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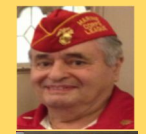
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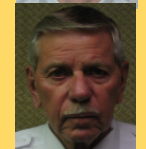
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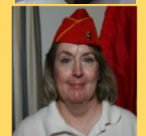
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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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WINNERS AND LOSERS

A Winner is always part of the answer.
A loser is always part of the problem.

A Winner says "May I help you".
A loser says "That is not my job".

A Winner sees an answer for every problem.
A loser sees a problem for every answer.

A Winner says "It may be difficult, but, it is possible".
A loser says "It may be possible, but, it is too difficult".

When a Winner makes a mistake, he says "I was wrong".
When a loser makes a mistake, he says "It wasn't my fault".

Winners say "I must do something".
Losers say "Something must be done".

A Winner makes commitments.
A loser makes promises.

Winners are part of a team.
Losers are apart from the team.

Winners use hard arguments but soft words.
Losers use soft arguments but hard words.

Winners make it happen.
Losers let it happen.

The Marine Corps is a team of Winners. The Marine Corps League is also a team of Winners. I'm proud to say the Lakeland Detachment with its team of Winners are the Best.

One of our biggest winners is our SGT. at Arms, Frank Sanclementi. Frank has been a motivator and inspiration for me with his high level of energy, enthusiasm, motivation and love of Corps and country. He inspired us to sing the Marine Corps Hymn after the Flag Salute at our meetings. That tradition is continuing and will be continued in his honor. Every year as Commandant I would ask him to be my SGT at Arms. He would reply, "I thought you would want someone else". I always told him that as long as I'm Commandant he will always be my SGT at Arms. He still is. Please visit with Frank at the Veterans Home in Paramus to render our love and support for this outstanding Marine. I know he would love to see you and talk about a number of issues from the military, the Detachment to politics. SEMPER FIDELIS TO FRANK SANCLEMENTI, " THE BEST OF THE BEST".

I'm proud of our members, proud to be a member of Lakeland Detachment and proud to stand with you in all of our endeavors.

God Bless The Marine Corps League, The United States Marine Corps and God Bless the United States of America.

Semper Fidelis,

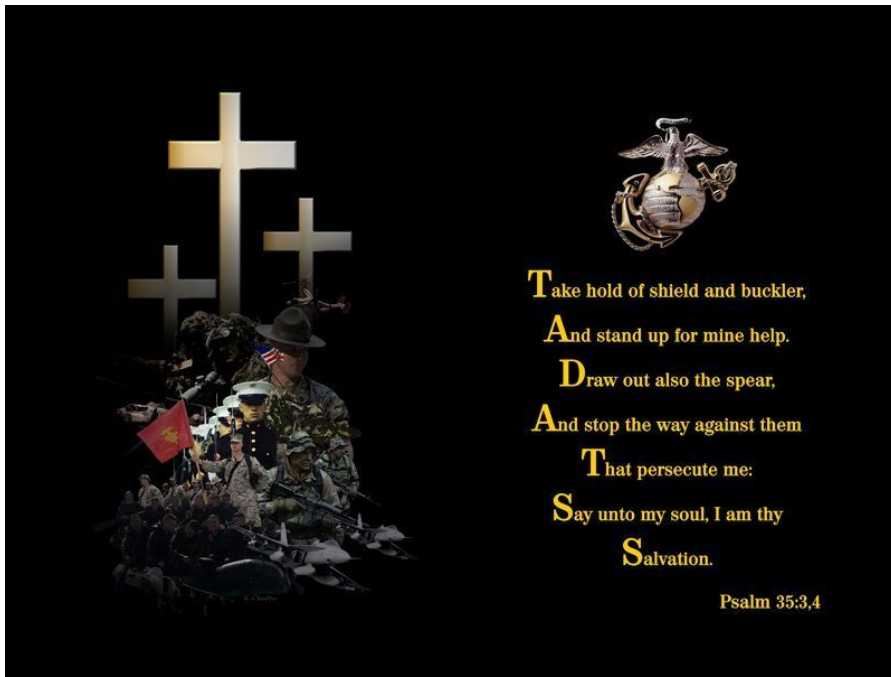
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Chaplin's Report



As we approach Good Friday and Easter, we would do well to actually reflect on what actually occurred on that cross 2000 years ago. There are many that view Jesus as a martyr, a victim of unjust persecution. But as the hour of his death approached, He said to His followers in John 12:27, "...what shall I say, Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour." This was the reason He came, to suffer and die for sin. The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:21 that God "made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin." He was innocence itself, but He took on Himself all the sins of all His people willingly, and bore the wrath of God for them. If you ever want to see what God really thinks about sin, look at the cross. If you ever want to see the depths of the love of God, look at the cross. That cross is the place where God's justice was satisfied and His amazing love for fallen humanity shown. This should humble us and also motivate us to keep God's commandments and fight against sin. The cost was great. The Bible says, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ." Because his sacrifice for sin was perfect, death could not hold Him and He rose again from the dead. He now sits on His throne in heaven. Let's show our love for Him by following His words in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Corinthians 9:15

Dave Elshout

Assistant Chaplain

Service Officer's Report

Well the weather is getting nicer and soon some of you will be at the Golf Course trying to hit that little ball straight, high and far. Me I hope for up in the air and straight.

Speaking of Golf, those of you that missed our last few meetings may not be aware that our Marines that are stationed at Picatinny, and yes they are from Golf Company. They will be leaving Stateside and putting in a tour of duty in Afghanistan. They will be arriving in Afghanistan in late June or early July.

On May 6th, they will be our guests for a Family Day Picnic. We will be serving over 500 Marines and their families. The event will occur off base in a beautiful Picnic area in Dover. We have been preparing for this event since December of last year and things are falling into place very nicely. I am sure some of you can remember when you left for your overseas duty.

Never the less we are putting together a great team, and we are about 1/2 way there. But we can use more hands helping at the event. So please mark the day down on your calendar and join us in giving our Brothers and Sisters a great day.

We are putting together the list of who will be joining our team on the 6th of May. As we get closer to the date we will continue to give everyone updates in the Grunt. Send me an email or call me and we will add you to the list of Marines and Friends who will be there to give our Marines and their families a great day.

Our next Bingo at the Paramus Nursing Home is the 10th of April, at 2PM. See you there. Note: March 13th was cancelled due to Frank's funeral.

As always if you have any questions about Veterans Benefits or anything at all please feel free to call me at 201-317-1678.

Ed Korek

Semper Fi



Editor's Page

Here it is March 11th, and I'm finally getting to work on The Grunt due to the loss of power in Oakland. I actually started it the night of the Nor'easter but lost everything I had done when the power went out. So, my humble apologies for the delay in this month's edition.



Looking back at February, I neglected to mention 2 major events in Marine Corps history. The first is the Flag Raising at Iwo Jima. The Battle for Iwo Jima began with the invasion of Iwo Jima by elements of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions on February 19, 1945. The immortal flag raising on Mt. Suribachi took place on February 23rd as Marines began to secure the summit. Joe Rosenthal's picture which later would become the most famous Marine Corps monument was not the first flag raising that morning. Earlier Marine photographer Louis R. Lowery took still photographs of the first flag raising. As that flag was being raised, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal had just landed on the beach and decided that he wanted it as a souvenir so a larger flag was ordered raised. Joe Rosenthal's famous Pulitzer Prize winning photograph was of the second flag raising and is the only Pulitzer Prize winning photograph that was awarded in the same year as the picture was published. Louis Lowery's pictures weren't released until 1947. Both flags are on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico. Iwo was declared secured on March 26, 1945.

The second item I neglected to mention was the beginning of the Women's Marines. Although the first Women Marines enlisted in 1918 during WW1, they were disbanded and released from reserve service at the end of the war. On Nov 7' 1942, Commandant Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb authorized the formation of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. On February 13, 1943, enlistments for the Marine Corps Women's Reserve were open and Pvt. Lucille McClarren became the first enlisted woman. On March 13th, the 1st class of 71 Officer Candidates entered the U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Mt. Holyoke, MA to begin training with the WAVES. On March 26th, the 1st class of 722 enlisted Women Reserves began training at the U.S. Navy Training School at Hunter College, Bronx NY once again training with the WAVES. It would not be until 1948 that the Women Marines would become a permanent part



of our beloved Marine Corps. These women paved the way for all women in the Marine Corps today. We are honored to have a couple of Women Marines associated with our detachment so please give them a thank you.

Watch for operational updates on upcoming events in the next editions of The Grunt. The first major change is the rescheduling of the Picatinny Arsenal family picnic for Golf Company from May 19th to May 6th. Please mark this date down and contact Ed Korek if you are able to assist with the cooking detail.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Editor



Quartermaster's Report

My humble apologies for missing the last meeting as I know that some of you were looking for a few items. Barring complications, I should be at both the breakfast and the meeting this month. I am working on procuring some new stuff which I hope to have for the next breakfast and meeting. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Please note: While I will try to honor requests as much as I can, items of a personalized nature are not feasible. I would likely have to pay as much as you would and upcharge to cover shipping costs so the detachment doesn't lose any money. Please remember that all of the funds which are made by the Ship's Store go directly to support the activities of the detachment so thank all of you for your continued support.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster

In Memorium



Frank Sanclementi Jr

Sergeant at Arms

Saturday March 10, 2018

Our Father in Heaven has chosen to call up another member of our detachment to guard Heaven's Shores.

Frank entered the United States Marine Corps on 26 Oct 1954 as an 0311 Rifleman. He served with Recon Co, HqBn, 2nd Mar Div, FMF Camp Lejeune NC. In 1956 he attended the Demolition Mine & Warfare School, NavAmpBas, Little Creek, VA specializing in Underwater Demolitions. His active service ended as a Sgt on 25 Oct 1957 after a 3 year enlistment.

To all who knew Frank, he was an ardent motivator in our detachment. Always ready to serve where needed (an ideal found amongst all of us Marines), he also had the unique ability to get people to volunteer where needed. He was indeed an example of what a Marine should be and he will be missed. It was because of his perseverance, that we now sing the Marine Corps Hymn after the flag salute at every meeting.

At the time of the sad news, I had already set up the new first page and had renamed his office as Sgt at Arms Emeritus. As of this issue of The Grunt, he will be forever named and remembered as:

Sergeant at Arms Emeritus Frank Sanclementi.

Semper Fi Frank



IMPORTANT

SAVE THE DATE!

May 6, 2018

Family Day and Picnic

For Golf Co, 2nd Battalion 25th Marines

At Picatinny Arsenal

Location and times

To be determined





Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744



Important Dates for 2018

Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month



Tuesday February 13th, March 13th, April 10th,
May 8th, June 12, July 10th, August 14th,
September 11th (subject to change), October 9th,
November 13th & December 11th



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, (*) June 16th, July 21st, August 18th,



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

September 15th, October 20,
November 17th & December
15th

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes

* The May 19th date is under consideration due to a conflict



Marine Corps League 3rd Saturday Monthly Breakfast March 17th

Scrambled Eggs	Corned Beef Hash	Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
USMC SOS	Applewood Bacon	Sausage Patties
Omelet Station	French Toast	Pancakes
Eggs Benedict	Belgian Waffles	Toast, Bagels, Muffins,
Danish	Coffee, OJ, Tea	Fruit Topping,
		Whip Cream

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Adults \$10.00

Seniors \$9.00

Children Under 10 free 8am-12pm

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65 Oak Street
Oakland, NJ 07436

This Month In Marine Corps History

MARCH

2 March 1867: Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

8 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

11 March 1778: Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943: The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.





U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387

Additional Numbers and Websites

Resource	Phone Number/Website
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
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans Hotline	1-877-424-3838
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

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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