



# The Grunt

Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744

September 2018 NEWSLETTER



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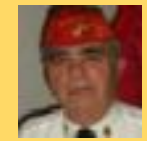
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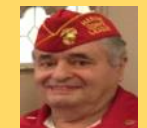
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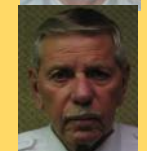
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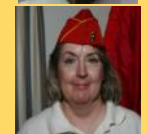
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## **COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

**Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment—744  
September, 2018**

### **MCL Public Relations & Information Officer**

The Title implies visibility, communications, continuity and survivability strategies. These words have also been a part of the Corners written on Successorship which has been written about at various times. All are critical for an organization, corporation etc. to survive into the future. The balance of this Corner will be devoted to a presentation done by Mike Greig who volunteered to be our Public Relations & Information Officer. Some of what Mike proposes was used to help make our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Breakfasts a huge success. The following are his thoughts:

As stated in the MCL Leadership Manual, "It appears that the Marine Corps League is one of the best kept secrets in the Marine Community. One of the important aspects for recruiting members is getting publicity about the League published. Perhaps the most cost-effective way is by using news releases about Detachment activities, meetings and events. Contact with newspapers and other media can draw attention to the Marine Corps League and create positive visibility in the community. This is important for attracting new members, and for attracting funds and donations for Detachment programs."

Public Relations Officers use a wide range of media to build and sustain a good image for a company, organization or brand through planned publicity campaigns and PR activity. They handle all aspects of planned publicity campaigns and PR activities. Responsibilities include:

Planning, developing and implementing PR strategies.

Writing and producing presentations and press releases.

Collating and analyzing media coverage.

Preparing and supervising the production of publicity brochures, handouts, promotional videos, photographs, multimedia programs, etc.

Devising and coordinating photo opportunities.

Maintaining and updating information on the organization's website.

Managing and updating information and engaging with users on social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Sourcing and managing speaking and sponsorship opportunities.

In fostering community relations through events such as open days and involvement in community initiatives.

To deal with the inquiries from the public, press and related organizations.

To speak publicly at interviews, press conferences and presentations.

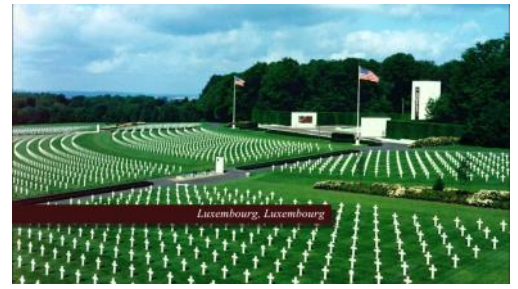
I thank you Mike, for your initiative in coming forward to volunteer as the first official, Public Relations & Information Officer. However, this doesn't mean that we can sit back and relax because we have a volunteer to leads us in this vital role. He will need all of us to support him in any way possible either through personal assistance, providing contacts, etc. I believe Mike has all the qualifications to make this a successful opportunity for Lakeland Detachment. Mike's e-mail is [mikegrieg.semperfi@gmail.com](mailto:mikegrieg.semperfi@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact him with any items falling within the guidelines established above.

This is our Marine Corps League Detachment founded almost 27 years ago. Let's not let it or our founding members down. We have an excellent Detachment; let's continue to make it grow, thrive and prosper and not let it stagnate on the vine. We have achieved some significant goals and, I believe, had some fun, as well. Let's give Mike all the support he needs to keep our Detachment thriving.

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

Semper Fidelis,  
Charlie

**HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT**



### Chaplain's Page

It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
It is the soldier, not the lawyer,  
who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the soldier,  
who salutes the flag,  
who serves under the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Quote by Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC

God Bless,

Les Derbyshire and Dave Elshout



## Service Officer Report



I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer, when it is not raining.

My first order of business is that I want to remind everyone that we have 2 events in September. The first is Pompton Day on the 2nd of September. This is an all day event, in which we will be collecting donations for the Rose Fund and selling Shirts, Covers and other items at our tent. It is always a good event, so if you can spend a few hours with us anytime between 9 AM and 5 PM it would be greatly appreciated. The Rain Date for this event is the 3rd of September, if needed. The event is being held on Lakeside Ave, along the river. We are not far from our Memorial. Just look for the Red, Marine Tent.

Our 2nd event is our monthly Bingo at the Paramus Veterans Nursing home at 1 Veterans Way in Paramus. Bingo starts at 2 PM and will last till about 3:30. We always have a great time with our Vets and nobody leaves without winning some money.

I want to take a few minutes today and talk about our VA Medical benefits. I know that just about all of you have your own private insurance and you will see your own private General Practitioners but I want to share with you that there is often a real benefit in signing up with the VA for some of your medical benefits. Particularly now that often Prescription Drugs are not always completely paid for by some of your medical insurance.

I suggest that you take a few minutes and figure out how much you are paying for your medical coverage. The VA offers medical coverage to all veterans who have served at least 2 years of service in the Armed Forces. They will give you 2 physicals each year and the cost for that is \$25.00 for that visit with your GP. If you need to see a specialist it will be \$50.00. Often you can schedule a number of appointments for the same day and you will only have to pay for 1 visit. The most that any prescription can cost you is \$9.00 for a month supply of pills, or \$27.00 for a 3 month supply of medication. My suggestion is that you check what it may cost you for your present insurance plan and consider if using the VA in some cases will save you money. If you are a Veteran who is receiving money for a disability that was caused from you time in service, and you are considered 50% disabled all of your visits and all of your medication is free.

Here is a link explaining the Service Connected Disability Matrix

[https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/derivative\\_sc.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/derivative_sc.asp)

I know that you might not want to use the VA for specialty care. There is often another avenue open for you that will allow you to use a private specialist that you know. There is a Program Called the "Choice Program" that in many cases will allow you to do that. It is a case by case basis, but it is something that will cost you nothing if you have a 50% disability with the VA. If you don't have a disability it will cost no more that your normal charges with the VA.

I am just trying to say that you have options, and I have found that often this option saves you money and is well worth your time.

As always, remember that John Harris and I are your Service Officers and we are here to help you.

Feel free to call me with any questions at any time.

Semper Fi,

Ed Korek

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Happy September Everyone,

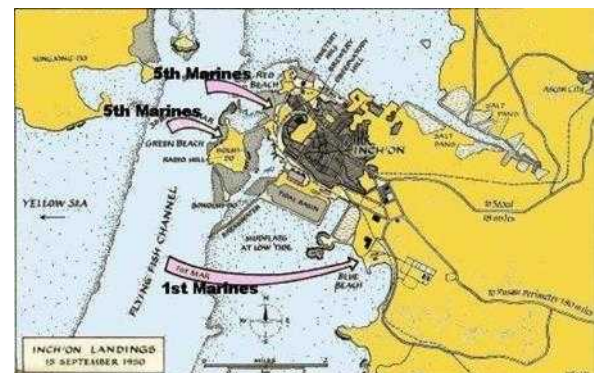
I sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and had a chance to recharge your batteries because September is going to be a very busy month followed by a busy October. We have 5 Rose Events on the schedule between September, October and November in addition to the 3rd Saturday Breakfasts and some other events. We also have the election of officers in September and the installation of elected officers at the October meeting. Please see the Rose Event schedule on page 13 and a listing of other events on page 9.

I'm going focus a little bit on the Korean War this month or as some people call it, "The Forgotten War". On June 25th, 1950, The Soviet backed People's Army of North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel into South Korea. The South Koreans and the US were ill equipped and unprepared for this assault. In fact, South Korea was defined as not being under the US Asian defense policy which mostly concentrated on Japan and The Republic of China (Taiwan). Seoul was captured on June 27th and by the end of August the South Korean and US Army Forces were cornered in the Pusan Perimeter. However, with their supply lines stretched out and attrition though combat and fatigue, the North Korean advances were beginning to slow down. The 1st Marine Provisional Brigade of the 1st Marine Division had arrived and was beginning to turn the tide. Marine Aviation had also arrived and operating off of carriers in the Sea of Japan combined with sorties from Air Force bombers began to raise havoc on the long supply lines of the North Korean army. The North Korean Air Force was unable to protect the supply lines and the US Navy controlled the seas on both sides of the Korean Peninsula.

As early as July, General MacArthur ordered his staff to draw up plans for an invasion of Inchon in September. As Army units were re-enforced and supplies began to arrive to the Pusan Perimeter, The 1st Marine Provisional Brigade was withdrawn to Japan for re-enforcement and reoutfitting as part of the 1st Marine Division and tasked with the invasion of Inchon. While many thought the idea of an invasion at Inchon wasn't even feasible due to the insane tidal situation and the fact the landing craft would be strung out along a single ship access channel, strategically MacArthur's Inchon Invasion was pure military genius. Although fighting after the landing was stiff, Seoul was returned to South Korean control on September 25th after street to street fighting.



Left: Marines landing at Inchon



Right: Landing Map of the Inchon Invasion

The successful invasion of Inchon, allowed the recapture and return of Seoul to South Korean control with in 2 weeks. The 8th Army began it's campaign north to eventually link up with the Marines north and east of Seoul. Marines fought with determination in this period and in a 2 week period had 5 Medal of Honor recipients most notably being 1st Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez who was killed on September 15, 1950 by covering a grenade shortly after climbing the seawall during the Inchon invasion (Pic on Page 14).

Historically, and not to be left out, in September of 1942, Marines of the 1st Marine Division continued to fight it out with the Japanese on Guadalcanal. In spite of intense tropical weather, attrition due to combat, disease and fatigue, lack of resupply and re-enforcement, the Marines of the 1st Marine Division, the 1st Raider Battalion, the 1st Parachute Regiment and MAG 23 continued to defy the odds against an enemy that was determined to retake the island.

This month, we also remember Sgt John Basilone, WWII MOH and Navy Cross recipient from Rahway, NJ. This year's Basilone Parade, is scheduled for September 23rd at 1300 hours in Rahway. Thousands turned out at the 2017 parade to celebrate the memory of Sgt John Basilone and other veterans.

At a recent meeting there was some discussion about organizing a trip to visit the weekly parade at 8th & I, The National Museum of the Marine Corps and other sites in Washington DC possibly in June or July of 2019. I for one would be interested as the 8th and I Parade is one of my bucket list items. If anyone is interested in organizing it, please discuss with one of the executive board members.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Editor



Quartermaster's Report

At the August meeting, we had a representative from Aladen Athletic who is the supplier for our red satin jackets. While the number of orders fell short of the dozen of so that we had anticipated, they still had 5 jacket orders by the end of the night. If you weren't at the meeting and want to order a jacket, please contact me as soon as possible. I have a couple of extra order forms and would be willing to serve as the go between. Note to those that did order a jacket, I will be contacting you as I also need to get the large MCL patch in the back as well as the American Flag and MCL patches for your jackets. Any other suggestions for items to carry are appreciated.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

September

- 9/11/2018: Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home 1400
- 9/11/2018: 911 Ceremony 1900
- 9/11/2018: Executive Board Meeting--2000\*
- 9/15/2018: 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200
- 9/16/2018: State MCL Meeting at Red Bank Armory--1200
- 9/23/2018: Basilone Parade -- 1300 - Raritan
- 9/27/2018: Detachment meeting -1930

On August 23rd, a memorial service was held for member Frank Sanclementi at the site of his internment. The detachment was well represented and honors were rendered accordingly.

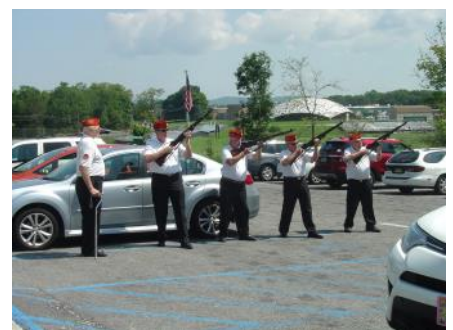


Sgt at Arms Frank Sanclementi

March 10, 2018

May he rest in peace and be assured that his fellow Marines will carry on with the work that he loved so much.

Semper Fi Frank.



# MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 Flag Retirement Ceremony

August 29, 2018 1700

On Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup>, the detachment performed a flag retirement ceremony in the Borough of Franklin Lakes behind the Office of Emergency Management Offices. Senior Vice Commandant Mike McNulty conducted the service during which a significant number of our nation's flags which were no longer fit to serve our country were burned in accordance with the US Flag Code. The detachment Color Guard and Bugler rendered honors.

Representatives from the Borough of Franklin Lakes including Borough Administrator Greg Hart as well as the Girls Scouts of America were on hand to lend witness to the ceremony. Thanks go out to our own Frank Mackey for coordinating this ceremony with the Borough of Franklin Lakes, the Franklin Lakes Fire Department and the local Girl Scouts.





Mariner Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment 744  
Important Dates for 2018

**Executive Board Meetings**

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

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

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**Breakfast Dates**

**3rd Saturday of every month**

**0800 to 1200 Hours**

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

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

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

4th Thursday of the month

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

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



*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 September 15th 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*

*Pancakes; French Toast & Waffles*

*Bacon; Sausage; SOS & Corned Beef Hash*

*Home Fries & Biscuits*

*Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins*

*Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries*

*September Special: Chili & Cheese Omelets*

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

*Bring your family and friends*

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**Dear Members:**

## **FRIENDLY REMINDER**

### **IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR**

As we have discussed at the Detachments monthly meetings, Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed: **All Members Yearly Renewal Date "To 31 August" of each calendar year.** By paying on or before 31 August of 2018 members will be due on August First of 2019 and each year thereafter.

Please remit your check for \$50.00, payable to MCL # 744 and mail to MCL P.O. Box 8, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008.

Please put your six (6) digit ID number on the bottom left side of your check. (Memo Section)

**Please take note:** Marine Corps League National Headquarters will no longer be sending out annual renewal notices. Said notices will come from the Detachment Paymaster.

Any questions to the above please feel free to call me at 973-839-5693.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES BY AUGUST 31ST, YOU ARE DELINQUENT!**

**Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Note: If you have a MCL License Plate, you will be required to surrender the plates upon notification from NJDMV if your dues are not paid.**

Semper Fidelis

Marine Peter J. Alvarez

## MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

### Rose Event Schedule

September through November



- Sept 2: Pompton Lakes Day 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (On Lakeside Ave by the lake)
- Sept 22: Franklin Lakes Day - Recreation field off of DeKorte Rd. Time 10:00 AM (Est)
- Oct 6: Allendale Day
- Oct 13: Autumn Lights Festival West Milford
- Nov 18: Stop & Shop Wyckoff

Many hands make light work!

#### The Marine Rose

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War I when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood. Roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and where ever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances, take and wear one proudly.

THE PROGRAM: Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community.

Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.

Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement homes.

Scholarships - assist youth programs - Humanitarian Aid

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS - Purchase roses from MCL National Headquarters, Ships Store - coordinate with local businesses or organizations to set-up a table or booth at their location - use a coffee or other type container as a collections can - Advertise what the Marine Rose Program is for and what the donations will be used for. - Conduct each year in conjunction with the Marine Corps Birthday, or whenever you feel it will be most effective. - Funds should not be used for the detachment's "general fund", to fund Detachment parties, cook-outs, Birthday Balls, etc. They should be used for the purposes stated above.

## This day in Marine Corps History September

2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was Lt Gen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

5 September 1956: Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

11 September 1992: Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.



Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez of the Marine Corps is shown scaling a seawall after landing on Red Beach (September 15, 1950). Minutes after this photo was taken, Lopez was killed after covering a live grenade with his body. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



LSTs of the Inchon landing force stuck in Inchon's infamous tidal mud flats. The tides at Inchon had about a 30' difference between low tide and high tide often making the channels and harbor impassible by anything. This was one of the major obstacles that had to be overcome in the Inchon Invasion planning.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women in the Marine Corps

This month we celebrate the beginning of the Women Marines. Opha May Johnson (nee Jacob) was the first women to enlist on August 13, 1918 as a clerk. She was the first in the line of 300 women to enlist for clerical positions in the Marine Corps Reserve so that their male counterparts could be freed to enter combat in Europe in accordance to the needs of the Corps. Although the first Women Marines enlisted in 1918 during WW1, they were disbanded and released from reserve service at the end of the war. On Nov 7 1942, Commandant Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb authorized the formation of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve. On February 13, 1943, enlistments for the Marine Corps Women's Reserve were open and Pvt. Lucille McClarren became the first enlisted woman. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> class of 71 Officer Candidates entered the U.S. Naval Midshipmen's School at Mt. Holyoke, MA to begin training with the WAVES. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> class of 722 enlisted Women Reserves began training at the U.S. Navy Training School at Hunter College, Bronx NY once again training with the WAVES. It would not be until 1948 that the Women Marines would become a permanent part of our beloved Marine Corps. These women paved the way for all women in the Marine Corps today. We are honored to have a couple of Women Marines associated with our detachment so please give them a thank you.







# **Borough Of Pompton Lakes**

**17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

## ***9/11 Remembrance Ceremony***

**September 11, 2018 - 7:00-7:30pm**

**Municipal Building – 25 Lenox Avenue**

**Inclement Weather – Lenox School**

**You Are Invited To Participate In The  
Annual Memorial Commemorative Ceremony  
Honoring Those Victims And Heroes Of  
9/11/01**

**Rekindle The Spirit Of Unity And Compassion**

***We Will Never Forget!!!***



The Marine Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment #744

*Invites you to its:*

## **THIRTIETH ANNUAL RIFLE SHOOT**

**PLACE: CHERRY RIDGE RIFLE RANGE**

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018**

**TIME: 0800 HRS. TILL: 1200 HRS.**

**COST: \$35.00 Per Person Includes: Coffee, Donuts,  
Ammo and Lunch.**

Please mail checks made payable to:

**"MCL Lakeland Detachment 744"**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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**MARINES**  
THE FEW. THE PROUD.

## The American Cost of Freedom – WWI & WWII

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial in France 2,289 KIA WWI 1060 MIA

Brookwood American Cemetery and Memorial in England 468 KIA WWI 563 MIA

Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium 368 KIA WWI 43 MIA

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in France 14,246 KIA WWI 954 MIA

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery and Memorial in France 6,012 KIA WWI 241 MIA

Somme American Cemetery and Memorial in France 1,844 KIA WWI 333 MIA

St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Memorial in France 4,153 KIA WWI 284 MIA

Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium 5,317 KIA WWII 463 MIA

Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial in France 4,409 KIA WWII 499 MIA

Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial site in England 3,812 KIA WWII 5,127 MIA

Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial in France 5,254 KIA WWII 424 MIA

Florence American Cemetery and Memorial site in Italy 4,399 KIA WWII 1409 MIA

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium 7,992 KIA WWII 450 MIA

Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial in France 10,489 KIA WWII 444 MIA

Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg 5075 KIA WWII 371 MIA

Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines 17,184 KIA WWII 36,286 MIA

Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in the Netherlands 8,301 KIA WWII 1,722 MIA

Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France 9,385 KIA WWII 1557 MIA

North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial in Tunisia 2841 KIA WWII 3,724 MIA

Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial in France 860 KIA WWII 294 MIA

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial site in Italy 7,860 KIA WWII 3095 MIA

Suresnes American Cemetery and Memorial just outside Paris 1,541 KIA WWI and 24 unknown KIA WWII 974 WWI MIA \*

Honolulu Memorial is located within the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Honolulu, Hawaii. 18,095 American World War II missing from the Pacific, excluding those from the southwest Pacific, and 8,210 American missing from the Korean War. These names were listed on the Korean War Courts of the Missing at the time of the dedication in 1966. Two half courts have been added at the foot of the staircase that contain the names of 2,504 Americans missing from the Vietnam War.

Notes: Information above taken from American Battles and Monuments Commission which is tasked to maintain 26 American Military Cemeteries and 29 American War Monuments in 16 countries.

\*Some remains of MIAs listed on walls of monuments have been recovered and duly annotated by a floret next to the missing's name.

While researching pictures and stories for the Chaplin's page, I ran across this information and figured that it would be worth including in The Grunt. Please note: These numbers do not include cemeteries in the US and other places which are not covered under the ABMC mission and does not include figures from other wars. Editor: Ken Gysbers



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- Vets4Warriors will assist you in setting a plan to overcome adversity, manage stress, and build resilience.
- Vets4Warriors provides peer support and follow up for those with ongoing concerns. For those in crisis we will connect you to the Military Crisis Line.



- Peer-to-peer support is available 24/7, and it is toll-free throughout the U.S.
- Your call is confidential. Vets4Warriors does not discuss your call with anyone and, if callers choose, they can remain anonymous.
- The Vets4Warriors call center is staffed with Veterans and family members representing all branches of the Service.
- The call center's Veterans provide information and referrals as needed.



- Vets4Warriors is available via telephone, on-line chat, or e-mail.
- For more information visit [www.vets4warriors.com](http://www.vets4warriors.com).

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Important Numbers and Websites

	Phone Number
Health Care Benefits:	1-877-222-8388
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
eBenefits (General Questions & Technical Issues)	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Federal Recovery Coordination Program	1-877-732-4456
Foreign Medical Program	1-888-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hotline	1-800-749-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Means Testing	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
National Cemetery Scheduling Office	1-800-535-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-314-801-0800
National Resource Directory	<a href="https://www.nrd.gov/">https://www.nrd.gov/</a>
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
VA Caregiver Support Line	1-855-260-3274
VA for Vets	1-855-824-8387
VA Inspector General	1-800-488-8244
VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs	1-202-461-7600
Veteran's ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
Women Veterans	1-202-461-1070
Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647

**Veterans  
Information**

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Lakeland Detachment 744  
Marine Corps League  
Veterans Service Officer  
1-201-317-1678

**Veterans Administration**  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
20 Washington Place  
Newark, NJ 07102-3174  
Phone: 1-800-827-1000

**Veterans Campus Lyons**  
151 Knollcroft Road  
Lyons, NJ 07939  
Phone: 908-647-0180  
Fax: 908-647-3452

**Veterans Service Officer**  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Margaret Wojciechowicz  
Phone: 973-297-3227

**Passaic**  
Veterans Service Office  
930 Riverview Drive, Suite 200  
Totowa, NJ 07512  
Phone: 973-569-4090  
John Harris/Richard Mannes VSO

**Bergen**  
Division of Veterans Services  
One Bergen County Plaza 2nd Flr  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
201-336-6325,6328,6329,6326 &  
7406 - Richard Paul, Director

**Marine Corps League  
Information**

**Marine Corps League  
National Website**

<http://www.mclnational.org/>

**Marine Corps League  
NJ State Website**

<http://www.njmcl.org>

**744 Website Address**

<Http://www.usmcl744.org>

**744 Facebook Page Address**

<Https://www.gacebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-League-Lakeland-Detachment-744/165447603504657>

