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Lakeland Detachment 744



Newsletter

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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January 2018

Another year has flown by and its time to say goodbye to 2017 and to say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2018. However, we need to reflect on the following significant accomplishments as a Detachment in 2017:

- We acknowledged and honored thirty (30) Eagle Scouts
- We attended four State MCL meetings and the State MCL Convention
- Held 12 breakfasts, 12 Detachment meetings and Executive Board Meetings
- Conducted ceremonies for three fallen Detachment Marines, Harry "Hank" Kuhn Sr., one of the founding members of the Lakeland Detachment, Kenneth "Ken" Fackina, past Commandant, Quartermaster, Editor of the Birthday Ball Ad Book and loyal, stalwart member, Robert Philhower and Corpsman Rudolph Auerbach Sr., not of our Detachment, but service requested by family and honored by Lakeland Detachment
- Conducted 11 Bingo events at the Paramus Veterans Home
- Conducted Flag retirement ceremony and attended Mission of Honor Ceremony
- Held veterans picnic at Chrystal Lake
- Supported Veterans Job Fair at Wayne YMCA sponsored by Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen
- Bill and Mona Harrison attended Leadership Training at Sea Grit
- Held two Detachment rifle matches at Cherry Ridge
- Held our annual Detachment Golf outing and our 242nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball
- We participated at Street dedications in Hawthorne, Bloomingdale, Riverdale and in Wayne for fallen Lakeland Detachment member Joseph J. Buchheit
- Participated in Salute to Veterans Program for Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Wyckoff YMCA, 242nd Birthday Celebration at the Governor's Mansion in Princeton, the Beirut Ceremony at the Hackensack Court House and Wreaths Across America in Mahwah and Wyckoff
- Our Color Guard was represented on 17 occasions including the Special Olympics in Wayne, parades in Pompton Lakes, Oakland, and Hawthorne (Riverdale was cancelled due to rain), Basilone Parade, 9-1-1 Ceremony in Pompton Lakes, Veterans Day Ceremonies at Pompton Lakes and Hawthorne, Holiday Stroll in Pompton Lakes, Opening ceremony for American Legion's Comedy Night Fund Raiser, At Becton Dickinson's ceremony honoring a fallen Marine, at Scripps Express in Franklin Lakes honoring Veterans Day
- Held 7 Rose Program events at various locations
- Inducted 10 new members
- Three members were presented with distinguished Service Awards and Ken Fackina posthumously presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award
- DONATED \$28,200.00 TO VARIOUS NEEDY VETERANS, VETERANS HOMES, VETERANS GROUPS AND OTHER WORTHY CAUSES

Our annual election of officers was conducted by our State Representatives. Paul Thompson who has served our Detachment with dedication and distinction as Service Officer decided not to serve another term due to other responsibilities. Ed Korek who was the Assistant Service Officer agreed to run as the Service Officer and will be ably assisted by John Harris. Due to the untimely passing of our Quartermaster and Ball Book Editor, Ken Fackina, Ken Gysbers has willingly agreed to change his title from Assistant Quartermaster to Quartermaster. Ken learned well from his Mentor and is doing an excellent job. In addition Ken has also taken on the duties of Editor of our Detachment newsletter, The Grunt. He also has been mentored by our former Editor Mike McNulty and is capably carrying on. During Mike's tenure as Editor, he's brought our newsletter to first class status and is to be congratulated for his significant accomplishments. Mike is also working with, I believe, Bob Dyer to take on the responsibilities as Webmaster. Mike's been doing a lot of recruiting over the past few months.

We Still need someone to understudy Peter Alvarez as Paymaster/Adjutant. This is an extremely important and detailed oriented position. I know Peter can use the help and anyone interested should contact Peter or me.

We could use someone to understudy Theresa Muttell as Secretary during her absence.

I believe we had a highly significant year of accomplishments. As we look forward to 2018, we can do so with the knowledge that our Detachment is strong. Our members are active by participating in our activities thereby contributing to the success of our Detachment. As Marines and Corpsmen of our Detachment, we can be counted on to do our very best. I'm extremely proud of our members and look forward to a successful 2018.

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Semper Fi,

Charlie

HONOR COURAGE COMMITMENT



Khe Sanh Marine Corps National Museum



Battle for Hue City Marine Corps National Museum



Galations 4:4 “But when the fullness of time was come, God Sent forth his son.

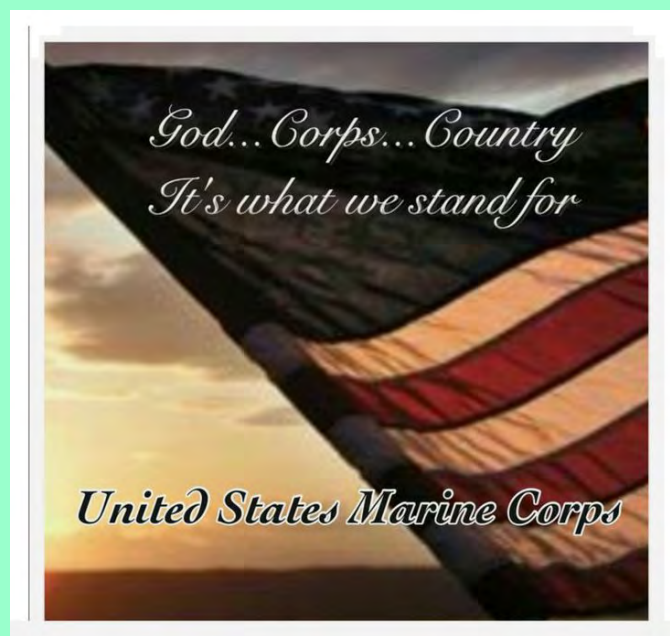
The fullness of time, what does that mean? We just celebrated Christmas, the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the most momentous event of all human history, and it occurred in a stable, witnessed by a few shepards. Yet God calls it the fullness of time. It is an event so important that we actually measure all of human history by it, B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (Latin for the Year of our Lord). The explosion of Christianity in years 33 to 100 A.D. literally transformed our world. God ordained human events to set up the perfect situation for the coming of His Son and the spread of His Word.

The Hebrews had the Word of God, the entire world spoke Greek due to the Greek empire (the language the New Testament was written in), the Romans ruled the entire known world and built roads. Everyone ensuring the first proclaimers of the Gospel had security, paths to unknown places and a common language. God orchestrated all these events to bring about the fullness of time and send His Son.

This should also give us comfort, especially in the New Year. Our lives are also guided by God. There are no accidents. Our lives fulfill God’s will and are guided and governed by him. In changing times, we have an unchangeable God. Let’s do what the book of Proverbs tells us to do in Proverbs: 3: 5 and 6, “ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplin





Service Officer's Report

Well it is the start of a new year.. Today I would like to remind everyone that we sponsor a bingo each month for our brother and sister veterans at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1 Veterans Way in Paramus. The schedule for our Bingos is easy to remember. They will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from now to the end of time. So if you have a free hour on The 2nd Tuesday of each month, come and join us at the Bingo. It is a rewarding experience you won't soon forget.

The 2nd thing I wanted to share with our members is that if you will be or are a patient in a local hospital and you are using your Veterans Benefits, it is imperative that you tell the Hospital Administration that you are a Veteran and are using your veterans benefits. Instruct them to notify the VA and notify them your bill is the responsibility of the VA. The VA requires that they must be notified of your hospitalization and it is their (The VA's) responsibility to notify the treating hospital if they want to have you transferred to a VA Hospital for the remainder of your treatment. If they are not notified, they will not accept the charges for your hospitalization and you will be responsible for the Hospital Bill.

As always, if you have any questions about this or anything else at all, I can be reached at 1-201-317-1678.

If you need help with starting a claim or other VA benefits, you can contact John Harris (The Passaic County Service Officer) at 1-973-569-4090. We are always happy to serve all Veterans and their families.

Happy New Year

Ed Korek

Service Officer



Marine Corps Association



Lakeland Detachment 744

Schedule of Detailed Activities

January 2018

Date	Activity
1/9/18	Bingo at Paramus Vets Home - 1400
1/9/18	Executive Board Meeting - 1900
1/14/18	State Meeting Commandant & Paymaster - 1000
1/14/18	State Meeting General Session - 1200
1/20/18	3rd Saturday Breakfast - 0800 - 1200
1/25/18	Detachment Meeting 1930

February 2018

Date	Activity
2/13/18	Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home - 1400
2/13/18	Executive Board Meeting - 1900
2.17/18	3rd Saturday Breakfast - 0800 - 1200
2/22/18	Detachment Meeting - 1930

March 2018

Date	Activity
3/13/18	Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home - 1400
3/13/18	Executive Board Meeting - 1900
3/17/18	3rd Saturday Breakfast - 0800 - 1200
3/18/18	State Meeting - General Meeting - 1200
3/22/18	Detachment Meeting - 1930



Editor's Page

As you can see by some of the artwork or pictures, we remember several legendary Marine Corps battles this year. In particular, January marks the 50th anniversary of the Siege at Khe Sanh Combat Base. The siege began on January 21st and for 77 days the 26th Marine Regiment was surrounded by thousands of North Vietnamese troops. The base was under intense artillery fire and much of their ammunition and equipment was destroyed. The base was constantly being re-supplied by air. By the time the siege was broken, 205 U.S. troops had been killed and another 1,668 were wounded. Estimates put the enemy losses at approximately 15,000 with more than 1,600 confirmed around the base's perimeter.

January 31st also marks the 50th anniversary of the Battle for Hue City during the TET offensive. The NVA had captured most of the city during the surprise offensive and Marines had to fight street by street and house by house to regain control of the city.

As we pause to remember our brothers who did not survive these battles, as well as those who did come home, let us continue to support our brothers now in the field and in harms way. Pray for their protection and help us support them by turning out for up coming events such as the 3rd Saturday Breakfast and upcoming Rose events (to be scheduled at a later time). Keep an eye on upcoming events in future editions.

Ken Gysbers
Editor

Note: My apologies for the lateness in getting this out this month. I'm still dealing with computer issues and was SIQ over the weekend with an upper respiratory infection and unable to work on The Grunt until now.





WE WANT TO KNOW!

If you are admitted to a Non-VA Hospital or
Emergency Room Please let us know.

Two steps are all it takes!

Let Your PACI Team know. Call us at 973-247-1666

To review medications, medical records and
discharge instructions or send your PACT team a
My Health Vet Secure Message.

AND

Let the Benefits Team know. Call the Non-VA
Hospitalization Notification Line at (973) 676-1000
extension 2408 to discuss your VA hospital benefits.

YOUR WELL BEING IS IMPORTANT TO US.



Health care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387

Add Your Number and Websites

Resource	Phone Number/Website
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Civilian Health Care Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-538-8387
Dept Managerial Center (Coltlot, of NQ!n-Medical Deplri	1-800-557-0648
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National CSI Center for	1-177-424-3838
Homeless Veterans Initiative	
Benefits (First Question, TedricPI Issues	1-800-983-0931
Educaboo (GI 911)	1-800-442-4551
Federal Recovery Care/Dimin Program	1-800-732-4456
Fortified Medical Services	1-800-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hatfne	1-800-749-387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Services	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-844
Meds by Mail	1-800-385-0235 (or) 1-800-229-7189
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
National Cemetery Schedule Office	1-800-531-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-301-837-0200
National Resource Directory	http://www.va.gov
Professional Management Center	1-177-294-380
Preventive Health Maintenance Program	1-202-565-4984
Service-Disabled Veterans-Owned & Military Business	1-202-565-260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-5357

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spouse and Children of Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Homeless Veterans	1-800-697-6917
Teletypewriter 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 Hot Line	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (NETS)	1-866-487-2365
Worried Veterans	1-202-481-1070
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