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Commandants Corner

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment—744 January 2015

As hard as it was to say goodbye to 2014, it's now time to say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2015. Lakeland Detachment is starting the year in grand style.

On Saturday the 3rd, we have Eagle Scout ceremonies in Oakland, New Jersey and Middletown, New York. We have two Eagle Scouts in Oakland, Nicholas Bonini and Jeevan Jeyabalan from Troop 49. This will be covered by Ray Sears and Ed Korek.

I'm sure you're all asking, what are we doing in Middletown, New York? One of our Detachment members, Justin Miller, has a son who is one of the six receiving their Eagle Scout Award. The names of those boys are Evan DenDanto, Samuel DenDanto, Evan McDowell, Brandon Miller, Alec Wapshare and Zachary Mayfield. Peter Alvarez, Mike McNulty, Kevin O'Leary and I will cover the ceremony in Middletown. We extend our congratulations to each of these young men and wish them well as they continue on life's journey. I'm certain they will be a credit to society and our nation.

Commandants Corner (Cont.)

On Friday, January 23rd, there will be bingo at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900 hours. Our Service Officer, Paul Thompson, has a full line up of activities for 2015.

As we look forward to 2015, we can do so with the knowledge that our Detachment is strong, our members are active and participating in and contributing to the success of our activities. 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 2015.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT



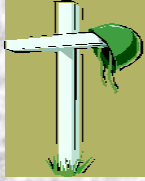
Service Officers Report



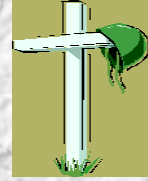
Christmas Bingo went very well! Our Vets had a good time and there were lots of Marines from the Detachment that came to help! After Bingo we gave all the Vets bags made up by our Mahwah Marine Moms. Terry and gang really came through for the Vets! We must continue to support the Moms throughout the year. We also gave the Vets fresh Bananas which was a big hit.

Dan Christian and his wife Bernice made their trip to Lyons Veterans Hospital with clothes they collected and sorted for our veterans. Dan and Bernice said our veterans really appreciate the clothes we bring. They need and use them. If you have some gently used clothes male and female that you want to donate please give them to Dan and Bernice!

Happy and safe New Year to all!



Chaplains Desk



What is Semper Fi?

Semper Fidelis distinguishes the Marine Corps bond from any other. It goes beyond teamwork—it is a brotherhood that can always be counted on. Latin for "always faithful," *Semper Fidelis* became the Marine Corps motto in 1883. It guides Marines to remain faithful to the mission at hand, to each other, to the Corps and to country; no matter what! Becoming a Marine is a transformation that cannot be undone, and *Semper Fidelis* is a permanent reminder of that. Once made, a Marine will forever live by the ethics and values of the Corps. Marines pledge themselves completely to the Constitution of the United States. From the day they first raise their hand and throughout their honorable service, the oath every Marine takes is a promise and a reminder of their commitment to defend our nation and all of its interests.

Remember this? "I, [Name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Orders of the Officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the uniform code of military justice. So help me God."

Courage is the guardian of all our values. It is there when times are toughest, when difficult decisions have to be made. It takes the form of mental, physical and ethical strength, and it is found in the backbone of every Marine. Commitment to our Corps is the spirit of determination that is also found in every Marine. It is what compels Marines to serve our nation and the Corps, and to continue on when others quit. Commitment doesn't take breaks and it lasts forever. It measures and proves one's desire, dedication and faithfulness. Becoming a United States Marine represents the highest level of commitment!

The great part of being a member of the Marine Corps League is that we Marines continue to fulfill that pledge of dedication until life's end!

Dennis Kievit / Chaplain Lakeland Detachment MCL # 744

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Marines in need!



Hello All,

Our friend Wilmar Lopez and his family just recently went through a tragedy during the holidays and lost their home and everything in it due to a devastating fire that quickly spread throughout their entire house . They are in need of any donations that you are able to provide. He is a Sergeant and proudly serving his country in the United States Marine Corps.

He is a loving husband and a father of three beautiful children, 19 month year old baby girl, 5 year old girl and 8 year old boy. They also have two canine family members.

Any donations that we are able to get together for him will help him buy new clothes for his family, furniture, food and the list keeps on going. They lost everything in their home and need all the help they can get.

Lets please take care of him and his family in this tragic time of their lives. Please share with all your friends and family.

Thank you!

Marines who wish to help on their own can go to the website below to make a donation to help Sgt. Lopez. He is one of our own up at Stewart Air Base.

<http://www.gofundme.com/sgtlopez> or call:

You can contact Sgt. Said [845-264-9229](tel:845-264-9229)



Editors Corner



The is a lot happening in the world and as league officers I want to tell all our Marines that we are still on duty. We all have taken an oath that oath is for life. Lets keep an eye on each other and the folks around us and make sure we are all safe. While serving as an usher in Church on Christmas Eve I could not help to scan the crowd and look for any irregular things that could be dangerous.

I guess I was not the only one who thought this way as a Patrolman came in and stayed through Mass.

Get ready for some indoor Rose events coming soon, and our January Breakfast. We are also trying to put together Dinners at the Elks to raise money for the GF. (General Fund) We will get out the intel as it is developed.

Marines wishing to come and shoot with our shooting team please see Ray Sears so we can get you ready for our shooting schedule.. We Have a local Marine Sgt . From Stewart who needs our help please read the article and help if you can.

I feel really good about the upcoming year we have a lot of troops coming home and they will need our help and guidance. Make sure you have your business cards to hand out.

Semper Fi

Mike





Founding Fathers Quotes

“We should never despair, our Situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust, it will again. If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth new Exertions and proportion our Efforts to the exigency of the times.” George Washington

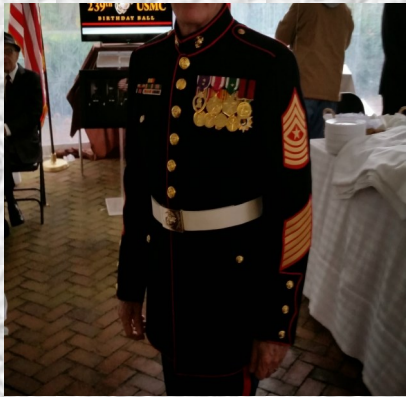
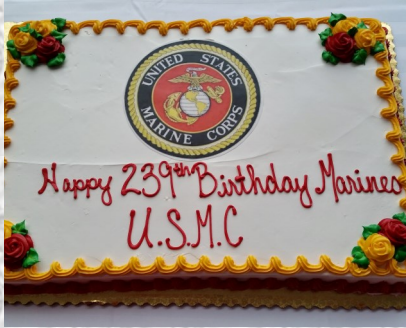
“Government is instituted for the common good; for the protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness of the people; and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, the people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government; and to reform, alter, or totally change the same, when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it.”

John Adams

Marine Photos 744



Marine Photos 744 (cont.)



October 29, 2013 the Last flight before retiring old YN19 to the Marine Cc museum.

"What a strange mix of joy & melancholy, but what a labor of love it has b
would not have traded it for the world"
Captain Ben R. Cascio, USMC (Ret)



744 Hard at work during the Holidays!

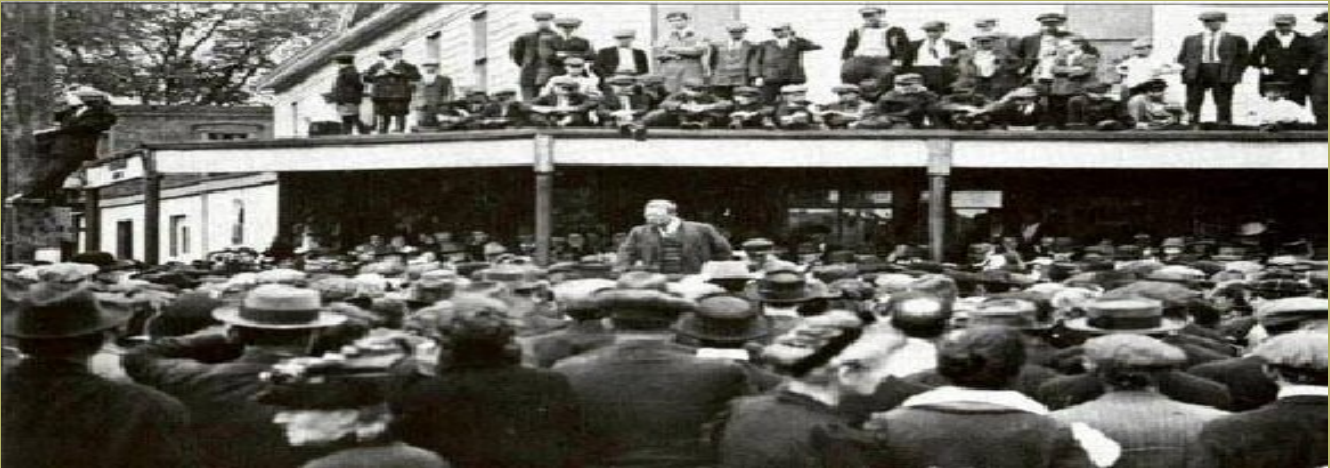


Giving back during the Holiday season is the most fulfilling time of year! Our detachment gave back to Toys for Tots in several ways from Breakfast with Santa to The Toys for Tots train stops and a Huge generous donation from Les ,Trudy and Coleen Derbyshire/Pope of moving trucks and drivers to drive volunteers Kevin O Leary, Dennis Kievit, Joe Piazza and Ed Korek around to pick up Toys for Tots containers from Bergen County and then dropping them off at Piccatinny with the help of Coleen Pope (Driver) and Captain Ben Cascio the following Day. First sergeant Piazza express his outmost thanks to the Detachment in pulling this off on such short notice.

Our Veteran's were happy to see our gang at the Christmas Bingo at the Paramus Vets Home for a fun night and a distribution of packages from the Mahwah Moms. Our first Christmas Breakfast with Santa was a hit with our local folks and kids including our newest Marine Baby Kaitlin with Santa (Ken Fackina!) The 744 is developing a great reputation in our communities as we held a color guard for the Wreaths Across America ceremony in Mahwah NJ.. We are looking for a huge 2015 as more troops come home and our services are needed more than ever!



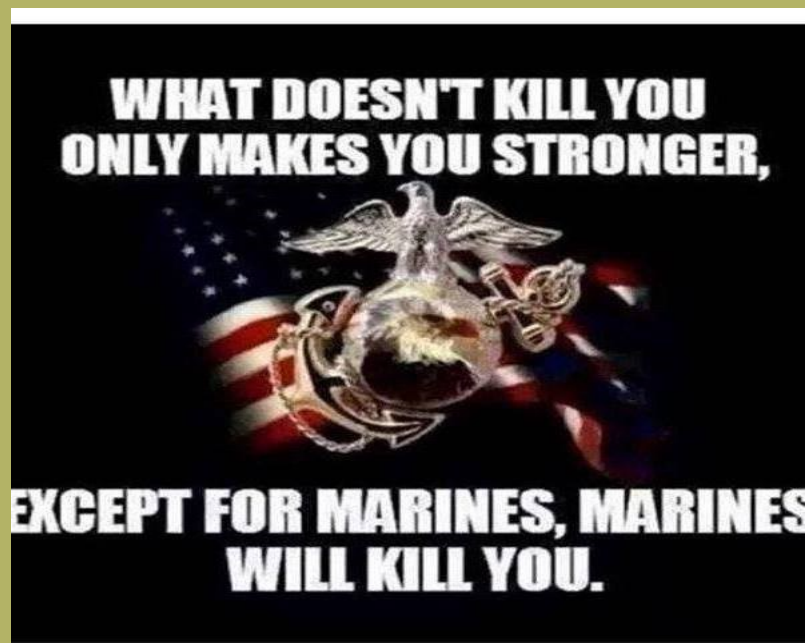
Editors Pick



Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.

'In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language.. And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.'

Theodore Roosevelt 1907



MCL 2015 Schedule

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

ELKS, 33 Ramapo Valley Rd, Pompton Lakes

DATES

ADDRESS

DECEMBER

12/5/2014	Off Station Christmas party for Veterans (Paramus Veterans Home)	
12/16/14	December Meeting 7:30pm ***** NEW MEETING TIME*****	ELKS
12/21/14	Marine / Elks Christmas Brunch SEE FLYER	ELKS

JANUARY

01/03/15	Eagle Scout Ceremony Justin Millers son, & Oakland Scouts NY/ Oakland NJ. Call Charlie Huha.	Orange
01/18/15	Marine/Elks Breakfast	ELKS
01/18/15	State Meeting	TBD
01/22/15	Meeting New Time 7:30PM 744	ELKS
01/25/15	Bingo at Paramus Vets Home 7pm	Paramus Vets Home