



Finnegan's 411



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"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"

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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!**

ALOY MARINES!

It's February and the detachment started off the year with a busy January meeting. It was highlighted with a very favorable report on the detachment's finances and the forming of two committees to tend to upcoming detachment business.

Unfortunately we've just been informed that member **Carmine Santoli** is in St. Francis Hospital. Apparently he's fighting a bout of pneumonia.. Hopefully we'll have more information by the next meeting. **Charlie Boyd** suffered a heart attack recently. Doctors inserted two stents in him and he is on the road to recovery. At the meeting, **Matt Falcone** informed us that **Walter Whitelaw's** wife, **Phyllis** is recuperating from surgery. We're hopeful that you'll all make speedy recoveries!

Paymaster **Stan Derby** in his end of the year report indicated that the detachment made a decent net profit on the Christmas Party and our financial situation is sound. Stan also informed us that he has already reserved the American Legion Hall for this year's Christmas Party which will be held on Sunday December 12, 2009. So mark your calendars now.

Nominations are now being accepted for the upcoming elections for the posts of Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. As such, a "Nominations Committee", has been formed. The members of the committee are; **Mike Kummer**, **Jim Buatti**, **Vinny Annunziata** and **Stan Derby**. All **regular** members who are up to date in their dues are eligible for nomination to any of the Officers posts. You may also nominate yourself to a post if you wish.

At this point the Nominating Committee has received the following nominations, for Commandant; **John Bauman**, for Sr. Vice Commandant; **Tom Kenney**, for Jr. Vice Commandant; **Vinny Annunziata**, for Judge Advocate; **John Burke**. If there is a member you would like to nominate for office, notify one of the committee members forthwith *but no later* than the **February 12th** meeting, so *all* the nominees can be announced in the March newsletter and voted on at the **March 12th** meeting.

Up Coming Events



Saturday

February 7, 2009

23rd Anniversary

Port Washington M.C.L.
Detachment Charter

Saturday

February 7, 2009

11:15 AM

Memorial Tribute to
L/Cpl Thomas Noonan,
USMC, Medal of Honor
Recipient (Viet Nam)
Sponsored by the North
Shore Queens MCL Det.
Fellowship to follow.
Contact Tom Maher
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(718) 380-5554 for details
and information

Thursday

February 12, 2009

Detachment Meeting

2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)

Elks Lodge

30 Haven Ave.

Port Washington, N.Y.

Thursday

February 14, 2008

Valentine's Day

Do not forget!

You have been warned!



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Members wishing to vote **must be present at the meeting** when the voting takes place. The election winners will be sworn into office at an Installation Ceremony at the Elks Lodge on **Friday April 17th 2009**. As we have in the past, after the Installation Ceremony we will join the Elks at their Friday evening dinner. *Please note* that the installation ceremony/dinner will take the place of our normal Thursday meeting for April. If you have any questions or need more information contact a member of the committee.

The "Trip Committee" has been re-formed to explore the possibility of taking another trip to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Washington DC and M.C.B. Quantico, VA. The committee members are; **John Bauman, Mike Kummer, Stan Derby, Tom Kenney** and **Matt Falcone**

We are looking at departing Monday June 1st and returning Thursday June 4th, 2009. These dates will afford us the opportunity to view the "Sunset Parade" at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington Cemetery on the evening of Tuesday June 2nd and give us the chance to observe activities and visit facilities aboard MCB Quantico such as the rifle range, Officer Candidate School and perhaps HMX-1, that we missed on our last trip due to their being shut down during weekends.

At this time we are trying to gauge interest in the trip. We don't need firm commitments just yet but if you are interested in joining our adventure and the dates work for you, let one of the Trip Committee members know as soon as possible. We need to have an idea of how many people will be making the trip so we can start planning and work out costs accordingly. Please call, email or otherwise contact one of the committee members *now!*

If you know of any Marines who may be interested in getting involved in the League, invite them to one of our meetings so they can get an idea of who we are and what we do. Chances are after attending one of our meetings and seeing what we're all about, they'll enjoy the rekindled feeling of "*Esprit de Corps*" that is unique to Marines and they'll jump onboard.

Congratulations to **Stan Derby** on winning the January 50/50 drawing!

Congratulations as well to **Vinny Annunziata** and his wife **Ninfa** on the birth of their first Granddaughter **Paige Angelina**! Baby Paige was born on Friday Jan 30, 2009 at 11:03am. She weighed in at 7lbs 4oz and measured 20 1/2 inches. The proud parents of little Paige are Grandma and Grandpa's daughter **Toni Giannone** and their son-in-law **Joe Giannone**. Vinny reports that mother and daughter are both doing fine.

MEMBER MILESTONES: FEBRUARY 2009

Jim Buatti celebrates his birthday February 14th Happy Birthday!

Stan Derby enlisted in the Corps 52 years ago February 1, 1957. Where does the time go?

Bernie Dunn celebrates his birthday February 12th Happy Birthday!

Matt Falcone celebrates his birthday February 23rd Happy Birthday!

Al Hoovis celebrates his birthday February 24th Happy Birthday!

Mike Kummer celebrates his birthday February 26th and his 23rd Anniversary in the League, February 1986. Happy Birthday and Congratulations, "Plank Owner"!

Ed Knizewski celebrates his 23rd Anniversary in the League, February 1986. Congratulations, "Plank Owner"!

Wilson Mead celebrates his birthday February 6th Happy Birthday!

John Meehan enlisted in The Corps 43 years ago on February 15, 1966 and celebrates his 22nd Anniversary in the League, February 1987 Congratulations!

Brian More celebrates his 6th Anniversary in the League, February 2003 Congratulations!

Jim O'Hara celebrates his 23rd Anniversary in the League, February 1986 Congratulations, "Plank Owner"!

Charles Shuh celebrates his 23rd Anniversary in The League, February 1986. Congratulations, "Plank Owner"!

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 February 1967: "Operation Prairie II" was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

3 February 1953: "Operation Clambake" jumps off when Marines from Able Co. 1st Bn., 5th Marine Reg't (A 1/5) 1st Marine Div. Assault the Ungok Hill mass on the western front in Korea. At first light when the Marines jumped off, the temperature was 2° below zero (F). As a result of the operation, 90 Chinese soldiers were confirmed KIA with another 400 probable's. Marine casualties were 14 KIA and 90 WIA, all of whom eventually recovered. One of those wounded Marines was our own; **John Donovan**. There was one Medal of Honor awarded to 2nd Lt. Raymond "Jerry" Murphy. Two Navy Crosses were also awarded to Marines as a result of their heroic actions during the fight.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

15 February 1898: 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

19 February 1945: "Operation Detachment" the invasion of Iwo Jima began at 08:59, one minute ahead of schedule. The first of an eventual 30,000 Marines of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Marine Divisions, under V Amphibious Corps, landed on the beach. Before the operation was over, more than 20,000 of the island's 21,000 Japanese defenders would be killed. Only 216 were taken prisoner.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island. Later that day, Joe Rosenthal would snap his history making photo of the second, larger flag being raised on Suribachi

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of "Operation Desert Storm". The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: "Operation Desert Storm" ended when the cease- fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history .A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War

Quotable Quotes:

"The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next 500 years".

Secretary of the Navy *James Forrestal* to *LtGen H. M. Smith*, as the Marines raised the flag on Mt. Suribachi over Iwo Jima, 23 Feb. 1945

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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