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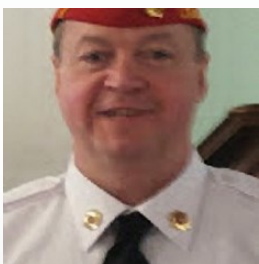


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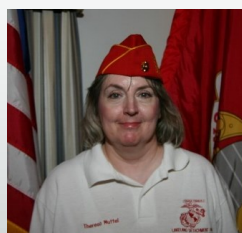


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Commandants Corner December 2015

**Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment—744
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As hard as it was to say goodbye to 2015, it's now time to say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2016. However, we need to reflect on what we've accomplished as a Detachment in 2015 as follows:

We acknowledged and honored twenty one Eagle Scouts—we attended four State MCL meetings and the state MCL convention—held 11 breakfasts and 12 Detachment meetings and Executive Board meetings—Conducted ceremonies for two fallen Marines, John Kmetz and John Nazzaretto. John Kmetz was one of our original Charter Members for Lakeland Detachment—Conducted seven Bingo nights at the East Orange and Paramus Veterans Homes—Held veterans picnics at Chrystal Lake and at the Oakland Elks both in Oakland—Kevin O'Leary and Ed Korek attended Leadership Training at Sea Girt—Participated in five pistol matches at the Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range and held two Detachment rifle matches at Cherry Ridge—Held our annual Detachment Golf Outing, Detachment Picnic and our 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball—Presented Plaques of Appreciation to six supporters of Lakeland Detachment—we participated in the following: two Hawthorne Street dedications—Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies at Passaic County Technical Institute—Salute to Veterans for Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Wyckoff YMCA—240th Birthday celebration at the governor's Mansion in Princeton—our Color Guard and Rifle Squad participated in the Beirut Ceremony at Hackensack Court House--our Color Guard was represented at the Special Olympics in Wayne, opening game for Pequannock High School, Veteran Appreciation Ceremony at Hackensack Court House, Memorial Day Ceremonies and parades at Pompton Lakes, Riverdale, Oakland and Hawthorne, Flag Day Ceremony at Oakland, Basilone Parade, 9-1-1 Ceremony in Pompton Lakes, Veterans Day Ceremonies at Pompton Lakes and Hawthorne, Wreaths across America in Mahwah—Celebrated the 25th Birthday of Lakeland Detachment—Held thirteen Rose Program events at various locations—DONATED \$22,800.00 TO VARIOUS NEEDY VETERANS, VETERANS HOMES AND VETERANS GROUPS



Commandants Corner December 2015

I believe we had a highly significant year of accomplishments. As we look forward to 2016, we can do so with the knowledge that our Detachment is strong; our members are active, participating in our activities and 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 2016.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR—COURAGE--COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report December 2015

As I was wheeling a veteran back to his room after our last Bingo, I asked him how he did with Bingo that evening. He replied, "I won a couple, and that was good, but what made the evening a great evening was the fact I was out of my room and spending time with fellow comrades!" They also like the "Oreos" that Ed has been bringing from Nabisco.

These type of comments we hear quite a few times through the year. A lot of these veterans don't get a lot of visitors throughout the weeks, so when we show up and spread warm comradeship-it's a great time for these guys! Speaking of Bingo-our next Bingo is on Thursday January 7th, at 2pm, at the Paramus Veterans Home. Come out and volunteer a few minutes of your time.

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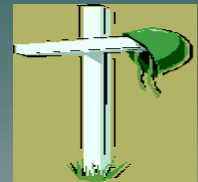
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Chaplains Desk October 2015



We have all had the conversation about Combat Marines vs. Non-Combat Marines. It's all about the many Marines who never had a shot fired at them or have never been in a firefight.

Here's My Take: (by J. Neff, LtCol, USMCR (Ret))

You made it through the toughest initiation of all the armed services.

You volunteered when others did not or would not!

You served, wore the uniform proudly, and were ready and willing to put yourself in harms way.

You did not shirk your duty nor ignore your conscience.

"I did not win the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Silver Star while serving in Vietnam. I did the best that I could. I led my Marines to the best of my ability.

Don't you ever sell yourself short. It's not a requirement that you have to be shot at to be a Marine, you are still a "Brother" forever.

Last week, I presented the American flag to the wife of a L/Cpl reservist who served his five years plus two inactive. He was never deployed. He was 69 years old when he died and he died "a Marine forever".

Case closed. Thank you all for your service. You were and still are important".

Received from George Vankat

Les Derbyshire / Chaplain



Marine Corps League Saturday Morning Breakfast *"The Best Breakfast in Town"*



Join us on January 16th

8am-12pm

Third Saturday Monthly 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 the whole family and enjoy supporting the Marines who support veterans 365 days a year!





Editors Corner



Closing of the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC)

By [njmcl_1](#) / December 10, 2015 / [No Comments](#)

NMMC to Be Closed January – March 2016 Construction has begun on the Final Phase of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. This section will open in phases over a 4-year period with the first part opening in 2017. As a part of the overall construction, the Museum will be closed January – March 2016 to hang an SBD Dauntless aircraft in Leatherneck Gallery and replace the gallery's Korean War Sikorsky HRS-2 helicopter exhibit with a tableau depicting a UH-34D helicopter during Operation Starlight in 1965.

To learn more about the Final Phase please visit <http://www.usmcmuseum.com/>

- See more at: <http://www.njmcl.org/closing-of-the-national-museum-of-the-marine-corps-nmmc/#sthash.815CbgA2.dpuf>
- This Article from the State MCL website involves our very own Captain Ben Casio. Some of you may not know that the UH-34d helicopter they are referring too was the one Ben flew for its final flight to the NMMC to be part of the Museums operation Starlight exhibit. Ben and his Crew/Team had restored this Helicopter and had the pleasure flying it for years before donating it to the NMMC. I happen to have the wonderful opportunity to fly on this very Helicopter on its final civilian flight thanks to the kindness of my friend Ben Casio. Thank you for the honor Ben and we are all looking forward to the trip to the museum for the opening of the new exhibit !!
- Semper Fi

Mike McNulty



Editors Corner



October 28, 2015

Marines:

As we celebrate the 240th Anniversary of our beloved Marine Corps it is time to remember and reflect. Through the years, since "1775", it has been our custom to remember, and honor, our Corps and the many men and women who have earned the title, "United States Marine", and this year we are proud to continue this time honored tradition.

We, as Marines, have many reasons to thank those who came before us and gave us many proud and glorious reasons to maintain our vigilance and dedication to their sacrifices on behalf of our nation. Not only do we honor our veterans of past conflicts, but we also must honor the veterans of our present conflicts who are engaging the enemy as they were trained to do: as "United States Marines". Our Brothers and Sisters carrying on our heritage are as dedicated, loyal, and proud as we were on active duty.

As we stand ready to attend the many Birthday celebrations throughout our great nation, let us never forget who we are or what it was that made us proud to earn the title we cherish above all others, "United States Marines". We are the keepers of our Marine Heritage and will retain our love of, God, Country and Corps until we no longer breathe the air of this earth.

"Semper Fi", my brothers and sisters, "Semper Fi".

Richard D. Gore, Sr.
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JANUARY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
				1	2 Eagle Scout Court of Honor St Francis Assissi school Haskell	3 Eagle Court of Honor OLPH Oakland 1400	
4		6	7 Bingo Paramus Nursing home 2pm	8 Rose Event Oakland Shoprite 9-5pm	9 Eagle scout Court of honor Presbyterian church Livingston	10	
11	12 Executive Board Meeting	13	14	15	16 Breakfast 8-12pm	17 State MCL Meeting USMC Reserve Center Red Bank 12:00	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28 Detachment Meeting 65 Oak Street Oakland NJ 19:30	29	30	31	
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Monthly History January

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 3, 1961 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba two years after Communist dictator Fidel Castro had seized power and just weeks before John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the next president.

January 4, 1790 - President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 7, 1999 - The first [presidential impeachment](#) trial in 130 years began as members of the U.S. Senate were sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist to decide whether President Clinton should be removed from office. House prosecutors had delivered two articles of impeachment charging Clinton with perjury and obstruction of justice.

January 21, 1954 - The *USS Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 23, 1968 - The American ship *USS Pueblo* was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying. The ship was confiscated and its crew held in captivity until December, with one fatality.

January 27, 1943 - The U.S. 8th Air Force conducted the first all-American bombing raid on Germany as 55 bombers targeted Wilhelmshaven, losing three planes while claiming to have shot down 22 German fighters. The success of this first mission encouraged U.S. military planners to begin regular daylight bombing raids, which eventually resulted in high casualty rates for the American crewmen involved.

January 28, 1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle [Challenger exploded](#) 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven persons, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 30, 1968 - Beginning of the Tet Offensive in [Vietnam](#) as North Vietnamese troops attacked 36 provincial capitals and 5 major cities in South Vietnam, including an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and the presidential palace. Although U.S. forces eventually fended off the massive surprise attack and achieved a military victory, Tet became a propaganda victory for the Vietnamese due in part to graphic news reports on television which helped turn U.S. public opinion against continuation of the war.

Rose Program 2016



After a huge success with our Rose program in 2016 we are now ready to deploy our equipment and troops this year with anticipation of another record breaking season. We have large projects to start this season that will cost us more money to accomplish. However if it works out we will change the life of one of our wounded brothers. It is reasons like this that we go out and raise money and let folks know we are filling a void to help our brothers and sisters.

Our Season starts Friday at the Oakland Shoprite, it is an indoor event at this location which allows us to operate without freezing our troops. If you have some spare time on Friday and can help we would appreciate it. We will be operating from 9-5pm this Friday January 8th.

VA to change disability claims rules for Camp Lejeune veterans

By Patricia Kime, Staff writer 5:02 p.m. EST December 17, 2015

(Photo: Gerry Broome/AP)

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The Veterans Affairs Department has determined that eight medical conditions are linked to service at Camp Lejeune, N.C. from 1953 to 1987, and veterans with these diseases who were stationed at the sprawling Marine Corps base are eligible for disability compensation.

VA officials said Thursday that these eight diseases that have been determined to be service-connected to consuming contaminated drinking water at the base: kidney cancer, liver cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, leukemia, multiple myeloma, scleroderma, Parkinson's disease and aplastic anemia or other myelodysplastic syndromes.

VA Secretary Robert McDonald said research by health experts at the Veterans Health Administration and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, an arm of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, indicated that the risk of developing these illnesses is elevated by exposure to contaminants found in the water, including perchloroethylene, trichloroethylene, benzene and other volatile organic compounds.

"The water at Camp Lejeune was a hidden hazard, and it is only years later that we know how dangerous it was," McDonald said. "We thank ATSDR for the thorough review that provided much of the evidence we needed to fully compensate veterans who develop one of the conditions known to be related to exposure to the compounds in the drinking water."

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