

# “THE GRUNT”



## MCL Lakeland Detachment #744 Newsletter

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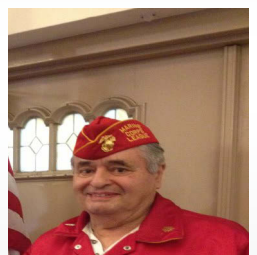


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## Commandants Corner February 2016



### Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744

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Iwo Jima, otherwise known as Sulfur Island represented a strategically important air base which would allow fighter escorts to support long-range bombing missions against mainland Japan. The island would provide an emergency landing strip for crippled B-29's returning from bombing runs. The seizure of Iwo would allow for sea and air blockades, provide for the ability to conduct intensive air bombardment and provide the opportunity to destroy the enemy's air and naval capabilities.

The battle commenced February 19, 1945 and ceased March 16, 1945. Mopping up activities commenced after that to clean up the remaining pockets of resistance. The island was officially declared secured on March 26, 1945. This year marks the Seventy First anniversary of that historic battle.

The seizure of Iwo Jima was deemed necessary, but, would not come easy. 70,000 U.S. Marines would be involved in the invasion. Total U.S losses amounted to 28,686 of which 6,821 were KIA, 19,217 were WIA and 2,648 suffered combat fatigue. Of the total number, Marine casualties amounted to 23,573. Japanese losses amounted to 1,083 POW's and over 20,000 est. killed.

We have two surviving members of the Battle of Iwo Jima in our Detachment, Gene Frederick, who was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions and Anthony Lechniak. Both men epitomize the strong values that make up Marines. We should consider ourselves fortunate to have known these two Marines and to be present in their company. Well done Marines, the Lakeland Detachment and our country honor and salute you.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet/Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean areas said it best "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue".

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

**HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT**



## Service Officers Report February 2016

We're starting the New Year off great with having a lot of volunteers come out for our Bingo last month!

The veterans really enjoyed our comradeship. I got to relate to you a small story that was very touching at our last visit. On the way back from the bingo auditorium I happened to see one of our adopted Marines (LOU) taking from his bathrobe pocket a few dollars, and adding the few dollars he won at the bingo that night to a birthday card. He said this was for his roommate whose birthday was today. It's always nice to see generosity at its finest!

Our next bingo is on February 19th at 2 o'clock at the Paramus veterans nursing home again. Please come out and volunteer an hour or so of your time.

On another note for some of you that have not been to our meeting recently and listened to my call for helping out as a volunteer with Valley hospitals hospice unit. Valley hospital had come to our detachment meeting approximately two years ago and were looking for volunteers to go and see veterans as part of their We Honor Veterans program. This national movement supports veterans at the end -of- life so that all men and women who have served in any branch of the US military may live their final days in dignity and peace. What a volunteer does is provide supportive visits to veterans who were either at home, in a nursing home facility, or residing at the Paramus veterans home. I've got to share with you that every time I leave a veteran that I've been assigned to, I get more out of the visit than I gave. It's this time in their life, more than ever before, that they could use a friendly visitor! It's a common remark to hear from them that they are so happy to have somebody come and visit them.

I give as a gift that has the the veterans service on it, and I also give out a pillow that the Mahwah Marine Mothers make up for them. In the last year alone I've touched the lives of over two dozen veterans.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

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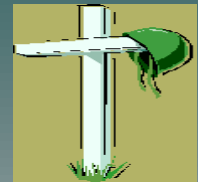
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# Chaplains Desk February 2016



Imagine that you had won the following \*PRIZE\* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning. At any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

**ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ... Shocked ???**

Each of us is already a winner of this PRIZE. We just can't seem to see it.

**The PRIZE is TIME.**

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.

And when we go to sleep that night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.

Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can close your account at any time **WITHOUT WARNING.**

**SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?**

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think!

Les Derbyshire /dk





## Marine Corps League "Special Valentines Breakfast" "The Best Breakfast in Town"



Join us on February 13th

8am-12pm

Valentines Day Breakfast

American Legion Hall

65 Oak street

Oakland NJ 07436

Adults \$10

Seniors \$9

Kids under 10 Free

## Menu

<i>Bacon</i>	<i>Scrambled Eggs</i>	<i>Sausage</i>	<i>Omelets</i>	<i>Pancakes</i>
<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>Sausage Gravy</i>	<i>SOS</i>	<i>French Toast</i>	<i>Waffles</i>
<i>Hash Browns</i>	<i>Corned Beef Hash</i>	<i>Bagels</i>	<i>English Muffins</i>	<i>Pastries</i>

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

*Bring Your special someone ,Family, or friends and enjoy supporting the Marines who support veterans 365 days a year!*





## Editors Corner



# Wall of Honor



I received a note from Ed J. Buschmann Jr..

On November 17th of 2015 Our brother in arms Joe Buchheit and his beloved wife were laid to rest in Arlington National cemetery. Grave #236 Section 76



Charlie had spoke of Joe in the February 2015 Grunt here is an excerpt from that article.

“Joe was a Bar Man and served at Saipan and Tinian cleaning out enemy caves. During one of those assignments he was shot and wounded by a cave sniper. He was evacuated to a hospital in Hawaii, recovered and commenced training exercises for the invasion of Iwo Jima. He was part of the 1st wave with the 4th Division, 25th Marines. On the 2nd day he was wounded by a grenade and gunshot, evacuated to various hospitals on different islands in order to find someone that could attend to his eyes which took up the majority of the blast. He was flown to San Francisco Naval Hospital and from there to a hospital in Boston where they were able to save one eye, but, not the other. Joe was subsequently discharged, embarked on his career and ultimately became a Life Member of Lakeland Detachment. His three friends who are depicted with him in each of the Birthday Ball Commemorative books are Ed Buschmann, Jerry Capozza and Ed Menshon. You couldn't find a happier quartet anywhere. “

We are honored

Semper Fidelis

# FEBRUARY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Executive Board Meeting	9	10	11	12 Prep for Breakfast 12pm-2pm	13 Valentines Day Breakfast American Legion	14
15	16	17	18	19 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home 2pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Detachment meeting American Legion/ Color Guard Pequannock High school 7Pm	26	27	28
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# MARCH 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 Executive Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18 Bingo Paramus Veterans Home 2pm Prep for breakfast 12pm-2pm	19 Breakfast 8-12	20 State Meeting USMC Reserve Center	
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# Rose Program 2016



Our Rose team has come out of the gate this year on fire. We did an event at Oakland Shoprite which was a record setter in the beginning of January. We did a second event at the end of January at the new Stop & Shop in Kinnelon and that was also a record setter. We will have many events this year. Our calendar is just starting to get set up and as we get new dates for our events we will add them. This year will be extraordinary and will need all members to help out when they can. Congratulations to January's team members and thank you for your help!

Semper Fi

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