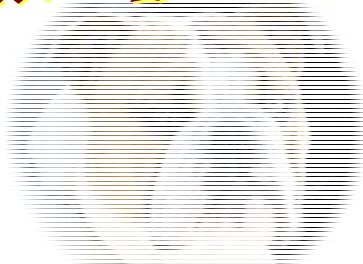


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Meetings are held
the 2nd Thursday of
each month *except July
and August* at the BPO
Elks Lodge.

30 Haven Ave. Port
Washington, N.Y.

2000 hrs (8:00 PM)

We value your
membership! Your
support, input and
participation in the
detachment's affairs is
important to our
success! Come to the
meeting, get involved!

**Support Your
Detachment!**

MARINES!

This April edition of your newsletter is a little earlier than usual because I shall be traveling to the sunny climes of Aruba conducting super secret beach reconnaissance missions from April 7 thru April 14 and there is important info you need to know before I depart.

At our March meeting we voted for the upcoming year's slate of Officers. The following members were elected by a unanimous vote of the members present, to serve as the detachment's Officers for this year; Commandant: **John Bauman**, Sr. Vice Commandant: **Tom Kenney**, Jr. Vice Commandant: **Vinny Annunziata**, Judge Advocate: **John Burke**.

These Officers will be sworn in to their posts at an Installation Ceremony on *Friday April 17, 2009* at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge. As we have in the past after our Installation Ceremony, we will join the Elks at their Friday night dinner. If you wish to join us, the cost is only \$12.00 per person for all an you can eat dinner. Please feel free to bring your family and friends to the ceremony and dinner. It will give them a chance to learn a little about who we are and what we do. The chef cooking for the Elks always makes a delicious meal. And you don't have to wash the dishes! Don't miss it! If you are planning on attending the dinner, please notify **John Bauman** so he can advise the Elks how many of us will be joining them. *Please note*; this ceremony and dinner will take the place of our normal Thursday meeting for the month of April. **There will be no Thursday meeting this month.**

Members, this is a formal detachment function. Please wear your red League blazer and tie or other appropriate business attire to this event. Non-members may dress in a more casual fashion.

Unfortunately, **Carmin Santoli** is still in St. Francis Hospital, but reports are that he's doing better. **Stan Derby** had a bit of a health scare while visiting the Dominican Republic in March, but he reports that he is on the mend and feeling much better again.

Up Coming Event



Sunday
April 12, 2009
Happy Easter!

**Friday
April 17, 2009
Officer's Installation
Dinner**

1800 (6:00 PM)
See newsletter for details
Elks Lodge
30 Haven Ave.
Port Washington, N.Y.

April 24th and 25th
Marine Corps League
Department of New York
Spring Meeting
(Open to ALL Members
and Devil Dogs)
"Inn at the Beeches"
Turin Rd
Rome, NY
90 Dart Circle
Rome, NY 13441-4230
\$85.00 per night
1-800-228-1000
(See details at end of this newsletter)

Recruiting new members for the detachment should be a priority for all of us. If any of your friends are former Marines, bring them to a meeting, introduce them to the detachment and get them interested in joining us!



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There's no such thing as an "ex" Marine!



Members **John Bauman**, **Rudy Jonak**, and **John Donovan** report that their wives **Marilynn**, **Maria**, and **Marge** (respectively) have had or will soon be undergoing procedures for medical ailments they've been experiencing. We wish them all the best for speedy recoveries!

Commandant **John Bauman** read a letter the detachment received from Mr. George Barrows from the Wounded Warrior Regiment at Camp Lejeune, thanking us for the \$100.00 donation we made to them in Paul Podstupka's memory.

Congratulations to **Wilson Mead** who won the March 50/50 drawing! This is the second month in a row he's held the winning ticket!

The following information is in regards to the Department of New York Spring Meeting.

The primary hotel being used for the meeting is the "Wingate Hotel", 90 Dart Circle, Griffiss Park, Rome, NY 13441-4230. Ph number; 315-334-4244. The cost of a room is; \$85.00 per night.

If you call and there are NO rooms please call the "Over flow Hotel" which is:

"Inn at the Beeches", Turin Rd., Rome, NY 13440. Tel 315 336-1775

Room Rates; King (1) - \$64.00, Queen (DDB) - \$ 78.00

All those wishing to participate in a trip to Turning Stone Casino on the night(s) of the 24th and again on the 25th please email Marine Earl Nestved at evienearl@yahoo.com to reserve a seat on the bus. Please indicate which night(s) you will be participating. The cost will be \$20.00 per person, and that includes a spectacular buffet dinner at Turning Stone Casino plus several free "match play coupons" from the casino. The cost includes bus transportation to and from Turning Stone, which is a twenty-minute drive from the hotel. If you have questions please call 315-336-4449. We need a head count in advance in order to reserve the proper size bus. Please RSVP by April 10, 2009 if you are planning to participate. There are also a variety of other eateries at the casino - from Italian, Chinese, a Brazilian steak house to traditional American fare. However only the buffet is included in the \$20.00 price - but the all-you-can-eat buffet is extraordinary. Prime rib, roast pork and turkey, Mongolian BBQ, seafood, and a tremendous desert and salad bar are available with the buffet. FYI - Turning Stone casino was ranked as one of the top 5 resorts in the State . . . it recently hosted several PGA tournaments, and has three golf courses if you are so inclined (and if there is no snow). We intend on making this staff meeting unforgettable for those who attend.

Thanks & Semper Fidelis,

Bill McGowan

Commandant

E. L. Smith Jr. Detachment 245

Rome, NY

MEMBER MILESTONES: APRIL 2009

Vinny Annunziata celebrates his 1st anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Richard Boza enlisted in The Corps 56 years ago on April 23, 1953. Man how the time does fly!

Rudy Jankus enlisted in The Corps 47 years ago on April 4 1962. And check this out, so did...

Rudy Jonak! He also enlisted in The Corps 47 years ago on April 4 1962. However, they didn't serve together or know each other at the time.

Boyd Nelson enlisted in The Corps 52 years ago on April 1 1957. So do you remember your rifle serial number?

Charles Schuh enlisted in The Corps 42 years ago on April 17 1967. Where *does* the time go?

Jerry Sears celebrates his birthday April 21st. Happy birthday! He also enlisted in the Corps 65 years ago in April 1944. Another member of "*The Old Corps*".

If you wish to be included in the **Member Milestones** column or if there is incorrect or incomplete information indicated, notify Tom Kenney and the proper adjustments will be made.



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THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY:

1 April 1945: The main landing of the battle for Okinawa was made by XXIV Corps and III Amphibious Corps on the Hagushi beaches on the western coast of Okinawa on L-Day, April 1, which was both Easter Sunday and April Fools' Day in 1945.

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

10 April 1959: Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. (USMC) was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots selected the seven astronauts, all volunteers. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells, which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city. Hence the line in "The Marine's Hymn" *To the shores of Tripoli.*

Quotable Quotes:

"Hell these are Marines. Men like them held Guadalcanal and took Iwo Jima, Baghdad ain't shit".

Major General John F. Kelly to a reporter who asked him if he ever contemplated defeat.

Semper Fi

Tom

Good night Chesty, where ever you are!

Questions? Comments? Sound Off! USMC7585@NYC.RR.COM Do we have your E-Mail address? If not, send it and we'll add you to our mailing list.

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