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COMMANDANT’S CORNER

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Lakeland Detachment—744
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Parris Island—our roots and entry into the Brotherhood of Marines

Typically, as Marines we think of Parris Island often. It is usually with fondness given what we received in being one of the “Few, and the Proud”. I know I do. Last year I introduced you to John Dunphy, a young man who was working diligently in order to gain admission to our Corps. On January 12, 2015, John left for Parris Island.

I was communication with him and getting bits and pieces of what he was going through. Obviously, given the time constraints, the letters were not very long. Although he was having difficulty on the rifle range due to an illness, he did finally qualify as a Sharpshooter. In addition he also achieved a meritorious promotion to PFC.

I had the honor and privilege of attending John’s graduation on April 10, 2015. We arrived at Parris Island at approximately 0700 and waited until approximately 0830 before going through the scanners.

Even after emptying my pockets etc. I still had to be scanned. After locating our seats and wiping off the pollen, we waited until approximately 0900 for the ceremony to begin. In the meantime the sand fleas recognized me and feasted. It took about a week for the bites to clear up.

Commandants Corner (Cont.)

Commandants corner cont.

The ceremony was conducted with Pomp and Circumstance with the Parris Island Band performing. There were six Platoons graduating and all marched on smartly. After the usual awards were given out for best marksman, best in PFT and the retirement of the Platoon Guideons, the Pass in Review was conducted. The newly appointed 18th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Ronald L. Green, was at Parris Island, did some fitness runs with the graduating Platoons and was conducting the review of the troops. He has quite an impressive background and should prove to be a vital assistant to the Commandant regarding enlisted matters.

John was home for ten days leave and departed on the 20th for infantry training at Camp Geiger. From there he will go to Missouri for further training in his MOS which is Motor Transport. While he was home I did have lunch with him and obtained his application to the Marine Corps League. As eager as John was to commence with his additional training, I know he was sorry he wouldn't be able to attend our meeting on the 23rd. Congratulations John. We look forward to seeing you as your schedule permits.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



Service Officers Report



March Bingo representatives from 744

Hi Folks

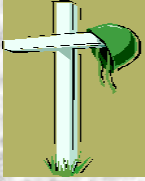
Had another successful Bingo last month, at East Orange hospital. The veterans really enjoyed our company, and thanks to Ed, we had a lot of great refreshments for them! Enough in fact, that there were enough packages of cookies and crackers left over , that the veterans were able to bring some back to the floors.

Our next bingo will be on Friday night May 15th , at the Paramus veterans nursing home. It will start at 7 o'clock, and if you think you can make it, please give me an email or phone call, to let me know that you're attending.

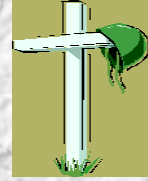
Thank you,

Paul

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Chaplains Desk



The Chaplain's Desk May 2015

Your Chaplain is presenting this very important and also very surprising piece of **TAX INFORMATION** in his writing's this month because he wants all of our senior Marines to try to prepare their siblings and heirs for what the New Jersey Legislature has in store for them at the end of the seniors lives here in New Jersey. New Jersey has the worst estate and inheritance tax of any other state in the country. Most other states tax estates exactly as does the Federal government and the New Jersey lawmaker's aren't willing to change it. They say they need the money—our money—our kids money! This **is not** a Federal Government ruling; it is a separate ruling just for New Jersey residents! The Federal Government allows for an estate tax to be \$5,000,000 (5 million dollars) before taxing the heirs.

Estate tax: (This information was taken from the Bergen Record—it's the truth!) New Jersey will tax all estates that are worth more than **\$675,000**. The state counts real estate, bank accounts, life insurance and cash. Death benefits going to someone other than a spouse become the assets that are subject to this estate tax. Like New Jersey's income tax, the estate tax uses a series of graduated tax rates. The rates go up as the size of the estate increases, from 4.8 percent to 16 percent; a very costly and unfair surprise for our children! !



Chaplain Cont.

Inheritance tax New Jersey also taxes inheritances that are transferred to anyone other than a surviving spouse, child, parent, grandparent or charity. The first **\$25,000** of a sibling's inheritance is exempt from the inheritance tax, but anything else up to \$1.1 million is taxed at 11 percent. The tax rates then increase incrementally for inheritances between \$1.1 million and \$17 million, topping out at 16 percent for any portion of an inheritance over \$1.7 million. Inheritances transferred to anyone else, including aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends, are exempt **if less than \$500**. But if an inheritance surpasses **\$500**, it is taxed at 15 percent up to \$700,000, and then 16 percent over \$700,000. The distressing part to all of these taxes is that these monies have already been taxed. They taxed you when you earned them, they taxed you on the interest when you tried to save and now they tax you again when you will it to your heirs!

The Record writer interviewed a woman who now faces these taxes. She said that she can afford to live the rest of her life in New Jersey; she just can't afford to die here! How about you, Marine?

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Editors Corner



Watch Julia Elshout interview our very own Iwo Jima Marine Tony Lechniak

On our website www.usmci744.org click on the pictures of events tab. Julia is a very special patriotic young lady who chose to do this as a school project ! Semper Fi Julia!



Our first Rose event this year was held at The Adorno Fathers Fair. We had at least 10 Marines from our detachment there to support and work this fundraising event. We had sweatshirts, Hats, golf shirts and more. We sold a record breaking amount. Our rose collection was also fantastic and we broke the record for the second highest grossing rose event to date! Not a bad start to this years Rose Program.

What made this work was having enough Marines to help! Please join us in the upcoming event! "Semper Fi"

Mike



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
JOHN HAND-TRI COUNTY POST NO. 2906
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Est. 1934

March 1, 2015

Dear Memorial Day Parade Participant:

You are cordially invited to participate in the annual Pompton Lakes Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the John Hand Tri-County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2906 and the Borough of Pompton Lakes.

This year's parade will be held on Sunday May 24, 2015. The parade will assemble at 10:45Am at the intersections of Lakeside and Jefferson Avenues.

V.F.W. memorial services will be held at 11:30Am at the Veterans Memorial Park, Jefferson and Lakeside Avenues. The parade will then commence following the services.

Please complete the enclosed postcard, indicating if your organization will be participating, and return the card as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your positive reply, a copy of the parade route will be forwarded to you.

Very Truly Yours,


Robert J. McGrady
Parade Chairman

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

A Formal Night in Support of Team Joey!



Please Join Us For A Night Of Food, Fun, Tricky-Tray, 50/50, Drinks, and Music!

What: A Benefit Dinner to Support Joey Clayton
When: May 15, 2015

Where: Zeris Inn 372 Route 46.Mt. Lakes, NJ 07046
Time: 6pm-11pm

Cost: \$75 per person

Your purchase includes a buffet dinner, dessert, open bar, and a sheet of raffle tickets to participate in our tricky-tray. You can purchase more raffle tickets the night of the event. Please contact Jennifer Clayton or Natasha Devine to purchase your tickets.

Joey Clayton is a bright, athletic, loving, energetic, generous and beautiful 7 year old boy! He is a second grader at Dennis B. O'Brien Elementary School in Rockaway NJ. In December, Joey was diagnosed with a high grade Astrocytoma Brain Tumor. He has finished 33 days of radiation and his first round of Chemotherapy and is getting ready to start his second round of Chemo in the coming weeks. Joey and his little baby brother, Robbie, are lucky to have two parents, Joe

and Jennifer Clayton, who love them unconditionally. Their strength as a family during this difficult and unbearable time is truly inspiring. Please join the Clayton's, along with countless friends and family members, in celebrating Joey and his amazing strength and courage! Go Team Joey!!

*If you would like to donate a basket for our tricky-tray please contact:

Jennifer Clayton: 760-429-8479, parncutt13@yahoo.com or Natasha Devine: - 910-378-6807, cutiedevine@yahoo.com



Marine Corps Ball

240th Birthday Celebration

Friday November 6, 2015

Join us at:

Macaluso's in Hawthorne, NJ

Our Menu will begin with:

Cold Antipasti, Grilled Vegetables in Onion Vinaigrette - Button Mushroom Salad with Wine Vinegar Gaeta and Sicilian Green Olives - Assorted Vegetables in a Sweet and Sour Dressing Italian Sun-Dried Tomatoes - Assortment of Imported Cheeses - Seafood Salad, etc. - Chafing Stations Include: Eggplant Rollatini - Clams Oreganato - Stuffed Mushrooms with Crabmeat - Fried Shrimp - Fried Calamari in Marinara Sauce - Prince Edward Mussels Marechicra - Italian Meatballs - BBQ Ribs etc.

Champagne Toast

First Course: Penne al Filetto di Pomodoro

Second Course: Tri-Color Salad with Aged Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree Choice:

Roasted NY Strip Steak - Pan Seared Boneless Chicken Breast of Chicken and Veal Marsala Wine Sauce
North Atlantic Salmon with Dill Sauce - Roasted Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables with Garlic and Oil

Desert Table:

Marine Corps Birthday Cake - Assorted Italian Pastries - Fresh Fruit - Ice Cream Bar

Coffee - Tea - Decaf - Soda - Wine - Beer

Music for Dancing by: Joey Zisa and Friends

\$75. PER PERSON



The Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to its:

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Preakness Valley Golf Course
209 Totowa Road, NJ 07470**

DATE: Thursday September 10, 2015

TIME: Register & Breakfast 8AM Tee Time 9AM

COST: \$135.00 per Golfer Includes: Green Fees,
Cart, Continental Breakfast Plus Buffet Lunch
Beer, Soda, Dessert & Prizes

BEST BALL FORMAT TEAM SCORE

Name _____ Phone _____

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Marines

The Few. The Proud.

MCL 2015 Schedule

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

ELKS, 33 Ramapo Valley Rd, Pompton Lakes

DATES		ADDRESS
May		
05/01/15	Hawthorne Street Dedication 3 Marines needed	Paul Perchurko
05/03/15	Chris Goodell 3k run Honor Guard Needed and volunteers	Ben Cascio
05/12/15	Officers Meeting 7pm	P. Alvarez Home
05/15/15	Bingo Paramus Veterans Home 7pm	Veterans Home Paramus
05/15/15	Gunny Claytons Sons Benefit Dinner for "Joey"	
05/17/15	MCL Breakfast	Elks
05/17/15	600 Aggregate Match Union County Sherriff Department	UCSD
05/25/15	Pompton Lakes Memorial Day Parade 10am Monument	Pompton Monument
05/25/15	Hawthorne Memorial Day Parade	
05/28/15	Detachment Meeting 7:30pm	Elks
05/30/15	Detachment Rifle Shoot Cherry Ridge Range	Highland Lakes
June		
06/05/15	Hawthorne Street Dedication 2 Marines needed 1pm	TBD
06/07/15	Flag Day	Elks
06/07/15	Rose Program Montvale	Paragon Drive
06/09/15	Officers Meeting 7pm	P. Alvarez Home
06/11,12/13	Department of NJ MCL Convention Seaview Hotel Galloway NJ	See Charlie
06/14/15	Pequannock Rose Program 8-5pm	TBD
06/10/15	Bingo East Orange Veterans Hospital 7pm	TBD
06/20/15	Rose Event Wyckoff Stop & Shop **ALL HANDS ON DECK**	Wyckoff
06/21/15	MCL Breakfast Fathers Day Breakfast 8am -1pm	Elks
06/26/15	Detachment Meeting 7:30pm	Elks

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