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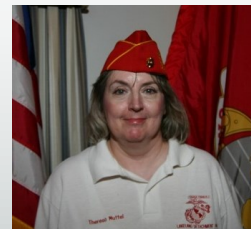


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Commandants Corner November 2015

November 10, 1775 is considered the official birth date of the United States Marine Corps. On this date the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines with the following decree:

“That two battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors and other officers, as usual in other regiments; that they consist of an equal number of Privates as with other battalions, that particular care be taken that no persons be appointed to offices, or enlisted into said battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies; unless dismissed by Congress; that they be distinguished by the names of the First and Second Battalions of Marines”.

Tun Tavern, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is regarded as the birthplace of the Corps as the location of the first Marines to enlist under Commandant Samuel Nicholas. It is disputed as to whether a recruiting drive occurred earlier at Nicholas’s family tavern, The Conestoga Wagon.

When the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, the Continental Navy was di-established and with it, the Continental Marines. The Corps was re-established on July 11, 1798 when the “act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps “was signed by President John Adams.

Prior to 1921, Marines celebrated the recreation of the Corps on July 11, with little pomp or pageantry. On October 21, 1921, Major Edwin North McClellan, in charge of the Corps’ fledgling historical section, sent a memorandum to Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting the Marines’ original birthday of November 10 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Lejeune so ordered in Marine Corps Order # 47 (Series 1921), Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, November 1, 1921 and indicated the following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November 1921, it will be read upon receipt. The order to be read is the Commandant’s first Birthday message which is read on the occasion of our birthday ball and will be included in this month’s Grunt.

As we celebrate the 240th Birthday of our beloved Corps, let us not forget our heritage and the rich legacy of those who came before us. Let us continue to guard that legacy, make our own contribution and proudly pass on to succeeding generations that rich tradition of selfless

HONOR, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie



General John A. Lejeune's Birthday Message

"On November 1st, 1921, John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the honorable service of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the birthday of the Corps. Since that day, Marines have continued to distinguish themselves on many battlefields and foreign shores, in war and peace. On this birthday of the Corps, therefore, in compliance with the will of the 13th Commandant, Article 38, United States Marine Corps Manual, Edition of 1921, is republished as follows:

" '(1) On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name Marine. In memory of them it is fitting that we who are marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

" '(2) The record of our corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquillity at home generation after generation of marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres, and in every corner of the seven seas that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.

" '(3) In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term marine has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.

" '(4) This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines to-day have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the corps.'

"The inspiring message of our 13th Commandant has left its mark in the hearts and minds of all Marines. By deed and act from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima, from Inchon to the Korean Armistice, in interventions from Lebanon to the Dominican Republic, and from the opening battles in Vietnam to the Mayaguez rescue, Marines have continued to epitomize those qualities which are their legacy. The success which they have achieved in combat and the faith they have borne in peace will continue. The Commandant and our many friends have added their hearty praise and congratulations on this, our ___ birthday." (Underscore supplied.)



10 November 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

When the Continental Congress raised up two battalions of Marines in 1775, it launched the greatest fighting force the world has ever known – a force revered globally for its uncommon valor, unparalleled adaptability, and ferocious tenacity. Over the past 240 years, the battlefields and equipment have changed, but the spirit of the United States Marine Corps has prevailed in every clime and place.

One hundred years ago, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island opened its doors as the first base dedicated solely to making Marines. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have been forged into elite warriors at Parris Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and The Basic School in Quantico. Each recruit had a different reason for stepping onto the yellow footprints, but all are unified by the intangible traits that characterize United States Marines and the remarkable legacy that has carried on across generations.

Whether you served on the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood, fought on the iconic island battlefields of World War II, navigated the harsh terrain and climate of the Chosin Reservoir or Vietnam, conducted assaults during Desert Storm, marched on Baghdad, fought in close combat in Fallujah, or conducted combat operations in Afghanistan, everyone who wears the Eagle, Globe and Anchor is a member of that storied legacy.

As we celebrate the 240th birthday of our Corps, we pay tribute to all who have served and we remember our fallen heroes. We take great pride in our legacy and in the fine men and women who carry our colors into the future. And we extend heartfelt thanks to our families for their steadfast support.

Our 26th Commandant, General Louis Wilson, once said, "In the last analysis, what the Marine Corps becomes is what we make of it during our respective watches. And that watch of each Marine is not confined to the time he spends on active duty. It lasts as long as he is proud to bear the title of United States Marine." Thank you all for guarding the legacy of our Corps during your watch.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis.

Robert B. Neller
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Service Officers Report

Our next veterans activity will be our annual Christmas Bingo at the Paramus Veterans home on December 11, 2015, at 7:00 PM. We generally have approximate 75 to 85 veterans attend this Christmas bingo, so we can definitely use your help. Come out and spread some holiday spirit to our fellow comrades.

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Sick Call



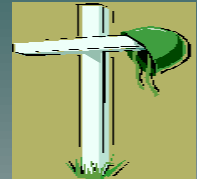
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Chaplains Desk October 2015



The Chaplain's Desk November 2015

JUST STAY

"A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young, uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed.

All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile; he refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital; the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "I thought that he was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me; I stayed."

I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was killed in Afghanistan today and I was sent to inform him. What was this gentleman's name? The nurse with tears in

her eyes answered,.... Mr. William Grey!.....

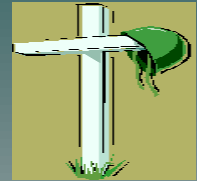
The next time someone needs you just be there, JUST STAY!

**"WE ARE NOT HUMAN BEINGS GOING THROUGH A
TEMPORARY SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE.
WE ARE SPIRITUAL BEINGS GOING THROUGH A TEMPORARY HUMAN EXPERI-
ENCE."**

Dennis Kievit / Chaplain Lakeland Detachment / MCL#744
Phone: (201) 825-0183



Chaplains Desk October 2015



MEMORIAL TRIBUTE For Marine Sergeant Zigmund “Ziggy” Gasiewicz November 1 2015

On February 18, 2015, Lakeland Marine Detachment member Dave Elshout and I had the distinct pleasure of having dinner at the Royal Warsaw with a Marine giant, ZIGMUND “ZIGGY” GASIEWICZ. We joined Ziggy, his son Peter, Nephew, Louis, both Marines, and other family members and Marines for a wonderful night of sharing and being with a legend, up close and personal.

In time Lakeland Detachments own hero of Iwo Jima, ANTHONY “TONY” LECHNIAK joined our dinner celebrations. Since both were of Polish heritage, you know they had a lot to talk about, especially, once they found out that, as youngsters, they lived no more than 20 miles from each other in the coal mining area of Pennsylvania.

The dinners were very special to all, especially Ziggy, since we were all with Brother Marines and family. Not only did I enjoy meeting and talking with this Hero, I particularly enjoyed his wit and humor.

One occasion will always be remembered by me and will bring a smile to my face as I think about Ziggy.

Peter was playfully teasing Ziggy about the war, especially Guadalcanal. He finally remarked that it was a good thing the Army came and saved the day. Ziggy just sat in his chair, looking straight ahead, not batting an eye and said “What Other Jokes Do You Have”. We all had a good laugh over that.

Ziggy joined the Marine Corps in 1940 while still a teenager. After Parris Island, he served at Guantanamo Bay and did practice assaults in the islands off of Puerto Rico. After Pearl Harbor, he was sent to California for training, then to New Zealand and the Fiji Islands for more training.

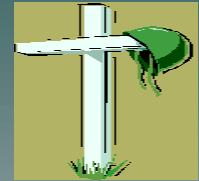
His ultimate destination was Guadalcanal, the first major United States ground offensive. Guadalcanal was the turning point in the Pacific and stemmed the tide of Japanese aggression, saving Australia, as well, from enemy assault. Ziggy hit Guadalcanal as a 75 mil pack Howitzer artillery man. The equipment was vintage WWI and the rifles were 03 Springfield single action weapons. Ziggy took part in the following battles: Tenaru River, Matanikau River, Henderson Field and Bloody Ridge.

He served with and knew the legends of our Corps in John Basilone, Mitchell Paige, Al Schmid, Chesty Puller, James Roosevelt of Carlson’s Raiders, Merrill Edson of Edson’s Raiders and Sgt. Jacob Vouza, who was of vital assistance to the Marines being a Solomon Islander and native of Guadalcanal. Jacob’s story is also one of HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.

The scrap books and pictures are testimony of Ziggy’s affiliation and friendship with those mentioned along with Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1991-1995, General Carl Mundy.



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After being awarded the Medal of Honor, John Basilone was transferred stateside to sell war bonds. **Ziggy** took over his Machine Gun Squad. When John Basilone returned, it was Ziggy who went on the war bond tour with Al Schmid.

Ziggy left Guadalcanal racked with Malaria and starvation weighing in at a hefty 90 pounds on a 5'9" frame. With the completion of his war bond tour, **Ziggy** became part of the famed 1st Division, engaging the enemy on New Guinea and Cape Gloucester.

Ziggy recovered from his bouts of Malaria and other combat related problems at St. Albans Naval Hospital in Queens and was discharged in 1945. He earned the following medals:

--Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Battle Stars for the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, for his actions on Cape Gloucester and New Guinea

--Navy Unit Commendation Medal for the 11th Marine Regiment for "Extraordinary Heroism" at Cape Gloucester

--Presidential Unit Citation with three Bronze Battle Stars for "Outstanding Gallantry" for actions on Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and New Guinea

--American Defense Service Ribbon—1941

--World War II Victory Medal

--Good Conduct Medal

Through his example, Ziggy's son Peter and nephew, Louis, both joined the Corps. They both share a rich history in the Corps, a deep love for our Country, our beloved Marine Corps and for **Ziggy**.

Ziggy was 94 on July 23, 2015 and passed away on October 28, 2015. The Marine Corps holds three values dear to each and every Marine. Throughout his life he always exemplified those moral values of **HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT** in the love he felt for his family, his friends, our beloved Corps and his country.

The last line of the Marines Hymn reads "If the Army and the Navy ever look on Heavens scene, they would find the streets are guarded by "**UNITED STATES MARINES**".

Semper Fidelis, **Ziggy**. You have earned your place of **HONOR** guarding the "**STREETS OF HEAVEN**".

Semper Fidelis,
Charles Huha, Friend, Commandant, Lakeland Detachment--744, Marine Corps League

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



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November 2, 2015

Lakeland Marines and friends,

On October 25, 2015 a letter was mailed to the Oakland Elks informing them that we are moving our meeting location. There will be no further meetings or events held at the Elks. Our new meeting location will be at the following:

American Legion
65 Oak Street
Oakland, NJ 07436

The November issue of the Grunt will have additional details as to the meeting in November and the future breakfasts. This will be discussed at length during our next Executive Board meeting. Any questions will be addressed at the next Detachment meeting.

The American Legion Hall is located behind the Municipal Building and Veterans Park in Oakland. It is the last building on the left on Oak Street. Thank you.

Semper Fidelis;

Charles Huha, Jr.
Commandant
Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744



SEMPER FIDELIS



Editors Corner



Friday, 23 October 2015

It does not seem like 32 years ago.

First published 23 October 2009 and annually since.

"This is not a battle between the United States of America and terrorism, but between the free and democratic world and terrorism." Tony Blair

In the summer of 1982 Lebanon requested United States military presence in their country. The purpose was to serve as a peacekeeping force between warring factions of Muslims and Christians. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit, home-based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, received orders on March 24th, 1983 to deploy to Beirut.

United States, French, and Italian military forces (Multi-National Force or MNF) initially provided some stability in Beirut. But as diplomacy fell apart, Muslim factions began to perceive the Marines as siding with the Christians and, therefore, as the enemy. Consequently, the Muslims began to target and harass Marine positions with small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Marines, adhering to their mission of "peacekeeping" and "presence," countered with appropriate measures only against clearly identified targets. In short, the "Rules of Engagement" (ROE) were restrictive--but commensurate with the situation; supposedly. I know, the situation and the ROE was much more complicated and remains debatable, to say the least, but is not relevant to the scope of today's Commentary.

Since the United States was not looking to escalate her commitment to Lebanon, the Marines did not conduct offensive combat operations. And despite the Marines best efforts, to remain neutral and to protect themselves in a less-than-ideal "defensive" posture (in an absurd politically selected not militarily-driven site), the situation continued to deteriorate.

Then, in the early morning hours twenty-six years ago on this date--23 October 1983, KA-BOOOOOOOOM! Two hundred forty one warriors--220 Marines, 18 Sailors, and 3 Soldiers--were killed by a bomb-laden, terrorist-driven truck attack that destroyed Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion/8th Marines (BLT 1/8) four-story headquarters building. Many of those killed died while sleeping--buried under tons of twisted steel, chunks of concrete, and rubble. Minutes later and only a few miles away a similar truck bomb was used to attack the French contingency of peacekeepers. Their eight-story building was leveled killing 58 paratroopers.



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At the time, I was a First Lieutenant assigned to Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina--one of two Depots where America makes her Marines.

With the tail end of one Series and one complete Series under my belt as an Assistant Series Commander, I was a Series Commander--responsible for the well-being and supervising the training of one other officer, 12-15 Drill Instructors, and four platoons each of about 65 recruits.

The Series was just completing the three-week second phase--marksmanship training and rifle qualification--and was wrapping up their service week, commonly referred to as "Mess and Maintenance"--a time when recruits contribute to the running and upkeep of the Depot and get a small taste of life in the Corps when not training. Before the hectic pace of third phase (final four weeks of training) began, I had managed to slip away from the Depot for a short weekend visit home to North Carolina.

In 1983 October 23rd fell on a Sunday. That morning I rose early to return to Parris Island and turned on the only television cable news program of the day--CNN. The anchors were announcing breaking news from Beirut. There had been a huge explosion in the U. S. Marine sector and information--some conflicting--was pouring in.

Once a member of 2/6 and on the Mediterranean deployment rotation with the 8th Marines, I remember my first thought--BLT 1/8 was on duty in Beirut. Not only did I have friends in the battalion but mere months earlier I had told recruits (soon to be Marines) that after leaving Parris Island and completing their specialty training some would soon find themselves in Beirut. Some would be assigned to 1/8. They were.

Before departing home for the five hour ride down I-95 and weaving South Carolina low-country back roads for Parris Island, casualty numbers were starting to trickle in. The initial number was less than 20 when I walked out of my parent's home. Throughout my ride I was able to tune in radio stations reporting the news. Casualties continued to climb--no names just numbers.

By the time I reached my small apartment in Port Royal and turned on the television confirmed casualties were well over 100. As we know today, that would not even be half of what was to come. Sobering.

Americans, and especially Marines, were asking, "How in the hell could this happen?" A comprehensive investigation would answer that question. But the truck was not unlike many that had become a routine sight to Marines--positioned at the Beirut International Airport as a show of "presence/peacekeepers." There was no call for alarm; until mere seconds before hostile intent was realized. At that point, sentries were helpless; not in position nor did they have the means to stop the barreling bomb on wheels. On a macro level, the unit's location had nothing to do, whatsoever, with military strategy and tactics. Plain and simple--the Marines were targets.

Eight days later, on Monday, 31 October, General Paul X. Kelley, USMC, 28th Commandant of the



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In the words of General Kelley...

"As I mentioned previously, the assigned mission of the MNF, simply stated, was "presence." It should be clearly understood that this was basically a diplomatic/political mission, not a military one in the classic sense, and the positioning of Marine forces at Beirut International Airport was not driven by tactical considerations. Moreover, the threats at the time, as reported to the Marines by the intelligence available did not require tactical deployment. Indeed, the mission of "presence" mitigated against such measures. Put another way, the Marines had to be seen by the Lebanese people.

I would now like to describe what occurred on Sunday morning, October 23, and why we believe that only extraordinary security could have met that massive and unanticipated threat.

At daybreak, a five-ton capacity Mercedes truck (roughly the size of a large dump truck and a type commonly seen at the Beirut International Airport) entered a public parking lot adjacent to the four-story, steel-reinforced concrete and sandbagged building which housed the headquarters elements of BLT 1/8. After making a complete circle of the parking lot for acceleration, and while travelling at a high speed this truck:

- crashed through the outer defense of a barbed wire emplacement,
- moved at high speed between two sandbagged sentry posts,
- passed through a gate in an iron fence-jumped over a sewer pipe which had been placed as an obstacle to impede the forward movement of vehicles, plowed through a sandbag barrier, hit with precision a four-foot wide passenger entry into the lobby where its cargo, estimated by the Defense Intelligence Agency to be 5,000 pounds of explosives, detonated.

The entire event, which can best be described as the delivery by a suicidal driver of a 5,000-pound truck-bomb at very high speed, took approximately six seconds from start to finish. Rough calculations indicate that it would require a massive concrete wall to stop a vehicle of this weight and travelling at this speed. It is of particular importance to note that the Commander's security was oriented toward the threat of the past several months, i.e., artillery, rockets, mortars, small arms and car bombs. In this context, his security efforts had been successful. Obviously, the Commander's security arrangements were inadequate to counter this form of "kamikaze" attack. But, we have yet to find any shred of intelligence which would have alerted a reasonable and prudent commander to this new and unique threat. There was not even the indication of a capability to undertake such a monumental and precise action. General Tannous, the Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces, informed me that he cannot recall, in his vast experience, a terrorist attack of the type which hit the headquarters of BLT 1/ 8 on 23 October 1983. In his opinion, it represents a new and unique terrorist threat, one which could not have been reasonably anticipated by any Commander.



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Almost simultaneously, a smaller vehicle approached an eight-story apartment building to the north of Beirut International Airport which housed the French contingent. Since this building is on a busy thoroughfare, there would be no reason to suspect its intention. As it approached the building, it accelerated, took a sharp right into the driveway, and forced entry into an underground garage where it exploded. During a personal conversation, General Cann, the Commander of the French contingent of the MNF, informed me he had no intelligence which would have warned him of this threat, as did General Angioni, the Commander of the Italian contingent."

General Kelley went on to offer insight that has since proven to be quite prophetic. His words--his predictions--should make us all take pause and wonder if our country's leadership was and is listening and paying attention. The general went on to say...

"I believe it important to recognize that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that both incidents were not suicidal acts by some individual fanatic. They were instead, well planned and professionally executed acts of terrorism which appear designed to drive our U.S. presence from Lebanon.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, let me say that the subject of increased terrorism against all Americans around the world may be one of the most serious problems which could be addressed by this Committee on a priority basis. This unprecedented, massive "kamikaze" attack was not against young Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers--it was a vicious, surprise attack against the United States of America and all we stand for in the free world.

Let me say, with all of the emphasis I can, that there are skilled and professional terrorists out there right now who are examining our vulnerabilities and making devices which are designed to kill Americans, lots of Americans around the world, in further acts of mass murder by terrorism. Let there be no doubt about it.

I would hope that the Congress would use this incident of cruel and premeditated mass murder to help us determine a way which tell nations that they cannot export and support terrorists who kill innocent Americans with impunity.

The perpetrators and supporters of this challenge to the rights of free men everywhere must be identified and punished. I will have little sleep until this happens.

Thank you."

On October 23rd our Detachment paid tribute to the Beirut Marines at the Bergen County memorial. Our own Bill Harrison a Beirut veteran, our Legendary Captain Ben Cascio who was the guest speaker, our color guard, and our rifle team took part in honoring those fallen Marines!

Semper Fidelis

Mike

Rose Program 2015



Please come out for the Rose Event of the Year on Saturday November 21st at The Stop & Shop in

Boulder Run Wyckoff NJ. This year has been record setting for every event we have done. Lets end our year on a great note! Volunteers needed 0900-1700.

Contact Kevin O Leary at 201-644-8078

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AND
NORTH JERSEY MILITARY MOMS**



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AS WE PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS AT A

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

12:00 NOON

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Located on Franklin Turnpike between Miller Road and East Ramapo Ave.
Mahwah, NJ

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9th Annual
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Honor Our Veterans

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015

5 pm - 10 pm

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2 Island Road

10% of dinner orders (food only) will be donated to the

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NORTH JERSEY MILITARY MOMS

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Saturday, December 12, 2015 @ Noon

*Mahwah Veterans Park ***** Ramsey Veterans Park*

****** Ceremony to take place no matter the weather ******

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE--LAKELAND DETACHMENT--744

SCHEDULE OF DETAILED ACTIVITIES --2015

DATE	ACTIVITY
January	
3	Eagle Scout Ceremony for Richard Bonini and Jeevan Jeyabalan of Troop 49 in Oakland, NJ
3	Eagle Scout Ceremony for Evan DenDanto, Samuel DenDanto, Evan McDowell, Brandon Miller, Alec Wapshare and Zachary Mayfield of Troop 62 in Middletown, NY
12	Officers meeting
18	Sunday morning breakfast
18	Attended State MCL Meeting
22	Detachment meeting--Presentation to Rhonda and Steve Pearl who, on an unsolicited basis, paid for part of the dinner for our Detachment on the Marine Corps Birthday.
February	
9	Officers meeting
15	Sunday morning breakfast
16	Conducted ceremony for fallen Marine John Kmetz at Richards Funeral Home
19	Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900
26	Detachment meeting--Approved following donations--\$300.00 towards barbeque grill for Paramus VA Nursing Home, \$1,000.00 to Family and Friends for Freedom Fund, \$1,000.00 to Marines Care, \$500.00 to Joseph Clayton for his son. Presentations made to Anthony Falcone of Phoenix Diversified who donated the new flag drop box and to Tony Lechniak of our Detachment who is a survivor of the Battle for Iwo Jima.
March	
7	Kevin o'Leary and Ed Korek attended the Leadership Conference at Sea Bright
8	Participated in the Combat Pistol Match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range
10	Officers meeting
15	Sunday morning breakfast
	Attended State meeting in Red Bank
20	Bingo night at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900
22	Participated in Three Gun Aggregate match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range

26	Detachment meeting--Presented check to GySgt. Mario Monaco for \$1,000.00 for the Marines Care Fund; Approved additional \$500.00 to present to GySgt. Joseph Clayton for his son; Presented autographed , framed photo by Captain Ben Cascio to Don Seise of Minuteman Press for his service to the Detachment; Presented Eagle Scout Certificate to Robert "Austin" Schuster.
April	
7	Officers meeting
12	Pistol Qualification at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range
19	Sunday morning breakfast
22	Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900
23	Detachment meeting--Presented Awards of appreciation to Mike Arendt of Mack's American Bar & Grill and John Encke of Stop & Shop for their support of Lakeland Detachment. Approved \$300.00 to be sent to the Mission of Honor Fund.
26	Rose program--Adorno's Father's Fair
26	MCL--NJ Championship at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range
May	
1	Hawthorne Street Dedication--1300--requires 3 Marines
2	Special Olympics, Wayne, NJ--Color Guard
3	Eagle Scout ceremony for Jeff Depetris of Troop 49, Wayne, NJ
5	Presented Award of Appreciation to Corporate office of Stop & Shop, Brenda Dellolio for their support of Lakeland Detachment.
12	Officers meeting
14	Eagle Scout ceremony for Christopher Yap of Troop 12 in Livingston, NJ
15	Bingo night at Paramus Veterans Nursing Home at 1900
15	Participated in fund raiser for Joey Clayton, son of Gy. Sgt. Joe Clayton
15	Attended Veterans Apreciation Ceremony at Bergen County Courthouse. Guest speaker was our own Captain Ben Cascio, Ret.
17	Sunday morning breakfast
17	600 Aggregate Match at Union County Sheriff's Pistol Range
21	Attended Memorial Day Ceremony at Passaic County Technical Institute
24	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony--Pompton Lakes
25	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony--Riverdale
24	Memorial Day Parade--Oakland

25	Memorial Day Parade--Hawthorne
28	Detachment meeting
28	Eagle Scout ceremony for Clement Lai of Troop 12 in Livingston, NJ
30	Detachment Rifle Shoot at Cherry Ridge Range--Highland Lakes, NJ
31	Eagle Scout ceremony--Collin A. Marzella--Troop 108--Wayne
31	Rose program--Walmart--Riverdale
June	
5	Hawthorne Street Dedication--1300--requires 2 Marines
	Rose program--Montvale Street Fair
9	Officers meeting
11,12,13	State Convention at Seaview Golf and Country Club in Galloway, NJ
14	Rose program--Pequanock Street Fair
14	Flag Day ceremony w/Oakland Elks--Veterans Monument--Oakland
18	Bingo at East Orange Veterans Hospital at 1900
20	Rose program--Boulder Run Stop & Shop--Wyckoff
21	Sunday morning breakfast--Fathers Day
26	Detachment meeting
July	
14	Officers meeting
16	Eagle Court of Honor--Matthew Scavetta--Troop 12 in Livingston
19	Sunday morning breakfast
23	Detachment meeting
August	
11	Officers meeting
16	Sunday morning breakfast
27	Detachment meeting
30	Veterans picnic at Chrystal Lake, Oakland
September	
6	Rose program--Pompton Lakes Street Fair
7	Rose program--Riverdale Street Fair

9	Held memorial service for fallen member John Nazaretto
	Participated in 9-1-1 ceremony at Pompton Lakes Municipal Building at 1900
10	Golf Outing
11	Color Guard for opening game, Pequannock High School
12	Detachment picnic and Commandants Club drawing
15	Officers meeting
19	Mahwah Day--Rose event w/Color Guard
20	Sunday morning breakfast
20	Basilone Parade--Raritan, NJ
24	Detachment meeting
26	Kinnelon Day KFEST--Rose Event--1000 at Municipal Bldg. on Kinnelon road
27	State MCL meeting, Red Bank Reserve Center
October	
3	Annual Veterans picnic at Oakland Elks at 1200
6	Officers meeting
9	Rose Program--Riverdale Walmart
10	Detachment Rifle Shoot at Cherry Ridge Range--Highland Lakes, NJ
10	Rose program--West Milford Autumn Lights Festival
11	Rose program--Adorno's Father's Fair
15	Eagle Court of Honor--Nicholas McCaffery--1930--Troop 12 in Livingston
17	Rose program--Walmart at Teterboro
18	Sunday morning breakfast
18	Eagle Court of Honor--Tyler Soto--1400--Troop 388 Pompton Lakes
22	Detachment meeting
November	
6	Marine Coprs Ball Macaluso's
11	Veterans Day Ceremony--Pompton Lakes--1000
11	Veterans Day Ceremony--Hawthorne--1300
11	Veterans Day Ceremony--Pompton Lakes--1900 at Municipal Building --Lenox Avenue
14	Eagle Court of Honor-Justin Milligan-1300-Christ Church- Pompton Lakes
15	State Meeting- Red Bank- 1200
21	Rose Event Stop & Shop Wykoff Our Largest Event this year Volunteers needed!!! 0900-1700

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