



The Grunt

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744

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Mission Statement of Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

Marine Corps League

Lakeland Detachment—744

January 2019

Another year has flown by and it's time to say goodbye to 2018 and to say hello and give a big Lakeland Detachment welcome to 2019. However, we need to reflect on the following significant accomplishments as a Detachment in 2018:

- We acknowledged and honored twenty three (23) Eagle Scouts
- We attended four State MCL meetings and the State MCL convention
- Held 12 breakfasts, 11 Detachment meetings and 12 Executive Board meetings
- Conducted ceremonies for fallen Detachment Marines, Sgt. at Arms Frank Sanclementi, Cliff Kozikowski, Ed Menshon, and John Fitzgerald
- Conducted 12 Bingo events at the Paramus Veterans Home
- Conducted Flag retirement ceremony
- Held veteran's picnic at Chrystal Lake
- Mike Greig, Les Derbyshire and Ken Gysbers attended Leadership Training at Sea Girt
- Held Detachment rifle match at Cherry Ridge
- Held our annual Detachment 243rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball
- Presented Plaques of Appreciation to 2 supporters of Lakeland Detachment
- We participated at three street dedications in Hawthorne
- Participated in Salute to Veterans program for Memorial Day and Veterans Day at Wyckoff YMCA
- Our Color Guard was represented on 12 occasions including the Special Olympics in Wayne, Memorial Day ceremony in Pompton Lakes and parades in Riverdale, Oakland and Hawthorne (Pompton Lakes 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 Knights of Columbus USO Tribute Award show in Pompton Lakes and ceremony at Becton Dickinson's in Franklin Lakes honoring a fallen Marine
- Participated in the July 4th Parade in Ridgefield Park with the Gooney Bird Detachment.
- Sponsored a family picnic for Marines being deployed to Afghanistan from Picatinny for approximately 500 attendees
- Held 6 Rose Program events at various locations
- Inducted 6 new members

--Tom Crovatto, Len Graff and Tony Matano were presented with the Distinguished Service Award
--Kevin O'Leary was presented with the Marine of the Year Award at our annual Birthday Ball.
--Peter Alvarez was presented with the first Murray J. Sklaar Role Model Award by the State MCL
--Ed Korek and Charles Huha were sworn in as members of The Chapel of Four Chaplains
--We created a 501 3C Lakeland Marine Care Fund with Ed Korek as President, Mike McNulty as Vice President and Peter Alvarez as paymaster. A web page was also created.

--DONATED \$34,829.00 TO VARIOUS NEEDY VETERANS, VETERANS HOMES, VETERANS GROUPS AND OTHER WORTHY CAUSES. This is significant and I congratulate all who made this possible.

Our annual election of Officers was conducted by our State Representatives. Ed Korek agreed to run again as the Service Officer and will be ably assisted again by John Harris. Ken Gysbers has willingly agreed to remain as Quartermaster ably assisted by Kelly Cole. Ken has also retained his position as the Editor of our Detachment newsletter, The Grunt. Ken has done an outstanding job as our Editor and I'm glad that he remains in that position. Mike McNulty has agreed to remain as Sr. Vice Commandant and does an outstanding job with the Rose Program and our monthly breakfasts. I often wonder whether he graduated from the Culinary Institute. Kevin O'Leary has agreed to remain as Jr. Vice Commandant and Les Derbyshire as Chaplain, assisted by Dave Elshout. Theresa Muttel has agreed to remain as Secretary. Ray Sears remains as our Judge Advocate, who has nothing to report and that's a good thing, as well as, serving as our very capable Range Officer. Bill Grotz is our new Sgt. at Arms who, I know, can fill the shoes of our former Sgt. at Arms, Frank Sanclementi, who we lost in 2018. Peter Alvarez continues as our Paymaster/Adjutant.

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

I believe we had a highly significant year of accomplishments. As we look forward to 2019, 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 2019.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

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Chaplain's Page

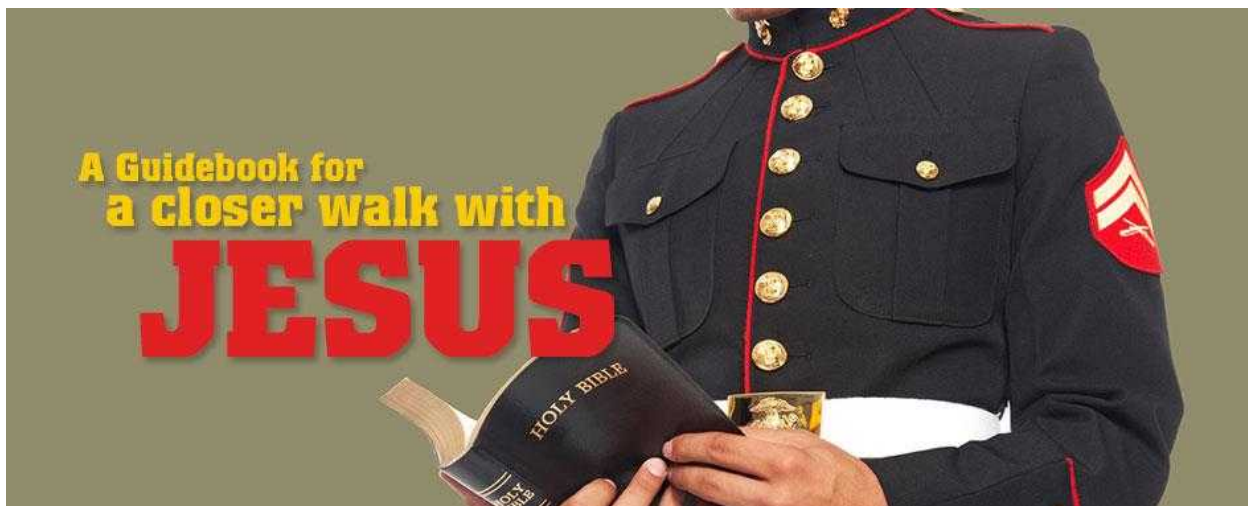
All Life Is Priceless

Depression has been called the “silent killer,” because those who suffer this devastating illness often do so with little or no visible symptoms. Intense internal torment is tearing them apart, but they hide it well. Overwhelmed by hopelessness and helplessness, some see suicide as the only way to relieve the emotional anguish.

Jesus' promise shines a bright light into the darkness of depression. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for all. By His suffering on the cross, He shows the depressed person and all of us that we are worth every second of pain He willingly suffered.

If you are deep in the pit of despair, call on Jesus to lift you up and surround you with His love. His victory over death is His promise that one day, the disease of depression will be destroyed in the resurrection of all flesh and it will never again harm you. You have been redeemed not with silver or gold but with the holy, precious blood of Jesus, who loves you so much. In Him, you have abundant life now and eternally in heaven.

Les Derbyshire, Chaplain



Service Officers Report

I hope that everyone had a Pleasant and Joyous Holiday.



Here we are starting another Year.

I remember when I was a child, time seemed to pass so slowly. Now that I am in the final stretch, I have noticed that Days now go by in seconds and Months pass in a week. When I was in my working years, I never had to write things down so that I would remember what I needed to do. Now, I can't live without my Calendar. Not to mention that I now can't live with out the GPS in my car. So, I sit here looking at the notes I made in preparation for this month's Grunt.

First, I need to mention that our next Bingo will be on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Paramus Nursing Home. The address is: 1 Veterans Way, Paramus. So, mark this down on your calendar: January 8th is the Bingo. The Bingo starts at 1PM and ends about 2:30.

The next order of business is our Monthly Breakfast which will be on the 19th of January. We can always use a couple of helping hands from 10 to 1 cleaning up. Hope to see you there.

At our last detachment meeting I was happy to announce that we are n the last stages of organizing a trip to Washington. I expect to have the complete itinerary made and will give it out at our next meeting. It will be a 3-day trip starting on Friday and returning on Sunday. This will occur in June. The itinerary that I passed out at last months meeting will basically be the same. We are working on booking the Hotel and final pricing and that should be settled in the next week.

Ed Korek

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Service Officer

Editor's Page

Happy New Year Marines,

I sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. It's been very busy for me and unfortunately it caught up with me. However, I'm feeling much better now and am jumping right back into the swing of things.

We have a couple of light months ahead so now is the time to rest up and develop ideas and plans to continue the success our detachment has continuously shown over the past several years. If you have an idea that will in any way improve on something we are doing now or something new that we should consider trying, please bring it to the attention of one of the officers. As the saying goes, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

In history, January was a big month for the Marine Corps. This month, I'll cover Operation Desert Storm which began on January 16, 1990. Coalition forces began air strikes over Iraq and Kuwait targeting military command centers and Iraqi forces. By 0230 on January 17, 46 aircraft from MAG11 had taken off to join up with a massive armada of coalition aircraft that were heading for strikes on key Iraqi command and control centers across Iraq and Kuwait. Targets included Shaibah, Tallil, Qurnah, and Al Rumaylah airfields, as well as Al Amarah and targets around Basra. Escorts and EA6B aircraft thoroughly controlled the Iraqi air defense system using over 100 HARM Missiles on the first night of sorties and all planes dropped ordinance on target and returned to safely returned to base. MAG 13 Harriers were slated to take on 60 plus targets in the MEF forward area described as mostly long range artillery, FROG Rocket Launchers, and anything that might potentially interdict the 1st and 2nd Marine Division however the original mission was scrubbed due to lack of EA6B aircraft to support the attack. However after reports of shelling from Iraqi lines in the morning, the mission launched after 0730 on January 17th under the control of OV10 Forward Air Controllers. Just as the initial sorties found, this mission was also 100% successful with all aircraft returning safely to base. From January 17th though January 29th, weather plagued flight operations in many areas but 3rd MAW continued to pound Iraqi positions flying thousands of sorties during this time. At this point, coalition forces had secured air superiority over Iraqi and Kuwait.

On January 29th, the quiet on the MEF area of operations front was broken by an attack on Khafji by elements of an Iraqi Brigade from III Corps. Khafji was a small town about 10 kilometers from the Kuwaiti border which Task Force Taro of the 1st Marine Division had done some recon around earlier in the day before withdrawing back to their lines. The Iraqi attack caught coalition forces by surprise and the Arab forces retreated leaving about a dozen Marines in place. These Marines hunkered down in place and remained undiscovered as they called in artillery and air support. Task Force Taro positioned their vehicles in support of the Arab counter attack and Marine Cobras and Harriers decimated the Iraqi Armor



columns that were to the north. The victory at Khafji was truly an Arab victory with the support of Marine ground and aviation assets. The 1st Marine Division was divided into 4 task forces—Ripper, Papa Bear, Taro and Grizzly Bear. The objective of 2 of the task forces was to clear lanes through the minefields prior to the start of the ground war and allow the other task forces to pass through on the attack. The 2nd Marine Division had a different plan of attack which was to breach the minefields and attack into Kuwait on a broad front. The attack at Khafji by Iraqi forces was the first stage of what would become 26 days of drawn out combat between Iraqi forces in the south and Marine units although it would be mostly by artillery. Marine units began the task of clearing minefields to their front prior to the main offensive on February 24th.



More on Desert Storm in the February Grunt.

Semper Fi,
Ken Gysbers



Editor

Quartermaster's Report

Sales at the December Breakfast were exceptionally good (best month in 2018) so thanks to all who made purchases. I'm working on getting in a few requests which are taking a little longer than I anticipated (trying to get the best deals as possible) and hope to have some of them in time for the January Breakfast. We have some new knives and hats in our inventory so come on down and check them out. We also have embroidered long sleeve t-shirts and embroidered detachment t-shirts.

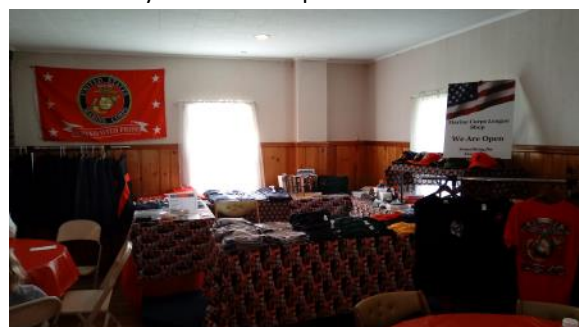


I still have 2 orders for our "Red Satin Detachment Jackets". I would like to give them at least 4 orders at a time so if anyone is interested please reach out to me as soon as possible.

Semper Fi,
Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster

3rd Saturday Breakfast Ship's Store



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

January 2019

- 01/05/2019 Eagle Scout Award to Douglas DelTurco of Troop 12, Livingston--1500
- 01/08/2019 Bingo--Paramus Veteran's Home--1400
- 01/08/2019 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 01/19/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200
- 01/24/2019 Detachment meeting--1930



National Museum of the Marine Corps
Battle of Khe Shan exhibit—the 2nd Battle of Khe Shan began January 20, 1968



Marines in firefight during Operation Dewy Canyon which was the most successful high mobility regimental sized action in Vietnam January 22, 1969.



Marine units landing in Somalia January 1995 to support the unilateral withdrawal of United Nation's Forces.



Squadrons from MAG 24 and MAG 32 provided close air support for US ARMY and Phillipian Forces during the liberation of the Philippines starting in January 1945. Combined, they flew 8,846 combat sorties in less than 3 months.



Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2019
Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 7th, June 11th, July 9th,
August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

**January 19, February 16th, March 16th, April
20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th,**

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th & December 21st

MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Regular Monthly Meeting

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month (Except November)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th,
August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 26th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Our own Ed Korek with Senator Dole at the WWII Memorial in Washington DC about 3 years ago.



Christmas at The Khe Shan 1967—Picture courtesy of Curtis King who also flew with Ben Cascio.



Christmas Mass conducted by Fr. R Stubb at The Khe San 1967 courtesy of Ben Cascio.

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MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 360 After Mission Report DATE 25 Dec 1967

EVENT	1-3	35	41	44	31	DATE	TIME	EVENT	TIME
PILOT	CASCIO								
CO-PILOT	NELSON								
CREW CHIEF	WAGEL								
GUNNER	ROBERTSON								
CORPSEMAN/CHIEF	JONES								
FLT TNG/CHIEF									
PAX/HEAVY	192								
SORTIES/TASKS	62								
ORD EXPENDED									

Mission Number	FLY	DATE	TIME	FLY	DATE	TIME	FLY	DATE	TIME
1	61	187	11:0	2					
2									
3									
4									

Totals by Type: 192 Passengers, 2 Medevacs, 32,000 lbs Cargo

Narrative of Missions: (Name and coordinates of LZ's, unusual events, etc.)
 AT 1830: AT 1830: Khe Sanh → (N 179 438) Hill 881 (beaucoup temps)
 → (N 803 440) Hill 861 (beaucoup temps) → KS
 → (N 845 456) Hill 950 (beaucoup temps) → (N 188 570) Long Mai
 → KS → (N 838 458) → KS

CREDITS: FLIGHTS 6 : STRIKES - : MISSIONS 6

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Ben Cascio's flight log for Christmas Day 1967. In 5.8 hours he flew a total of 192 pax, 2 medevacs & 32,000lbs of cargo (including melting ice cream) as well as bringing Fr. Stubb to outlying outposts in the hills to conduct Christmas Mass.

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GUNNER	ROBERTSON								
CORPSEMAN/CHIEF	JONES								
FLT TNG/CHIEF									
PAX/HEAVY	115								
SORTIES/TASKS	51								
ORD EXPENDED	26								

Mission Number	FLY	DATE	TIME	FLY	DATE	TIME	FLY	DATE	TIME
1	61	187	5:1	2					
2									
3									
4									

Totals by Type: 115 Passengers, 2 Medevacs, 27,000 lbs Cargo

Narrative of Missions: (Name and coordinates of LZ's, unusual events, etc.)
 AT 1830: AT 1830: KS → (N 179 438) → KS → (N 803 440)
 → KS → (N 845 456) → KS (many many temps)!!!

CREDITS: FLIGHTS 4 : STRIKES - : MISSIONS 4

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For anyone who passes the main entrance of Stryker's Mahwah campus, there is a picture that hangs in a place of honor on the wall right across from where Doc. Milazzo sits. It's a picture that shows New York's proud skyline before it was forever changed and was taken from the cockpit of a United States Marine Corps plane in which Ben Cascio, Capt. (USMC Ret.) flew.

An excerpt of Captain Cascio relating the story of how the photo came to be:

"This photo of the World Trade Center was taken on 26 August 2001, two weeks before the Towers were attacked by terrorists. It was taken from a 1951 Marine L-17, beautifully restored by Frank Flagg at Casey Aviation in Mansfield, Massachusetts, and one of our crew chiefs in HMM-362 in Vietnam (1967-68)... In the late afternoon of August 26, 2001 we were returning to Teterboro Airport, having shown the aircraft at the Sussex Airshow that weekend. Flying up the Hudson River... I took out my pocket camera and snapped the usual "touristy" photos of the Statue of Liberty, the World Trade Center, the Intrepid and the Washington Bridge... I had forgotten that I had even taken the pictures, until months later, when I finally had the film developed. Apparently as I took the picture, I must have leaned away from the canopy causing the wing to come up and become framed between the towers, which ironically distinguishes this picture from the thousands of others taken of the WTC. The original enlargement was presented to General James Jones, the former Commandant of the Marine Corps, when I was presenting Warfighting Seminars at the Basic School, under the commandant's mentoring Program, and it hung behind his desk when he was the Supreme Allied Commander of NATO. He was fond to relate, that when people invariably commented on the photo, he took the opportunity to say: "That's why we are here."

Captain Cascio has been a great supporter of Stryker's efforts to support the United States Military, and we are honored to consider him a friend of Stryker's Veterans Association. Captain Cascio's story is remarkable one - we have been honored to have him share it in the past and tell it again here to thank him for his service and his continued support of our military.



"Morning Doc" – In the hallowed halls of Stryker's Mahwah campus, this greeting wouldn't seem at all out of place and might go largely unnoticed. If you are passing the reception desk, you might also hear uttered, almost certainly with a hint of admiration in the words. In this instance, the title was battle-born and hard-earned as a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman and given with reverence by the Marines of 1st Platoon in the jungles of Vietnam. Here, you will find "Doc" Tony Milazzo glance up with his always ready smile and a nod of acknowledgement. Tony Milazzo was 17 years old when he left Paterson, NJ to start college at University of South Florida. Being away from home and his strict Italian dad for the first time, he found himself getting up to a little too much mischief. After ending up on disciplinary probation a few times, Tony realized that college was not for him. Knowing he had little chance of avoiding the draft, he chose to sign up for 4 years in the United States Navy. In June 1966, 19 year-old Tony arrived at Naval boot camp and was given his classification – Hospital Corps School. Mid way through his training at Great Lakes, IL Navy Training Center, he learned about the role of the Navy Hospital Corpsman and their service with the United States Marine Corps. Tony, along with 24 of his classmates, volunteered for the program and were sent to Camp Lejeune, NC for Marine Corps boot camp. From there, all 25 were sent to complete their medical rotation at Philadelphia Naval Field Hospital. "All 25 of us, in September 1967, we got orders that said some-time in October you are going somewhere in the Pacific. They were that vague, but it wasn't hard for us to figure out where we were going!" By Christmas of 1967, just two short months after the 25 young corpsmen arrived together in Danang, only five were still alive. "We knew where they all were. We would hear of tough fighting in that area and we would get on the radio to check on our buddies. That's how we'd find out. In February '68, I got hit by some mortar shrapnel. We had taken some casualties, so we were moving the wounded Marines to the medivacs (helicopters). We came under mortar fire and I was laying over a wounded Marine, but my flak jacket had ridden up. We got the wounded guys loaded and headed back to camp. It was only then that one of the guys said, 'Hey Doc, what's that blood all over your back?' I spent three or four days at Delta Medical Center in Quang Tri and then was back with my unit in a clean uniform, clean socks and a new pair of boots!"



Above are excerpts from a Stryker News Letter. Please note—it also contains 4 pages of Ben's story and 4 pages of Tony's story. If you wish to see more, please e-mail me and I will happily forward this onward. Ken Gysbers Editor—krgysbers@yahoo.com



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Washington DC Trip

June 28th to June 30

Itinerary

Hotel in Washington DC, 20-24 rooms: Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Center

June 28th: Depart 7:30am Oakland Elks Club, 33 Route #202, Oakland, NJ

We'll travel south to Washington through New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Upon arrival, we'll visit the Air & Space Museum where hundreds of artifacts of aviation and space exploration can be found. We'll continue passing the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials. Lunch (not included).

Depart for the evening Parade by 6:00pm Must be at the Parade by 7:00PM The Evening Parade is a marvelous display of planning and precision formations This parade is held at Marine Barracks in Washington DC, which is the "Oldest Post of the Corps." Marine Barracks has been used for many events since the early 20th Century including Presidential inaugurations and other special celebrations.

June 29: Breakfast at the hotel

Today we'll visit Quantico, the site of one of the largest Marine Corps Bases in the World. The base is the site of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command and HMX1 the Presidential Helicopter Squadron, The United States Drug Enforcement

Administration's training academy, the FBI Academy, the FBI Laboratory and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Headquarters are on the base. A replica of the USMC War Memorial stands in the entrance to the base (The original is at the north end of Arlington National Cemetery). The FBI Academy is located on 547 acres on a Marine Corps base in Quantico. Lunch Break (not included). Continue to the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

June 30: Breakfast at the Hotel

Visit the Marine Corps War Memorial (also called the Iwo Jima Memorial) is a Military memorial statue outside the walls of Arlington National Cemetery.

Lunch (not included) - Depart for Oakland Elks

HOTEL (Based on current availability)

Comfort Inn DC Downtown/Convention Center

1201 13th Street NW, Washington DC 20005

The Comfort Inn Downtown DC /Convention Center is conveniently located in the wonderful neighborhood of Logan Circle. We offer both Double bed and king bedrooms that come complete with a refrigerator, 40" flat screen tv, coffee makers, spacious desk with an ergonomic chair and an in-room safe. Don't forget the warm cookies served at 4 pm daily!

FOLLOWING SERVICES INCLUDED:

1. Bus tours, transfers and sightseeing as mentioned above..
2. Hotel – as mentioned or similar
3. Tour escort tour guide is with the tour
4. Breakfast at Hotel

Not Included:

1. Tips to the Driver & Tour Escort
2. Baggage Handling
3. Admission to the Evening Parade
4. Quantico

***** IMPORTANT*****

Drivers driving allowance: 10 hours of drive time and 15 hours on duty. 9 hours off before the start of the following day.

Price based per person in a Double occupancy:

<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40-44</u>	<u>45-49</u>
\$ 604.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 444.00

SGLB SUPP + \$ 130.00 PP TRPB RED - \$ 25.00 PP

Cancellation policy if entire group cancels:

30 - 15 Days 50% cancellation penalty

14 Days – 0 Days Full Cancellation - Non refundable

Individual cancellations are allowed, final price will be based on the amount of passengers traveling.

If individuals cancel, they will forfeit \$ 25.00 per person cancellation fee.

Payment Schedule :

We require \$ 1,000.00 deposit to book the tour on a definite basis by Jan 11,2019.

The balance is due, April 25, ,2019

Contact Ed Korek for details or questions: 201-317-1678 - koreke@optonline.net



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to our Third Saturday Monthly Breakfast

At The American Legion Hall

65 Oak Street, Oakland, NJ 07436

SATURDAY January 19th 8AM-12 NOON

Come have an Outstanding Breakfast and a Good Time

Enjoy Fresh Eggs Made to Order

Eggs Benedict

Omelets; Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Gravy

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Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins

Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults \$12.00, Seniors \$10.00 & children under 5 free

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Military Humor

Marines and the Police

The following is supposedly a true story relating a situation that actually occurred in Los Angeles.

The Marines were backing-up LAPD on a call that someone had broken into a store. At the scene, the cop told the Marines to "cover" him as he approached the store (to police, "cover" means to point your weapons in the direction of the threat, to Marines it means lay down a base of fire!). The Marines promptly laid down a base of fire. The Marines fired 178 rounds before they stopped shooting. The thief, probably a little scared at this point, called 911 and reported, "They're shooting at me!"

Taunting

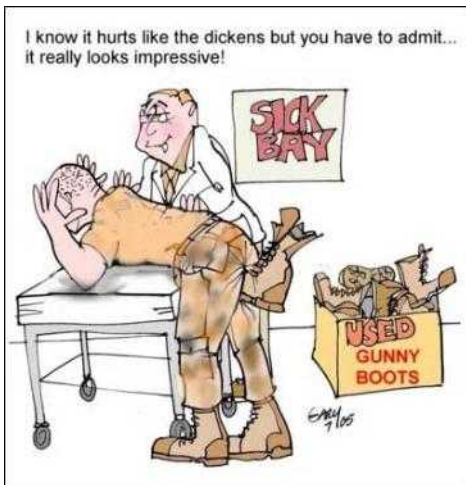
A large group of ISIS fighters in Iraq are moving down a road, when they hear the voice of an American from behind a sand dune, "Hey you bastards! One Marine is better than ten wimpy ISIS fighters!" The ISIS commander quickly orders 10 of his best men over to the sand dune, where a gun battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes. After a minute of silence, the voice calls out again, "One Marine is better than one hundred of you ISIS scumbags!" Furious, the ISIS commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and a huge gun fight breaks out. After 10 minutes of battle, there is again silence, until the voice calls out again, "One Marine is better than a thousand ISIS fighters." The enraged ISIS commander musters 1,000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and cannon fire ring out as a terrible fight is fought ... then silence. Eventually, one badly wounded ISIS fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men ... it's a trap. There's not just one marine over there....there's two."



In a case of bad timing, the thief chose "Marine Corps Night" to rob the VFW.



"I remember when WE were best friends . . ."



I know it hurts like the dickens but you have to admit... it really looks impressive!



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Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
eBenefits (General Questions & Technical Issues)	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Federal Recovery Coordination Program	1-877-732-4456
Foreign Medical Program	1-888-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hotline	1-800-749-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Means Testing	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
National Cemetery Scheduling Office	1-800-535-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-314-801-0800
National Resource Directory	https://www.nrd.gov/
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications 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 ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
Women Veterans	1-202-461-1070
Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647

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Department of New Jersey

Web Site:

<http://njmcl.org>

Lakeland Detachment 744 Web Site:

<http://www.usmcl744.org>

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