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Marines,
FMF Corpsman
and Auxiliary members,

I am pleased to report that the National Convention was a success, and the National slate of officers were reelected except for the Judge Advocates position. It was an honor to represent our Department. I was exceptionally pleased to accept again this year, the top place award for the Best Department Newsletter. Hats off again to Donna Hildebrandt, our Editor. Donna also was recognized for her work on the Bett-Toomey Newsletter which took 3rd place in the detachment competition.

On a more somber note, we lost several long-time members who served in Department and Devil Dog positions. Charles Lester and A.J. Kalil. A memorial service will be held for AJ on October 8th at the American Legion in Chittenango, NY at 1300.

Our Fall conference will be held on October 14-15, 2022, in Hornell, NY at the Best Western Hotel. Your participation in the department is crucial for the success of the Marine Corps League in New York so please make an effort to attend.

Semper Fidelis
Thomas J. Arcuri
Commandant
Department of New York

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2022

CALENDER

PAID MEMBERSHIP*

Total members 3,449
 Regular 3,046
 Associate 308
 Multiple 23

*Recorded on 30 September 2022

13 OCTOBER _____ 247TH NAVY BIRTHDAY
 14-15 OCTOBER _____ FALL DEPARTMENT MEETING
 HORNEL, NEW YORK
 27 OCTOBER _____ NAVY DAY
 10 NOVEMBER _____ 247TH BIRTHDAY OF THE MARINE CORPS
 10 NOVEMBER _____ 247TH BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST INVITE FROM
 WESTCHESTER COUNTY DETACHMENT
 11 NOVEMBER _____ VETERANS’ DAY
 07 DECEMBER _____ NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR DAY

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FEATURE

CORPORAL E4 **ANDRE BUNCH** Southeast Area Vice Commandant

ANDRE, WHY DID YOU JOIN THE MARINE CORPS?

I joined the USMC because I wanted a challenge and to be considered one of the best!

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEW MARINES?

I would advise them to always be ready for anything!

TELL US BRIEFLY ABOUT YOUR TIME IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

My time in the Marines was a great experience albeit unorthodox. I served in 4 different units. I started out with the Headquarters Eighth Marines Regiment. Then was sent down to 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, Third CEB out of Okinawa, Japan then finished at the School of infantry at Camp Pendleton CA.

WHAT IS THE MOMENT THAT MADE YOU THE MOST PROUD WHILE IN THE CORPS?

It all started when I graduated boot camp, getting selected for Marine Security Guard duty, and becoming a non-commission officer, and finally with the pinning of the blood stripes.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST USEFUL LESSON?

Anything can be achieved if you set your mind to it and never give up.

WHAT WAS THE MOST SURREAL EXPERIENCE YOU HAD WHEN YOU SERVED?

It was when I was in the 8th Marines when the platoon sergeant woke us up at 0300. We weren't told where we were going but had to prepare to go. Not knowing where we were going was the worst of it all, but as Marines, we trained for this. We was sent a boat where we were off the coast of Panama. We were to be on alert and to be ready. However, the alert status was downgraded and to an exercise called Solid Shield.

WOULD YOU DO IT AGAIN?

One hundred percent absolutely!

Andre was an athlete from the age of 7! He was born a fighter and savored a good challenge. This attribute was cultivated in his childhood when he played baseball, basketball and studied martial arts. The lessons learned then, and his natural drive served him well in the past, and continues to do so.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRESTIGIOUS TOYS FOR TOTS AWARD



Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret), David Cooper, Vice President, Operations for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation had some very good news for New York. He announced the winner of the Toys for Tots National and Regional Campaigns Coordinators of the Year!

The Toys for Tots Foundation examines local sites that conducted Marine Toys for Tots campaigns. For 2021 there were 832 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation chooses one Marine Forces Reserve (MFR) unit coordinator and one Local Community Organization (LCO) Coordinator from each region who receives this honor annually.

These candidates ensure that their communities are served by a truly dedicated person. There are six Regions throughout the United States. We are in region 1 which includes ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, WV & DC. National is just what it sounds like.

The coordinators were rated for performance, hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment. More specific criteria included:

1. Adherence to administrative procedures
2. Spirit of teamwork demonstrated
3. Effectiveness of execution of the local plan
4. Communication w/local businesses, volunteers, recipients and more
5. Attention to detail
6. Planning
7. Responsiveness
8. Timeliness



LtCol. Cooper states that “Your commitment to excellence, dedication, hard work and service ensures our Program’s goal of delivering ... hope to ... youngsters ... will assist them in becoming responsible ... citizens are achieved with resounding success!”

If you haven’t figured it out by now, the LCO Coordinator of Region 1 is our very own **STEVE TOPILNYCKY** for the Westchester County campaign. Take a moment to congratulate Steve on this prestigious award!

Another New York Campaign with bragging rights was run by a good friend of Steve’s, GySgt Brian Baez (6th Comm Bn). He was selected as the Marine Forces Regional (MFR) winner on the Marine category. He made a lot of children in the NYC area happy this year.

This Year, New York had a great year!





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PROJECT PURPLE HEART

Paraphrased from a message from Commandant Johnny Baker



The Marine Corps League supports Project Purple Heart. This ultimately instructs the DOD to maintain a database of those with certain awards of valor, and a recipients of a Purple Heart.

2022 is the 240th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart. The MCL encourages all Detachments to participate in the 240th anniversary observances on 11 November, and requests a Color Guard to participate in ceremonies across the country. An additional layer of respect is requested by shining either red-white-blue, or purple lights in the evening. The goal is to bring as much attention as possible to the Military Order of the Purple Heart and their recipients.

If your Detachment is interested in providing a Color Guard, contact Andy Burch, Dept. of PA at 724 448-5728, andy.bklyn@comcast.net. Please call or e-mail Burch with any questions, and let him know which city will be participating .

PACT ACT PASSED

There is exciting news to share! The PACT Act has passed through Congress, and Secretary McDonough has released the following statement:



“Veterans who were exposed to toxic fumes while fighting for our country are American heroes, and they deserve world-class care and benefits for their selfless service. The bipartisan PACT Act will help VA deliver for those Veterans—and their survivors — by empowering us to presumptively provide care and benefits to Vets suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions.

“To those Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors: you can apply for PACT Act benefits by filing a claim at VA, and you can learn more about the PACT ACT at <https://va.gov/pact> or by calling us at 1-800-MyVA411. We’ll be communicating with you every step of the way to make sure that you and your loved ones get the benefits you’ve earned.

Please share this with your constituents and key stakeholders, and share widely that VA is considering all presumptive conditions established by the PACT Act to be presumptive on the date of enactment, and we encourage all Veterans and survivors who believe they may be entitled to apply now for VA health care and benefits.

Andi Martinez, MHA
VA VEO Partnerships Advisor

CRISIS?

DIAL 988



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CEREMONIAL RIFLES & STATIC DISPLAYS

NOTICE TO ALL DETACHMENTS WITH U.S. ARMY TACOM RIFLES.

EVERY MARINE IS A RIFLEMAN FIRST.

During your time in the CORPS, it was expected that you be responsible to care for, secure, and be accountable for weapons assigned to you. The same expectation applies to weapons assigned to Detachment too. Remember, ***Once a Marine, Always a Marine.***

While at the National Convention in Daytona, Commandant Arcuri and Sr. Vice Commandant Dean Lawton Sr., had the opportunity to speak Ms. Jaime Albers, the Donations Chief at TACOM.



Ms. Albers has good news for those Detachments that have rifles on loan from TACOM. The (re)certification of ceremonial rifles has moved to an on-line process making it so much easier. Using this new process, simplifies the process dramatically, and improves accuracy

TACOM
United States Army
Tank Automotive and
Armaments Command

TACOM has been trying to reach the Detachments that have rifle inventories on file to update their information. The Department (DoNY) will cooperate completely. Many items have been on loan since the 1960s or earlier, and it is time to move their records away from paper to electronic records.



DoNY has provided the requested email addresses. So, if you receive an email from TACOM, consider it urgent and use the link and code that they provide to begin the process. There is only 30 days to comply, so please do not procrastinate. For your convenience some identifying information fields will auto-populate with the information that TACOM has. It is important to only certify the rifle certifications that are in your possession. If there are discrepancy issues, they must be addressed.

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TACOM

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Currently, records indicate that there are approximately 27 Detachments that have rifles on loan, and now static displays. A static display is a condemned /obsolete combat asset that has undergone a limited demilitarization process.

The program has 70,000 rifles, 27,000 customers, and only 15 people to manage it, so please exercise patience.



The Department Adjutant, Steve Topilnycky has been tasked by Commandant Arcuri to liaison with a TACOM donation specialist to get all Department of New York Detachments current with certifications.

Ceremonial Rifle Certifications are due every three years.

Please note that only a Detachment in good standing, is eligible to receive a loan of these items. To remain eligible it is imperative that Detachments cooperate during the audit and afterwards. Eligibility requires the reporting of rifles every 3 years, and static displays annually.

On a final note, if a Detachment has TACOM rifles, blank ammunition can be requested through the Army’s Joint Munitions Command (JMC)

HQ Joint Munitions Command
ATTN: AMSJM-MLD
2695 Rodman Ave
Rock Island, IL 61299-6000
Phone TOLL FREE: 877-233-2515
usarmy.ria.jmc.mbx.carq@army.mil



As a reminder, these items are the property of the United States Government and are on loan.

Please be aware that The Department requires notification when a Detachment adds or removes rifles, via loss, surrendered, or theft. Notice: If any rifle is lost or stolen, the Detachment must file a police report, and submit it to TACOM within 24 hours of the discovery. The Department also requires a copy of the report. These steps protect all parties involved if it were discovered that the weapon was used illegally.

This undertaking will require organized cooperation from all involved. Once the information is entered, verification process will be much easier to maintain than the present paper process. Success hinges on complete cooperation . If your Detachment no longer needs those objects, please contact TACOM and arrange to have them returned.

To learn more about TACOM please visit

<https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/>

[Ceremonial Rifle Program \(army.mil\)](https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/)

[Static Display Program \(army.mil\)](https://www.tacom.army.mil/ilsc/donations/)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Edited From Marine Corps Times 18 August 2022
Submitted by PDC, Tim Forbes*

THINK TWICE BEFORE ACCEPTING PAYOUTS FROM CAMP LEJEUNE TOXIC WATER LAWSUITS

*Don't expect quick payouts from the Camp Lejeune toxic water lawsuits.
If you go down the lawsuit road, be prepared for unexpected consequences.*

The TV ads and colorful mailers have been relentless in recent months: "If you or someone you love served at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune prior to 1988, you may be eligible for financial compensation!" Don't get pulled into this seemingly free money exploit before doing your research.

Advocates are warning that tens of thousands of individuals who lived at the North Carolina base will never see a penny from a new law allowing civil suits against the military for water contamination injuries received there.

Those who do get payouts probably won't see any money for months, if not years.

Shane Liermann, deputy national legislative director at Disabled American Veterans, said, "Veterans need to make sure they're well informed before they make any decisions about getting involved with these lawsuits, because it could actually cost them money."

"The last thing we want is for our veterans to see a reduction in their benefits."

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEWSLETTER COMPETITION



National Commandant
Johnny Baker,
Department of New York
Commandant Tom Arcuri,
National Newsletter Chair
Dianna Grantham

Winners of the 2022 National Newsletter competition were announced at the National Convention in Daytona, Florida. While there were plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Department and Detachment category, there was only one first place winner for the Leatherneck Award.

The Leatherneck award is given to the Department/Detachment’s editor who creates the most interesting newsletter that makes the reader so interested to read and it was difficult to put down.

The Department of New York has done it again! The newsletter has won the Leatherneck Award in the national newsletter competition. This is a huge honor for our Department. Commandant Arcuri gladly accepted the award presented by National Commandant, Johnny Baker, and the Newsletter Chair, Dianna Grantham.

As the editor, I want to thank you and let you all know that this would not be possible without the input from all of you. Thank you.



NOTICE

New York State only had one detachment submit a newsletter for consideration in the national contest.

LET’S CHANGE THAT & KEEP THOSE JUDGES BUSY!

For questions, please contact me so I can help you get started.
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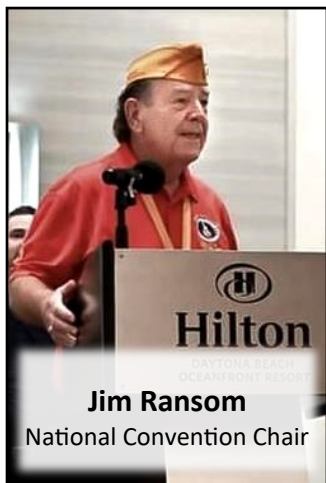




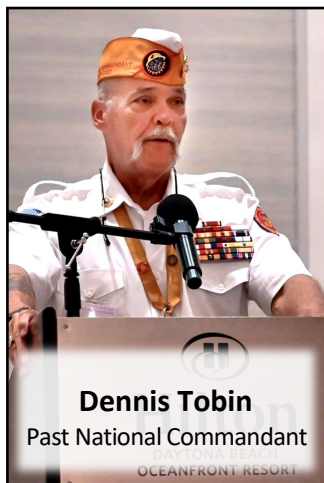
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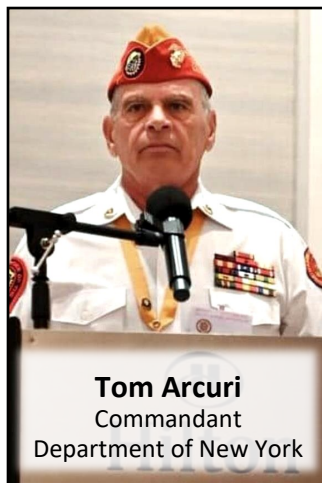
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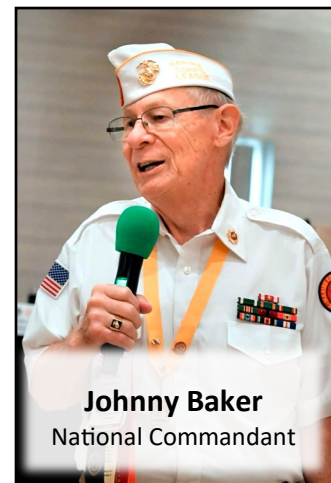
Jim Ransom
National Convention Chair



Dennis Tobin
Past National Commandant



Tom Arcuri
Commandant
Department of New York



Johnny Baker
National Commandant



Pushup Challenge



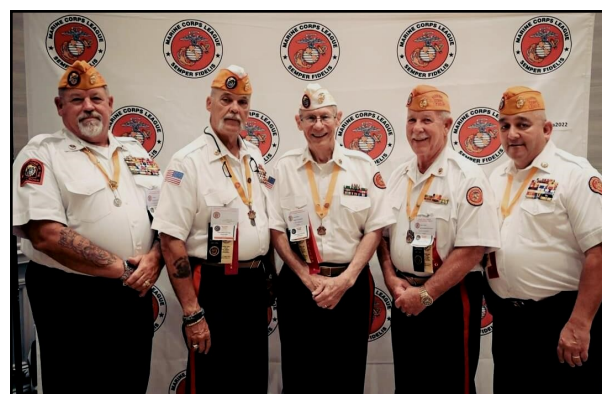
Commandant accepting award



Pedigree process



The Marine Corps League
2022 Marine Corps League National
Convention
Daytona Beach, FL



National Officers
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NC, Warren Griffin NSVC, Phil Zamora PNJA,

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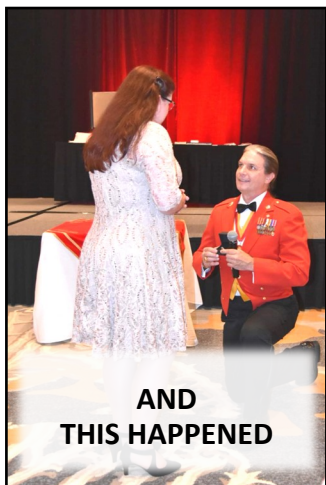
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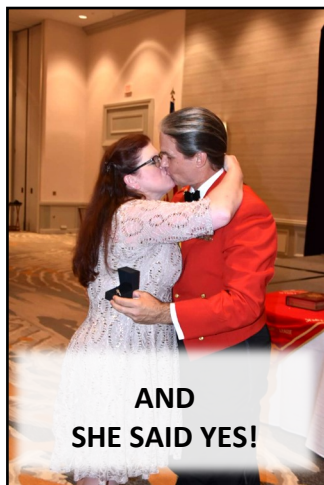
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AND THIS HAPPENED



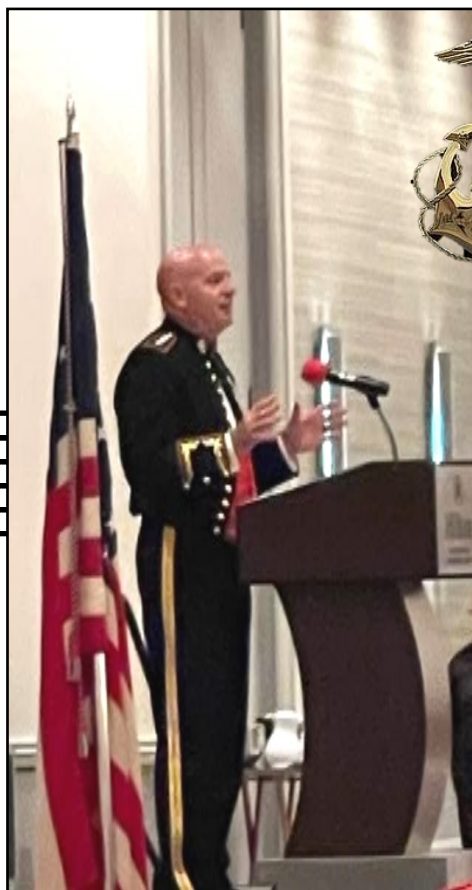
AND SHE SAID YES!



Sr. Vice Dean Lawton stopped at Parris Island on the way to the convention to watch 2nd Battalion Graduation



Commandant of the Marine Corps General **David Berger** and Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps **Troy Black**



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DEVIL DOGS

PRIDE OF THE PEDIGREE

The Devil Dogs are a fun and honor society that raise money for children’s needs, like hospitals. Within the Devil Dog organization, becoming a Pedigree is the highest “rank” attainable. Those who have chosen to become a Pedigree have made extra effort towards that status. The Pedigree “testing” is yearly at the National Convention.

The process is a 3-day experience. At the end, the reward for persistence is their Pedigree collar.

In the Devil Dogs organization, one would start as a pup. To be a pup, the member would need to be in the MCL for at least one year.

The next rung on the ladder is Devil Dog. The finally rung of the ladder is Pedigree.

Congratulations to the new Pedigrees.



Platoon 5 Devil Dog Workshop



NEW 2022 PEDIGREES



*Pedigree inductees from Pound 37
Al Merrill, Bud Hazzard,
Ken Blachura*





2022

CONVENTION

WRAP-UP FROM COMMANDANT BAKER

(Paraphrased from original letter from Johnny Baker, National Commandant / CEO MCL)

I feel that the Convention week was very productive and provided an abundance of information. Followig are topics discussed: the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive & Armaments Command (TACOM) that briefed us on the protocol of requesting, using and storage of the M-1 Rifles, etc. and the protocol for success of this program; Marine John Knapp discussed our National Cemeteries , which is a topic that we all need to consider; Young Marines; Toys for Tots and their \$83,000 donation; New National Auxiliary president **Linda Chamberlain** was installed; the 2023 National Convention in Oklahoma City will be our 100th; and elections were held and the National level Board of Trustees was reelected. Awards and citations were presented to



FRANK MATHERS

from the First State Detachment in Delaware was the **National Marine of the Year.**

PATRICIA "PATTIE" A. LEIB

from the Department of West Virginia was the first ever selected as the **National Associate of the Year.**

JOE DEANGELO

was selected as the **MODD Dog of the Year.**

MCL BAND



The "The President's Own" United States Marine Band from Washington, D.C. will be performing on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. at John Jay Senior School in Hopewell Junction as part of the band's Northeast Tour. The concert is free, but free tickets are required. Here's a link to the free tickets if any of your members who might be interested in attending - <https://marineband.ticketleap.com/hopewelljunctionny22/>

Rachel Ghadiali
Gunnery Sergeant, USMC
Assistant Communication Strategy Chief
"The President's Own"
United States Marine Band
8th and I Streets, SE
Washington, DC 20390



JULY 2022

GROWL

SEPT. 2022

DEVIL DOGS

POUND 37 IN HORNELL

On Saturday 16 July 2022, Commandant Al Hazzard, and The Raider Detachment #461 hosted another successful Growl for Southwest area in Hornell, the NY Southwest area.



*PDD Cathy Wiggs (Pack Leader)
PDD Dave Wiggs (Past NY Pack Leader)
PDD Dean Lawton
(Kennel Assistant NE Vice Chief)*

Submitted by Cathy Wiggs and Scott VanGrol

As always with the Devil Dog Growls, was fun and great therapy to step away from daily stressors and responsibilities. Some members drove as much as 100 miles. The fun was obviously worth the drive!



Al Merrill & Ken Blachura



Pack Leader Cathy Wiggs



Notice that Cathy and Scott are making duck lips .

From left to right: Steve Keller, Calvin Pickens, Tom Tomasso, Bill Beeke, John Farmer (partially hidden) Frank Klipstein, Jack Weiss, Ken Blachura, Cathie Wiggs (Pack Leader), Al Hzzard (partially hidden), Scott VanGrol, Randy Rider and Al Merrill.

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DEVIL DOG OF THE YEAR

Congratulations are in order for **SCOTT VANGROL** from Genesee Valley Detachment 223 who was presented the honor of **DEVIL DOG OF THE YEAR** while at the Growl held at the Bett-Toomey Detachment #216 in Lackawanna, on 17 September 2022



Scott VanGrol & Tom Tamasso????

STEVE CAPIRCI

is sworn in as a PUP in Devil Dog's Pound 37



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GROWL (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGE)

First, to become a devil dog, a Marine, FMF Corpsman or FMF Chaplain must be member in good standing with the Marine Corps League for at least one year. Then he/she must be invited by a current member of the MODD to join. The prospective pup is then introduced to his/her Pound and a confidential vote is held. Finally, if this vote is unanimously approved, the paperwork and dues are submitted and the prospect is sworn in. This is done at the Pound level. Pups are denoted by blacks collars.

After one year, and with attendance of at least four growls during that year, a pup is eligible to advance to a Devil Dog. This is done at the Pack level. During this first year a pup should familiarize him/herself with protocol of the growls, remembering always that the traditions

Note from the Pack Leader

Cathie Wiggs, PDD-CW, NYPL
hiscas@stny.rr.com

Woof Woof DOGS!



When you have your next growl, please keep me in the loop. I am trying to visit EVERY Pound this year and would love to visit yours.

Also, I personally invite any Devil Dog and Pedigree to attend the October meeting in Hornell ... fun is definitely on the agenda! I got something up my sleeve you might find amusing.

FLEET WEEK

Submitted by Volker Heyde

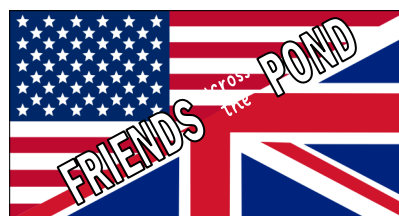
SHARING MORE THAN A BEER



Memorial Day 2022
Sgt. Angel Menendez Detachment

Each year during Fleet Week, the Sgt. Angel Mendez Det., Staten Island hosts a contingent of Marines. This year they were privileged to host a group of British sailors who had just finished a 6-month tour in Antarctica aboard the HMS Protector, a British Icebreaker.

They marched in the parade, joined the Memorial service and party. The picture clearly shows the camaraderie that exists between our services and



from those across the pond. A great time was had by all.



COLOR GUARD

Submitted by Dave Brisbane

MEMORIAL DAY DETACHMENT #468 PROVIDES COLOR GUARD

This is the second time that Detachment #468, Memorial Day Detachment, has been asked to provide a ceremonial color guard for an unveiling of of a theme painted cabs from Leonard’s Express Trucking. This year the theme for the cab of the was the Marine Corps.

With the Marine Corps design, it is only fitting that a Marine accept the keys to the semi cab for this big reveal event. So, on July 27, 2022, Marine Corps Veteran, “Ponytail,” accepted the those keys after the design was unveiled.

Leonard’s has a long history of supporting military and veterans. To continue their dedication to veterans, Leonard’s Express Trucking will do a campaign called A Penny A Mile. What that means is that, for the lifetime of the truck, every mile that it is driven will result in a penny going to Wounder Warriors.

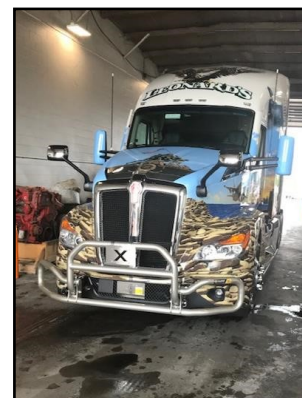
The company also has cabs with an Air Force and Navy theme.

Detachment #468 wanted to express their deep appreciation for Leonard’s continued support of veterans, and for honoring a fellow Marine, “Ponytail.”



MEMORIAL DAY DETACHMENT #468 COLOR GUARD

The members of the color guard were Bill Palmer, Dave Brisbane, Jim Rayburn, Jim Wicker and Marine Corps veteran and truck driver "Ponytail"





GOAL TO END SUICIDE

MARINES HELPING MARINES

Submitted by Dave Brisbane

Memorial Day Detachment #468

is committed to reducing the sad statistic of 22 veterans and active duty personnel commit suicide every single day.

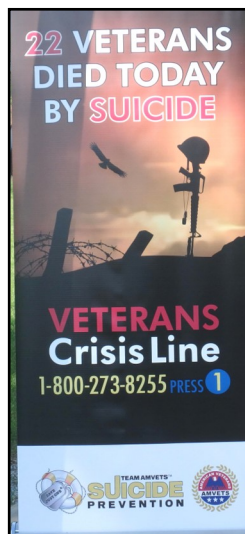
THE GOAL IS ZERO!

The civilian community is not immune to this issue either and many of our veterans or their families have personally experienced suicide or suicide attempts within their own family.

In 2021, the fund raiser was inhibited by Covid, but in 2022 the detachment partnered with American Legion Post 256 of Canandaigua to continue the Challenge 22 program. Since Covid had subsided, they set an ambitious goal of \$22,000 for this event.

The plan was to host an event with a 2.6 mile walk, food & beer trucks,

and music. Four charities chosen as the beneficiaries were Equicenter, Warrior Salute, The Marine Corps Coordinating Council and the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Canandaigua. Their mission was advertised there.



The area sponsors received a very popular, additional advertising by receiving a spot on the event T-shirt. The MCL and American Legion were confident that the monetary goal, and bringing light to the daily suicides and available resources, would be met.

When all was said and done, the glass ceiling goal was shattered because they raised over \$50,000! The four charities split the proceeds equally, and enjoyed a free lunch as well.

Expectations for next year's event is high and they have hopes of including other service organizations too.

Ultimately the goal is to eliminate the 22 suicides per day to **ZERO**, and the funds raised will help reach that goal.



C&B Roasters Food Truck



American Legion Post 256 members — Larry Gamba, John Sandle and John Cipollina. Memorial Day Det. # 468 members Jim Wicker and Dave Brisbane



CHARITY

Submitted by Bob Brown, Commandant

\$500

GREATER SYRACUSE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

presents \$500 check
to the LaFayette Optimists
for their charity programs!

Submitted by Bob Brown



(L to R)
Larry Bear
Bob Brown - Commandant
Doug Kurtz - President Optimists
Ron Bush
Ron Farewell - Adjutant
Jeff Smith - Paymaster



\$5000

THE GREATER SYRACUSE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

membership recently attended the Syracuse Nationals Auto Show at the New York State Fair Grounds, Syracuse. The Syracuse Nationals is the largest antique car show in the Northeast. **The detachment was able to raise over \$5,000** which will be used for donations to charitable events and organizations throughout Central New York.

Submitted by Bob Brown



(L to R)
Bob Brown - Commandant
Doug "Doc" Czyz
Ron Kocker
Anthony Mele
Jeff Smith - Paymaster
Joe Pitre
Ron Farewell - Adjutant
Don Healy - Jr Vice Commandant
Oliver Jackson
Larry Bear
George Hotaling - Quarter Master



CHARITY

\$1010.50

On July 30, 2022, the **RAIDER DETACHMENT #461** had their first DJ blast to raise money for the detachment and charities.

The Hornell VFW Post 2250 was the host location. With the support of the VFW community, the event was a huge success.

Music was donated by **DJ Jim**.

Activities offered were Raffles & Surprises

9-Ball Pool Tournament

Euchre Tournament

Basket Raffle

Bake Sale



At the end of the day, **\$1010.50**

funds were raised for Toys For Tots

MCL Detachment #461 Mission 22-0

VAVS (Veteran’s Administration Voluntary Service)

The Catherine Irene Cone Memorial Fund

Jim Sampson Paymaster



COMMANDANT'S **VIRTUAL** CORNER

Submitted by Bob Brown, Commandant

JULY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHC73qJXDE4>

July’s National Commandant’s Corner, hosted by Victoria McCoy was a guide for the 99th National Convention. Some of the topics covered were:

What meetings am I required to attend?

What uniform do I wear on what day?

What are the protocols in the meeting room? etc.

Be prepared for the 100th annual convention in Oklahoma City.

SEPTEMBER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPSso3eWt8E>

2022 Toys for Tots Campaign

October is the kick-off for the 2022 campaign. Russ Miller is the National Liaison to the (Toys for Tots) Foundation Proper. He is the person to contact for clarification about proprieties when handling monetary donations. Although unintended, several detachments are not following protocol which is meant to protect the detachments.

Especially if you handle money, Watch this video! Two important subjects arose. 2) Do not accept or give gift cards and 2) beware of what is considered “comingling” of funds.

There is a downloadable pamphlet that explains the Dos and Don’ts of protocol. Do NOT assume that you are doing it correctly before checking.

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ARE ON THE TENTH OF
March, June, September, December



Semper Fi

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

<https://www.mclnewyork.net>



THE BRIDGE CEREMONY

Submitted by Howard Hart

howiehart@gmail.com

The Renaissance Bridge is the center and oldest of 3 bridges over the Erie Canal that connect Tonawanda and North Tonawanda, NY.

Twice yearly on Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day, the local police close the bridge to traffic, so that the service can proceed without incident.

The “Bridge Ceremony” consists of Gold Star family members tossing a floral wreath into the Canal, followed by a rifle salute.



L. to R. - John Borycki, Bill Dickman, Ken Crandall, George Brock, Paul Schultz, Audrey & Milton Gordon.



Chaplain Joan Schuster of the Conrad F. Kania Detachment #230 performs the invocation for the “Bridge Ceremony”



The ritual begins with an invocation by the chaplain (Joan Schuster), and a mayor who introduces a guest speaker. Several local veterans’ groups and scout troops faithfully attend.

The service concludes with the gun salute, performed by the Conrad F. Kania Detachment.

My mind is like an internet browser with at least 19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

Submitted by Tim Forbes



GOLFING FOR A CAUSE

Our **EAST END LONG ISLAND DETACHMENT** takes care of Calverton National Cemetery. This golf Tournament is their main fund raiser for their scholarship program. It has been in effect for many years.

Annually, they award annually ten \$500 scholarships to Marine Family Members who are entering college.

Zoom in to see the details. Continued on the following page.



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Submitted by Vinny Annunziata



GOLFING FOR A CAUSE

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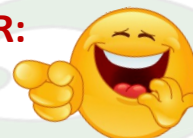


ME: (sobbing)

"I can't see you anymore.
I'm not going to let you
hurt me again!"

MY TRAINER:

"It was
ONE
sit-up!"



Submitted by Tim Forbes

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MARKSMANSHIP

SHOOTING TEAM

Over the past few editions, there has been articles about the **NY Marksmanship Program**.

Hopefully by now, your Detachments is planning to participate in a pistol or rifle "Postal Match." Scores are submitted by the honor system. Find the score cards and instructions on the national website mclnational.org

Currently, Lynn Stanton and his teammate Vandyke Bergen are preparing for the National Civilian Marksmanship Competition. As Lynn says, ***"This is the big one."***

COMING SOON!

THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MARKSMANSHIP DETACHMENT!

Instant Message (IM) one of us to complete and submit your applications for membership into the marksmanship detachment.

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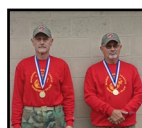
Now that the MCL has an established team, we can compete alongside active-duty teams!

Vandyke and Lynn took 11th place out of 44 teams in the Vintage Sniper Team Match!



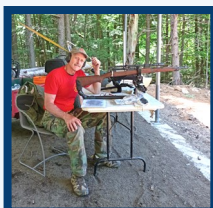
Stay informed, "friend" the Marine Corps League shooting Team on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mclshootingteam>

Lynn Stanton is the contact here in NY. He is more than happy to further discuss details with any of us. He can be reached at lwdstanton@yahoo.com or 518-504-0830.



Lynn Stanton and his Vintage Sniper teammate

Vandyke Bergen at the CMP New England Games in Jericho, Vermont.





MILITARY SERVICE and SOCIAL SECURITY

Submitted by Steve Topilnycky

Resource: Viet Nam Vet Magazine

Earnings for active duty military service or active duty training have been covered under Social Security since 1957.

If you served in the military before 1957, you didn't pay Social Security taxes, but we gave you special credit for some of your service.

You can get both Social Security benefits and military retirement benefits. Generally, there is no reduction of Social Security benefits because of your military retirement benefits. You'll get your Social Security benefit based on your earnings and the age you choose to start receiving benefits.

Social Security and Medicare taxes

While you're in military service, you pay Social Security taxes, just as civilian employees do. You currently pay a 6.2% Social Security tax on up to \$147,000 of your earnings. The Medicare tax rate is 1.45% on all wages. High-income earners pay an additional 0.9% on earnings above certain amounts.

How your work qualifies you for Social Security

To qualify for benefits, you must earn credits by working and paying Social Security taxes. The number of credits you need to qualify depends on

your age and the type of benefit for which you're eligible. In 2022, you receive one credit for each \$1,510 of earnings, up to the max. of four credits per year. The amount of earnings needed to get credit for your work goes up each year. No one needs more than 10 years of work, or 40 credits.



Extra earnings

Your Social Security benefit depends on your earnings, averaged over your working lifetime. Generally, the higher your earnings, the higher your benefit. Under certain circumstances, special earnings can be credited to your military pay record for Social Security purposes.

The extra earnings are for periods of active duty or active duty for training. These extra earnings may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

If you served in the military after 1956, you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by us.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for periods of active duty from 1957 through 2001

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Military Service and Social Security



MILITARY SERVICE and SOCIAL SECURITY

Submitted by Steve Topilnycky

Resource: Viet Nam Vet Magazine

can also be credited to your Social Security earnings record.

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- **From 1968 through 2001**, you don't need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- **After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.
- The information that follows explains how you can get credit for special extra earnings. This applies only to active duty military service earnings from **1957 - 2001**.



From 1957 - 1977, you're credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

From 1978 - 2001, for every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you're credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with us for details.

If you served in the military from **1940 through 1956**, you didn't pay Social Security taxes, but we gave you special credit for some of your service.



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ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

DETAILS TO COME





REST IN PEACE

FAIR WINDS & FOLLOWING SEAS

**SERGEANT MAJOR
JOHN CANLEY**



Medal of Honor Recipient, Sergeant Major John Canley has passed away at 84-years of age. His bravery during the Tet Offensive Battle of Hue will not be forgotten!

**JAMES GORDON
HILL**



James was a member of the Bobo Det., passed away on 28 August 22.

He served honorably in the United States Navy and the United States Army during Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman and Army Medic.

**MARINE
MATT FALCONE**



Marine Falcone passed away from Covid in September 2020. Since he was so involved in his community, a dedication ceremony honoring the Marine was held to name a bridge the Matt Falcone Way.

**CHARLES "CHARLIE"
LESTER**



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of former Department Chief of Staff Charlie Lester on 14 September 2022. Marine Lester served as Chief of Staff for PDC Jim Ransom, and was active in Toys for Tots.

**FORMER
DEPARTMENT
NORTH CENTRAL
AREA VICE
COMMANDANT
AJ KALIL**



It is with a heavy heart that we announce that former North Central Area Vice Commandant, AJ Kalil who greeted the Supreme Commander in September. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. There will be a memorial service for Marine Kalil on Saturday 8 October 2022 at 1300 (1:00 p.m.) hours at the:

**William H. Cain
American Legion Post 1287**
707 Legion Drive
Chittenango, NY 13037

Condolence cards can be sent to:
Mrs. Audrey Kalil
100 Southfield Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066



IN MEMORY OF

2ndLT JOHN P. BOBO

Submitted by Commandant Tom Arcuri

Reported by Chaplain Vinunziatta,
as of on 23 August 2022

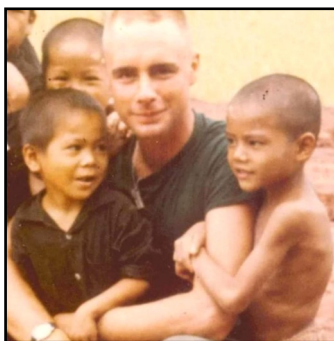
IN 2022, THE FOLLOWING MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMBERS MET THE SUPREME COMMANDER

- Elmer W. Perlin
- Martin E. Wallis
- Theodore Probst
- Richard L. Zingaro
- Edward L. Carpenter
- Joseph Smithers
- Kevin J. Rich
- Frank T. Watkins
- Donald Sonderguard
- Robert Burns
- Thomas J. Groff
- Thomas E. Jasinski, Sr.
- Mark S. Chorney
- William J. Pucher
- Paul Kaufman
- Burton F. Darling
- Russel Bonacci
- Lynn E. Swetland
- Leland W. Amond
- Richard A. Buske
- John Giordano
- F. Ronald Carpenter
- John E. Mitchell

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY

Original description and photo a source from the collection of
John P. Bobo (COLL/97), Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections

VIETNAM WAR STORIES HONORING THE HEROES WE LOST: SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN BOBO OF NIAGARA FALLS NY



AS WEAPONS PLATOON COMMANDER, COMPANY I, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, JOHN BOBO WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HIS ACTIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE ON MARCH 30, 1967.

Second Lieutenant John Bobo's Medal of Honor Citation reads as follows:

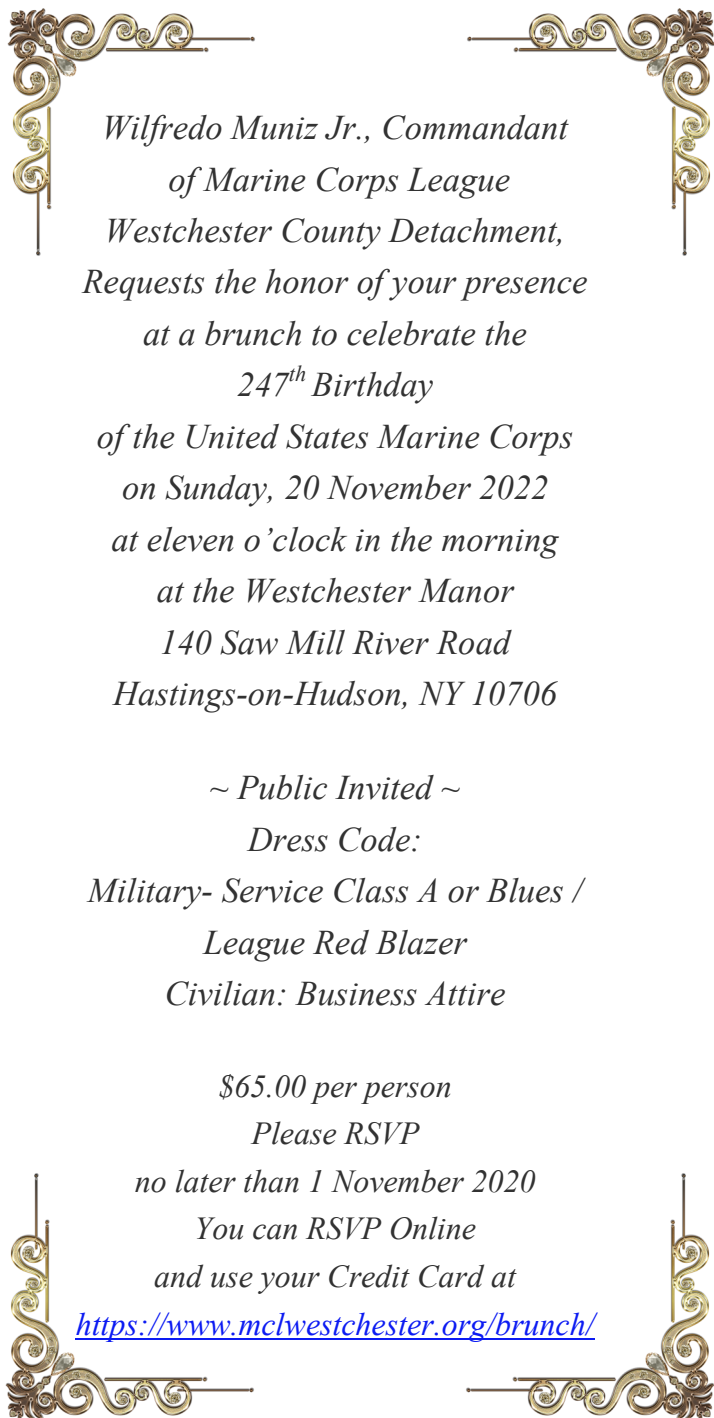
The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pride in presenting the Medal of Honor (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant John Paul Bobo, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 30 March 1967, while serving with the Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, THIRD Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. Company I was establishing night ambush sites when the command group was attacked by a reinforced North Vietnamese company supported by heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire. Second Lieutenant Bobo immediately organized a hasty defense and moved from position to position encouraging the outnumbered Marines despite the murderous enemy fire. Recovering a rocket launcher from among the friendly casualties, he organized a new launcher team and directed its fire into the enemy machinegun positions. When an exploding



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MISCELLANEOUS



*Wilfredo Muniz Jr., Commandant
of Marine Corps League
Westchester County Detachment,
Requests the honor of your presence
at a brunch to celebrate the
247th Birthday
of the United States Marine Corps
on Sunday, 20 November 2022
at eleven o'clock in the morning
at the Westchester Manor
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enemy mortar round injured Bobo's right leg below the knee, he refused to be evacuated and insisted upon being placed in a firing position to cover the movement of the command group to a better location. With a web belt around his leg serving as a tourniquet, he remained in this position and delivered devastating fire into the ranks of the enemy attempting to overrun the Marines. Second Lieutenant Bobo was mortally wounded while firing his weapon into the main point of the enemy attack but his valiant spirit inspired his men to heroic efforts, and his tenacious stand enabled the command group to gain a protective position where it repulsed the enemy onslaught.

Second Lieutenant John Bobo was 24 years old at the time of his passing. He lies in rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Lewiston, New York.

Lest We Forget

VETERANS CAN RECEIVE EXTREMELY REDUCED TICKET PRICES TO LOCAL EVENTS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$5 PER TICKET!

THE ONLY DOWNSIDE IS THAT YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE HIS SEAT.

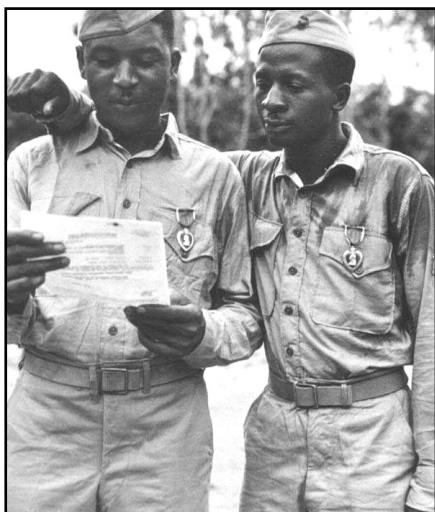
My husband was satisfied with his seat.

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HISTORIC FIRSTS!

"The first black Marines decorated by the famed 2nd Marine Division somewhere in the Pacific.



Staff Sgt Timerlate Kirven & Cpl. Samuel J. Love, Sr.,
received Purple Hearts for wounds received
in the Battle of Saipan."

*From the collection of Joseph H. Carpenter,
United States Marine Corps Archives & Special Collections*

Submitted by Mike Piscioti

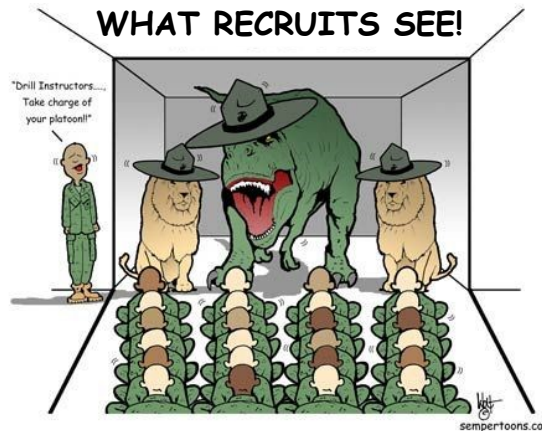
Nichole Riad, from Troop 97 & Crew 97
becomes the Rockland County's first
female Eagle Scout!



Members of the Rockland County Detachment #243
were on hand on July 30th to present the
Good Citizenship Award to Rockland County's
First Female Eagle Scout.

Congratulations to **Nichole Riad**
from Troop 97 & Crew 97 on your historic
accomplishment!

Submitted by Gail Goodson, Past Commandant





CHESTY

LEWIS BURWELL PULLER

June 26, 1898 – October 11, 1971



LtGen Puller, better known as “Chesty” of the United States Marine Corps, fought guerrillas in Haiti and Nicaragua early in his military career.

He later served with distinction in World War II and the Korean War.

Puller is one of the most decorated Marines in American history. He is one of just two U.S. servicemen awarded five Navy Crosses and one Army Distinguished Service Cross.

After 37 years of service, Chesty retired from the Corps in 1955.

He lived until age 73 and passed in 1971.

The Giant Killer, August 2, 2022

ASTRONAUT

NASA MISSION LEAD BY MARINE

*Edited From Marine Corps Times 18 Aug. 2022
Submitted by Tim Forbes*



Col. Nicole Mann, will lead the SpaceX Crew-5 team to the Inter-national Space Station.

Mann was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1999 .

“Training for a space flight is similar to work ups for a deployment,” Mann said.

“Having that foundation as a Marine to know, you can physically push through, you can mentally push through [challenges], that’s [what] really prepared me for all this training that I have at NASA ... ,” Mann said in an interview. Her military career includes more than 2,500 flight hours in 25 types of aircraft.

As mission commander, Marine Col. Nicole Mann will be responsible for all phases of the flight, from launch to reentry. (Bill Ingalls/NASA)

Her mindset of JUST PUSH THROUGH IT, has served Marine Mann well throughout her career — first in her military training and later in NASA’s Astronaut training. She recommends the same mindset to those who follow in her footsteps.



SCOUTS

HONOR COURT

Submitted and written by Eagle Scout Coordinator, Volker Heyde, Sgt Angel Mendez Detachment



2020
TROOP 132

Tom Wortmann Ryan Schmidt Volker Heyde

Ryan is currently attending St. John's University on Staten Island and is majoring in Homeland Security and will graduate in 2023.



MARCH 7, 2020

TROOP 6

Sean A. Harden Sandhu

This is the last Eagle Scout Honor Court before Covid forced a temporary shut-down. Sean was presented his certificate by then Senior Vice Commandant Robert Geronimo and Commandant Volker Heyde.



With the pandemic playing havoc with everything we did over the past 2 years; The Eagle Scout Program was no exception. Unfortunately, many Scout Troops on Staten Island did not hold their Honor Courts for newly elevated Eagle Scouts. Honor Courts have resumed to recognize several newly minted Eagle Scouts

Elevated in early 2020, Ryan Schmidt had to wait for acknowledgement which was presented by PDC

Tom Wortmann and Eagle Scout Coordinator Volker Heyde. We traveled to Ryan's home to present him his award, and to show him that he was not forgotten. Both he and his parents were very grateful that we took time to do this for him.

There were four other awards presented to Eagle scouts that were elevated in 2021.

As a representative of The Sgt. Angel Mendez

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HONOR COURT

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TROOP 2
Liam W. Pesce ris being pinned with the Service Ribbon by Commandant Volker Heyde



TROOP 5
Richard J. Larson, Jr. and Alexander P. Halligan flanked by their fathers

Alexander Halligan is attending Lincoln Tech in New Jersey and will go into the automotive Industry.



TROOP 74
Richard Gainer and Noah Lorczak

Richard Gainer is currently going into his senior year at St. Peters H.S. and is exploring a career in music and music production. He is currently looking at colleges in the Northeast.

Detachment, it was a privilege to attend three Honor Courts in 2022 thus far.

Each time, I had an overwhelming sense of pride to present the Good Citizenship Awards to five new Eagle Scouts!

As the Eagle Scout Coordinator for the detachment, it is always an honor to present these awards and listen to the dedication to God, country and family that these fine young men exemplify.



APRIL 2021
(in no particular order)
Andrew M. Asher,
Mitchell J. Hartman,
David V. Laganga and
Matthew H. Pfuhler.

These Eagle Scouts were also presented The MCL Good Citizenship Award.



“ My name is **Noah Lorczak** and I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 74, Staten Island, NY. I will be a senior at St. Peter's Boys High School where I am involved in the National Honor Society and the Italian Heritage Club.

I am on the Varsity Lacrosse team that recently won the CHSAA city championship and I was named Attackman of the Year for the division.

I am currently looking at colleges and some majors have piqued my interest including Business, History, and Homeland Security.

I know that whatever college or career path I choose, the skills I learned on my journey to becoming an Eagle Scout will help me along the way. ”



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