

“THE GRUNT”



USMCL Lakeland Detachment #744 Newsletter

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Commandants Corner December 2015

COMMANDANT'S CORNER
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment—744
December, 2015

Our 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at Macaluso's in Hawthorne on November 6 was a tremendous success and the best Ball we've ever had. Congratulations to Les Derbyshire and his team, Trudi Derbyshire, Ken and Dorothy Fackina and Peter and Grace Alvarez.

However, if it weren't for the vision, dedication, patriotism and love of Corps by Tom Fiorilla, Lakeland Detachment would not be in existence. He hung his boot camp picture in his barber shop and invited others to do the same. On November 10, 1989 Tom and other Marines, Hank Kuhn Sr. and Jr., Tim Driscoll, Howard Shofner, Mike Magner, Marty Hanse, Tony Franco, Desmond Reiser, Zack Ziccardi, Brad Sacoli, John Fitzgerald, Jeremiah Lucey, Joe Wasaki, Bob Kenyon, Harry Kaufman and Victor Paliotta gathered at the Tun Tavern of Wanaque (Holy Mackerel Bar and Grill) to celebrate the 214th Marine Corps Birthday. Tom provided the cake, had each in attendance stand and introduce themselves as none of them knew each other.

Learning there was an organization of Marines called the Marine Corps League, Tom set about finding out the requirements to organize a detachment. Since they met in the Lakeland area, the name Lakeland Detachment was adopted with 744 assigned by the Department of New Jersey Marine Corps League. In order to obtain a charter, 25 members were required. Tom started to recruit members by knocking on doors of homes flying the Marine Corps Flag and in December, 1990 received the official Charter. Tom knocked on my door in 1991.



Commandants Corner December 2015

The first meeting place was at the American Legion in Pompton Lakes. The second was at the VFW in Pompton Lakes; then to the Oakland Elks and most recently to the American Legion in Oakland.

Today our Detachment is 151 members strong, has a long history of significant accomplishments and will be celebrating its 25th birthday at the American Legion on December 15th with a buffet dinner at 7:30 (1930). For this month the meeting will start at 1900 and will be very brief. Wives are invited for the meeting and dinner. Please notify either Grace Alvarez at 973/839-5693 or Geraldine Huha at 973/835-2315 so they can obtain a proper headcount.

Tom was recognized for his efforts at our Marine Corps Birthday Ball with the presentation of a Plaque. Thank you very much Tom for your significant efforts in the formation of our Detachment.

HONOR--COURAGE--COMMITMENT

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie



Service Officers Report December 2015

Hi Marines,

It is our annual Christmas bingo at the Paramus Veterans nursing home on Friday December 11 at 7:00 PM.

It's always a great evening provide fellowship, fun, and gifts to our fellow veterans!

We will meet directly at the veterans home.

Our next bingo will be on Thursday January 7, 2016 at the Paramus Veterans nursing home again. Note we are going to do the bingo at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Any questions please give me a call or email me.

Paul Thompson

We have went to Paramus veterans home and verified that they have received our donation of 50 flat screen Tv's, 100 wall clocks and 100 plastic boxes that were part of there wish list! Great job Team!

Ed Korek

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Sick Call



Phil Barnett PC -973-839-2881

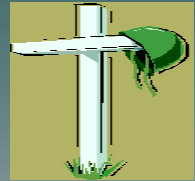
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Chaplains Desk December 2015



A while ago TK Rydgren wrote this letter to your Chaplain about his friend "Dewey" after his passing, and it has been sitting on the desk, waiting to be resurrected. (TK, your letter along with this wonderful Marine story will finally be enjoyed by the members of our detachment!)

"Dewey joined us as a replacement in our rifle platoon with twenty other Marines. We were being thinned out by casualties we had taken last April. Dewey fit right in with our platoon. He was a quiet, likeable guy who didn't shirk work or his time on watch at night.

I had not seen Dewey again after I rotated home in November of 1951 until the A/1/1 reunion in Williamsburg, VA. He brought up what I did in assaulting Hill 749 in Sept of 1951 and I brought up what he did in assaulting an enemy position in June of 1951.

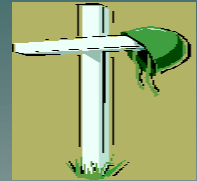
After we had taken the enemy's position that June, we then moved further up the hill to dig in for the night. Dewey excused himself to go to the aid station to have a wound attended to and he said that he would be right back. He had taken a burp gun bullet just above his wrist where it traveled up his arm. You could see the bulge just under the skin.

At the reunion I mentioned that incident to him and he advised me that he didn't have that bullet removed that night in Korea after all.

Instead, when he rotated back to the states the following year, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune, and of course, one day there was going to be an inspection in which Dewey didn't want to participate. Instead, that day of the inspection, he went over to sick bay and finally got that bullet removed. This was our Dewey! He carried that bullet around for over a year without complaining and by the way, he also earned the Bronze star for his heroism back on that hill.



Chaplains Desk October 2015



Dewey's sister and her husband had never known this story about Dewey and they were very appreciative to hear it from me. They sent me a copy of "Crossing The Bar" by Alfred Tennyson."

**Dennis Kievit / Chaplain
Lakeland Detachment / MCL #744**

CROSSING THE BAR
Sunset and evening star
and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of
the bar,
when I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,
too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep
turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
and after that the dark
And may there be no sadness of
farewell,
when I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne
of Time and Place
the flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
when I have crossed the bar.

PEARL HARBOR: By the Numbers

"December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan....Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his speech delivered to Congress Dec. 8, 1941

15
Number of U.S. Navy Medal of Honor Recipients



51
Number of Navy Cross Recipients



* Note: Lt. Jackson C. Pharris' Navy Cross was later upgraded to a Medal of Honor June 25, 1948

3
Number of Total-Loss U.S. Navy Ships



2,008
218
109
68

Number of U.S. Navy Personnel Killed in Action

Number of U.S. Army Personnel Killed in Action

Number of U.S. Marines Killed in Action

Number of Civilian Casualties

17
Number of U.S. Navy Ships Repaired and Returned to Service

Ships Sunk, Raised, and Repaired.

- USS California (BB 44)
- USS West Virginia (BB 48)
- USS Oglala (CM 4)
- USS Sotomomo (YT 9)
- Floating Drydock YFD 2

Ships Damaged and Repaired/Rebuilt.

- USS Maryland (BB 46)
- USS Nevada (BB 36)
- USS Tennessee (BB 43)
- USS Pennsylvania (BB 38)
- USS Cassin (DD 372)
- USS Downes (DD 375)
- USS Helm (DD 388)
- USS Helena (CL 50)
- USS Honolulu (CL 48)
- USS Raleigh (CL 7)
- USS Curtiss (AV 4)
- USS Vestal (AR 4)

1
Number of U.S. Navy Ships Sunk, Raised, Repaired...and Present at Tokyo Bay During Japan's Formal Surrender Sept. 2, 1945



USS West Virginia (BB 48)
Approaching drydock at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard June 8, 1942, just over six months after she was sunk in the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

Watch it on YouTube



Visit <http://youtu.be/xqy0hrKXg> (case sensitive) for an overview of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Source: Naval History and Heritage Command
Infographic by: Annalisa C. Underwood,
NHHC Communication and Outreach Division
history.navy.mil





The Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to its:

MCL TWENTY FIFTH BIRTHDAY DINNER

PLACE: American Legion, 65 Oak Street,
Oakland, NJ 07436

DATE: Tuesday, December 15, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P/M

Shortly after the Detachment meeting on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015. The Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment will be celebrating its 25th Birthday. To celebrate this special occasion we would like to invite all members and their wives to join us for a hot buffet, cake and coffee.

If you plan to attend, please contact Grace Alvarez at 973-839-5693, no later than Thursday December 10th, 2015.



Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment #744
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday Dec. 19

Join The Lakeland Detachment 744 for our Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday Morning December 19th from 9am to 1pm. Our Detachment is now with our Local veteran brothers and sisters at the American Legion Hall on 65 Oak Street in Oakland NJ. Santa will be bringing gifts! Enjoy a warm fire and Holiday spirit with Santa !



Marines serve xmas breakfast 2014



Our Menu

- Scrambled Eggs
- Omelets
- French Toast
- Pancakes & Waffles
- Biscuits & Gravy
- Eggs Benedict
- Bacon & Sausage
- Toast
- Juice & Coffee
- \$10 adults
- \$9 Seniors
- Children under 10 free



Kaitlin and Santa xmas 2014



Les at the carving station





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 744

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E-mail usmcl744.org
Phone (973) 839-5693



November 2, 2015

Lakeland Marines and friends,

On October 25, 2015 a letter was mailed to the Oakland Elks informing them that we are moving our meeting location. There will be no further meetings or events held at the Elks. Our new meeting location will be at the following:

American Legion
65 Oak Street
Oakland, NJ 07436

The November issue of the Grunt will have additional details as to the meeting in November and the future breakfasts. This will be discussed at length during our next Executive Board meeting. Any questions will be addressed at the next Detachment meeting.

The American Legion Hall is located behind the Municipal Building and Veterans Park in Oakland. It is the last building on the left on Oak Street. Thank you.

Semper Fidelis;

Charles Huha, Jr.
Commandant
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744



SEMPER FIDELIS



Editors Corner



Happy Anniversary Lakeland Detachment #744 "25 Years of Service"



On November 10, 1989 Tom and other Marines, Hank Kuhn Sr. and Jr., Tim Driscoll, Howard Shofner, Mike Magner, Marty Hanse, Tony Franco, Desmond Reiser, Zack Ziccardi, Brad Sacoli, John Fitzgerald, Jeremiah Lucey, Joe Wasaki, Bob Kenyon, Harry Kaufman and Victor Paliotta





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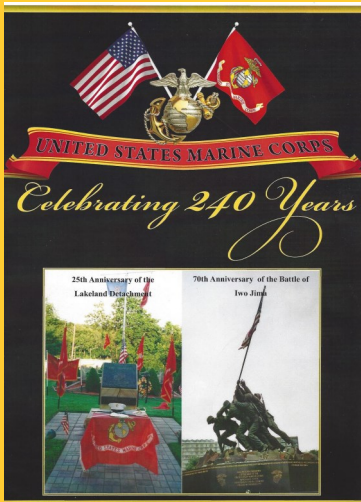
Editors Corner



25 years of service to our local communities, veterans, and to the Marine Corps League. President Reagan *said* ***“Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don’t have that problem”***

You have all heard members from other services talk about how the Marines all stick together and remain a tight group of soldiers for their entire lives and that other services do not do that.

We maintain traditions, honor and respect those who have come to serve before us and those that will serve after us. ***“Semper Fidelis” “Always Faithful”*** It is a way of life and it has been the driving force behind the Lakeland Detachment for the past 25 years. We thank our detachments founding members and we will honor the responsibility you have given us!

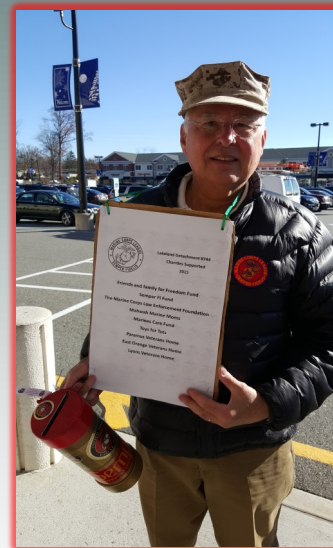


This years ball was the biggest and best ball we have ever had. Please read our January grunt which will highlight our grand event! To all Please have a safe and warm Holiday Season. Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah. We will be celebrating our 25th anniversary at our December 15th Meeting 7pm. We will have our annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 19th.

Semper Fi

Mike

Rose Program 2015



I am proud to report that our last Rose event of 2015 at the stop & Shop at Wyckoff was our largest event on record! There were many Marines who showed to help our Rose event. We have now had a season where we have accomplished record earnings from every event this year! To our Rose team thank you! Congratulations for a successful season!!

**THE MAHWAH MARINE MOMS
AND
NORTH JERSEY MILITARY MOMS**



RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS AT A

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

12:00 NOON

VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK

Located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Ave.
Mahwah, NJ

PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO

mahwahmarinemoms@yahoo.com

BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

9th Annual
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS NIGHT
Honor Our Veterans

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015

5 pm - 10 pm

MAHWAH BAR & GRILL
2 Island Road

10% of dinner orders (food only) will be donated to the

MAHWAH MARINE MOMS
NORTH JERSEY MILITARY MOMS

Supporting Those Who Serve Our Country

*Sign a Baseball for Our Troops *** Billy's BASEballs*

Join us for

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

Saturday, December 12, 2015 @ Noon

*Mahwah Veterans Park ***** Ramsey Veterans Park*

****** Ceremony to take place no matter the weather ******

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE--LAKELAND DETACHMENT--744

SCHEDULE OF DETAILED ACTIVITIES --2015

| DATE | ACTIVITY |
|-----------------|---|
| January | |
| 3 | Eagle Scout Ceremony for Richard Bonini 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 |

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| 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 Dellolio 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 |

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| 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--Pequannock 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 |
| 19 | Sunday morning breakfast |
| 23 | Detachment meeting |
| August | |
| 11 | Officers meeting |
| 16 | Sunday morning breakfast |
| 27 | Detachment meeting |
| 30 | Veterans picnic at Chrystal Lake, Oakland |
| September | |
| 6 | Rose program--Pompton Lakes Street Fair |
| 7 | Rose program--Riverdale Street Fair |

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| 9 | Held memorial service for fallen member John Nazzaretto |
| | Participated in 9-1-1 ceremony at Pompton Lakes Municipal Building at 1900 |
| 10 | Golf Outing |
| 11 | Color Guard for opening game, Pequannock High School |
| 12 | Detachment picnic and Commandants Club drawing |
| 15 | Officers meeting |
| 19 | Mahwah Day--Rose event w/Color Guard |
| 20 | Sunday morning breakfast |
| 20 | Basilone Parade--Raritan, NJ |
| 24 | Detachment meeting |
| 26 | Kinnelon Day KFEST--Rose Event--1000 at Municipal Bldg. on Kinnelon road |
| 27 | State MCL meeting, Red Bank Reserve Center |
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| October | |
| 3 | Annual Veterans picnic at Oakland Elks at 1200 |
| 6 | Officers meeting |
| 10 | Detachment Rifle Shoot at Cherry Ridge Range--Highland Lakes, NJ |
| 11 | Rose program--Adorno's Father's Fair |
| 15 | Eagle Court of Honor--Nicholas McCaffery--1930--Troop 12 in Livingston |
| 18 | Sunday morning breakfast |
| 18 | Eagle Court of Honor--Tyler Soto--1400--Troop 388 Pompton Lakes |
| 22 | Detachment meeting |
| | |
| November | |
| 11 | Veterans Day Ceremony--Pompton Lakes--1000 |
| 11 | Veterans Day Ceremony--Hawthorne--1300 |
| 12 | Officers meeting |
| 15 | Sunday morning breakfast |
| 21 | Rose event Stop & Shop Wyckoff NJ |
| 24 | Detachment meeting |
| | |
| December | |
| 8 | Officers Meeting American Legion 7pm |
| 11 | Paramus veterans Home Christmas Bingo 7pm |

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Marine Corps League NJ State Website

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744 Website Address

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