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Message From The Division Commandant



New England Division,
I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and spending time with family and friends. I also hope that 2024 has started off in your favor. Over the winter the New England Division made a change to the Division logo. We decided that we didn't want a traditional round logo, we wanted to be different. Different so that when people see it they actually stop to look at it because it's not something they're accustomed to. With the words "New England Division" across the top and in white on that background, there will be no doubt who we are part of. We hope you like it.



thank you to Marine Brooks for putting in the effort to get these accomplished.

Mid-winter will be here in a couple of weeks, if you plan on attending, let your Commandant know so he can pass that information to me. I'd like to know how many from New England will be making the trip. Just a reminder, it will be in Pentagon city rather than Norfolk this year and for the next few years.

2024 Quad State Convention/New England Division Conference in New Hampshire will be here before you know it. If you haven't booked your room or registered you are running out of



Something else that was created over the winter is a new Division website. The new website address is:

time. The Division will be holding a raffle free to all members of New England, if you haven't received information on this I ask that you speak with your Detachment/Department Commandant.

www.newenglanddivmcl.org There are some small items and pictures that need to be added. If there is something that you think would be a good addition, reach out to the division web sergeant, Brian Brooks. Brian spearheaded the logo design as well as building the website,

Patrick Maguire
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New England Division



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He embraced his ability to stand before us and make us all laugh, something we do far too little of. And as much as we will all miss Larry, he was not the only one of us with talent. We all do something well. We are all Marines and we do that well, but we do more or at least we used to before vaccines and lockdowns brought us to a stand still, and some of us are still trying to keep things moving but what everyone needs is support. Over the past year I have been to and enjoyed several events and quite a few of them were free. Last Summer Rhode Island hosted a family fun day 5\$ per person 20\$ per carload, food, magic show, the biggest bouncy I have ever seen, good but limited attendance. Paul C. Houghton Picnic FREE, light attendance, who doesn't like to eat? The New England Division Christmas Party FREE, we were pulling people in from the streets. If you want to go somewhere I will give you a ride if you need it and if my car is full I will ask someone else to help. All of the laughs, fun, acting stupid and the comradery are all still there take advantage of it because life has an expiration date. There is not anyone here I would not help if they asked. I am not the same person I was when I joined the league. I have had many mentors who counseled and directed me, some painful some not, in my years here and I hope they made me better. Because when I spoke of talents one of mine was being an ass at times. So going forward embracing a little of my past shortcomings and keeping in mind that you are my Brothers and Sisters, in the kindest way I can ask you, "Could you please get off your ass and get back in the game?" Suttle hints didn't work so let me be direct. I'm Tired I need help.

Walt Benson

From The Editor



**If I call you "Brother",
you have gained my respect.**

Recently we all lost a Brother, a Marine who rested on the highest of Laurels but referred to himself the simplest of terms " Court Jester". Larry loved be a Marine and he loved being a League member even more.



SGTMAJ CARLOS RUIZ



IN NEW ENGLAND

20th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj Carlos Ruiz

The SgtMaj of the Marine Corps met with league members, Marines and Marine Veterans at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Massachusetts. The purpose for the visit was to show support and appreciation for the MCL, discuss the status of the

Corps and field questions from the attendees. Listening to his answers and ideas, informing everyone from poolies to Active Duty Marines to retirees about the Marine Corps League is something he is in favor of making

happen. The benefits for all is obvious. For the League there is a supply of new members, young members and as an organization the league needs this. We need energy, new ideas and Marines that will carry us through the next hundred years.

From the Marine Corps side, there is an organization made up of Marines whose mission is to serve Marines. When your time on active duty comes to an end, what do you do? What do you want to do? What can I do? When I got out I asked all of these questions and I didn't have any answers. I never heard of the Marine Corps League. The only organization I heard of was the VFW, and I didn't fight in no foreign war. I didn't find the Marine corps League for forty one years. The meeting was productive and a chance to engage at this level was outstanding.

Thank you SgtMaj for your visit to the New England area!

Semper Fidelis



SgtMaj Ruiz presented with a swagger stick from New England Division NVC Patrick Maguire with National Commandant Warren Griffin looking on.



NVC Patrick Maguire, SMMC SgtMaj Ruiz and Norfolk County Commandant Bill Maguire.



SGTMAJ CARLOS RUIZ



The SgtMaj stayed on after the presentation to be presented a citation from the Massachusetts Legislature. He was also presented with a sampling of something from each of the six New England States and a swagger stick. He was also generous enough to make himself available for idea exchanges, introductions, and photo ops. I only hope the SgtMaj left knowing that the Marine Corps League and its members are very eager to embark on a successful mission together.



Marine Corps League National Commandant Warren Griffin, 2 Members of the MA. Legislature present SgtMaj Ruiz with a Citation



SgtMaj Ruiz, shaking hands, posing for Photos, and signing memorabilia for those who attended. Productive, Great stories, and some good laughs.





CONNECTICUT



Forging ahead!

Greetings fellow CT MCLeaguers. I am hopeful that this newsletter finds you and yours well. I am also hopeful that everyone was able to enjoy whichever of the recent holidays you celebrate. As I sit and reflect writing this, I realize that I am coming to the sunset of my term as your Commandant. We still have much to do though, but I find moments of reflection cathartic.

As New Englanders, we are used to somewhat harsh winters, but this current one is just Bizarro world. Rain when it should snow, snow when it should rain. Artic temperatures, followed by Spring like temperatures, followed by artic temperatures. I am hopeful that none of you nor your loved ones were adversely impacted by the extreme cold and the flooding rains. I am also hopeful that at the detachment level, buddy checks are conducted on a regular basis.

We do have some significant events coming up. 23FEB is the 79 th anniversary of the flag

raising atop Mt Suribachi. We have the National Mid-Winter conference in VA 22 -24FEB and of course our annual Quad State/Division convention in Nashua, NH 19-21APR.

For our detachment commandants, please remember to send in your most recent ROI's to our Department Adjutant, PCDD Fisk {the49thcdd@hotmail.com }.

For our detachment paymasters, please ensure that your State of CT and IRS reports are up to date.

In closing, please remember that as MCL members we have a responsibility to each other as well as to our communities. I can't wait to hear all the TFT's success stories at our upcoming business meeting.

Semper Fi
Patrick T. McMahon
Commandant
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League



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BRASS CITY TOYS 4 TOTS



Jim Lauber Bracing the Cold to collect toys at LaBonne's Market



A balmy 30 degrees collecting toys at LaBonne's in Prospect. Skip, Dom, Matty, Bob., and Jim.



Jim Lauber With Randy and [Rick Marinaro](#) yesterday. Thank you for your support and the toy donations to the [Brass City Memorial Detachment of the Marine Corps League](#) Toy 4 Tots Campaign.



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Antonio Pina, Jim Lauber, and Bob delivering toys to the Waterbury Youth Services, providing many smiles for Waterbury Kids.



Thank you to the Brass City Memorial Marine Corp. League and LaBonne's Market for another successful year of Toys for Tots!



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HOW DO I BECOME A DEPARTMENT

MARINE OF THE YEAR OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The first thing you want to consider is the title "The Department" What is your overall contribution to the Department? Do you go to the Department Meetings? Do you serve on a committee or hold a post in the Department?

Then ask yourself what does it mean to be the Marine of the year or Associate of the year. To me it means that in the eyes of your peers you have proven yourself to excel in what you do. By your actions and your deeds you have exemplified what it means to be a Marine. Now it is difficult to say that since I do hold a Marine of The Year title and I do not see myself in that light. I get up every day and try a little bit harder to be better at what I do. I am no better than those on my right or on my left but I get up every day and try to do a little bit better. I try to personify what a Marine is, by improvising, adapting and overcoming. I never say I can't, I always get back up and reject failure every day.

I do this because I want to serve and I will continue to do this in any way I can. The position you take up doesn't matter, why you are here and why you are doing this do. Some people take on positions in which they seek glory or praise. The real leaders take on positions and volunteer to make a difference. Your value as a leader is your ability to influence others. As a leader we seek to elevate those around us to rise as we rise, and by doing so we make a more positive and stronger team. There are three types of leaders. The first type is the person who is a fill in and is holding the job until they can find someone else. The second type is the goal orientated leader, they chase the number one position because gaining that glory is all important to them. The third type of leader is the best overall leader who seeks to elevate their entire team to their level. To train them, teach them and motivate them until they are able to be on the same level as you are and can assume your position without hesitation. That is what we should all aspire to.

When you take on a leadership position your

ultimate goal should be to get people to follow your lead. Then take that lead and make it your own. Then use it to lead others to follow you. Then it will be you that wakes each morning with a goal to just be a little bit better. To be a little bit wiser and a person that takes on a mission each day, that never quits, always gets up, and becomes the best version of themselves that they can be. Things change and become better one day at a time, one idea at a time, one project and one person at a time until you meet success.

One of my favorite quotes is from Marianne Williamson, What is your deepest fear? "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

So tomorrow when your feet hit the ground decide to be a little bit better, a little bit smarter, then take that first big step to start in a job that will enable you to change lives for the better one tiny step at a time and as people discover how you shine your accolades will follow.

Walt Benson



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Save The Date

THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT

PRESENTS

Salute the Troops *All-Service*

Military

BALL



SATURDAY
23RD
OF
MARCH '24

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THE WALL THAT HEALS

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA WALL AND MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER ARRIVES IN MANCHESTER CT IN SEPTEMBER 2024! The 53-foot trailer carrying the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall arrives on September 17 th led by a motorcycle escort. The construction of the Wall will be on the 18 th , and the opening ceremony on the 19 th of September. Committee member for the Vietnam Memorial Wall's visit, Peter DePaola from MCL Det 40, will be looking for volunteer sentries throughout the Wall's visit, which will require a couple hundred volunteers to meet mission since it is 24/7 sentry duty helping guests find their Vietnam War veteran in the database and/or guiding them along the actual wall. Most of the sentry duties are sit-down positions. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's staff will provide the tours during daylight hours with security being provided by the Manchester Police Dept. Peter is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer for several 4-hour sentry shifts from the afternoon of September 18 th to the afternoon of September 22 nd . Also, if anyone is interested in joining the motorcycle escort detail, please let him know. You may contact Peter DePaola at 860-478-6802 or email pdepaolasr@gmail.com.

About The Wall replica: The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. With the replica at this size, visitors are able to experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. Like the original Memorial, The Wall That Heals is

erected in a chevron-shape and visitors are able to do individual service name rubbings on The Wall. The names are listed in order of date and alphabetically on each day. Beginning at the center, names start on the right-hand side and work their way out to the end of the wall (left-hand side) and way back in to the center. The casualties side at the apex of the Memorial. The replica has 144 individual panels in an aluminum frame. Modern LED lighting from the top of The Wall provides a unique experience for nighttime visitors unlike even The Memorial in Washington D.C.



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About the mobile Education Center: The 53-foot-trailer that carries the exhibit opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center telling the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall, and the divisive era in American history. The mobile Education Center exhibit includes: digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes"—service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's "In Memory" program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died; video displays that teach about the history and impact of The Wall; educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica of the "In Memory" plaque; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context. About the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. To learn more about VVMF and The Wall That Heals, visit www.vvmf.org.

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BARBARA BUSH CHILDREN HOSPITAL RAFFLE

Sponsored by
LOBSTER POUND #119 Military Order of the Devil Dogs & Central
Maine Det. 810 MCL

2 Adirondack chairs (your choice of military logos or U.S. flags)



Drawing will be held on April 20, 2024 (New England Division Conference & NH
Quad state)

Tickets are \$10.00 for 1 ticket or \$20.00 for 3 tickets.

You can get tickets from any Lobster Pound #119 or Military Order of Devil Dogs
Maine Pack Worthy Pack Leader Charlie Paul (207-393-7667) or

charlespaul293@gmail.com

**The Barbara Bush
Children's Hospital** 
At Maine Medical Center

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Central Maine Det. 810/Wreaths Across America wreath laying ceremony at the Mount Vernon Veterans Memorial Maine Cemetery in Augusta Maine.



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Upcoming CALENDAR

DETACHMENT MEETINGS FOR 2024 – All Detachment meeting start at 1800 hours/6pm –Filed with Lewiston Armory

Meetings for 2024

January 25, 2024 February 29, 2024 March 28, 2024

April 25, 2024 May 30, 2024 June 27, 2024

July 25, 2024 August 29, 2024 September 26, 2024

October 31, 2024 November 21, 2024 December 19, 2024

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS – All Department Growls & Meeting - Growls start at 1100 hours
1200 hours lunch – Meetings 1300 hours

Feb 10, 2024 Brewer, ME Hosted by Greater Bangor Det. 1151

Apr 6, 2024 Auburn, ME Hosted by Central ME Det. 810

Lobster Pound 119 Growls

4/14/24 Portland

Moose Pound 255

1/13/24 Brewer

3/9/24 TBA

New England Conference & Quad State Convention April 19 – 21 Sheraton Nashua – 11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH – 603-888-9970 Contact Commandant Charlie Paul for more info

Marine Corps League National Convention – August 12, 2024 – August 16, 2024, Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa 7133 Dinah Shore Dr, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 – 888-627-7086

Contact Commandant Charlie Paul for more info

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**RAFFLE TO SUPPORT Boothbay V.E.T.S., Inc.
V.E.T.S.(Veterans Emergency Temporary Shelter)**



We will be raffling off this beautiful Maple Leaf Chair. We will add a beautiful military service medallion to the chair if you win. 300 Tickets will be available starting on Jan. 1, 2024. Please support this wonderful endeavor. Our goal is to raise \$1000. Tickets at \$5 for one, \$10 for three. Drawing will be held on March 29, 2024 (National Vietnam War Veterans Remembrance Day) at the Lewiston Armory.



If we sell all 300 tickets, we will bring in \$1000, that is our Raffle goal. I will mail everyone 5 tickets. If you sell them and need more, wonderful. If you need more call and I will get them out asap. If you don't want to sell them, please return them.



MASSACHUSETTS

Bank ESB was honored to receive a certificate of appreciation from the Westfield River Valley Detachment 141 of The United States Marine Corps League for participating in their inaugural golf tournament this past summer! In addition to providing various support services to active, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines, the [Marine Corps League](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to philanthropy within the communities of Hampshire and Hampden counties. We would like to express our gratitude to this incredible organization for the meaningful work they do every day and look forward to showing our continued support!



Pictured (left to right): Cara Crochier, VP marketing Daniel Bishop, Commandant Natalie Didonna, AVP branch officer Joseph Delaney, Paymaster Joseph Williams, VP commercial lending Tim Czerniejewski, AVP commercial lending

The Department of Massachusetts is working diligently to recruit new members. We have three huge recruiting events this year scheduled.

The first event is a recruiting booth at the Worcester Railers Military Appreciation Night on March 30th. The Department will be presenting the colors for the game, as well as recruiting in the concourse. We plan to turn this night into a fraternalism night as well and have our Marines and their family members join us to watch the game.

The Second event is that the Department is supporting a local Veterans Organization called Rucks 2 Pucks. Rucks 2 Pucks is a non-profit 501c3 charity where their mission is to help veterans and their families by promoting an active lifestyle through hockey. They promote the lifestyle to provide a sense of community and camaraderie, something veterans often lose once leaving the service. That is a key component in fighting veteran suicide and reducing the 22 a day. They are playing against

the Boston Bruins Alumni on April 13 th and we will be there to support and recruit from the fans that attend.

The third event is the Hero's Cup June 7 th to June 10 th. This event features 75 teams consisting of Veterans, Fire, EMS and Police. What a great event to go watch and recruit at! We will hopefully be doing a burger burn at the event for the players playing in the tournament

The Department Convention this year is back in Sturbridge May 30 th to June 2 nd to help reduce the cost for our Ma-

rines as they have very reasonable room rates for that time of year. Online Registration for the Convention will be available March 1 st on the Department of Massachusetts Website.

The Department Commandant and Senior Vice are attending the Mid-Winter Conference and will represent the Department and bring back all the information to pass down to Marines in Massachusetts.



MASSACHUSETTS

Come to our Annual Polar Plunge! Saturday February 24th 2024 at West Dennis beach!



Saturday February 24, 2024

West Dennis Beach

**Registration &
Check-In At 11:30
Plunge At NOON**

*Scan the QR Code
here for more on the
MCL Det 125*



**The Cape Cod Marine Corps League Detachment 125
Invites YOU to take the POLAR PLUNGE !!**

PLUNGE will begin at 11:30 with Registration, Signing Waiver of Liability, and making Contributions.

CEREMONY at 11:50 with National Anthem, Prayer and Remarks for the Commandant of the Cape Cod Marine Corps League.

At 11:59, **COUNTDOWN TO PLUNGE!!**

Voluntary Contributions of \$25 per Plunger to Marine Corps League Det. 125 Cape Cod suggested. Proceeds will Benefit Veterans on Cape Cod.

Plungers can register in advance by downloading and completing required **Waiver of Liability Forms** from Facebook postings, e-mails, or you can request forms by messaging saveulax@yahoo.com or the **Marine Corps League Detachment 125 Cape Cod** at mcldet125@gmail.com.

Pledge Forms will be available, if you wish to get Sponsors.

Donations can also be sent to: **Marine Corps League Det. 125, PO Box 1354, Marstons Mills, MA 02648**

Thank you for participating in our Polar Plunge and for your support of the Cape Cod Marine Corps League Detachment 125. Happy Plunging!!!

QUAD STATE 2024

SAVE this date 19 April 2024 to 21 April 2024

QUAD STATE CONVENTION & NEW ENGLAND DIVISION CONFERENCE 2024!

All information may be located on the DNHMCL website: www.NHMarines.org . From that page it will open to all documents. DNHMCL is also using Eventbrite for those who would like to pay online. As always the ability to pay by check is available.

Questions may be made by email or phone call to Cherie Monnell; marineamazon@comcast.net ; 207-752-0025

New information will be updated on website as it come available. All New England Division Department Commandants will receive the same info in emails to be shared with their detachments and all members.

Semper Fidelis

Cherie Monnell

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QUAD STATE 2024



New England Division Conference & Quad State Convention April 19-21, 2024 *Reservation notice*

www.NHMarines.org (please check back often -FMI)

To: All members of the Departments of RI, CT, ME, VT, NH & MA

Reservations may now be made:
[Book your group rate for Quad State 2024 DNHMCL](#)

or

1-603 888-9970 Code: Quad State 2024 DNHMCL

[Sheraton Nashua \(marriott.com\)](http://marriott.com) 11 Tara Boulevard, Nashua NH 03062

Standard rm- 1 King or 2 Queens

Handicapped rooms available

***\$139 per night (2 -4p)**

***Pet Friendly**

*** tax not included- 8.5%**

Call now to reserve your room!!

The hotel will extend the room prices to Thursday & Sunday nights
18 April 2024 & 21 April 2024

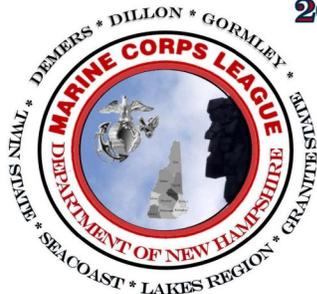
Please share with all your members.
Questions, comments or problems please contact
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Semper Fi Marines!!

Deadline for reservations-March 28th 2024

QUAD STATE 2024



2024 NEW ENGLAND DIVISION CONFERENCE

&

QUAD STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 19-21, 2024

REGISTRATION & MEAL SELECTION

Deadline for registration March 28th 2024

Registration (MCL Members) -**\$30** before 1 Feb. 2024 -After 1 Feb 2024-**\$35**

Member of MCL ___ Yes ___ No * Dept ___ Detachment ___ Title _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN/CITY _____

STATE: _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE: _____

MODD- collar ___ PUP ___ DD ___ PDD * Tag # _____ Title if any _____

GUEST/SPOUSE: _____

How many _____ Total _____ Check No: _____ Date: _____

If mailing please mail entire filled out form plus payment to address below

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET 2 CHOICES (20th April 2024)

All Plated Dinners comes with a Basket of Fresh Dinner Rolls & Creamery butter, Classic Ceasar Salad, creamy Ceasar Dressing, Chef's selection of Starch & Seasonal Vegetables, New York Cheesecake, Freshly brewed Starbuck coffee, decaffeninated coffee and Tazo Teas

1. New York Strip * \$56 *How Many? _____

2. Roasted Farm Chicken * \$54 *How Many? _____

Cost per person (includes tax & gratuity) * Total _____

WAYS TO PAY

Pay right on Eventbrite, tickets emailed

OR

USPS: filed out form & make check payable to Dept of NH MCL Memo-R & B send to
Kim Benoit, DNHMCL paymaster
343 South St. #2
Milford NH 03055

QUAD STATE 2024



Department of New Hampshire
Marine Corps League
2024 New England Division Conference
&
Quad State Convention

PROGRAM BOOK Ad Invitation

TO: MARINES & FRIENDS

Please use the form in triplicate, 1 -business, 1-will go to Chair (Jo), 1-Salesperson:
Preferred method of payment is via Eventbrite, see [link](#) below. But if paying by check please make copy of form to send with check to paymaster.

The form below may be used but copies would have to be made.

Tax ID # 02-0489531

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Half-Page (1/2): Color \$175 ___ Black/White \$125 ___

Quarter-Page (1/4): Black/White Only \$75 ___

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Questions may be addressed to Cherie Monnell-207-752-0025

Deadline for placing ads-March 1*, 2024.



SCRATCHING'S FROM THE DOGS



FROM THE NATIONAL DOG ROBBER

Dog Robber: PDD Janice Hartley



It's time to start sending advancements to PDD applications in – remember they need to be in my paws NLT 1 July. Hint- Hint, they can be emailed to me after your Pack Dog Robber signs them if your pound has one. Per the bylaws the candidates for PDD must be in attendance by 1700 on Monday the 12th of August. Be sure to arrive early because you have to pick up your credentials from the MCL Registration prior to reporting to the Doghouse.

Passport stamping fees and donations to our Childrens Hospital Fund continue to arrive. Remember the bylaws require each pound to have a minimum of four growl each fiscal year and those bones collected for the stamping and donations to the Childrens Hospital are to be sent into me within a few days after the growl – so don't wait until the fiscal year is about over.

I continue receiving ROIs done on OUTDATED forms and with everyone living in the same PO Box!! We need the physical address that your officers live at plus phone number and email address. Also, many pounds are still holding their elections prior to the Supreme Growl. Bylaws require the Pound election and installation to be done within 90 days after the Supreme Growl and each officer must be current for the fiscal year that he/she is going to be serving, otherwise the ROI is invalid.

My deputies are still finding many pounds and packs that are not incorporated and/or using incorrect EINs. We need to get this corrected ASAP – if you need help, just ask. We have many dogs that can assist you. On another note: The Kennel has three major awards that are presented during the Supreme Growl. They are Kennel Dog of the Year, Kennel Pound Dog Robber of the Year and Kennel Pack Dog Robber of the Year. The nominations for the Kennel Dog of the Year must be in my paws NLT 12 August. The nominations for Kennel Pound Dog Robber of the Year and Kennel Pack Dog of the year must be either emailed or snail mailed to be in The Executive Director's paws NLT 1 June. I know that there are dogs out there that are deserving of recognition. Let's see if we can get more than one or two nominations. For each category.

We have been backlogged with ROIs, NODs, Passport stamps and Children Hospital Fund donations, and transmittals since the Supreme Growl, so please be patient and bear with us. It seems everything is due all about the same time of the year. We have processed over 1500 renewals and 50 Life Memberships so far this year plus 38 new members for 2024, 50 for 2023 and 4 for 2022.

Woof, Woof
Janice Hartley
Kennel Dog Robber



YOUNG MARINES



2024 DIVISION ADULT VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Bruce Katz

Blackstone Valley Young Marines

Division 1

Division 2

Nicholas Boice

Hamilton Young Marines

Melissa Sauer

*PFC Bruce W. Carter
MOH Young Marines*

Division 3

Division 4

Connie Pitt

Pikes Peak Young Marines

Rebekah Hackett

Lenawee County Young Marines

Division 5

Division 6

Kristine Lewis

Lewis and Clark Young Marines



2024



Division Adult Volunteers of the Year



YOUNG MARINES



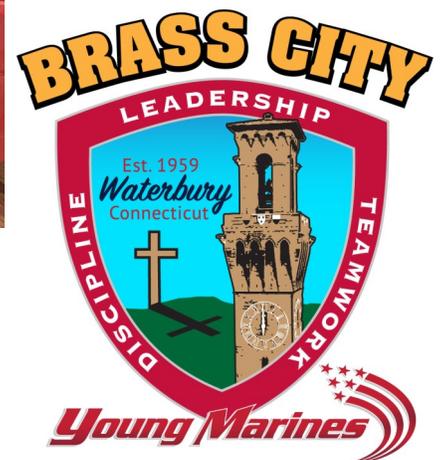
BRASS CITY GRADUATES A NEW CLASS OF MARINES



Jim Lauber Brass City Detachment, Department Commandant Pat McMahan, Skip Hamel Brass City Detachment, Walt Benson Brass City Detachment & New England Division Adjutant



Pfc Bogue-gee Honor Graduate accepting congratulations and a Challenge Coin from Department Commandant Pat McMahan of the Marine Corp League. Unit Commander Patricia Crosswell and Exec John Lavin look on.

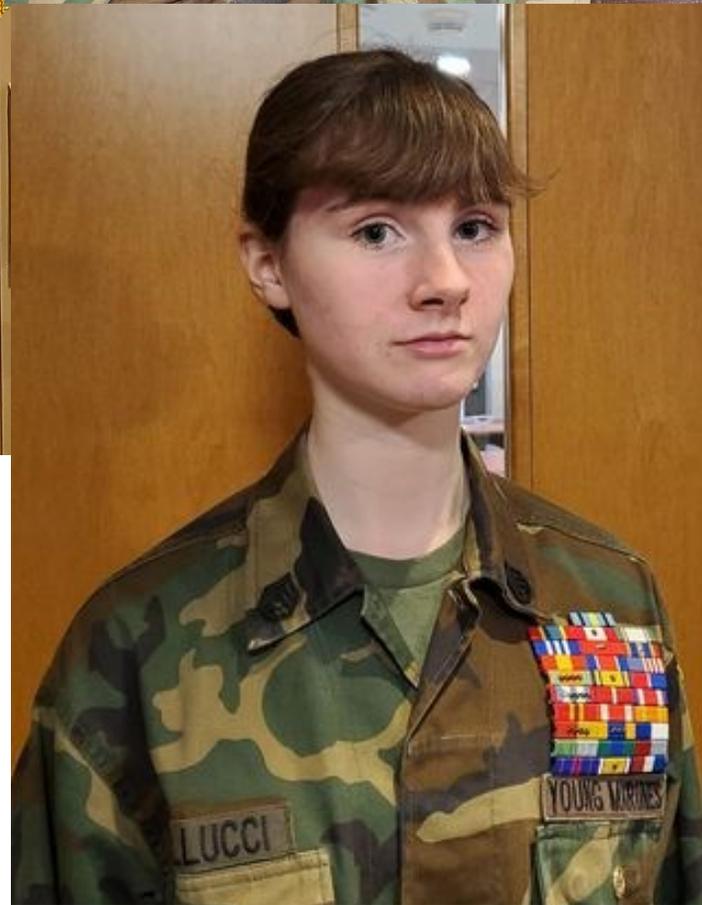




YOUNG MARINES



BRASS CITY SELECTS YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR



Brass City Young Marines are pleased to announce our Unit Young Marine of the year Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Katheryn Gallucci. Gallucci has been active in the program for 8 years. She has proven herself as a outstanding Young Marine this past year by taking over as Senior Young Marine and leading the unit while training 3 new recruit classes. She is currently looking at colleges that include either a mortuary science program or a ROTC program.

Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant Gallucci was also awarded the Regimental Young Marine of the year for Southern New England Regiment

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SHERATON PENTAGON CITY

900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204

Phone: 800-325-3535 Reference National Marine Corps League

HOTEL RESERVATION LINK

2/22/2024 - 2/24/2024 (check-in 2/21, check out 2/25)

- Hotel Rate: \$129 plus tax (currently 14.25%) (about \$148)
- Parking: Onsite garage parking is \$10 per day
- The reservation deadline is January 30, 2024.
- Any cancellations after February 10, 2024, will forfeit the one-night deposit
- Free shuttle to/from Reagan Airport (DCA)

The hotel overlooks Arlington National Cemetery and is right near Henderson Hall and the Fort Myer Exchange. The hotel has 4 double ADA rooms with 1 with a roll-in shower, and 10 King ADA with 3 of them being roll-in-shower. If ADA room is needed, call the reservation number.

Wednesday arrivals begin

Thursday some committee and board meetings, stores open in the afternoon

Friday general session

Saturday general session, evening banquet (black tie or coat and tie appropriate)

Sunday departures

<https://www.biegafuneralhome.com/obituary/lawrence-herrmann>.

It is with deep sadness that we bid farewell to Larry Herrmann. The link above will take you to his bio of all the accomplishments and accolades of his life but here today I would like us to look at the Marine we all knew and loved. Of all the accomplishments Larry attained in his life the one he most cherished was the Title of Court Jester. Larry loved to tell jokes and make people laugh. If Larry came to a meeting or Growl he would always ask for time to tell a joke or two. They were some great jokes too. The one that comes to mind, he told a few times and it got laughs each time.

Back in the time of the Samurai there was a powerful emperor who needed a new head Samurai so he sent out a declaration throughout the country that he was searching for one. A year passed and only 3 people showed up. The emperor asked the first Samurai to come in and demonstrate why he should be head Samurai. The first Samurai opened a match box and out pops a little fly. Whoosh goes his sword and the fly drops dead on the ground in 2 pieces. The emperor exclaimed, "That is very impressive!" The emperor then asked the second Samurai to come in and demonstrate. The second Samurai also opened a match box and out pops a fly. Whoosh whoosh goes his sword. The fly drops dead on the ground in 4 pieces. The emperor exclaimed, "That is really very impressive!" The emperor then had the third Samurai demonstrate why he should be the head Samurai. The third Samurai also opened a match box and out pops a fly. His flashing sword goes whoooooooooosshhh whoooooooooosshhh whoooooooooosshhh whoooooooooosshhh whoooooooooosshhh. A gust of wind fills the room, but the fly is still alive and buzzing around. The emperor, obviously disappointed, asks, "After all of that, why is the fly not dead?" The third Samurai smiled, "If you look closely, you'll see that the fly has been circumcised!"

Larry had a joke for every occasion but there was so much more that he shared with us. He initiated many a pup into the MODD, and also presided over the ceremony that would raise them to Devil Dogs. He loved attending the Local Conventions and Quad State, as well as the National Conventions. He was in attendance at the Birthday Balls and Award ceremonies. There are many of us that received an award from the Four Chaplains because of Larry promoting us and nominating us for the honor. He was an advocate for all Marines and all Veterans as well. He gave his time freely and he was dedicated to seeing that all veterans received what they were due. If a dispute broke out he was quick to put you in your place, reminding you that you were all Marines. There are several people I have met in the League from

whom I have learned a lot and Larry is one of them. If I had to point it out I would say he taught me to get over myself. Because of him there are many things I would do differently today.

He was also very instrumental in nominating and getting people inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall Of Fame.

When you read his bio there are many things he accomplished but those accolades are for a published obituary. The man we knew and shared so many moments with and called Brother wanted to do all of these things with the Marines and Veterans he loved. Maybe it should be our goal as well, to be more the Court Jester and remember we serve the mission to help other Marines and Veterans. I used the picture here of Larry doing what he loved to do with those who were proud to call him Brother. I wrote this a few years ago when my brother died, it seems to fit and he won't mind.



My Brother

My brother did depart this day,
His soul was freed and flew away.
High beyond the stars and moon,
To make his home in Brigadoon.

He's free of pain and troubles too,
Some may say he is better too.
But all of us will miss his boyish charm,
His laugh and smile and spin of yarn

Life of the party and friend to all,
Could turn a boring time to fun for all.
I miss you brother here and now,
You leave a void inside me now.

I know not what the future will bring,
Hope for a heaven seems very thin.
I hope I can find you in time and space,
Until then I'll remember you each and every day.

Walt Benson

Obituary for George Ross McCreary

Hampton - George Ross McCreary, of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at Partridge House in Hampton, with his wife, Beibei, by his side. He was 85 years old. Born on February 02, 1938, in West Grove, PA, George was the son of the late George and Leta (Muckle)

Wisconsin, and Dan McCreary and his wife Wanda of Wisconsin. He is also survived by his little sweetheart and cheerleader, his granddaughter Anastasia.

In addition to his parents, George is predeceased by his son William "Bill" McCreary and his first wife, Jeannine McCreary. During his illness, God showed his love for George

McCreary. Raised and educated in Indiana, PA,



20 Dec 2023: George's Special breakfast. Pictured from left to right (front row) JPC Bob Niver, Chap George Lombardi, George, Marine Jim Ambrose; back row, 1stSgt (Ret) Earl Case, JA Brad Howe, Marine Dennis Pomper, LtCol Matt Hobert, MSgt (Ret) and Paymaster George Dow, LtCol (Ret) and Adj Geoff Corson, SVC Ray Maher, Cmdt Dick Lak.

George attended Indiana Area High School and graduated in 1957. As a young man, George loved competing in sports. He was the fastest kid in school and excelled at track and field, as a wrestler, and on the football field. After High School, George went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps for 6 years. He worked very hard for many years as Director of Sourcing in international imports. Working overseas in Asia, George traveled from country to country making many fast friends among the native people. While George loved to travel, he also loved spending time at home tending to the garden or cooking. His greatest joy in life was his family. He was very proud of his children and always supported them as much as he could. George is survived by his wife Beibei McCreary, of Hampton, and his children, Lorelei Davis and her husband Spiro of Exeter, John McCreary of Seabrook, and Tiffany McCreary of Hampton. His siblings, Charlie McCreary and his wife Diane of Florida, William McCreary and his wife Bonnie of

several times when he was going through that difficult time. George's brothers, William and Charlie would often share the gospel with him. As the entire family kept George in their daily prayers, George accepted Jesus Christ as his savior and was often found reading the bible by himself with a soft and warm heart until the end. "Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite."-Psalm147:5 Family and friends will gather to honor and remember George for a period of visitation on Tuesday, January 2, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home, 811 Lafayette Rd. Hampton. A funeral service will take place immediately following the visitation in the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. George will be laid to rest with military honors following the service at 12:00 p.m. at High Street Cemetery, 140 High Street, Hampton. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in George's memory to your local child education support organization.

Harold J. "Hank" Page Sep 23, 1934 - Jan 10, 2024

Harold J. (Hank) Page Jr, 89, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at his longtime home in Dover. He was surrounded by his loving family. Born on September 23, 1934, in Rollinsford, NH, Harold was the son of the late Harold Sr. and Alma (Labrecque) Page. Following graduation from Dover High School, class of 1952, Hank went on to serve honorably in the US Marines from 1952 – 1960, 2 years active duty serving on the USS Wright during the Korean War.

After leaving the Marines, Harold and Beatrice met and were married on May 18, 1957. Children soon followed with Anne Marie being born in 1958 and Donna 11 months later in 1959. Son, Paul was born in 1960 and youngest daughter, Joanie in 1963. Nothing was more important to Hank than his family. He and Bea worked hard to provide for them and had long careers at their employers to ensure this. Hank worked for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire for over 35 years. The Page household was a great place to grow because of the dedication to family and love from Hank and Bea.

After retiring, Hank enjoyed Church activities and daily mass and prayer, volunteer work, horseback riding, going out to breakfast with and without Bea, all while continuing to provide love and support to his children and their children. Hank had a great love for his country and the values from the Marine Corps never left him. After 9/11, Hank joined the Marine Corps League and became a Pease Greeter to serve his country by supporting our troops as they deployed for and returned from duty. Hank and some of his colleagues were recognized for their efforts in the spring of 2008 with an invitation to the White House to meet with President George W. Bush, who thanked them for their continuing service and support. This was one of the highlights of his life.



Hank will be remembered for his warm greetings to friends and family alike (always a smile and happy to see you) and always parting with a joke or something to make you laugh. Time and various illness caught up with Hank in his late 80's, but they never caught up to his spirit, his love of his family and of his country. It was a life well lived. He will be missed. We encourage all his family and friends to honor his memory with a smile, a warm greeting and laughter to the friends and family in your lives as you see them.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, Harold Sr. Page and Alma (Labrecque) Page. Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 66 years, Beatrice Page; children, Anne Marie Ramos and her partner Greg Barnes of Sanford ME, Donna Chouinard and her partner Jim Berry of Dover NH, Paul Page and his fiancé Paula Kimball of Enfield NH, Joan Seawards and her husband Rich of Rollinsford, NH; 10 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Hank will be on Monday, January 22, 2023 from 4 PM – 6 PM at Tasker Funeral Home, 621 Central Ave, Dover, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:30 AM at St. Mary Church – Rollinsford, 411 Church St, Rollinsford, NH 03869. A private burial will be at New Town Cemetery in the Spring.

To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit: www.taskerfuneralservice.com.

<https://www.taskerfuneralservice.com/obituaries/Harold-Hank-Joseph-Page?obId=30361128>

Condolence cards can be sent to:
1 Vallee St. Dover, NH 03820-2303

MSgt Robert K. Kuhn Feb. 1, 1927—Jan. 11, 2024

Portsmouth – MSgt Robert K. Kuhn, USMC Ret., age 96, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Robert was born on February 1, 1927. He was the son of Arthur and Mildred Kuhn of Sheakleyville, PA. He was a military veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Robert retired with honor from the US Marine Corps on August 31, 1966 after 20 years of service.

Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps he moved his family to Portsmouth New Hampshire. He then began a civil servant career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery Maine, where he served as Chief of Police and in Naval Security. Retiring from the Navy Yard on June 1, 1989 allowed Robert and his wife Joan to move to the Villages in Florida during October of that year.

With Joan predeceasing him (April, 2002), Robert is survived by his son Gary Kuhn (NH), and his daughters Debra Scott (NH), Diana Shouse (NH) and Michelle Kuhn (MA). In addition Robert's 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren will mourn his loss.

In 2005 Robert remarried Jane Stuart, of Bridlington England who preceded him in death on May 12, 2020. Robert's ashes will be placed

at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen NH, and will be forever accompanied there with his first wife Joan.

Robert was a life member of the Seacoast Detachment Marine Corps League, Kittery Maine, and also a member of the military retirement family group in the Villages. Semper Fi.

Services: A time of visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Monday, January 15th 2024 with a funeral to immediately following at 6:00 PM at J. Verne Wood Funeral Home - Buckminster Chapel, 84 Broad St. Portsmouth. Interment with full military honors will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday January 17th at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen NH. All at-

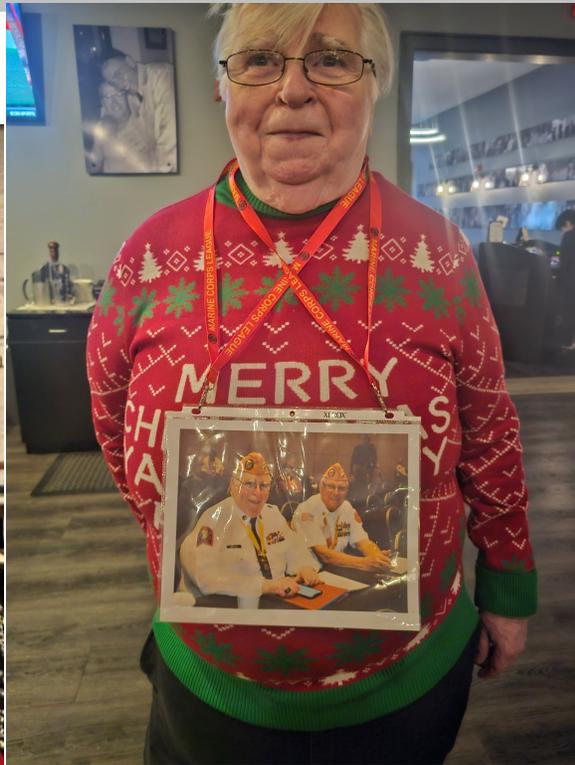
tending the interment must meet at the administration building no later than 10:50 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Semper Fi Fund, <https://thefund.org/donate/>.

<https://www.jvwoodfuneralhome.com/obituaries/MSgt-Robert-K-Kuhn-USMC-Retired?obId=30364919>



THE DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

This years Division Christmas Party was held at Bally's Twin River Hotel, and Casino, in Lincoln Rhode Island. And what would a Christmas party be without an Ugly sweater contest. Although there were many ugly sweaters, I do feel our National Judge Advocate who truly embraced the party Atmosphere was robbed. He seems to be doing a Vulcan mind meld with our



Chief of Staff, Joe Afonso. Since my Friend and buddy Larry could not attend I brought him along as part of my ugly

sweater by attaching his photo to my sweater. Since I included this picture of me I don't want to hear I shouldn't have used this picture.

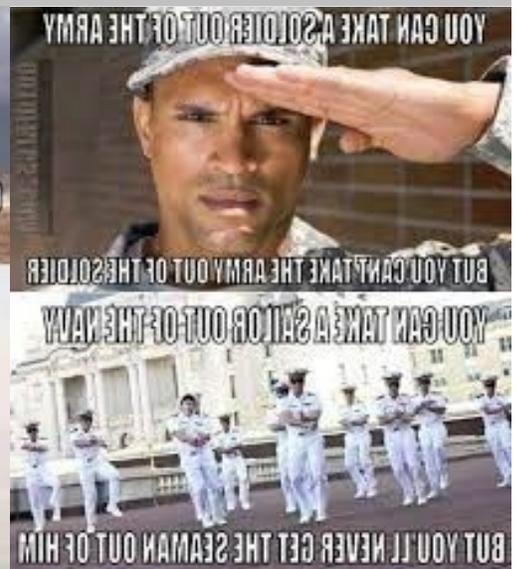


THE DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY





HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



United States Marine



WHAT MY FRIENDS THINK I DO



WHAT MY FAMILY THINKS I DO



WHAT THE ARMY THINKS I DO



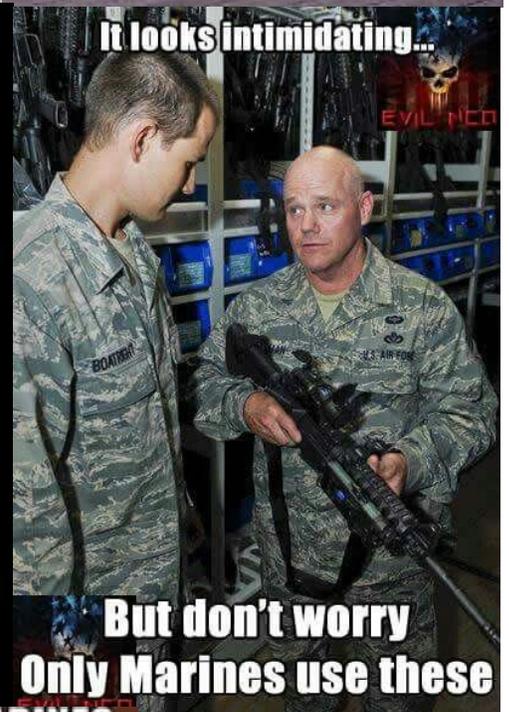
WHAT RECRUITS THINK I DO



WHAT SOCIETY THINKS I DO



WHAT I ACTUALLY DO



The instant realization



Your child is gonna be a Marine

I DON'T GET THE "MARINES EAT CRAYONS" MEME



AND AT THIS POINT I'M TOO AFRAID TO ASK





MARINE FOR LIFE



Connect to resources and opportunities:

Whether you're just starting the transition process, or you've already made the move to civilian life, the Marine for Life Network is here to help you grow your professional network and provide the support and guidance you need to succeed beyond the military.

Strengthen your professional relationships and expand your network.: Networking is crucial in today's professional world. The Marine for Life Network facilitates your networking capabilities through two lines of effort: virtual and face-to-face communication.

Virtual: Join the [Marine for Life Network's](#) growing community of Marines, Veterans, and military community members on LinkedIn. This premier professional networking site is an excellent resource for accessing career tools, staying connected with peers, and developing your professional brand. To connect, start by setting up a profile and joining a Marine for Life regional net-



work group.

Face-to-Face: More than 70 Marine for Life Representatives serves our program as

hometown links. These representatives create a bridge between the military and civilian communities across the nation, connecting you to military-friendly job op-

portunities, career resources, and networking events. Your local representative will help you build relationships and explore employment, education, and community resources in your current area or the area where you plan to move.

Military Spouses too! The Marine for Life Network is committed to helping military spouses build relationships and connections that can benefit them in both their personal and professional lives. By leveraging the power of the Marine for Life Network, military spouses can tap into a wider network of employers, academic institutions, entrepreneurship resources, and more!

Building a strong relationship to secure the future



As a member of the Marine Corps Association, you will be well-connected with the Corps with MCA's membership benefits:

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- [The MARINE Shop](#) is our retail store that assists Marines with their uniform requirements regardless of rank and offers many Marine Corps themed gifts and apparel.

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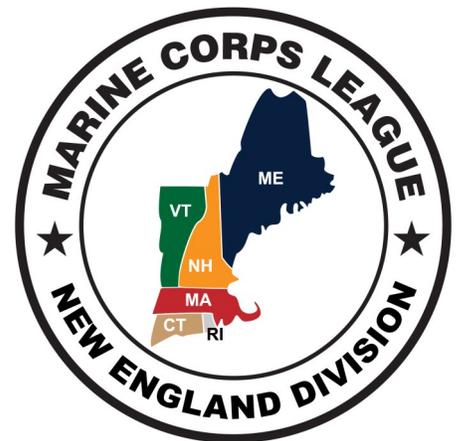
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RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



The Marine Corps League is Looking for a Few Good Marines

Let us try this again, it's winter and we have snow and cold but we also have Growls and meetings and obligations that cannot be ignored. Spring will be here before we know it and then in summer you will be looking to take July off. What if we don't? What if we go to Paul C. Houghton's picnic? What if we go to Hardware City's picnic? What if we go to Rhode Island's Family Day? Even better what you create your own Family Day? The one thing that seems to deter us from doing things together seems to be that there are young Marines and they have kids and families, well Family Day would work great for them. Then all of you old Marines, oops did I say that out loud< could eat and tell stories. If we put some life back into our events then more people will come. I would love to know what the fines at a GROWL were back in 2017 compared to what they are today. The more fines the more laughs, and the more people want to come. We need to be more active but even more important we need to laugh more.

When I went to see the 20th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps he told a story on how he had decided to go in a different direction than SgtMaj and he withdrew his application. He then got a call to interview for the position to which he told them I decided not to pursue the job. He was then told not so politely this is the Marine Corps



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JOIN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

MARINES WANTED

FIND A DETACHMENT [HTTPS://WWW.MCLNATIONAL.ORG/FIND-A-DETACHMENT.HTML](https://www.mclnational.org/find-a-detachment.html)



No one gives a shit what you want. I know when I went through PI and the DI came into the squad bay and said Chrome Domes and Cartridge belts on the road in one minute, if you were thinking this is not what you wanted to do, he would have relayed a similar message.

This is about recruiting so what does all of this have to do with that? There are no limits to the ideas you can come up with to attract people. People do not want to come to a meeting and sit to listen to boring reports. Some people are looking for comradery, some to shoot at parades and events, some to do Funeral Honors. Volunteerism is alive and well but each of us wants to choose how they do it. People have left active duty behind but they still are Marines and still want to serve as such. I hear people say that the older and younger Marines are different and therefore see things differently but here is the reality we are all Marines and therefore we are all Brothers and Sisters who will support each other. There was a saying used in a different context but it works here. You can take the kid out of the Marines but you cannot take the Marine out of the kid.

Semper FI.
Walt Benson

Are You Ready?



Mike & Kay Ross
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Kokomo, Indiana



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- Toys For Tots
- Color Guard
- Young Marines
- Funeral Honors
- Preserve Traditions

DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

In each Issue I would like to focus on Marines that are bringing their A GAME to the Division and our mission. I would ask that Detachment and Department Commandants, as well as Pack Leaders send in their choices of Members and Dogs who deserve recognition for the work they do and the contributions they make to our success. You should describe their contributions and why they are being recognized , since you know them the best.

Semper 542 & Granite State JVC Mike Martioski

Just when I thought I was stuck and I didn't have something for in the Spotlight, I opened my FaceBook page and there I find this. It started with music that I like so I thought I would watch the whole thing and see where it would take me. I liked it and who knows someday we can all put on our Red Blazers and fill a few tables at the Emmy's, hey everybody dreams. The Granite State Detachment signed up for 52 episode's and this was number one. Mike started the program with a textbook description of the Marine Corps League, News about the Military, the Marine Corps and some information and upcoming events for the League. The bottom line is that this is a fantastic resource and can be a great help to the Department of New Hampshire, and the New England Division. To me any exposure we get is good exposure whether it be, The Patch, Community News and especially something like this. I forget the exact number but it took me forty something years to find the Marine Corps League, and I am glad I did. So when I talk to a Marine and he says what is the Marine Corps League? I find myself reverting back to my boot camp days, "Come Here Dummy" (toned down as this is a Family publication) but you get my meaning. There are a lot of people working hard to get Marines involved in our League. We have taken the things we learned as Marines and brought them to the League, We Improve, We Adapt, and We overcome. We look for new resources to promote the Marine Corps League, to serve our fellow Marines and Veterans, and we make sure we are focused on meeting the needs of the New Marines Coming to join us.

How are we going to accomplish this? We are going to make sure returning Marines get the help they need in readjusting to civilian life. That they get there benefits available to them, and to make sure the League offers activities and event that allow them and their families to join us in out celebrations. Last year Rhode Island offered a



Family Fun Day, food, fun and Magic in a state park. It had the biggest bouncy I had ever seen. In fact, if we had younger Marines in attendance we would have had to pull them out so the kids could use the Bouncy. Connecticut had some picnics and one was even FREE, and the food was fantastic and never ending.

One of the biggest things all businesses and organizations say they need more of today is Communications and this is so true. If you have a venue to communicate in use it. Whether it is a local cable show, a Detachment, Department, or a Division Newsletter, use it. We have a lot of people out there doing magnificent work lets get together to join and support them. It's not always raising money through the Rose Program, or Raising Bones for the Children's Hospital, sometimes it's about Families, Fun and Comradery as we could all use more of that.

Mike will be back in this position again as I don't know him that well and this venue is new and this entire article is about things that could be accomplished through something like this. I intend to watch all 52 episodes, help in any way I can, and I think many of us could do the same. I posted the link on FaceBook, and on LinkedIn, but each of us that are on there reach different people because of the algorithm we are part of so it will reach different people, so post the links that are out there. Here is the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ihb3jDUPXg>

Please watch it, and if I may add, if you are a League Officer, Department Head, MODD, Young Marines, Marine 4 Life, National JA who is a New Englander, which shouldn't matter since I believe a video can be inserted to the program. Anyone that has information or Knowledge to share please consider offering your help. We are all Marines, therefore we are all Brothers and Sister, Semper Fi is a way of Life
Semper Fi
Mike Martioski

Thank You
Walt Benson



2024

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	To March 26th. The Flag was raised on the Twenty Third,							



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BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

ARLINGTON, Va. --Seventy-eight years ago, U.S. Marines hit the black sand beaches of Iwo Jima, beginning one of the most famous battles in the history of the Marine Corps. From Feb. 19 to March 26, 1945, U.S. Marines from the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions battled to wrest control of the island from the Imperial Army of Japan.

The eight square mile island made up of volcanic rock and sand housed two airstrips in the middle of the island and a third unfinished airstrip in the north. By controlling the island, U.S. forces would have a strategic staging facility for a potential invasion of mainland Japan, which was located just 750 miles away.

Following days of heavy bombardment from the sky and from ships at seas, U.S. Marines conducted an amphibious landing on Iwo Jima, Feb. 19. The Japanese defenders waited until the beaches were crowded with Marines, vehicles and supplies before shelling the attackers with mortars, machine guns and heavy artillery. For the next five weeks, approximately 70,000 Marines participated in one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history. During the intense fighting, 27 service members were awarded the Medal of Honor for their bravery – the highest number of Medals of Honor ever received for one battle in U.S. history.

Among those recognized for their heroism was 21-year-old Cpl. Hershel "Woody" Williams, a veteran of previous battles on Guam and Guadalcanal. Williams went ashore on Feb. 21, 1945, manning one of the flamethrowers that would prove essential in dislodging the defenders from their reinforced bunkers and dugouts. Aided by two automatic riflemen and two riflemen to provide covering fire, Williams engaged in fierce combat.

"I got my flame thrower on and started to work. I didn't know it because things were chaotic, but two of those Marines gave their lives that day; they were there protecting me," said Williams, recalling his arrival on the island in an interview with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Much of that day it was absolutely blank," Williams said. "Now there are other things that are so vivid. I've never been able to

get them out of my mind."

Just two days after landing on Iwo Jima, Williams volunteered to push forward alone in an attempt to reduce the devastating machine-gun fire from enemy positions. Under terrific enemy small-arms fire, Williams fought desperately for four hours, repeatedly returning to his own lines to prepare demolition charges and obtain freshly serviced flamethrowers. Through his personal bravery and fearless actions, he personally destroyed multiple enemy defensive positions.

Through Williams' efforts and those of the thousands of other Marines engaged in brutal combat that lasted day and night and was often hand-to-hand, the Marines made steady progress to secure the island. On Feb. 23, 1945, Marines from Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment raised the American flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi – the first of two flag raisings that day. Colonel Chandler Johnson ordered the raising of a second, larger flag that would be visible across the island. The second flag raising was captured by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, and his iconic photo of six Marines raising the flag remains one of the most enduring images in the Second World War.

Due to the confusion of combat and casualties, the process of correctly identifying the flag-raisers of Iwo Jima lasted more than sixty years. Pfc. Harold Keller, Pfc. Harold Schultz and Pfc. Ira Hayes would survive the war; Sgt. Michael Strank, Cpl. Harlon Block and Pfc. Franklin Sousley were all killed in action in the subsequent fighting to secure Iwo Jima.

The Battle of Iwo Jima lasted another four weeks. When the battle concluded, nearly 7,000 Marines had lost their lives and another 20,000 were wounded. Iwo Jima was finally declared secured on March 26, 1945. The strategic importance of the island, and the enduring image of Marines raising the American flag on top of Mount Suribachi, cemented the Battle of Iwo Jima as one of the great victories in the history of the Marine Corps. The Secretary of the Navy, James V. Forrestal, who watched the flag-raising from the beach, famously remarked "the raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years."

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

Image	Name	Service	Rank	Date of action	Unit	Notes
	Charles J. Berry *	Marine Corps	Corporal	March 3, 1945	1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment , 5th Marine Division	The Erie Avenue Bridge in Lorain, Ohio was re-named in 1988 to the Charles Berry Bridge in honor of Cpl Berry, a native son of the city.
	William R. Caddy *	Marine Corps Reserve	Private First Class	March 3, 1945	Company I, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment , 5th Marine Division	Sacrificed his life to save the lives of his platoon leader and platoon sergeant



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	Justice M. Chambers	Marine Corps Reserve	Lieutenant Colonel	February 19–22, 1945	3d Assault Battalion Landing Team, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Led the 8-hour battle to carry the flanking ridge top and reduce the enemy's fields of aimed fire, thus protecting the vital foothold gained
	Darrell S. Cole*	Marine Corps Reserve	Sergeant	February 19, 1945	Company B, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Namesake of USS Cole (DDG-67)
	Robert H. Dunlap	Marine Corps Reserve	Captain	February 20–21, 1945	Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Risked his life to gather intelligence about and direct fire on, enemy gun positions
	Ross F. Gray*	Marine Corps Reserve	Sergeant	February 21, 1945	Company A, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Single-handedly overcame a strong enemy garrison and completely disarmed a large mine field before finally rejoining his unit.
	William G. Harrell	Marine Corps	Sergeant	March 3, 1945	Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Risked his life to defend his position against a larger enemy force
	Rufus G. Herring	USNR	Lieutenant, Junior Grade	February 17, 1945	USS LCI(G)-449	Maintained position in the firing line with his 20-mm guns in action in the face of sustained enemy fire and conned his crippled ship to safety
	Douglas T. Jacobson	Marine Corps Reserve	Private First Class	February 26, 1945	3rd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Risked his life by destroying a total of sixteen enemy positions and approximately seventy-five Japanese



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Image	Name	Service	Rank	Date of action	Unit	Notes
	<u>Joseph R. Julian*</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>Platoon Sergeant</u>	March 9, 1945	1st Battalion, <u>27th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>5th Marine Division</u>	Sacrificed his life to eliminate an enemy threat
	<u>James D. La Belle*</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	March 8, 1945	Weapons Company, <u>27th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>5th Marine Division</u>	Sacrificed his life to save a group of his fellow Marines by diving on a grenade
	<u>John H. Leims</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>Second Lieutenant</u>	March 7, 1945	Company B, <u>1st Battalion</u> , <u>9th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>3rd Marine Division</u>	Risked his life to rescue several wounded Marines
	<u>Jacklyn Harrell Lucas</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>Private First Class</u>	February 20, 1945	1st Battalion, <u>26th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>5th Marine Division</u>	Covered two Japanese grenades with his body. Survived the blast of the one that exploded. Youngest recipient since the Civil War (turned 17 just 5 days before Iwo Jima D-Day)
	<u>Jack Lummus*</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	March 8, 1945	2nd Battalion, <u>27th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>5th Marine Division</u>	Had earlier played football for the <u>New York Giants</u>
	<u>Harry L. Martin*</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>First Lieutenant</u>	March 26, 1945	Company C, 5th Pioneer Battalion, <u>5th Marine Division</u>	Sacrificed his life to help rescue some of his men who had been overrun by the enemy.
	<u>Joseph J. McCarthy</u>	<u>Marine Corps Reserve</u>	<u>Captain</u>	February 21, 1945	<u>2nd Battalion</u> , <u>24th Marine Regiment</u> , <u>4th Marine Division</u>	Risked his life to eliminate several enemy troops so his men could move forward



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	George Phillips*	Marine Corps Reserve	Private	March 14, 1945	2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Sacrificed his life to save the lives of fellow Marines
	Francis J. Pierce	Navy	Pharmacist's Mate First Class	March 15–16, 1945	2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Risked his life to save several wounded service-members and volunteered for a mission to eliminate an enemy threat
	Donald J. Ruhl*	Marine Corps Reserve	Private First Class	February 19–21, 1945	Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Saved several of his fellow Marines by sacrificing his life and diving on an enemy grenade
	Franklin E. Sigler	Marine Corps Reserve	Private	March 14, 1945	Company F 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Led a charge against an enemy gun installation which had held up the advance of his company for several days
	Tony Stein*	Marine Corps Reserve	Corporal	February 19, 1945	Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	First Medal of Honor of Iwo Jima. Namesake of USS Stein (FF-1065)
	George E. Wahlen	Navy	Pharmacist's Mate Second Class	March 3, 1945	2nd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Although seriously wounded he risked his life to save the lives of several other servicemembers
	William G. Walsh*	Marine Corps Reserve	Gunnery Sergeant	February 27, 1945	Company G, 3rd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Sacrificed his life to save a group of fellow Marines



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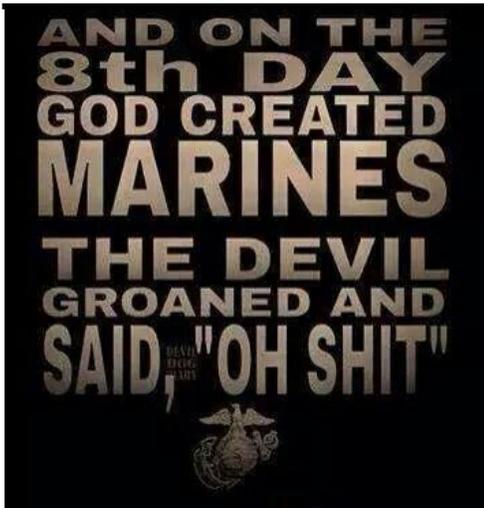


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	Wilson D. Watson	Marine Corps Reserve	Private	February 26–27, 1945	2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division	Risked his life fighting the enemy single-handedly for 15 minutes until his platoon could catch up to him. Risked his life attacking the enemy for 4 hours with an M2-2 Portable Flamethrower to minimize unit casualties. The last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.
	Hershel W. Williams	Marine Corps Reserve	Corporal	February 23, 1945	1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division	Killed while performing first aid to a wounded Marine.
	Jack Williams*	USNR	Pharmacist's Mate Third Class	March 3, 1945	3rd Battalion, 28th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	Killed by a grenade while assisting a wounded Marine.
	John H. Willis*	Navy	Pharmacist's Mate First Class	February 28, 1945	3rd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division	



Medal of Honor recipient Cpl Hershel "Woody" Williams



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. Amen



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WORD OF THE DAY

Over the centuries, certain Latin phrases have been used widely enough in English to get included in the dictionary. This is one of the favorites:

Semper Fidelis

sem-per fi-dey-lis;

"Always faithful"

These two words have long served as motto for families, schools, and organizations – most famously, since 1883, for the United States Marine Corps.

EXAMPLE:

He will receive the Semper Fidelis Award for his support of the Marine Corps University Foundation.

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