

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

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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING—PART II

IMPROVISE—ADAPT—OVERCOME

What do those words mean to you? To me it's a good prescription for life. For Marines, it also represents our mantra in not giving up and working to overcome all obstacles in the face of adversity. This is how we live our lives and how battles and wars are won. These three words represent those values required to overcome adversity and describes the essence of RESILIENCE.

Resilience helps us to survive and rebound from difficult, complex and challenging times. Helps us to Improve upon and maintain mental fitness, alertness and performance under pressure. Those three words assist us to convert any negative moods to increase happiness for ourselves, with our personal relationships and help us to lead a more enjoyable life.

Why do we need resilience? Without it we would not survive. Our lives would be represented by oppression, depression, hopelessness, failure and death. There would be no reason for Semper Fidelis, hope. The history of the world is filled with cases of forlornness and hopelessness from the subjugation of peoples by a cruel dictator, to the victims of crime and violence and to the horrors of the Holocaust

Resilience is embodied in each of us in different ways and at varying levels of intensity. For Marines, resilience is a mindset of never giving up and overcoming all challenges towards a victorious outcome. Our personal lives are filled with the threat of adversity/challenges in one form or another. It could be the threat of losing a job, troublesome interpersonal relationships, illness, feelings of being a failure and a host of other reasons. How we deal with those issues indicates our level of resilience. Those three words of "Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome" aligned with the core values of The Marine Corps of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment will help us through any form of challenge, adversity or oppression.

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

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT

Semper Fidelis, Charlie



Chaplain's Page



America is not what it once was; we have drifted away, far, far away from what and who we used to be as a nation. The Founding Fathers based and drafted our Constitution, our very form of government (a Republic, not a Democracy) on God. Our unique form of government was never intended to work with or for a people that deny God, NOR was it intended to work with or function as a SOCIALISTIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature."-Benjamin Franklin (1)

"It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains." –Patrick Henry (1)

"The Constitution is the guide which I will never abandon." -George Washington (1)

This country was founded by believers as is evident by reading the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as letters written by the Founding Fathers. God was a central part of this nation, and that included in and during sessions of Congress as well as statehouses.

God is:

Referenced in the Congressional Record from the earliest sessions of Congress

Referenced and honored physically in many federal and state government buildings

Honored on our money

Referenced in all but four state constitutions

Referenced in the Declaration of Independence

"The U. S. Constitution itself says that it was done "in the year of our Lord"—meaning Jesus. But also it was done in the 12th year of independence. The Constitution is predicated on the Declaration of Independence—our national birth certificate, which mentions God four times." (2)

We do ourselves a disservice (our history) in insisting that the U.S. and it's form of government was not founded on and influenced by God.





Fast-forward to the U.S. of today – the U.S. is being slowly remade in the image of something else, or someone else. There is a pall of darkness and evil covering and intermingling with the people of America, a spiritual darkness that is draining the life out of this country.

The Constitution, the very document that our laws are based on is now considered by many to be a "living document." So what does that mean exactly? It basically means that the Constitution can be reinterpreted to mean whatever the politicians want it to mean, and at any given time. We must all realize how foolish and dangerous this is.

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, because if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world."-Daniel Webster

"Those people who will not be ruled by God will be ruled by tyrants." -William Penn

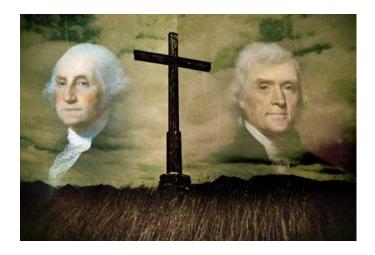
Some politicians are Hell-bent on destroying this country and welcoming in the new age, the age of a One World government, of which the United States is a part of – and no longer a sovereign nation. It is easily observed that "anything goes" is the prevailing attitude in America, as evidenced by the content of the news, movies, and people's own actions etc.

- How did America go from being a nation that largely worshiped God to a nation that largely has little use for God?
- Why was God thrown out of our government and our schools?
- What if anything can be done to combat all of this?
- Please return our country to what it was when it was founded!

Remember, all of us as United States Marines once raised our right hands and dedicated our lives to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America. It is still a part of the swearing in ceremony for the Marine Corps League. It is an oath that we take seriously and without any reservation.

(Submitted by Dennis Kievit Assistant Chaplain)

Les Derbyshire, Chaplain Dennis Kievit . Assitant Chaplain





Service Officers Report May



Our next Bingo is on the 14th of May (Which is the 2nd Tuesday of the month) at 2 PM. Come out and join us for a good time with some of our Resident Veterans at the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home, located at 1 Veterans Way, Paramus NJ.

I want to also remind everyone that our next Saturday Breakfast will be on the 18th of May, from 8 AM till 12 Noon. So far this year we are serving more clients than ever before. We sure could use your helping hands. Hope to see you there.

Those of you that are going on our Trip to Washington on the 28th of June, the Menu for the Globe & Laurel Restaurant can be found on Page 16. Please make your selections and e-mail them to Ben Cascio bencascio@aol.com. Make sure you include your first and last name. Your selections must be in to Ben by June 15th. This is for the dinner on 29th at 6PM.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help you with some of your VA Issues, feel free to call me.

Ed Korek 201-317-1678 cell 973-835-4388 home.



Editor's Page

Greetings Marines,

A pivotal event occurred in Marine Corps history during the month of May. On May 22, 1912, 1st LT Alfred A Cunninghan USMC reported to Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis MD under the orders of Major



General Commandant William P. Biddle to become the first Marine Corps Aviator. He is considered to be the father of Marine Corps Aviation. Born on March 8, 1881, young Alfred enlisted in the 3rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish American War and served a tour of duty with the Cuba occupation force before his separation from active duty. He spent the next decade selling real-estate in Atlanta GA. It was during this time frame, he became interested in aviation, having witnessed and participating in a balloon flight.

He came back into the military at the age of 27 and was commissioned a 2nd Lt USMC on January 25, 1909. He did so in the correct belief that he would have the opportunity to fly. He was assigned to the Philadelphia Navy Yard and while there, his interest in aviation continued to grow. During his time at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, he served on the New Jersey (BB16), the North Dakota (BB29) and the receiving ship USS Lancaster. He requested and received permission from the Commandant of the Navy Yard to use a field on the base to run test flights with a rented civilian airplane. He also joined the Aero Club of Philadelphia and began to sell the concept of Marine Aviation. Many of the members of the club were of considerable affluence and used their connections with the government to further advance the cause of Marine Aviation. He was promoted to 1st LT in September 1911 and received orders to Annapolis MD on May 16 1912 for Naval aviation training. He reported on May 22, 1912 which is considered the birthday of Marine Aviation. Actual flight training was given at the Burgess Plant at Marblehead, Massachusetts, because only the builders of planes could fly in those days and after two hours and forty minutes of instruction, Cunningham soloed on 20 August 1912. He flew the Curtiss seaplane and became Naval Aviator No. 5, and Smith became Naval Aviator No. 6.







Between October 1912 and July 1913, Cunningham made some 400 flights in the Curtiss B-1, conducting training and testing tactics and aircraft capabilities. In August 1913, Cunningham sought detachment from aviation duty, on the grounds that his fiancée would not marry him unless he gave up flying. Although assigned duty as assistant quartermaster at the Marine Barracks at the Washington Navy Yard, the first Marine aviator continued to advocate Marine Corps aviation and contribute significantly to its growth.

By November 1913, the Navy Department had assigned Cunningham (and Smith) to return to the Advanced Base School with the understanding that they would create an aviation section for the force. Cunningham performed important reconnaissance roles for the force, which was fully functionable by 1914. Later, he served on a board, headed by Captain Washington I. Chambers, USN, tasked with drawing up a comprehensive plan for the organization of a naval aeronautical service. It was upon the recommendation of this board that the Naval Aeronautical Station at Pensacola, Florida, was established in 1914.

The following February, Cunningham was assigned duty at the Washington Navy Yard, assisting Naval Constructor Holden C. Richardson in working on the D-2 flying boat. Ordered to Pensacola for instruction in April 1915 (his wife apparently having relented in allowing her husband to fly), Cunningham was designated Naval Aviator No. 5 on 17 September 1915. During WWI, he organized and became the Director of the Aviation Company for the Advanced Base Force at Philadelphia Navy Yard. He was also appointed to the selection board for site selection for Naval and Marine Corps Air Stations. In 1917, he went to Europe to observe British and French Aviation units in combat. On his return to the US in January of 1917, he formed the Northern Bombing Group —four Marine Corps landplane squadrons equipped and trained in five months' time. On 12 July 1918, 72 planes, 176 officers and 1,030 enlisted men sailed for France on board the transport DeKalb, arriving at Brest on 30 July 1918. The Marines were sent to the fields at Oye, Le Fresne, and St. Pol, France; and at Hoondschoote, Ghietelles, Varsennaire and Knesselaere, Belgium. Despite shortages of planes, spare parts, and tools, the Marines participated in 43 raids with British and French units, as well as 14 independent raids, and shot down eight enemy aircraft. Planes of the group also dropped 52,000 pounds of bombs, and supplied 2,650 pounds of food in five food-dropping missions to encircled French troops. For his service in organizing and training the first Marine aviation force, Cunningham was awarded the Navy Cross.

After WWI, he returned to the US and was appointed as the officer in charge of Marine Aviation. He held this billet until December 26, 1920 when he was appointed to command the First Aero Squadron, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Subsequently, he was appointed to Marine Corps Schools, Quantico and Executive Director of the Marine Corps Institute from 1929 to 1931. After this he was appointed as the Assistant Quartermaster and with his health failing, he retired on 1 August 1935. Promoted to LtCol while on the retired list, he passed away on 27 May 1939 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Most of, (if not all) the aerial tactics he developed in early training, WWI and the Banana Wars are stilled used today although the weaponry and delivery platforms have changed. Since the Banana Wars, Marine ground forces

know beyond any doubt, that their brothers in the air wings have them covered.

Happy 107th Birthday to Marine Aviation.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers, Editor

Quartermaster's Report

I've gotten in a few of the things that have been requested and am continuing to work on getting more items in. Look for some new stuff at the breakfasts and upcoming Rose Events.

As always, if anyone has any ideas or something that you think we should carry for both the Ship's Store and the Rose Programs, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster





Potential items for the near future





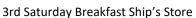
















MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

May / June 2019

05/09/2019 - 05/13/2019	Traveling Vietnam Wall @ Garret Mountain—Details on Page 11.
05/11/2019	Eagle Scout presentation to Anthony Mazzilli of Troop 49, Oakland-1300
05/11/2019	Eagle Scout presentation to Jacob Ross of Troop 388, at
	Riverdale Community Center -1600
05/14/2019	BingoParamus Veteran's Home -1400
05/14/2019	Executive Board Meeting 1900
05/18/2019	3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800-1200
05/23/2019	Detachment meeting1930
05/26/2019	Memorial Day ceremony at 1000 and parade @1200 Pompton Lakes
05/26/2019	Memorial Day Parade @1300 Oakland (for those that can make it)
	Ceremony to follow.
05/27/2019	Memorial Day Parade @0900 Riverdale—Ceremony to follow.
06/01/2019	Eagle Scout presentation to Harrison Chen of Troop 49, Oakland-1300
06/11/2019	BingoParamus Veteran's Home1400
06/11/2019	Executive Board Meeting 1900
06/14/2019	MCL State Convnetion
06/15/2019	Air Show Morristown
06/15/2019	3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800 - 1200
06/22/2019	Heroes on the Water Crystal Lake, Oakland
06/27/2019	Detachment Meeting 1930
06/28/2019-06/30/2019	Detachment trip to Washington DC

Happy Birthday to the following Marines:

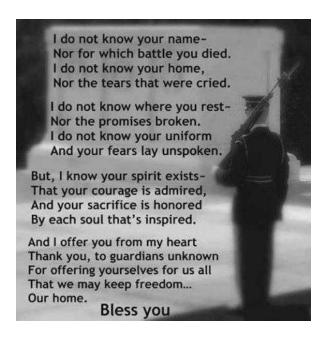
John Baker	May 1
Paul Thompson	May 2
Warren Klemt	May 3
Richard Girardin	May 12
Carol Dulkis	May 16

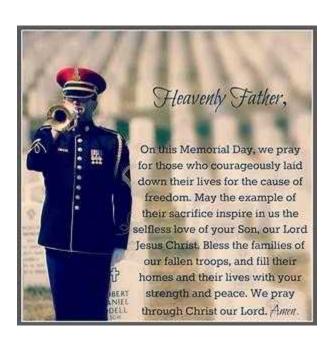


Mona Harrison	May 17
Chris "Dutch" Grodewald	May 22
Peter Alvarez	May 28
Tony Lechniak	May 30

Memorial Day

Memorial Day has it's beginnings going back over many centuries of honoring soldiers by decorating their graves. The actual beginning of Memorial Day is somewhat unclear or diffused over time by historians. The traditions of decorating soldiers graves was renewed in earnest after the Civil War. Parents, brothers, sisters, children and relatives gathered to decorate the grave of their loved one who was lost during the Civil War on both sides as early as 1866. Freed slaves, who had assisted in the proper re-burial of Union Prisoner of War soldiers that died while in captivity took the time to have a parade and decorate the graves of over 260 soldiers in Atlanta GA. They continued this tradition for many years. In the North, many states and local communities very similar events occurred. In 1868, General John A. Logan issued a proclamation calling for "Decoration Day" to be observed annually and nationwide; he was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of and for Union Civil War veterans (this was the predecessor of what was to become the American Legion after the First World War). With his proclamation, Logan adopted the Memorial Day practice that had begun in the Southern states three years earlier. One author, claims that the Date of May 30th was chosen because that was the best time for flowers to be in bloom in the north. The actual change of the name of the day from Decoration Day to Memorial Day started in 1888 but was not fully recognized until after WWII. It wasn't until 1967 when it became Memorial Day under Federal Law. On June 28, 1968, Congressed passed the uniformed holiday act which moved 4 holidays to a specified Monday and Memorial Day was designated as the last Monday of May. In 2000, Congress passed the" National Moment of Remembrance Act. At 3PM (1500 for us veterans), we are asked to stop for a moment and remember those who have given their last full measure of devotion so that this nation will long endure.





Our Memorial Day Services begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday May 26.



Garret Mountain Reservation

8 Mountain Ave, Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Thursday, May 9th, 2019

9:30 AM - Procession of the Moving Wall to Garret Mountain 6:00 PM - Opening Ceremony

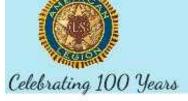
Open to the Public from Sunset

Friday, May 10th, 2019 Viewing All Day Veterans Will Have
24 Hour Access

Saturday, May 11th, 2019 10:00 AM - Dedication Ceremony 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Concert at the Park

Sunday, May 12th, 2019 12:00 PM - American Legion Memorial Service

Monday, May 13th, 2019 11:00 AM - Conclusion of the Moving Wall Event









Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders

PosterMyWall.com Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Richard H.





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 14th, June 11th, July 9th,

August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th



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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

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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 December)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 19th



Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Commandant's Club Announcement

IMPORTANT

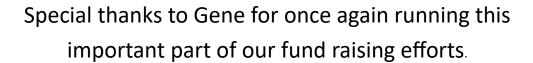
Commandant's Club Raffle Tickets

will be distributed at the May Meeting on May 23rd at 1930

Money is due in by August 1st

Winners will be drawn at the Sept 26th, Detachment Meeting

Please see Gene Kelly





Operation Fallen Hero - Hawthorne, NJ

Since 2011 the Lakeland Detachment has been supporting Operation Fallen Hero in Hawthorne, NJ. The program begun in 2011 dedicates a hometown street to servicemen from Hawthorne who were killed in action or died in the line of duty from World War One through the Vietnam War. Marine Gene Kelley has served as honor guard with the national colors and Marine Raymond Sears has led the rifle salute for the ceremony since the inception of the program.

The ceremonies are conducted on May 1, June 14 and November 11.

To date, Hawthorne has honored forty servicemen including four Marines, two of which were killed in action during the invasion of Saipan during World War II and two Marines during the Korean War.

If you have not had an opportunity to participate in Hawthorne's Operation Fallen Hero ceremony and would like to, please contact Raymond Sears as Marines are always needed for the rifle Salute.

Submitted by: Marine Paul Chepurko,

Hawthorne Operation Fallen Hero Coodinator





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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. We will stop at the Maryland House on the way to stretch our legs and to get a quick bite to eat. The bus will arrive at the Air and Space Museum at approximately 1:30 PM and we will have a guided tour of the museum. From the Museum we will be taken to our hotel to check in, relax and have a bite to eat before going to 8th and I, as special guests for the evening Parade.

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. After the parade and ceremony we will return to the hotel.

June 29: Breakfast at the hotel

We will be leaving early in the AM to go to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Special arrangements have been made for our group, and we will be there for the Changing of the Guard at 9:15 AM. At which time (4) from our group will have the honor to Lay the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After the Ceremony we will take the bus to the Main building at Arlington Cemetery and we can then take the tram and have a guided tour of the Cemetery. If the restoration of the Lee Museum and Grounds have been completed we will have the opportunity to Tour the Mansion and Grounds. Around 1 PM, we will arrive at the Marine Corps Museum. At this time we are in the process of arranging for a Special Tour of the Museum and to arrange either a late lunch at Tun Tavern or early Dinner (Or Both at your expense).

At 5:30pm, we will have our farewell dinner at Globe and Laurel restaurant, which is actually the insignia of the UK's Royal Marines," Richard "Rick" T. Spooner (born 1925) is a former officer in the United States Marine Corps and the proprietor of The Globe and Laurel Restaurant in Stafford, Virginia just a few miles south of the main gate of Marine Corps Base Quantico.

June 30: Breakfast at the Hotel

We will be doing an either or. If the weather is good, the bus will drop us off at Downtown Washington and everyone is free to sight-see on their own. Everything is in walking distance and we can see the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean Memorial, (my personal favorite) the WW2 Memorial, WW1 Memorial, the Women's Vietnam Memorial, to name just a few. If weather is inclement, we will all be taken to the Smithsonian Museum to tour on our own. Shortly after noon we will get back on the bus for our trip back home.

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

The Globe & Damp; Laurel

Dinner Menu

....a touch of tradition

Appetizers

Shrimp Cocktail \$8 Crab Bites \$8

Soup

French Onion Soup Du Jour \$5

Entrees

All our entrees include the choice of salad, roll & amp; butter

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus* \$23

Classic Seafood Linguini Parmesan with Sautéed Shrimp and Scallops* \$18

Delmonico Steak* \$24

Grilled Filet of Salmon* \$19

Demi-Glace Grilled Pork Chop* \$17

Maryland Crab Cakes* \$20

Ancho Chili Chicken Breast, Pico de Gallo & Cheddar Jack* \$17

*Consuming raw meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk for foodborne illnesses.

<u>~May We Suggest for Our Vegetarian Guests~</u>

Stuffed Portabella Mushroom with Spinach, Tomato & Samp; Vegetable Quinoa \$14 Rainbow Medley of Our Chef's Choice Vegetables - Served with Rice or Quinoa \$14

Ala Carte

Onion Rings \$2.95 Sweet Potato Fries \$2.95 Pub Fries \$2.95 Vegetable DuJour \$2.95

Baked Potato \$3 Crab Mac & Crab Mac &

<u>Desserts</u>

Award Winning Chocolate Mousse \$7 Deep Dish Apple Pie Topped with Vanilla Ice Cream \$5

Pecan Pie with Vanilla Bourbon Sauce \$6 Meyer Lemon Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce \$6

Ask About our Featured Daily Dessert Selection!

Instructions: Make your selections from the above Menu and e-mail it to

bencascio@aol.com

Make sure you include your First and Last Name for each Dinner Selection!

Selections must be in to Ben no later than June 15th. He will coordinate with the restaurant.







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 May 18th 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
Fancakes; French Toast & Waffles
Bacon; Sausage; SOS & Corned Beef Hash
Home Fries & Biscuits

Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults: \$12.00, Seniors: \$10.00
Children Between 6 and 10: \$6.00 & Children under 5: Free
Bring your family and friends
Most Important Support Lakeland Detachment #744

Be sure to visit our Marine Corps League Store in the back Right Corner.



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Invites you to its:

19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Preakness Valley Golf Course
209 Totowa Road, Totowa, NJ 07470 973-881-4921

Date: Friday June 21, 2019

TIME: 8AM Register & Breakfast - 9AM Tee Time Shotgun Start

COST: \$135.00 per Golfer; Includes Green Fees, Cart, Breakfast and Buffet Lunch

Plus: Beer & Soda, on Course and Prizes for All

Reservations & Payments by June 7nd 2019 (Credit Cards Accepted)

BEST BALL FORMAT TEAM SCORE

PLEASE SHOW SHIRT SIZE NEXT TO YOUR NAME

Name	Phone _	
Shirt Size		

Golf Committee

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. JOHN HAND-TRI COUNTY POST NO. 2906 P.O. Box 86 Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442-0086 Est. 1934

March 25, 2019

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 26, 2019. 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

Commandant as in the past would like the Leagues Color Guard to lead the parade.

Have you ever pondered what our fund raising goes to? Here's an example:



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Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744 ATTN: Peter J. Alvarez P. O. Box 8 Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442-0008

Dear Mr. Alvarez,

On behalf of the United States Marine Corps, I thank you for your generous gift of \$5,000.00 to be used by the members of Wounded Warrior Battalion-East. Your contribution and commitment of support to the brave men and women who have so courageously defended our great Nation during a time of war or national emergency is truly admirable.

As the Commanding Officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment, I have the privilege of ensuring prompt delivery of nonmedical care to the Nation's wounded, ill, and injured Marines as they recover. At the Regiment, we provide programs and services to help our Marines successfully return to duty or to reintegrate back into their civilian communities. These programs and services are wide-ranging and include benefits and financial counseling, athletic activities and competition, educational and employment counseling, and wholesome recreational activities.

With the Regiment's programs and services and your contribution, our warriors will continue to thrive as they focus on their abilities. These resilient Marines have achieved remarkable goals. They have returned to the fight, become award winning athletes, found civilian careers, and given back to their communities as productive citizens. Your generous gift will make a positive difference in their lives.

Semper Fidelis & thank you!

Sincerely,

L. F. MILLER

Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Commanding Officer

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John Basilone Parade Committee

22 First Street Raritan, New Jersey 08869

THE ONLY PARADE IN AMERICA HONORING A WAR HERO

Dear Friends.

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, the Borough of Raritan will host its 38th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallant action during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942 and the Navy Cross posthumously for more heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed in 1945.

The parade continues to grow in size and popularity each year. Last year, many units marched along with military and high school bands before thousands of spectators, many of whom came from different parts of the country to attend this annual event.

Parade expenses increase each year and although funds are provided by the municipal budget for this occasion, we rely on the generosity of many people like you for the success of this yearly tribute. We respectfully request your support and thank you in advance for your contribution.

We invite your organization to join us in making this year's parade the biggest and best ever. Participating units are to report for registration and line of march assignments at 11:30 AM at the Raritan Train Station located between Thompson and Anderson Streets. The parade will begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

Please respond on the enclosed card and include your email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John R. Pacifico, Chairma

John Basilone Parade Commi 908-429-8868 (phone)

Please make checks payable to John Basilone Parade Committee.

*If you are unable to present this invitation to the organization designated on the enclosed card, kindly forward it to the appropriate person. Thank you.

Military Humor

My gunnery sergeant and I were inspecting a Marine training exercise when we spotted a 2nd lieutenant ambling about. "Where is your foxhole, Lieutenant?" I asked. He snapped off a salute and responded, "I don't know, sir!" Turning to the sergeant, he asked, "Gunny, where is my foxhole?" "You're standing in it, sir," said the sergeant. "All you have to do is remove the dirt." Readers Digest Submitted by Ret. Lt. Col. Joseph Como, Greenwood, South Carolina

"Halt!" shouted our drill instructor. He had noticed that, for the umpteenth time, a recruit kept going to his right on a left command. Our instructor approached the directionally challenged Marine and stomped on his left foot. "Now," he said, "when I say 'left,' it's the one that hurts." Readers Digest Submitted by Wayne Schroeder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

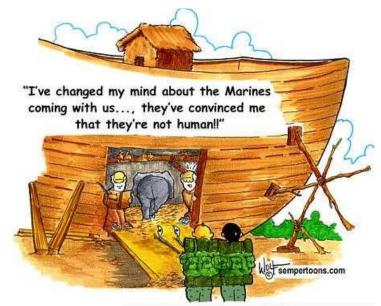
My husband's cousin married a former Marine who now works for United Parcel Service. They bought their four-year-old son two stuffed bears — one in a UPS uniform and the other in Marine garb. When the boy seemed confused, his father brought out a picture of himself in full Marine dress. "See, Connor?" he explained, pointing to the photo and then to the bear. "That's Daddy." Connor's eyes went from one to the other, and then he asked in a puzzled voice, "You used to be a bear?" Readers Digest Submitted by Robin Yedlock

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- When Marines are allowed to speak Freely -







From the Editor:

I'm not one to be openly political on most issues but when I saw this 'History Lesson" I felt compelled to include it in the Grunt.

There's an old saying 'If you don't learn from history, you're doomed

to repeat it'.....

"GENTLE ISLAM"

A 232 Year History of our fight against Islam & why true history is no longer taught in our public schools...

When Thomas Jefferson saw there was no negotiating with Muslims, he formed what is now the Marines (sea going soldiers). These Marines were attached to U. S. Merchant vessels. When the Muslims attacked U.S. merchant vessels they were repulsed by armed soldiers, but there is more.

The Marines followed the Muslims back to their villages and killed every man, woman, and child in the village. It didn't take long for the Muslims to leave U.S. Merchant vessels alone.

English and French merchant vessels started running up our flag when entering the Mediterranean to secure safe travel.

That's why the Marine Hymn contains the verse, "To the Shores of Tripoli".

This is very interesting and a must read piece of our history. It points out where we may be heading.

Most Americans are unaware of the fact that over two hundred years ago the United States had declared war on Islam, and Thomas Jefferson led the charge!

At the height of the 18th century, Muslim pirates (the "Barbary Pirates") were the terror of the Mediterranean and a large area of the North Atlantic. They attacked every ship in sight, and held the crews for exorbitant ransoms. Those taken hostage were subjected to barbaric treatment and wrote heart-breaking letters home, begging their governments and families to pay whatever their Mohammedan captors demanded. These extortionists of the high seas represented the North African Islamic nations of Tripoli, Tunis , Morocco , and Algiers - collectively referred to as the Barbary Coast - and presented a dangerous and unprovoked threat to the new American Republic .

Before the Revolutionary War, U.S. merchant ships had been under the protection of Great Britain . When the U.S. declared its independence and entered into war, the ships of the United States were protected by

France. However, once the war was won, America had to protect its own fleets.

Thus, the birth of the U.S. Navy. Beginning in 1784, 17 years before he would become president, Thomas Jefferson became America's Minister to France. That same year, the U.S. Congress sought to appease its

Muslim adversaries by following in the footsteps of European nations who paid bribes to the Barbary States rather than engaging them in war.

In July of 1785, Algerian pirates captured American ships, and the Dye of Algiers demanded an unheard-of ransom of \$60,000. It was a plain and simple case of extortion, and Thomas Jefferson was vehemently opposed to any further payments. Instead, he proposed to Congress the formation of a coalition of allied nations who together could force the Islamic states into peace. A disinterested Congress decided to pay the ransom. In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams met with Tripoli's ambassador to Great Britain to ask by what right his nation attacked American ships and enslaved American citizens, and why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts.

The two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja had answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran that all nations who would not acknowledge their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Musselman Muslim) who should be slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise."

Despite this stunning admission of premeditated violence on non-Muslim nations, as well as the objections of many notable American leaders, including George Washington, who warned that caving in was both wrong and would only further embolden the enemy, for the following fifteen years, the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages.

The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to over 20 percent of the United States government annual revenues in 1800. Jefferson was disgusted. Shortly after his being sworn in as the third President of the United States in 1801, the Pasha of Tripoli sent him a note demanding the immediate payment of \$225,000 plus \$25,000 a year for every year forthcoming. That changed everything.

Jefferson let the Pasha know, in no uncertain terms, what he could do with his demand. The Pasha responded by cutting down the flagpole at the American consulate and declared war on the United States.

Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers immediately followed suit.

Jefferson, until now, had been against America raising a naval force for anything beyond coastal defense, but, having watched his nation be cowed by Islamic thuggery for long enough, decided that it was finally time to meet force with force. He dispatched a squadron of frigates to the Mediterranean and taught the Muslim nations of the Barbary Coast a lesson he hoped they would never forget. Congress authorized Jefferson to empower U.S. ships to seize all vessels and goods of the Pasha of Tripoli and to "cause to be done all other acts of precaution or hostility as the state of war would justify".

When Algiers and Tunis, who were both accustomed to American cowardice and acquiescence, saw the newly independent United States had both the will and the right to strike back, they quickly abandoned their allegiance to Tripoli. The war with Tripoli lasted for four more years, and raged up again in 1815. The bravery of the U.S. Marine Corps in these wars led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Hymn, and they would forever be known as "leathernecks" for the leather collars of their uniforms, designed to prevent their heads from being cut off by the Muslim scimitars when boarding enemy ships.

Islam, and what its Barbary followers justified doing in the name of their prophet and their god, disturbed Jefferson quite deeply. America had a tradition of religious tolerance. In fact Jefferson, himself, had co-authored the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, but fundamentalist Islam was like no other religion the world had ever seen. A religion based on supremacy, whose holy book not only condoned but mandated violence against unbelievers, was unacceptable to him. His greatest fear was that someday this brand of Islam would return and pose an even greater threat to the United States and it has.

This should concern every American . That Muslims have brought about women-only classes and swimming times in America at "taxpayer-funded universities and public pools; that Christians, Jews, and Hindus have been banned from serving on juries where Muslim defendants are being judged; Piggy banks and Porky Pig tissue dispensers have been banned from workplaces because they offend Islamist sensibilities; ice cream has been discontinued at certain Burger King locations because the picture on the wrapper looks similar to the Arabic script for Allah; public schools are pulling pork from their menus; on and on and on and on.

It's death by a thousand cuts, or inch-by-inch as some refer to it, and most Americans have no idea that this battle is being waged every day across America. By not fighting back, by allowing groups to obfuscate what is really happening, and not insisting that the Islamists adapt to our culture, the United States is cutting its own throat with a politically correct knife, and helping to further the Islamists' agenda.

Sadly, it appears that today America's leaders would rather be politically correct than victorious! This also speaks well for all Christian countries!!

IF YOU DO NOT REMEMBER THE PAST, YOU ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT.

DO WE NEED ANOTHER THOMAS JEFFERSON?

So far this has been a history lesson. However much of what it says is happening today. I remind each of us of our sworn duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

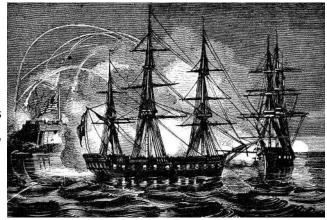




The Star Spangled Banner as You've Never Heard it Before!

This You Tube Video has been making it's way around in e-mails. I was so moved that I figured that I'd put the text in the news letter. It is, however, much more moving in the video so I added the link at the end. Enjoy.

There was a lawyer once; his name was Francis Scott Key. He penned a song that I'm sure you're aware of — you've seen it — it's in most hymnals throughout our churches. It's called, 'The National Anthem'. It is our song as an American. We go, however, to a ball game, we stand in our church services, and we sing the words of that song. And they float over our minds and our lips, and we don't even realize what we're singing. Most of us have memorized it as a child, but we've never really thought about what it means. Let me tell you a story.



Francis Scott Key was a lawyer in Baltimore. The Colonies were engaged in vicious conflict with the mother country, Britain. Because of this conflict, and the protractedness of it, they had accumulated prisoners on both sides. The American Colonies had prisoners and the British had prisoners. And the American government initiated a move. They went to the British and they said, "Let us negotiate for the release of these prisoners." They said, "We want to send a man out to discuss this with you." They were holding the American prisoners in boats about a thousand yards offshore. And they said, "We want to send a man by the name of Francis Scott Key. He will come out and negotiate to see if we can make a mutual exchange."

On the appointed day, in a rowboat, he went out to this boat and he negotiated with the British officials. And they reached a conclusion that men could be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. Francis Scott Key, jubilant with the fact that he'd been successful went down below in the boats and what he found was a cargo hold full of humanity; men. And he said, "Men, I've got news for you. Tonight you are free." He said, "Tonight, I have negotiated successfully your return to the Colonies." He said, "You'll be taken out of this boat; out of this filth; out of your chains."

As he went back up on board to arrange for their passage to the shore, the Admiral came and he said, "We have a slight problem." He said, "We will still honor our commitment to release these men, but it'll be merely academic after tonight. It won't matter." And Francis Scott Key said, "What do you mean?" And he said, "Well, Mr. Key," he said, "Tonight, we have laid an ultimatum upon the Colonies. Your people will either capitulate and lay down the colors of that flag that you think so much of, or you see that fort right over there – Fort Henry?" He said, "We're gonna remove it from the face of the earth." He said, "How are you gonna do that?"



He said, "If you will, scan the horizon of the sea." And as he looked, he could see hundreds of little dots, and he said, "That's the entire British war fleet." He said, "All of the gun power, all of the armament is being called upon to demolish that fort. It will be here within striking distance in a matter of about two and a half hours." He said, "The war is over. These men would be free anyway." He said, "You can't shell that fort." He said, "That's, that's a large fort." He said, "It's full of women and children." He says, "It's predominantly not a military fort."

He said, "Don't worry about it." They said, "We've left them a way out." And he said, "What's that?" He said, "Do you see that flag way up on the rampart?" He said, "We have told them that if they will lower that flag the shelling will stop immediately, and we'll know that they've surrendered. And you'll now be under British rule." Francis Scott Key went down below and told the men what was about to happen. And they said, "How many ships?" He said, "Hundreds." The ships got closer. Francis Scott Key went back up on top and he said, "Men, I'll shout down to you what's going on as we watch." As twilight began to fall, and as the haze hung over the ocean as it does at sunset, suddenly the British war fleet unleashed. Bam!

He says, "The sound was deafening. There were so many guns that there were no reliefs." He said it was absolutely impossible to talk or hear. He said, "Suddenly the sky, although dark, was suddenly lit." And he says from down below all he could hear the men, the prisoners, saying was, "Tell us where the flag is. What have they done with the flag? Is the flag still flying over the rampart? Tell us." One hour, two hours, three hours into the shelling every time the bomb would explode and it would be close to the flag, they could see the flag in the illuminated red glare of that bomb. And Francis Scott Key would report down to the men below, "It's still up. It's not down."

The Admiral came and he said, "Your people are insane." He said, "What's the matter with them?" He said, "Don't they understand this is an impossible situation?" Francis Scott Key said he remembered what George Washington had said. He said, "The thing that sets the American Christian apart from all other people in the world is he will die on his feet before he'll live on his knees." The Admiral said, "We have now instructed all of the guns to focus on the rampart to take that flag down." He said, "We don't understand something. Our reconnaissance tells us that that flag has been hit directly again and again and again and yet it's still flying. We don't understand that." But he said, "Now, we're about to bring every gun for the next three hours to bear on that point." Francis Scott Key said the barrage was unmerciful. All that he could hear was the men down below praying the prayer, "God, keep that flag flying where we last saw it."

Sunrise came. He said there was a heavy mist hanging over the land, but the rampart was tall enough. There stood the flag, completely nondescript, in shreds. The flagpole itself was at a crazy angle, but the flag was still at the top.

Francis Scott key went aboard, and immediately went into Fort Henry to see what had happened. And what he found had happened was that that flagpole and that flag had suffered repetitious direct hits, and when hit had fallen.

But men, fathers, who knew what it meant for that flag to be on the ground – although knowing that all of the British guns were trained on it – walked over and held it up, humanly, until they died. Their bodies were removed and others took their place. Francis Scott Key said what held that flagpole in place at that unusual angle were patriots bodies. He penned the song, "Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming. O'er rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that the flag was still there. Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet fly and wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?" The debt was demanded, the price it was paid.

Francis Scott Key—The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light?
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight?
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare,
The bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night,
That our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave?
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

www.youtube.com—Search: The Star Spangled Banner as you've never heard it before.

Blessed is the nation whose God is The Lord -Psalm 33:12





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