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NEWSLETTER

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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 are important to our success! Come to the meeting, get involved!

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The Official Newsletter of Marine Corps League Detachment 614 Port Washington, N.Y.

Home of Major Douglas T. Jacobson
U.S.M.C.

Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

Happy Holidays, Marines!

You're receiving this issue of the newsletter earlier than usual because a brief meeting, which will take the place of our usual Thursday meeting, will precede our annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4th. *There will be no Thursday meeting this month.*

As in the past, the party will be held at the American Legion Hall, 730 Willis Ave., Williston Park. The cost to attend this year's bash is the same as last year: \$30.00 per person over the age of 12. Children 12 and younger are admitted free.

If you are planning on attending this year's party, **Stan Derby** should already have your check. If not, please get it to him **NOW**.

Members attending the party are requested to wear their red Marine Corps League blazers (if you own one), black trousers and a tie.

As always there will be an open bar and the food will be provided by **Dominick Grosso's** deli.

There will be entertainment provided to amuse the children and *you know who* will be making a surprise entrance. So make sure to bring a wrapped gift for all the children you're bringing and make sure to put the child's name on the gift so our surprise visitor can present him or her with their gift.

As requested in last month's newsletter, please, if you're able, bring a donation for our raffles. We will be compiling baskets of cheer as raffle prizes and your contributions will ensure that they are prizes worth winning and worth the price of a few raffle tickets.

The party is our sole fundraiser of the year. So please be generous purchasing 50/50 and raffle tickets. After paying the costs of the party, the monies raised go to the Wounded Warrior Reg't. So you know you'll be contributing to a significant and worthwhile cause.



**Sunday
December 4, 2011
Detachment Christmas
Party/Meeting
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
See newsletter for further
details**

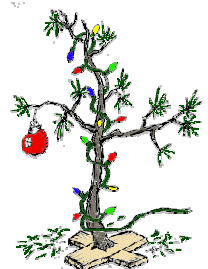
**Wednesday
December 7, 2011
Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day**

**Saturday
December 10, 2011
2:30 PM
112TH ANNUAL**

ARMY-NAVY FOOTBALL GAME
See newsletter for details

**Wednesday
December 21, 2011
Winter Begins**

**Sunday
December 25, 2011
Merry Christmas!**



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www.orgsites.com/ny/port-washington-marines/index.html

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Saturday, December 10, 2011 is the date of the 112th annual **Army-Navy Football Game!** To celebrate this fall classic and show their support for the U.S. Military and veterans, **Winchester's**, sports bar located at 233-12 Hillside Ave. Bellerose, NY will be hosting an Army-Navy Football bash with a complimentary (free) buffet at half time. Normal drink prices will apply but the prices are very reasonable and they do have a generous buy-back policy! Kick-off is 2:30 PM. If you're interested in attending, please let **Tom Kenney** know right away so he can advise the proprietors how much food they'll need on hand to feed all you hungry football fans. **Winchester's** is on the south side of Hillside Ave., approximately ¾ of a mile west of the Cross Island Pkwy, 50 yards west of Winchester Blvd.

During World War II, the United States Marine Corps recruited young Navajo Indians to create a special code for use in the Pacific Theatre. The Navajo Marines created an unbreakable code. This unprecedented and brilliant feat of wartime intelligence helped secure victory over the Japanese armed forces.

"Our Fathers, Our Grandfathers, Our Heroes..." is an exhibit being held at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove. It traces the story of the famed U.S. Marine Corps Navajo Code Talkers, who helped the war effort in the Pacific during World War II. The exhibit opened on Tuesday November 22 and runs through December 31. Call 571-8040 ext. 100 or go to www.holocaust-nassau.org for further info.

Congratulations to **Mike Gregory** on winning the November 50/50 drawing!

MEMBER MILESTONES: DECEMBER 2011

John Bauman celebrates his birthday December 14th. Happy Birthday John!

Chris Saccoccia celebrates his 26th anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Walter Coveny celebrates his 2nd anniversary in the League. Congrats! Hopefully the dues are up to date!

Dennis Cummings celebrates his birthday December 17th Happy Birthday Dennis!

Clarence Jaye celebrates his 2nd anniversary in the League. Congratulations, Dues paid?

Tom Murray celebrates his 26th anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Jimmy Penrose celebrates his 26th anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Tom Piccinninni celebrates his 6th anniversary in the League. Congrats!

Mike Puglia celebrates his 23rd anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

John Regler enlisted in the Corps 23 years ago December 7, 1988. Where does the time go?

Chris Saccoccia celebrates his 26th anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Lt. Col **Mike Schweighardt** celebrates his 1st anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Lou Wirth celebrates his 25th wedding anniversary on December 14. Congratulations to you and

Antoinette! Lou also celebrates his 2nd anniversary in the League.

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, MARINES!



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THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY:

4 December 1950: LtCol *Raymond G. Davis* led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines. LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain *Maurice G. Holmes* defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt *Charles Williams* was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

December 7, 1941: "A date, which will live in infamy".

On this day, in an early-morning sneak attack, Japanese warplanes bomb the U.S. naval base at Oahu Island's Pearl Harbor-and the United States enters World War II.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 (VMF-211) resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

15 December 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department, which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend Dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal *Garreth C. Isaak*, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

Capt. *Henry T. Elrod* of Marine Fighter Squadron VMF 211 was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle of Wake Island. During one of the Captain's sorties, he became the first man to sink a warship, the Japanese destroyer *Kisaragi*, with small caliber bombs (100 lbs) delivered from a fighter aircraft.

Quotable Quotes:

"I love the Marine Corps for those intangible possessions that cannot be issued: pride, honor, integrity, and being able to carry on the traditions for generations of warriors past".

Cpl *Jeff Sorni*, USMC "Navy Times" 1994

Semper Fi

Tom

Good night Chesty, where ever you are!

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