



The Grunt

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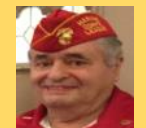
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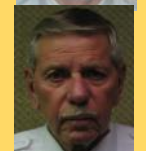
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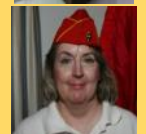
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Commandant's Corner

Lakeland Detachments 744

August 2018

Successorship

The word implies continuity. I've spoken about this on several different occasions. This is extremely important if our Detachment will continue to thrive and succeed in the future. It's not just Detachment—744, but, all organizations, including government and corporations. This is not for change for change sake. We all know where that has taken us, straight down the proverbial tube. It is to provide further growth in the organization, hopefully, capitalizing on the strengths of the incumbent and leaving behind any weaknesses. Positive change enables an organization to grow in a healthy manner and provides the stimulation necessary for that growth.

I'm a firm believer that anyone in a certain hierarchical position needs to find a suitable replacement and train that replacement to assume command at a designated time. That serves several purposes; namely, to provide backup in the event something happens to the primary person holding the position or the person goes on an extended vacation or leave; to provide an opportunity for the primary person to move on to other positions, such as a promotion that may develop and to steer the organization toward future and continued growth. If there is no backup and the person is too valuable in their current role, they cannot move on and you may end up losing a valuable person to another organization.

We have several positions that are complex with some requiring detailed work such as accounting skills. Other positions require other attributes such as organization, planning etc. The Marine Corps is always looking for a few good men. The Marine Corps League is no different. We need Supernumeraries to work with the various members of our Executive Board to provide the benefits outlined previously.

In addition to volunteers, I'm asking the members of our Executive board to actively recruit for those members they feel will be most qualified to fulfill the requirements of their positions. This is our Marine Corps League Detachment founded almost 27 years ago. Let's not let it or our founding members down. We have an excellent Detachment; let's continue to make it grow, thrive and prosper and not let it stagnate on the vine.

We have appointed a nominating committee to arrive at a slate of officers for the coming detachment year commencing with October, 2018. Term limits are needed for the benefit of all, not just the few, such as members of Congress or the Senate. We have achieved some significant goals and, I believe, had some fun, as well. It is time for a change in order to move the detachment toward even greater heights. We have a great slate of officers who can assist the new Commandant; however, some may choose to move on to other responsibilities including as Commandant. Others may wish to remain in their current positions. I ask that you all give serious consideration to this very important matter for the good of our Detachment and the Marine Corps League.

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



Color Guard and the evening parade Eighth & I



Drum & Bugle Corps at the evening parade Eighth & I

Chaplain's Page

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you needs.	Philippians 4:19

He Saves the Nations

Terrorist acts occur across the world with disconcerting frequency. At concerts, on bridges, in restaurants, during school and in many other situations people have found themselves running and hiding for their lives. These horrific disruptions starkly illustrate just how divided and dissimilar we are as people living in this troubled world.

In John, we see our struggles aren't just limited to bridging differences. Jesus points to an uncomfortable truth: all people regardless of race, sex socioeconomic situation or other condition, are sinners in darkness. People by nature are ultimately divided because we are exiles from Eden.

When we are born into this world, we had no hope. However, we are given great hope in Christ. In his great condescension, our God, creator of the universe, desired eternal life for all people, every single one. He granted authority to his son to say and speak salvation to all the nations. What divides us—our sin and so much violence—can never overcome what unites us— Christ himself.

Those then who receive the gift of saving faith are blessed eternally. Trust in Christ. Hope in Him. He alone saves the nations.



Semper Fi and God Bless,
Les Derbyshire & Dave Elshout

He heals
THE WOUNDS OF EVERY
SHATTERED HEART.
Psalm 147:3

Service Officer's Report



Our Next Bingo at the VA Nursing Home in Paramus will be on Tuesday August 14th. The Bingo starts at 2 PM.

Most everyone is aware that the Vet Center helps Veterans who were in combat that may have Psychological Health Issues. They do great work helping our veterans but their program is geared toward only Combat Veterans and their Families.

I was just made aware of another Program that is a Psychological Health Outreach Program that helps Veterans from all services that have served our Nation.

We have added their Card to our list of Veterans Information section in this months Grunt. As I find out more information about the organization I will add it to my Service Officers Report.

As always, if anyone has questions about what I have shared above or their Veteran Benefits you can call me at any time. My Cell is 1-201-317-1678, my home number is 1-973-835-4388.

***Edward Korek
Service Officer***

Editor's Page



The airfield at [Lunga Point](#) on [Guadalcanal](#) under construction by Japanese and conscripted Korean laborers in July 1942

Greetings everyone,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer as we reach the midway point. However, there is always work going on behind the scenes that are important to the day to day operations of our wonderful detachment. Hopefully everyone has had a chance or will have a chance to take a vacation and recharge their batteries as we have a busy September ahead of us. Look for more details on the many different events in September later on in this issue. Remember, the more hands we have available for these events, the easier the work load.

Historically, there were several major events that took place in the month of August. On August 7, 1942 the 1st Marine Division with elements of the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion (which landed as infantry as there wasn't sufficient aircraft to drop them as parachutists) invaded the Pacific Islands of Guadalcanal, Tugali and Gavutu. The necessity of invading these islands became apparent due to the Japanese construction of an airfield on Guadalcanal. These islands were strategically located in the southern end of the Solomon Islands. With an airfield capable of handling bombers and fighters, the Japanese would effectively shut down the American Shipping Routes to Australia and be able to stage a potential invasion of Australia which could very well have changed the outcome of the war. It was imperative that America take control of these islands before the airfield was completed.



United States Marines wade ashore on Tulagi Island on 7 August 1942.

The 1st Marine Raider Battalion under Lt Col Mike Edson, invaded Tulagi first and secured the island on Aug 8th after a full day of combat with a tenacious foe. The 1st Parachute Battalion landed on Gavutu/Tanambogo and faced significant opposition which resulted in about a 20 percent casualty rate for the Paramarines. Japanese defenders on all 3 of the smaller islands were wiped out to the last man. Once Gavutu and the island of Tanambogo immediately to the north were secured (with assistance from the 1st Marine Raider Battalion) and all facilities destroyed or rendered useless, both units were withdrawn to Guadalcanal to join with the 1st Marine Division.



Marine officers on Tulagi. LtCol Edson is second from left in front row.

Shortly after the invasions of Tulagi and Gavutu-Tanambogo, the 1st Marine Division landed on Guadalcanal. Facing little or no opposition, they secured the airfield by 1600 on Aug 8th. Japanese construction troops (naval construction units similar to the Seabees), took off after the initial bombardment so there was little defense by the Japanese. The Japanese Navy responded to the invasion by sending aircraft to bomb the invasion fleet. The evening of August 8th, Admiral Fletcher in charge of the Carrier Group to support the invasion, informed Major General Vandergrift that due to his aircraft losses, consumption of fuel and gathering opposition he was withdrawing from the battle. Admiral Turner who was in charge of the transport group, regretfully advised that he would off load as much as possible on August 9th but without aircover from the carrier group he would not be able to continue off loading desperately needed heavy equipment, heavy artillery, food, petrol and ammunition. On August 12th, Henderson Field was opened for business. Through the month of August, Marines on the island would see some of the most horrific battles with the Japanese Navy and Army forces sent to retake the island. Guadalcanal would see at least a dozen Medal of Honor recipients. With the Marine's ability to hold on in spite of the tremendous odds against them, eventual resupply and re-enforcement would result in a victory for the 1st Marine Division. The Grunts would come to say that it was the Pilots flying out of Henderson Field that saved the day. The pilots would come to say that it was the Grunt and his rifle that won the day.



Cactus Air Force aircraft crowd Henderson Field, Guadalcanal.

Not to be understated, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion made the Makin Raid on August 17-18. While the raid in itself was rather insignificant and failed in its local objectives, it accomplished the primary objective of forcing the Japanese to maintain heavier defenses on the occupied islands through the Pacific Sphere of Japanese occupation. Both of these actions were considered to be the first offensive actions in the Pacific and turned the tide of the war. Read more on Guadalcanal when you can. It is a fascinating period of Marine Corps history on which I don't have space to adequately do it the justice it deserves.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Editor

Quartermaster's Report

I was finally able to get through to Aladen Athletic Wear—our supplier for the Red Satin Jackets. They will be sending a representative to the August meeting so we can place orders for the jackets as a group. They did say the more jackets that are ordered in a group, the better the price will be. Details to be confirmed prior to the meeting but please come prepared to place an order (including payment) if you are planning to get the detachment jackets.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

July

- 8/14/2018: Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home 1400
8/14/2018: Executive Board Meeting--1900
8/18/2018: 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200
8/23/2018: Detachment meeting--1930



V Amphibious Corps off of Tinian



Marine Raiders Solomon Islands 1942/1943



VMF-214 on the USS Sicily Late 1950



*ANDERSON, JAMES, JR.

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, 2d Platoon, Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines, 3d Marine Division. Place and date: Republic of Vietnam, 28 February 1967. Entered service at: Los Angeles, Calif. Born: 22 January 1947, Los Angeles, Calif. Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Company F was advancing in dense jungle northwest of Cam Lo in an effort to extract a heavily besieged reconnaissance patrol. Pfc. Anderson's platoon was the lead element and had advanced only about 200 meters when they were brought under extremely intense enemy small-arms and automatic weapons fire. The platoon reacted swiftly, getting on line as best they could in the thick terrain, and began returning fire. Pfc. Anderson found himself tightly bunched together with the other members of the platoon only 20 meters from the enemy positions. As the fire fight continued several of the men were wounded by the deadly enemy assault. Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the marines and rolled alongside Pfc. Anderson's head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off. Although several marines received shrapnel from the grenade, his body absorbed the major force of the explosion. In this singularly heroic act, Pfc. Anderson saved his comrades from serious injury and possible death. His personal heroism, extraordinary valor, and inspirational supreme self-sacrifice reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.





Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2018
Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12, July 10th, August 14th,
September 11th (subject to change), October 9th, November 13th & December 11th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

**February 17th, March 17th, April 21st,
May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th,**

September 15th, October 20, November 17th & December 15th

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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

February 22nd, March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd,
September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd & December 28th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

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Dear Members:

FRIENDLY REMINDER

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

As we have discussed at the Detachments monthly meetings, Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed: **All Members Yearly Renewal Date "To 31 August" of each calendar year.** By paying on or before 31 August of 2018 members will be due on August First of 2019 and each year thereafter.

Please remit your check for \$50.00, payable to MCL # 744 and mail to MCL P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008.

Please put your six (6) digit ID number on the bottom left side of your check. (Memo Section)

Please take note: Marine Corps League National Headquarters will no longer be sending out annual renewal notices said notices will come from the Detachment Paymaster.

Any questions to the above please feel free to call me at 973-839-5693.

Semper Fidelis

Marine Peter J. Alvarez
Paymaster / Adjutant
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744

This means that dues are dues now!



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Rose Event Schedule

September through November



Sept 3: Pompton Lakes Day 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (On Lakeside Ave by the lake)

Sept 22: Franklin Lakes Day - Recreation field off of DeKorte Rd. Time TBD

Oct 6: Allendale Day

Oct 13: Autumn Lights Festival West Milford

Nov 18: Stop & Shop Wyckoff

Many hands make light work!

The Marine Rose

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War I when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances, take and wear one proudly.

THE PROGRAM: Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.

Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes.

Scholarships - assist youth programs - Humanitarian Aid

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS - Purchase roses from MCL National Headquarters, Ships Store - coordinate with local businesses or organizations to set-up a table or booth at their location - use a coffee or other type container as a collections can - Advertise what the Marine Rose Program is for and what the donations will be used for. - Conduct each year in conjunction with the Marine Corps Birthday, or whenever you feel it will be most effective. - Funds should not be used for the detachment's "general fund", to fund Detachment parties, cook-outs, Birthday Balls, etc. They should be used for the purposes stated above.

This day in Marine Corps History August

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," Maj Gen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, took off from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

9 August 1942: With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBV which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

17 August 1942: Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of Sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.



Lt. Col Evans Carlson & Major James Roosevelt Marine 2nd Raider Battalion



F4U-4B of VMF 214 prepped for ground support action off the USS Sicily near Korea in 1950

In Memorial

In July MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 lost 2 of it's own.

On July 18, 2018, Marine Edward H. Menshon Jr. 81 of West Milford answered the final call.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife; Joan (Leckel) of W. Milford, two daughters; Linda Lee Menshon of Naples, Florida, and Susan Menshon-Spinelli and her husband Peter Spinelli of W. Milford, three grandchildren; Alexandria Varcardipane of W. Milford, Daniel Varcardipane of Pennsylvania, Justin Cornetto of Hoboken, and one sister; Barbara Istvan and her husband John of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The Detachment rendered honors on July 24th.

He was interred on July 25th at Laurel Grove Memorial Park, Totowa

On July 30, 2018, Marine John Fitzgerald 80 of Pompton Lakes answered his final call.

He had lived in Pompton Lakes for most of his adult life.

He had been a member of MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 and he is an original signatory of the Detachment Charter.

John is survived by his devoted wife; Mary Ann of Pompton Lakes and a daughter.

Friends may visit with the family at:

Christ Episcopal Church

400 Ramapo Ave

Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442

973-835-2207

On Friday August 10, 2018 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Funeral is at 11:00 AM on Saturday August 11, 2018

There will be a MCL Ceremony on August 10 at 7:00 PM.

The Uniform of the Day is: Short Sleeve White Aviator Shirt, Black Trousers, Black Shoes & Red MCL Cover. Lets have a great turnout.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Rest in peace brothers.

A time to kneel

Written by Ted Nugent

Take a little trip to Valley Forge in January. Hold a musket ball in your fingers and imagine it piercing your flesh and breaking a bone or two. There won't be a doctor or trainer to assist you until after the battle, so just wait your turn. Take your cleats and socks off to get a real experience.

Then take a knee.

Then, take a knee on the beach in Normandy where man after American man stormed the beach, even as the one in front of him was shot to pieces ... the very sea stained with American blood. The only blockers most had were the dead bodies in front of them, riddled with bullets from enemy fire.

Take a knee in the sweat soaked jungles of Vietnam. From Khe San to Saigon ... anywhere will do. Americans died in all those jungles. There was no playbook that told them what was next, but they knew what flag they represented. When they came home, they were protested as well, and spit on for reasons only cowards know.

Take another knee in the blood drenched sands of Fallujah in 110 degree heat .. Wear your Kevlar helmet and battle dress. Your number won't be printed on it unless your number is up! You'll need to stay hydrated but there won't be anyone to squirt Gatorade into your mouth. You're on your own.

There are a lot of places to take a knee where Americans have given their lives all over the world.. When you use the banner under which they fought as a source for your displeasure, you dishonor the memories of those who bled for the very freedoms you have. That's what the red stripes mean. It represents the blood of those who spilled a sea of it defending your liberty.

While you're on your knee, pray for those that came before you, not on a manicured lawn striped and printed with numbers to announce every inch of ground taken ... but on nameless hills and bloodied beaches and sweltering forests and bitter cold mountains .. every inch marked by an American life lost serving that flag you protest.

No cheerleaders, no announcers, no coaches, no fans ... just American men and women ... delivering the real fight against those who chose to harm us ... blazing a path so you would have the right to "take a knee." You haven't any inkling of what it took to get you where you are ... but your "protest" is duly noted. Not only is it disgraceful to a nation of real heroes, it serves the purpose of pointing to your ingratitude for those who chose to defend you under that banner that will still wave long after your jersey is retired.

* If you really feel the need to take a knee, come with me to church on Sunday and we'll both kneel before Almighty God. We'll thank Him for preserving this country for as long as He has. We'll beg forgiveness for our ingratitude for all He has provided us. We'll appeal to Him for understanding and wisdom. We'll pray for liberty and justice for all...because He is the one who provides those things. But there will be no protest. There will only be gratitude for His provision and a plea for His continued grace and mercy on the land of the free and the home of the brave. It goes like this ... GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

History of Taps

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than Taps. Up to the Civil War, the traditional call at day's end was a tune, borrowed from the French, called Lights Out. In July of 1862, in the aftermath of the bloody Seven Days battles, hard on the loss of 600 men and wounded himself, Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield called the brigade bugler to his tent. He thought "Lights Out" was too formal and he wished to honor his men. Oliver Wilcox Norton, the bugler, tells the story, "...showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, (he) asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring Brigades, asking for copies of the music which I gladly furnished. The call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac." This more emotive and powerful Taps was soon adopted throughout the military. In 1874 It was officially recognized by the U.S. Army. It became standard at military funeral ceremonies in 1891. There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate in the air. - from an article by Master Sergeant Jari A Villanueva, USAF



The image displays the musical score for the bugle call "Taps". It features two staves of music in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a common time signature, and a dynamic marking of *mf*. The tempo is marked *Slowly*. The music consists of a series of notes and rests, with some notes having a fermata. The second staff continues the melody. Above the first staff, there are three logos: on the left, a blue triangle with white stars and the text "TAPS BUGLER"; in the center, the word "Taps" in a large, bold, serif font, with the subtitle "The National Call of Remembrance" below it; and on the right, a red and blue logo with a yellow bugle and the text "TAPS FOR VETERANS". At the bottom center, the website address "www.tapsbugler.com" is printed.





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	Phone Number
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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
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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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