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

*Invites you to its:*

**ANNUAL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PICNIC**

**PLACE:** Oakland Elks; 33 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ

**DATE:** Saturday; September 12, 2015

**TIME:** 1:00 P/M - Till ???

**COST:** \$20.00 Per Person  
Children under 10 years old will be free

**MENU:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Smoked Beef Brisket, BBQ  
Ribs, Cold Salads,  
Corn-On the-Cob, Watermelon,  
Soda/Beer, Dessert, Coffee and Tea

**Please mail checks made payable to:**

**"MCL Lakeland Detachment 744"**

**P.O. Box 8**

**POMPTON LAKES, NJ 07442-0008**

**Contact: Grace Alvarez at 973-839-5693**

**THE COMMANDANTS CLUB DRAWING  
WILL BE HELD DURING OUR PICNIC.**



***Marines***

*The Few. The Proud.*



The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

*Invites you to its:*

**ANNUAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL**

**PLACE:** Macaluso's, Hawthorne, NJ

**DATE:** Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

For 240 years the Marine Corps has celebrated its founding in 1775. On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Marine Corps League, Lakeland Detachment 744, Pompton Lakes, NJ will host its Twenty Fifth 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, 2015.

If you have any dietary restrictions and need additional information, please contact Marine Les Derbyshire at 201-891-2600. (Invitations will be mailed to you in the near future)





The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

*Invites you to its:*

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

**Preakness Valley Golf Course  
209 Totowa Road, NJ 07470  
973-881-4921**

**DATE:** Thursday September 10, 2015

**TIME:** Register & Breakfast 8AM Tee Time 9AM

**COST:** \$135.00 per Golfer Includes: Green Fees,  
Cart, Continental Breakfast, Plus Buffet Lunch  
Beer, Soda, Dessert & Prizes

**BEST BALL FORMAT TEAM SCORE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Golf Committee

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MasterCard, Visa**







The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

*Invites you to its:*

**ANNUAL JOHN BASILONE MEMORIAL PARADE**

**PLACE:** Raritan Train Station located between  
Thompson and Anderson Streets, Raritan, NJ

**DATE:** Sunday, September 20, 2015

**TIME:** 11:00 A/M

On Sunday, September 20, 2015, the Borough of Raritan will host its Thirty-Fourth Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallant action during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942 and the Navy Cross posthumously for more heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed on February 1945.

**"THE ONLY PARADE IN AMERICA HONORING A WAR HERO"**



# MCL 2015 Schedule

All M. C. League meetings start at 19:30 (7:30pm)

ELKS, 33 Ramapo Valley Rd, Pompton Lakes

**DATES**

**ADDRESS**

## July

07/04/15	July 4th Parade	
07/11/15	Frank Mackey Bike Run Rose Event	Willowbrook Mall TBD
07/14/15	Officers Meeting	TBD
07/19/15	Monthly Breakfast	Elks
07/23/15	Detachment Meeting	New Time 7:30pm Elks

## August

08/09/15	Rifle qualification Match cherry Ridge Range 8am	
08/11/15	Officers Meeting	TBD
08/16/15	Marine Breakfast	Elks
08/27/15	Detachment Meeting 7:30pm	Elks

## September

09/06/15	Rose Event Pompton Lakes Day	Pompton Lakes
09/07/15	Rose Event Riverdale Day	Newark Pompton TPK
09/15/15	Officers Meeting	TBD
09/19/15	Rose Event Mahwah Day (Color Guard Needed)	Mahwah
09/20/15	Breakfast	Elks
09/20/15	Four position match Cherry Ridge	
09/20/15	Basilone Parade, Raritan train Station 11am	Raritan
09/24/15	Detachment Meeting 7:30pm	Elks

## Veterans Information

### Paul Thompson

Lakeland Detachment 744

Marine Corps League

Veterans Service Officer

201-320-3210

### 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

Fax: 908-647-3452

### Veterans Service Officer

#### Vietnam Veterans of America

Margaret Wojciechowicz

973-297-3227

### PASSAIC

Veterans Service Office

930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200

Totowa, NJ 07512

973-569-4090

John Harris VSO/ Richard Mannes VSO

### BERGEN

Division of Veterans Services

One Bergen County Plaza,

2nd Floor

Hackensack NJ 07601

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6326, 7406

Richard Daul, Director

## Marine Corps League Information

### Marine Corps league National Website

<http://www.mcleague.com>

### 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>

