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COMMANDANT'S CORNER

**THOMAS ARCURI
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Marines and FMF Corpsman,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our Marine Corps League family members!

I am optimistic as we go forward into 2022 that we will continue our mission to serve our fellow Marines and communities as we have in the past.

The COVID pandemic has taught us lessons in how to adapt and overcome.

I encourage our detachment officers to look toward technology to stay in contact with their membership via email or phone and to conduct meeting via Zoom if necessary, should

restrictions be put in place. If we meet in person, please follow safety protocols.

Thank you to all our participating members for your tireless effort with the **Toys for Tots** program. Your commitment to your communities does not go unnoticed and reflects a positive image on the Marine Corps League and our mission.

On a somber note, I would like to express my condolences to the Family of **Gordon Williams**, a former Northwest area Vice Commandant for the Dept. of New York.

Gordie was a fine Marine and a great asset to the department, and he will be missed.

"Fair winds and following Seas"

A reminder to all that the Winter conference is scheduled for February 4th & 5th 2022 at the Comfort Suites in Cicero, NY the cut off date for reservations is January 13th so please call 315-753-0150 to secure your room. I look forward to seeing you in February!

Semper Fidelis
Thomas J. Arcuri
Commandant
Department of New York



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Message from the Editor

DONNA HILDEBRANDT

I want to thank everyone at the Department Fall meeting who made me feel so welcome. I enjoyed your company and appreciated getting to know you better. It was a moment of pride when I was able to accept awards, one of which was for my detachment.

If you were unable to attend, see go to facebook. Here is the link: https://www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfNewYork/live_videos/

Notice that deadlines for submission to the Ground Pounder are now listed in the footer.

**I DO NOT KNOW HIS NAME,
BUT I LOVE HIM, AND ALL
THAT HE STANDS FOR.**

**I AM GRATEFUL TO THOSE
WHO PRECEDED HIM AND
THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW!**



On another note, please contact me if you are interested in being the focus of the “feature” section, see page 4 for an example. Yours can be shorter, but not longer than a full page. Please know that nothing gets published without your approval, and I will assist you with writing it.

Also, I realize that some events and honors that may have been omitted. Please remember that I need your help. If there is interesting information that you find, please share it.



MEMBERSHIP*

Total members	3559
Regular	3121
Associate	407
Multiple.....	31

*Recorded on 15 October 2021



About the Feature

The Feature section will highlight the life of a Marine, FMF Corpsman, FMF Chaplin, or anyone else who has contributed greatly to the Department of New York Marine Corps League. No article will be published

without your consent. You will work directly with me until you are satisfied with the results. This can be as short as you like, but will not be more than 1 page. Please contact me via text 716.225.0432, or email

newsletter.dny@gmail.com. We can arrange a time to chat. This edition's Feature is of Marine **Rick Chmielowiec** from Bett-Toomey #216. Please help this section live on!



PRESERVING HISTORY

MARINE CORPS HISTORY DIVISION'S HISTORY BRANCH is interested in conducting oral history interviews with Marines, Corpsmen, and others serving with Marines.

The detachment, composed of experienced officers and SNCOs, is also interested in preserving physical Marine Corps history such as documents, photographs, and artifacts. They are particularly interested in interviewing World War II and Korean War Marines but are open to input from Marines and their families of all eras.

Interviews can be conducted in person, over the phone, or utilizing an online application like Skype or Zoom.

If interested or have questions, please contact LtCol Timothy Heck at timothy.heck@usmcu.edu

Help us preserve the history of the Corps by preserving our history.



Due to Veterans from all eras reacting to the events in Afghanistan, such as withdrawal and take over by the Taliban, the VA is working quickly to share their resources, call center information, peer support, and other community services.

VETERANS' CRISIS RESOURCES

<https://mclnewyork.net/index.php/veterans-crisis-resources>



Following in his father's footsteps, Rick enlisted as a Marine. His father, Stanley, was a WWII vet whose duties were that of Forward Observer and Artillery, primarily with Howitzers.

Rick was enlisted from 1981–1985. Like so many others, his first experience was at Paris Island. There, he belonged to the 2nd Battalion, D company. Once completed, he went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to learn to become a heavy equipment operator MOS 1345, a skill that would serve him well.

- ◆ His first 4 months were spent on Mainland Japan, MCAS Iwakuni 1st MAW, WES-17.

- ◆ Operators were needed for the main station for Okinawa, Camp Foster/Butler, 1st MAW, WES-17. Some of the orders took him to Futenma Air Station, and Kadina Air Force Base and the Northern Training area where he helped to rebuild 17 landing zones. During that time, he and the team were left on the landing zone to wait for a Helo Airlift to pick them up, and deliver them to the next site. They were left on that landing zone for 3 days with just a half tent each, 3 jugs of water, and no food. Rick stated, "It was at that moment, that he decided that he HATES camping."

- ◆ While in his year of service in Japan, he had fun cleaning the bombing range at Eshima Island. His superiors then told him not to get so close to live ordinance anymore.

- ◆ After that assignment, he then returned stateside to Camp Lejeune, where he was with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Support Company where one of his jobs was to use his skills with heavy equipment to prepare Onslow Beach for live missile fire .

- ◆ Additionally, he was deployed on a 6 month float on the USS El Paso LKA-117 to be prepared for action, if needed at the Grenada Crisis. Afterwards, the ship headed north to do exercises with Nato and multiple countries, to the Atlantic, 200 miles into the Arctic circle. This was the only way for Russia to get to the Atlantic. Rick equates it to a grown up version of 'capture the flag' as training exercises.

- ◆ Ports of call were Trondheim Norway, Rotterdam Holland, and Portsmouth, England. After leaving Portsmouth, England, the crew was called onto the flight deck where orders from President Reagan to enter the Mediterranean to head to Lebanon as support. The 1983 bombing of the Marine Barracks by Hezbollah in Lebanon turned out to be America's first exposure to terrorism. The crew was offshore and prepared to take action if ordered, but was still well within the theater of action.

- ◆ Rick earned a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for both Grenada and Lebanon for being prepared within the theater.

- ◆ He returned to North Carolina for a year, and then deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There he used his D7 Caterpillar Dozer and 130G Road Grader to build 7 miles of road and construct bunkers main-side. One duty was to strip-mine 1 million cubic yards of coral to construct the road surface. Two mountaintops were drilled and detonated by combat engineers then cleared by a team of dozers. While doing so it was learned that the Commander of the 6th Fleet was coming to tour the base. The road was still blocked with debris. So, Rick and the team made the road passable for the Commander. This earned all three team members a letter of recommendation because the Commander had assumed that the communication was by radio but, in fact, it was hand signals.

- ◆ After returning stateside, Rick participated in a Dog and Pony show in the field of Camp Lejeune. Rick was strictly ordered by

the upper brass that he is not start his Dozer under any circumstances, for anybody! Of course the test would come. While standing next to his machine, Rick was approached by a gentleman wearing jeans, work boots, flannel shirt and a ball cap. The gentleman asked if Rick could show him the machine. While the gentleman was sitting in the operator's seat, the gentleman asked if he could start it up. Even though Rick was ordered not to start it, the gentleman told Rick that "Everything would be OK." Because Rick thought he may recognize him (but still not sure) he disobeyed orders, and started the machine anyway to demonstrate how it worked. As it turned out, that gentleman was the Secretary of the Navy, John Lehman. So, he was right because everything did turn out to be "OK."

- ◆ After completion of his service with a rank of Lance Corporal Rick was asked to extend his service for another six months to Vieques, Puerto Rico. Instead he chose to end his enlistment and return home. While Rick went home, his Dozer continued service and headed to Puerto Rico. As it turns out, the Dozer had a part in the movie, "Heartbreak Ridge" with Clint Eastwood. Rick said, "You win some and you lose some."

- ◆ PROFESSIONALLY, after returning to civilian life, he wore many hats. He worked hard as a Certified Autobody Painter/Frame Straightening Technician; Commercial Truck Driver; and License Master Plumber. His ultimate calling was that of Professional Firefighter/EMT which he served for 26.5 years at the City of Lackawanna, NY, IAFF Local 3166. He then retired with the rank of Lieutenant of Engine Company #1.

- ◆ CIVICALLY— He is a life member and serves as the Junior Vice at the Bett-Toomey Detachment 216 MCL; is on the Board of Directors at the Lackawanna Marine Club and the American Legion, Matthew Glab Post 1477. Additionally he is life member at the VFW Post 1419 in Lakeview, NY.

- ◆ RECREATIONALLY - He enjoys his retirement by riding his 2018 Harley Street Glide and traveling throughout the United States. He has participated in Daytona's Bike Week multiple times but Sturgis remains on the bucket list.

Rick has enjoyed drag racing for 24 years in NHRA Pro-ET class, where he drove a 73 Duster, small block 340 which ran 6.90 at 100 mph in the 1/8th mile, and 10.75 at 130 mph in the 1/4 mile. Another pride was being a crewmember of a Top Alcohol Dragster for 4 years. His most rewarding moment in drag racing was when he made it to the final five, from a class of 360 cars at the NHRA Northeast Division 1 bracket finals at Maple Grove Raceway in Reading, Pennsylvania. After getting out of hard core racing, Rick couldn't let his passion for automobiles go, he is pictured above with his recently purchased 1963 Plymouth Belvedere 426 Max Wedge. This Max Wedge was a dream of his that has come true.

In what's left of his free time, he will occasionally dabble in buying, rehabbing and selling homes .

His life has been loaded with service, his professions, civic and recreational activities so he proudly boasts that there is no moss growing under his feet and that he's been around the block a few times. He is well known at the bar as the King of the Slippery Nipple.

Rick is honored to have served his country and his community and he proudly flies the American and the Marine Corps flag in front of his of his home.





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Fall Meeting



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Summary

COMMANDANT TOM ARCURI DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT



- ★ Honored PDC Bill McGowan by accepting the position of Commandant
- ★ Champlain Valley has an aging membership, and have had their charter & affects temporarily secured. The detachment is trying to generate membership and the Commandant is confident that they will be functioning again.
- ★ Detachments must submit necessary paperwork to remain active.
- ★ Remembering the lives of Bill McGowan, Duane Frost, [Donald Wells] & Rosemary Pomerantz.
- ★ Lynn Stanton, of the Rifle and Pistol Marksman Team accepted awards for the team.
- ★ Our League Foundation is doing well with investments with Morgan Stanley.
- ★ 10 scholarships for \$2000 each were awarded this year.
- ★ Our Commandant presented editor of the Ground Pounder, 2 first place awards for her efforts to win the National Newsletter Competition for DoNY and Det. #216.
- ★ Several detachments were recognized with certificates for growing their membership from the previous year.

MAUREEN DUNN AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

- ★ The auxiliary supports our Marines, and what the MCL does. The auxiliary is trying to increase membership.

VINNY ANNUNZIO CHAPLAIN

- ★ Do not submit duplicate death notices.

TOM WORTMAN JR. PAST COMMANDANT

- ★ We need to increase membership, and directs the Jr. Vice of every detachment to submit their plans.
- ★ Future scholarship applications must get a signature from the Commandant to verify active membership.

LYNN STANTON RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM CHAIRMAN

- ★ The team participates in a Civilian vs. the Marine Corps competition. He wants to enlarge the civilian unit, and create a Nationally recognized MCL shooting team. More info to come.



SKIP DIAMOND DoNY EAGLE SCOUT COORDINATOR

The DoNY presented 27 Good Citizenship Awards to Boy Scouts of America attaining the rank of Eagle Scout since our last Department meeting in June 2021.

MIKE WALLUK NORTHEAST DIVISION VICE COMMANDANT

- ★ The bylaws have changed. See the national website under corporate documents.
- ★ National MCL is asking that each detachment donate \$100 to the National Foundation to be self-sustaining.
- ★ Be sure to keep paperwork current. Direct questions to the Department Commandant.
- ★ The 100th Marine Corps convention will be in 2023 at Oklahoma Omni resorts, Oklahoma City. Reserve early, rooms will go fast! The area has many attractions. The hotel is pet and service dog-friendly.
- ★ Devil Dogs are only eligible to become PDD at national conventions.



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★ There is a Membership portal where members can update their own information. Ask Paymaster for help. Portal address::

<https://web.mcleaguelibrary.org/portal>

★ We want to see more people at the department meetings. There are roles available and we need help.

★ 99th Annual Convention, 15 – 19 August 2022
Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 ----- \$142.88 / night + extras

DAVID WIGGS

JR. VICE COMMANDANT

★ There is a contest produce the best Recruiting Poster. Participation is open to all detachments and is encouraged. Details to come.

★ We have concern for Marines who have returned from Afghanistan, and Iraq.

★ The Mission statement of MCL is in part...
To strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen; FMF Chaplains who wore or have worn the eagle globe and anchor ...
We are here to serve Marines past and present.

★ To encourage new members, tell them about the MCL, and ask them, 'if we need help would you be willing?'

★ After you receive your newsletter, print it and leave it at businesses and VA with your contact information.

★ "Fire Teams" are an off-shoot of your detachment. Consider these for increased membership. Ask Jr. Vice Wiggs about details.

DENNIS TOBIN

JR. PAST NATIONAL COMMANDANT

provided an award to the Department of New York a meritorious commendation in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the United States of America, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Marine Corps League.

DONNA HILDEBRANDT

EDITOR OF GROUND POUNDER

★ As the guest speaker, she gave hints how to take a better photograph. See mclnewyork.net for a summary.



PNC LEW LOEVEN



MAUREEN DUNN
MARILYN LOEVEN



VOLKER HEYDE



SAL CENICACELAYA
JOE DEANGELO JR.



KAREN SEELEY



COMMANDANT ARCURI
LYNN STANTON



MIKE PISCIOTTI



Then & Now

HONOR, COURAGE & COMMITMENT



MARINE EARL HERRINGTON

Then: Pvt. Earl Herrington
1802—Plt 310 3rd Battalion
Parris Island, SC July-Oct 1958



Now: West Area Vice
Commandant, Dept of NY,
and Commandant of Southtowns
Detachment #1136.



MARINE RICK CHMIELOWIEC

He is proud to serve as Jr. Vice at Bett-Toomey
Detachment #216 in Lackawanna.
Different age, different vehicle, same devotion.



Then: L/Cpl Chmielowiec
and his Road Grader, circa
1983.

Now Left: Rick fulfilling a
Dream with his "new" 1963
Plymouth Belvedere 426
Max Wedge.



Now Right: Rick earned the
co-Marine
of the Year
medal at the
Bett-Toomey
Det. 2020.



MARINE ALBERT MERRILL

December 1983



The Marine Corps League places a
wreath at the Veterans Memorial in
Hornell. placing the wreath was
Albert Merrill from Raider Det. #461
~ 2021

MARINE CARLOS GARCIA

One of the main points that the Marine Corps
has taught me is that there is always a way to
complete an obstacle!



Of course, as I have gotten
older and wiser, I use more
brain than brawn to get over
them, but damn, going thru
obstacles is a lot more fun!

Then: Garcia as an 18 year-old
Graduate of PISC 3rd Bn India
Co 7 ~ Nov. 1985 .



Now: Serving as Sunrise
Detachment Commandant.



Then & Now

HONOR, COURAGE & COMMITMENT



DAVID WIGGS

Jr. Vice Commandant of the Department of New York.

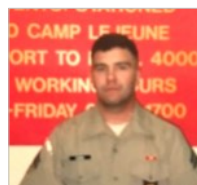


BRIAN OJIDA

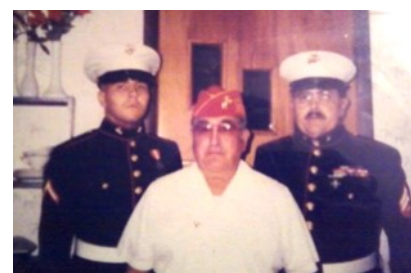
I have been working in the federal prison system, first as a corrections officer, and currently, as a Recreation Specialist in the Recreation Department.



Now: Taken at Alex Bay, NY during Bike Week ~ 2021



Then: Corporal Ojida, Shift NCOIC for the gate platoon ~ 1998



Then: Three proud generations of Marines. Brian with his father and grandfather ~ 1995

JOHN BORYCKI

John continued his family's service by following his younger brother, Richard into the Marines. John served from September 1966 to October 1967, which included Radio Telegraph School in MCRD, San Diego and OCS in Quantico. He then continued to serve in Viet Nam after Knife and Fork school (TBS) in Quantico and Motor T school in CLNC. John served a year at Camp Pendleton before being released from active duty in 1970. He then returned home to join the Reserves. While finishing his service as CO of India Company in Buffalo, NY (1975), he was offered the opportunity to join the MCL, but that's another story for another time.



John ~ 1966 bootcamp days



John at the 2021 Conrad Kania multi-detachment Marine Birthday Celebration.

His brother Richard served from 1963 to 1966 and is also a member of Conrad Kania even though he lives in Florida. Richard went ashore in Viet Nam in 1965.

They later connected in CLNC when John was in ITR and Richard awaited discharge.

Marine Brothers in the true sense of the word!

RICHARD BORYCKI



Richard ~ 1963—1966



DUANE DEWEY

*Remembering a Purple Heart Marine,
Corporal Duane Dewey (11/16/31—10/11/21)*



On NBC's Sunday TODAY's show, Willie Geist narrates a segment called *A Life Well Lived*. The weekly segment features a remarkable person who recently passed away. The story is of a veteran of the Korean War, Marine, Cpl Duane Dewey has recently passed away at 89. You may not remember his name, but you will never forget what Dewey did.

After enlisting on March 7, 1951 for an indefinite period and completing intensive combat training, Dewey embarked for Korea in September of that same year.



Dewey participated in the United Nations Summer – Fall Offensive of 1951 and the second winter of Korean fighting. Corporal Dewey earned the Medal of Honor on April 16, 1952, near Panmunjom, while serving as leader of a machine

gun squad with Company E, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

- ◆ He first was wounded by a grenade that had exploded at his feet.
- ◆ He was being treated by a Navy Medical Corpsman when an enemy grenade landed at the squad's position.
- ◆ He yanked the corpsman to the ground and warned members of the squad.
- ◆ Then with tremendous courage and no regard for his own safety, **DEWEY FLUNG HIMSELF ON THE GRENADE** shouting, "Doc, I got it in my hip pocket!"
- ◆ The grenade exploded, lifting Dewey off the ground and inflicting "gaping shrapnel wounds throughout the lower part of his body."
- ◆ In addition, he sustained a bullet wound to the stomach.

- ◆ After treatment of his wounds in Korea, Dewey was evacuated to multiple Naval Hospitals.

FOLLOWING HIS RECUPERATION, he was released from active duty on August 19, 1952.

- ◆ Recuperation? Yes, he survived!

On March 12, 1953, Dewey was the first person to receive the **Medal of Honor from President Dwight D. Eisenhower**. After presenting the medal to Dewey at the White House, Eisenhower said to Dewey, "You must have a body of steel."

During the award ceremony, President Eisenhower honored Dewey for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Gunner in a Machine-Gun Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces near Panmunjom, Korea, on April 16, 1952. When an enemy grenade landed close to this position while he and his assistant gunner were receiving medical attention for their wounds during a fierce night attack by numerically superior hostile forces, Corporal DEWEY, although suffering intense pain, immediately pulled the corpsman to the ground and, shouting a warning to the other Marines around him, bravely smothered the deadly missile with his body, personally absorbing the full force of the explosion to save his comrades from possible injury or death. His indomitable courage, outstanding initiative and valiant efforts in behalf of others in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Corporal DEWEY and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

/S/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Edited from internet and NBC report



AS THE BELLS RING

As I write this, the local church bells are ringing, on the 11th month, 11th day at the 11th hour. A remembrance that signifies the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. Veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Thank you to all who have served, and those currently serving.

*Sources: Compiled from Wikipedia
Taken from Facebook: Steve Topilnycy*



2021 TOYS FOR TOTS



THIS PICTURE SPEAKS VOLUMES!

It depicts just how much the children appreciate the Marines' efforts with the Toys for Tots campaign. I speak for the children when I say thank you to all who participated in one way or another.

Picture obtained from Tom Benjamin



Owego Apalachin School bus drivers got into the spirit and collected 7 boxes for Tioga County Toys for Tots.

*Submitted by Dean Lawton, Sr.
Senior Vice Commandant*





UNIFORM-ALITIES

THE COVER

CRAIG REELING



Become familiar with the name Craig Reeling. He is a member of the National Uniform Committee and the National Training and Leadership School Team.

Craig is making it his mission to educate the members of the Marine Corps League on proper dress code. Many regulations have changed over the years and practice has not kept up.

Episode 1 of his informational video series addresses the Marine Corps League Cover.

If you were to hear the words Franklin Gothic Medium Condensed, would you know what it is? Well, it is the font to be used on Covers.

That and much more information is found on Craig's YouTube video found at https://youtu.be/qjrc9LYDp_E

If you prefer the written instruction, refer to the national website (mclnational.org). National Admin. Procedures > enclosure 3 section V > Marine Corps League Covers

Watch for more videos.

Resource: https://youtu.be/qjrc9LYDp_E



Photo courtesy of Tom Benjamin

SHARE THE JOY

Please send in your photos from Toys for Tots. The joy on a child's face is "PRICELESS."

If you have none from this year, remember to snap a few next year.



EVENT SEE PAGES 19-23 FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Marines from Memorial Day Detachment #468 participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Marines escorted family members and volunteers to the gravesite and saluted after the wreath was placed. Civil Air Patrol cadets from Newark also participated in the ceremony.



Submitted by Dave Brisbane, Commandant Memorial Day Detachment #468



ABOUT THE VIRTUAL COMMANDANT'S CORNER ZOOM SOCIAL

ANNOUNCED AS COMMANDANT'S CORNER

The name Commandant's Corner vs. Commandant's Council can be confusing.

The **Commandant's Council** is a gathering at Department level and National level for the appropriate level Commandant's **only** to gather and report to our elected officers.

This virtual Commandants Corner, hosted by the MCL National Public Relations Committee, is a monthly, social discussion of varying topics.

The Public Relations Committee will not be exploring changing the name as the branding associated with it has been well established and is more recognized by membership.

Like/Follow The Marine Corps League national Facebook page and our YouTube channel to get announcements of upcoming meetings.

The pandemic was the inspiration for The Zoom Commandant's Corner Social. It was established over a year ago by PNC Dennis Tobin and Victoria McCoy to allow an opportunity for ALL members to chat about anything and everything. There are no covers or uniforms permitted because everyone is equal, regardless of rank.

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NOVEMBER 2021

VIRTUAL COMMANDANT'S CORNER

ZOOM SOCIAL GATHERING

HOSTED BY VICTORIA MCCOY PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ij99K9TKfJo>

On 18 Nov 2021, another casual virtual meeting with attendance peaking at 67 included National Officers:

Johnny Baker, National Commandant

Warren Griffin, Senior Vice

TJ Morgan, Junior Vice

Dennis Tobin, National Past Junior Commandant.

Speakers were

Angela Maness, Honor/Color Guard Committee Chair and

Craig Reeling, Uniform Committee Chair.

Monthly, Marine Victoria McCoy, Public Relations Chair, hosts a virtual casual meeting to address different subjects. The Zoom meeting is open to all. Look for Commandant's Corner email to join. This month's topic was proper attire and uniformity. November's guests were Marines Mannes and Reeling.

Regulations for dress has changed over the years and members may not have been aware. Both Marines Mannes and Reeling addressed some unintentional uniform misconceptions.

At the virtual meeting, Angela addressed particular concerns with the attire for honor guard, color guard and the firing squad so that ceremonies are more in accordance with regulation. She also hit on some of the finer details of the squads. For example flag staffs must be made of wood and have a spear-head on top instead of alternatives. She clarified that regarding the firing squad, the only one to have a sword is the one giving the commands. Angela offers her assistance to detachments to form a detail.

Craig discussed proper attire in general. Presently, he is creating visual examples, in the form of a National Uniform Guidebook, which will be released at a date to be announced in the future. Because uniforms are expensive, this guide will also publish sources to buy, sell, trade or barter for MCL uniforms & accessories. The transactions are only for Marines. Refer to the website <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcluniforms>

Reeling stated that sadly, many photos submitted to "Semper Fi Magazine" must be discarded due to noncompliance to uniform details.

Marines Maness, Reeling and McCoy can all be found on the national roster in the member library and are password protected, so contact your commandant for the password. The "regular" library does not require a password.

Look for ZOOM meetings and join.

The November meeting can be viewed in its entirety at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChAVULGSFjSonNtn6VpldEQ>



VIRTUAL MEETINGS CONTINUED

What began as a social gathering with no specific topics of discussion, has grown into an amazing platform to offer general training, Q&A, meet & greet, etc.

Each session is now recorded and posted to the National YouTube channel and can also be accessed from the National Facebook page.

Attendance has grown from a mere 15 at its inception to near maximum capacity of 100.

Please stay alert to all social media postings about the monthly time and date. They do change every month to allow more members to experience these socials while not missing their Detachment functions.

Victoria also sends out an email to all Department Commandants the information and asks them to forward to everyone. If you do not get the email from your elected officers, please climb UP the chain of command to find out where the stall in dissemination is occurring.

**SUBSCRIBE TO
the YouTube channel :**

[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/
UChavULGSFjSonNtn6VpldEQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChavULGSFjSonNtn6VpldEQ)

**PLEASE VIEW AND SHARE
PREVIOUS VIDEOS TOO**

Edited from information received from Victoria McCoy, Public Relations

DECEMBER 2021

VIRTUAL COMMANDANT'S CORNER

ZOOM SOCIAL
GATHERING

HOSTED BY VICTORIA McCOY PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2diPdx_DiyQ

On 8 December 2021, another casual virtual meeting was held with an attendance peaking at 72.

Speakers were

JIM POWELL, National Awards Committee Chair

JIM RANSOM, Convention & Conference Committee Chair

JIM POWELL *Group discussion about Awards*

The only awards that technically have to come from the National Commandant are the awards for Heroism, Distinguished Citizen—Gold and National Meritorious Unit Commendation. Other awards can come from National, Department or Detachment level.

Forms for these awards are online and will be updated soon.

If your detachment or Department need specific unique awards, contact the Awards Committee to describe exactly what you require. Powell offers himself for questions or guidance.

Powell discussed creating rubrics to determine which level of an award a member is eligible for. This rubric will standardize the criteria across the board.

So much more was discussed that it is recommended to listen to the replay on YouTube.

JIM RANSOM *Discussion about Conferences & Conventions*

At this time the Midwinter Conference on Feb. 25-27, will occur as planned because there are presently no Covid restrictions.

The Committee is exploring additional speakers and activities to add convenience and interest, such as the addition of singer, Dave Bray, and a trivia night. Also, adding activities for spouses.

Please be aware that there will be no MODD store at this event.

As a money-saving tool, thoughts of utilizing skills, talent and expertise from our members was discussed. This type of donation could save the organization exponentially. Victoria is a retired DJ and is willing to donate her skills and welcomes others to do the same. Jim is willing to hear all suggestions.

Another noteworthy point is the conflict of MODD meetings with business meetings. Many suggestions arose from the discussion.

Please add your voice to the next meeting. The topic for January 2022 has not been set yet, but will likely be Toys for Tots — how to start a program, what to expect and other details.

Please refer to the recording for complete content.

Also remember that if you are unable to attend, the meetings will be recorded. For comments contact publicrelations@mcleague.org



A SOMBER ANNIVERSARY

23 October 2021 marked the 38th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, which, sadly, claimed the lives of 241 Americans. 23 October was the anniversary of the single deadliest day for the Marine Corps since Iwo Jima in World War II.

The chain of events that led up to this tragic event began more than a year prior.

The Israeli Defense Forces invaded southern Lebanon in response to an assassination attempt on Israel's ambassador to the UK by Palestinian terrorists. After two and a half months of fighting, a 2000 member multinational peacekeeping force, including 800 Marines were deployed to oversee the withdrawal of PLO guerillas. Shortly thereafter, President Reagan ordered the Marines to withdraw from Beirut. However, due to dynamic political and religious unrest, the United States and the multinational Peacekeeping Forces were deployed. The force totaled approximately 2200 members. The deployed were there to prevent further assassinations and massacres of civilians.

By the time October of 1983 arrived, there were roughly 1800 Marines stationed in Beirut, 300 of which were living in a four-story building at the Beirut Airport. On the morning of 23 October, American and French forces were hit by terrorist bombings.

That morning the Marines were expecting a delivery from a water truck, so a large yellow Mercedes-Benz truck circling the parking lot caused no alarm. Large trucks were commonplace at the airport. Today, however, would prove to be history-making. After the driver accelerated and crashed through multiple barriers, gates and sentry posts, it was evident that this yellow truck was not the water truck. Crashing through obstacles like concertina wire, 18" sewer pipe, and 4 layers of sandbags, the truck came to a stop in the open-air atrium of the Marine barracks building and detonated it causing an explosion equivalent to 10 tons of TNT. The force of the Marine barracks explosion literally lifted the entire four-story building off the ground and it ultimately imploded.

The Drakker building, which housed French paratroopers, was attacked with a similar explosion, less than 10 minutes after that of the Marine barracks. The explosion was estimated to be about half the intensity of the Marine barracks. Although the explosion there was not as powerful as that of the Marine barracks, it was still powerful enough to bring down the nine-story building. This bomb was suspected to be detonated by remote control.

The damages done by these two bombings were staggering! The explosions killed, 241 American service members, of which were 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and 3 soldiers. Other losses include 58 French paratroopers, and a small number of Lebanese civilians. Furthermore, the wounded included an additional 128 American and 15 French forces.

For the American military, this was the single deadliest day since the first day of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

For the French, it was the deadliest since the end of the Algerian War, approximately two decades earlier.

The 23 October 1983 bombings were the first major event by a group, that would later become known as Hezbollah. This act set the stage for decades of ongoing violence committed in this fashion and tearing apart an already unstable region.

LEST WE FORGET!

The Marine Corps values and embraces all of its history. Beginning in boot camp, every Marine is educated on the Corps past and what it means to be part of such a prestigious organization.

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ANOTHER SOMBER ANNIVERSARY

7 DECEMBER 1941 WAS DECLARED A DATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY

by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on 8 December of that same year. We know that he was referring to the attack on Pearl Harbor which provoked the United States to enter World War II.

7 December 2021 marked the 80th anniversary of a day that will truly live in the hearts of Americans for generations to come. The day went from peaceful, to surreal in the matter of a few seconds and lasted for a brutal hour and fifteen minutes.

The Naval base at Pearl Harbor in Oahu Hawaii, was the target of Emperor Hirohito's forces. The attack ultimately took the lives of thousands of Americans. The Japanese struck in 2 waves and left Pearl Harbor in shambles, but it left the Americans resolute.

Once the United States entered the war, it was the teamwork and self-sacrifice that every American made that inspired Tom Brokaw. In his 1998 book of the same name he declared these Americans as "The Greatest Generation." He wrote 'I believe, [they were] the greatest generation any society has ever produced.' He argued that these men and women fought not for fame and recognition, but because it was the "right thing to do."

The Pearl Harbor memorial, otherwise known as the *USS Arizona* Memorial, is a National Monument located at the site of the sunken battleship *USS Arizona* in Pearl Harbor. Commemorating the crewman who lost their lives in the attack on Pearl Harbor, it's a tribute to World War II valor in the Pacific.

The *Arizona* was left at the bottom of Pearl Harbor and, in 1962, a memorial over the wreck was dedicated.

In 1990, with the 50th anniversary of the attack approaching, Congress established the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal, also known as the Pearl



Credit to Flickr

Harbor Survivor's medal.

Initially the medal was intended by be awarded to anyone who was in the U.S. Armed Forces who participated in combat operations on that history-making day. Congress later expanded their earlier

criteria to include civilians who were killed or injured on 7 December. Congress again relaxed the criteria to include any person who was present in Hawaii on 7 December 1941 who was involved in combat operations. This medal of recognition is no longer being awarded.

Official recognition of this day didn't become sanctioned until 29 November 1994 when then-President Clinton declared that 7 December will furthermore be known as "National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day." On this day the flag is to flown at half staff and Americans are urged to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies of remembrance.

Yes, it was 80 years ago, but those who do not learn from the lessons of the past are destined to repeat it. Therefore, it is our responsibility to teach our youth.

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Happy
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SUNRISE DETACHMENT #248

The Sunrise Detachment #248 celebrated the 246th Marine Corps Birthday on 6 Nov. 2021. The ball was attended by over 230 Marines and guests.

Past Commandant Ed Baulch, received the honor of being the detachment **Marine of the Year** for his leadership through Covid.

The **Guest of Honor** was **Lcpl Matias Ferreira** a purple heart recipient and double amputee. He is the first double amputee to become an active duty police officer in the nation.

The oldest Marine was **Cpl Cliff Doering** who is 96 and a WW2 veteran who survived the battle of Okinawa.

The youngest Marine is **Lcpl C E Garcia** who is 25 and with 6th Comm Bn Engineer Platoon.

Submitted by Carlos Garcia and taken from Facebook



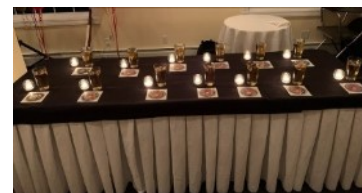
Past Commandant Ed Baulch and Carlos Garcia.



Fathers and sons who are now brothers Marine of the Year Sword



Memorial table for the 13 killed in Afghanistan



Semper Fi

Happy
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GREATER SYRACUSE #224





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TROY DETACHMENT #252

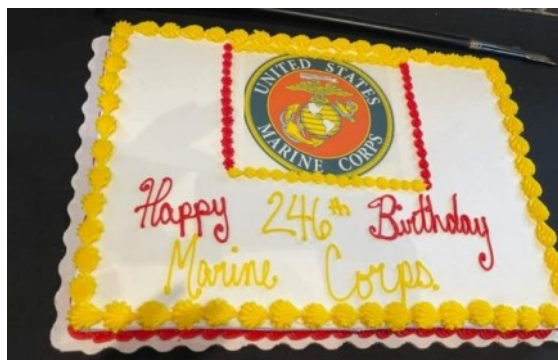


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ULSTER DETACHMENT #253

On Sunday 7 November 2021, The Ulster Detachment celebrated the 246th. Marine Corps Birthday. It was a great time had by all.

Taken from Facebook





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ROCKLAND COUNTY #243

Rockland County Detachment # 243 celebrated our beloved Corps 246th Birthday at Frank's Party (their traditional fun celebration). Many glasses we raised and many sea stories told.

Taken from Facebook



Happy
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BETT-TOOMEY #216





Happy
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WEST AREA MULTI-DETACHMENT

CONRAD KANIA DETACHMENT HOSTED A MULTI-DETACHMENT CELEBRATION OF THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

All detachments of West Area met on 12 November 2021 in a historic first West Area celebration event. West Area Vice Commandant Earl Herrington leads the area detachments.

Conrad Kania Detachment #230 graciously hosted a fabulous evening filled with ceremony, dinner, dance and raffles. It was a wonderful night and was the beginning of a new generation of comradery of the West Area community.



Members of Conrad Kania Detachment worked very hard to make the event memorable for all.



EVENTS



#247 AND THE VETERANS' DAY PARADE



The Suffolk County Detachment #247 of the Marine Corps League lead the Marine Corps Contingent in this year's Veterans' Day parade in New York City on 11 November 2021.

The parade assembled between 5th & 6th Avenues and proceeded to 45th St.

Semper Fi — Happy 246th Birthday, Marines.

*Vinnie Annunzia
LI Area Vice Commandant, DoNY Chaplain*

VETERANS' PROJECT TURKEY

On 10 November 2021, the Sunrise Detachment #248 was at the host site for the **Long Island Cares Veteran's Project Turkey** with all the trimmings giveaway to Veterans.

First come, first served until all the Turkey was gone.

*Vinnie Annunzia
LI Area Vice Commandant, DoNY Chaplain*





EVENTS



**MARIE CORPS LEAGUE
FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO
DETACHMENT #1471**

sponsored a fund raiser raffle for the
Tunnel TO Towers Foundation

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the
sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down
his life to save others on 11 September 2001.

They also honor our military and first responders
who continue to make the supreme sacrifice
of life and limb for our country.

All prizes were donated by Dominick’s Deli.

To learn more about the organization or donate
see website tunnel2towers.org

ENJOYABLE EVENING

**MARIE CORPS LEAGUE
FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO
DETACHMENT #1471**

presented an event on October 2, 2021

MCL CHOW, COCKTAILS & CABARET
was an evening with dinner at the American Legion
in Manhasset. The event was sponsored by
Dominick’s Deli, wine, beer. A live cabaret
performance with Reagan Stone and Friends
entertained at the crowd.

AWARD

Former
Congressman
Michael McNulty
was presented with
the Eagle Scout
Good Citizenship
Award by Skip
Diamond.



Submitted by Timothy Forbes

THE NEXT CHAPTER

*Greater Syracuse (NY) Marine Corps League #224
held it's installation of new officers on
2 November 2021. Jim Ransom, Past Department of
New York Commandant officiated the oath of office
of the newly elected and appointed officers.*



PDC Ransom also officiated
the change of command
ceremony, where outgoing
Commandant **Ronald
Farewell** passed on the
colors to the newly elected
and installed Commandant,
Bob Brown. Marine
Dan Jurenko, Jr. has
stepped up to the office of
Sr. Vice Commandant, and
the following Marines
remain in their current
office, **Don Healy**, (Jr. Vice
Commandant), **Kevin Dwyer**



Initial submission by Bob Brown
edited (adjutant)

(JA), **Joseph Fallon** (Adjutant Paymaster). Marine
Ron Farewell is now the Jr. Past Commandant.



EVENTS



VETERAN'S DAY AT THE BATH VA *LEST WE FORGET*

On Veterans Day 2021 members from the Marine Corps League, Raider Detachment #461 started early in the morning collecting donations for the 126 Veterans who were quarantined at the VA in Bath.

When all was said and done, they collected dozens of sweets and and 5 boxes of Joe.

Many thanks for the generosity of the businesses who let the Veterans know that they are not forgotten. Your kindness meant the world to them.

Donations came from business in the towns of Olean, Allegany, Belvedere, Wellsville, Hornell, and Bath.



Katie & Kursten with Albert Merrill



Katie, with Albert Merrill



Wade & Katie with Albert Merrill & Calvin Pickins



Thank you
Dunkin Donuts
Tim Hortons
Walmart
Tops



WREATH

A wreath was placed at the Veterans Memorial in Hornell by Albert Merrill from The Marine Corps League, Raider Detachment #461.



DoNY NOW HAS A FACEBOOK GROUP!



[https://
www.facebook.com/
groups/mcldonyc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mcldonyc)



EVENTS



MISSION 22 TO ZERO

CREATING HOPE—SAVING LIVES WORKING TOGETHER—WORKING IN HARMONY

These events are called “Mission 22 to Zero” to recognize that there are 22 service people who take their own lives each day. Marine Hazzard is determined to do what he can to make that statistic nonexistent, in other words ZERO.

On 16 October, 2021, The Samuel Cimino VFW Post 6479, in Silver Creek, hosted an event to bring awareness to these shocking statistics. On this day, the number 22 referred to the 22 rainy minutes of walking around the quaint village.



Buz Hazzard

The participants were Veterans from Post 6472, members of the Silver Creek American Legion, Forestville American Legion, Town Board Members, Tri-county Service Unit 201 (Girl Scouts from Fredonia, South Dayton, Forestville), and 4-H members (Forestville & Silver Creek), and more.

Marine Hazzard lead the discussion openly, tackling an otherwise taboo topic. The team of Hazzard, Merrill and Schank spend countless hours of their own time to overcoming the difficulty of the conversation of suicide. Their openness relaxes the tension of the subject. They provide education about the warning signs, and ways in which to respond. At the same time they open hearts and minds to create an atmosphere where the discussion is



Aren Schank



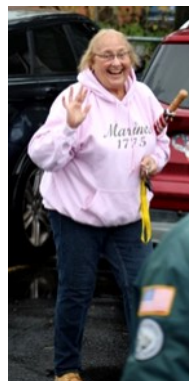
Al Merrill

approachable. These gatherings educate the public of the prevalence of PTSD among veterans, as well as active duty service people and first responders. Hazzard teaches ways to recognize

the warning signs and offer assistance.

The Crisis Line number is **1-800-273-8255**. For veterans, use option 1. Some of the signs are more obvious than others. So, the obvious ones will be omitted

- ◆ Self-destructive behavior like drug abuse, weapons
- ◆ Hopelessness, feeling like there’s no way out
- ◆ Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- ◆ Rage or anger ◆ Engaging in risky activities
- ◆ Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- ◆ Withdrawing from family emotional response of deciding to take the next step.
- ◆ Giving away all your possessions
- ◆ An unusual elevation in mood



Karen Seeley

When handing out Crisis Cards, offer more than one because they may not need one now, but it is very possible that you may know someone who does.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts who assisted by passing out the Crisis Cards.

Additional thanks to Karen Seeley, Auxiliary member of the Department, and also a member of the Samuel Cimino Auxiliary Post 6472, who initiated the coordination of this event. Other Auxiliary members who made this event possible were Deanna Borrello, Natalie Pomichter, Terri Anderson, Joan Lisa, Melissa Shaw and Jan Tofina.

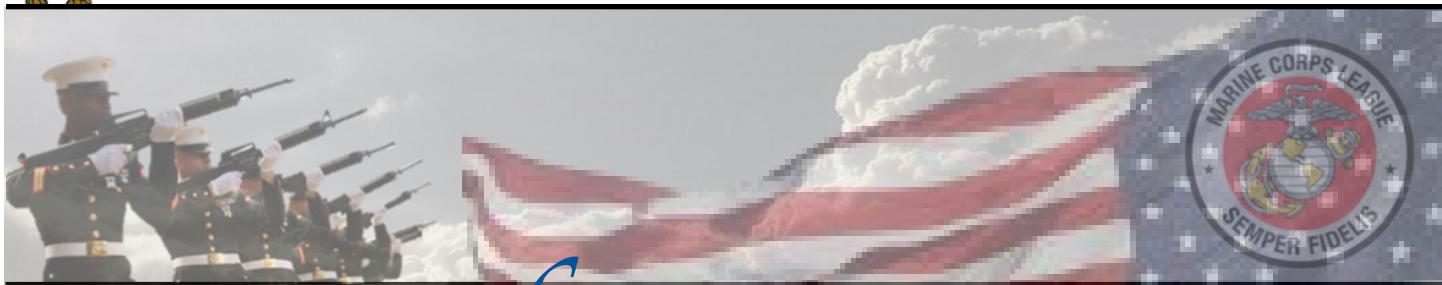
Food and beverage was graciously donated by Veterans Health Equipment and Matthew Shaw & Justin Miller.



Happy Walker



Walkers of all ages



A Farewell SALUTE

Sunrise Detachment Marine Corps League:

it is my solemn duty to report that life member **IAN LENNON** has reported to his final duty station to guard the heavenly gates. Let us take a moment to remember him and his family in our prayers.



**IAN
LENNON**

CARLOS
GARCIA



JOSEPH HENRY JANKOVIC, 79, passed away on December 1, 2021, at Samaritan Hospital after a brief illness.



**JOSEPH
JANKOVIC**

He was a Corporal in the Marine Corps and later Commandant of the MCL Troy Detachment. He was also a member of the local Fire Company, and Captain of the Ambulance Service.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Capital Region Toys for Tots.

PAY RESPECT

to our DoNY members who have passed during the quarterly edition.

Send announcement to newsletter.dny@gmail.com

R.I.P.



**GORDON
WILLIAMS
GORDON**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of former Northwest Area Vice Commandant, **GORDON WILLIAMS**.

Mr. Williams, born in 1946 and left this earth on December 22, 2021 at the age of 75. Gordon retired from a career at the Monroe County Sherriff's Department. He was enjoyed involvement in multiple veteran's organizations. He was a devoted Marine Corps League member, and supported D.A.V. For those so inclined, the family requests contribution to any veteran's organization in Gordon's memory.

Edited from E-blast



VA VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFIT

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Veterans Receive Free Entrance to Recreational Places!

Start your family spring break plans today!

Veterans receive free access to approximately 2,000 public locations across more than 400 million acres, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping, and much more.

VETERANS AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES GET FREE ENTRANCE TO NATIONAL PARKS, REFUGES AND MORE

Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for some sites may be waived.

There is now free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which provide activities such as hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing, camping, and more.



Are you eligible?

For Veterans, this program requires valid (unexpired) identification:

- Department of Defense Identification Card
- Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card
- Gold Star Families whose kin lost his or her life in a "qualifying situation."

The America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Interagency Pass) Program

Initially, the Interagency Pass Program was a free annual pass for active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents (with proof). The annual Military Pass has since expanded and includes Veterans and Gold Star Family members. Other free or discounted passes, including some lifetime passes, are available for persons with permanent disabilities, volunteers, and senior citizens age 62 or older.



How to get your Interagency Pass

Interagency Passes can be obtained in person while visiting a participating site or see below.

The participating agencies also offer several fee-free days for everyone throughout the year to mark days of celebration and commemoration. Examples of fee-free days include the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Public Lands Day, Veterans Day, and the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act. Fee-free days and fee policies vary among the agencies, so it's best to check the agency website or contact the site you plan to visit in advance of your trip.



For more information about eligibility and passes, visit [Free Entrance to National Parks for Veterans and Gold Star Families \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/free-entrance-to-national-parks-for-veterans-and-gold-star-families)

For a searchable list, see [Places to Get Interagency Passes](#)

In addition, passes, are available online through the [USGS Online Store](#)

[APPLY FOR A VETERAN ID CARD](#)

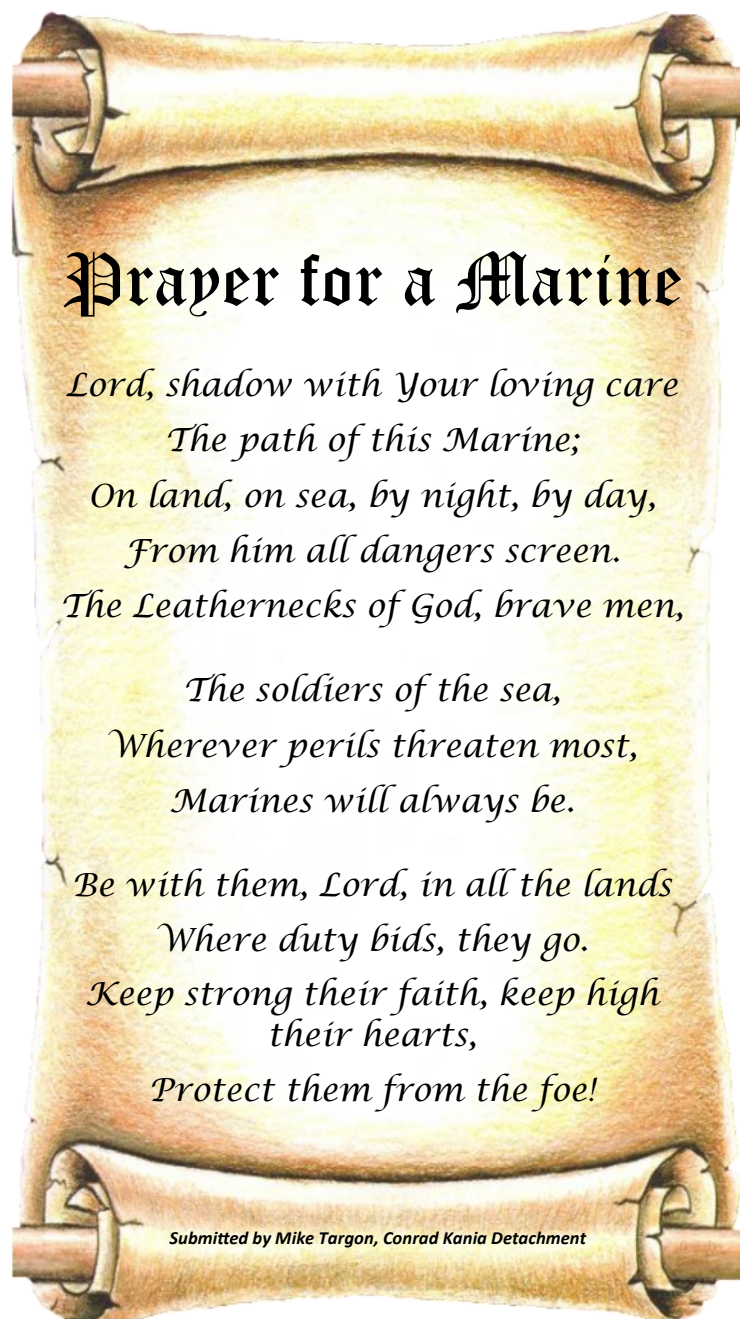
[APPLY FOR A VETERAN HEALTH IDENTIFICATION CARD \(VHIC\)](#)



‘Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
 in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone
 I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
 and to see just whom in this home did live
 I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
 no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree
 No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
 on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands
 With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
 a sober thought came through my mind
 For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
 I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly
 The soldier lay sleeping, silent alone
 curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home
 The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder
 not how I pictured a United States soldier
 Was this the hero of whom I’d just read?
 Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
 I realize the families that I saw this night,
 owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight
 Soon round the world, the children would play.
 And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day
 They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
 because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.
 I couldn’t help wonder how many lay alone,
 on a cold Christmas Even in a land far from home
 The very thought brought a tear to my eye
 I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
 The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
 “Santa don’t cry, this life is my choice;
 I fight for freedom, I don’t ask for more,
 my life is my God, my Country, My Corps.”
 The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,
 I couldn’t control it, I continued to weep,
 I kept watch for hours so silent and still
 and we both shivered from the cold night’s chill
 I didn’t want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
 this guardian of honor so willing to fight
 Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
 whispered, “Carry on Santa, it’s Christmas day, all is secure.”
 One look at my watch, and I knew he was right
 “Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.”

~ Anonymous ~

Submitted by Mike Targon, Conrad Kania Detachment



Prayer for a Marine

Lord, shadow with Your loving care

The path of this Marine;

On land, on sea, by night, by day,

From him all dangers screen.

The Leathernecks of God, brave men,

The soldiers of the sea,

Wherever perils threaten most,

Marines will always be.

Be with them, Lord, in all the lands

Where duty bids, they go.

*Keep strong their faith, keep high
their hearts,*

Protect them from the foe!

Submitted by Mike Targon, Conrad Kania Detachment

Important Dates

DEPENDENT UPON COVID REQUIREMENTS

2022

- 4-5 February _____ **DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER MEETING**
Comfort Suites Cicero—Syracuse North
5875 Carmenica Drive, I-81 exit 30
Cicero, NY 13039 315-752-0150
Mention Marine Corps League for group rate \$74/nt.
- 24-26 February _____ **NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
77 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510
- 1-2 April _____ **NE DIVISION CONFERENCE**
Crowne Plaza Princeton
900 Scudders Mill Rd., Plainsboro, NJ 08536
609-936-4200 * \$109/nt., banquet \$45/person
- 15 May _____ **PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**
- 21 May _____ **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- 14 June _____ **FLAG DAY**
- 4 July _____ **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 27 July _____ **NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS' DAY**
- 4 August _____ **CONGRESS CHARTERED MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1937**
- 15 – 19 August _____ **NATIONAL CONVENTION**
GET YOUR PEDIGREE
Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront
100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118
- 16 September _____ **NATIONAL POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY**
- 25 September _____ **GOLD STAR MOTHERS' DAY**
- 27 November _____ **NAVY DAY**
- 10 November _____ **247TH BIRTHDAY OF THE MARINE CORPS**
- 11 November _____ **VETERANS' DAY**
- 7 December _____ **NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR DAY**



YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

*By George M. Cohan
First and second verse only*

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'Neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.



Skip Diamond, Department of NY Eagle Scout Coordinator, is presenting West Area Vice Commandant Earl Herrington with the first award on the state level for Marines who achieved the status of Eagle scout as a young man. Earl received his Eagle Scout Award in December of 1954. He also received the Scout Explorer Silver award at the same time.

