

Finnegan's 411



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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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Port Washington, N.Y.

"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"

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Happy New Year, Marines!

Welcome to 2010! Can you believe it? Where does the time go? Hopefully you all had a healthy, happy and safe holiday season and have recovered from all the new years festivities.

The detachment's annual Christmas Party was a huge success! Over 55 adults and loads of children attended. A very talented face-painting clown entertained the children. She painted faces and temporary tattoos and did magic tricks, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. And of course, Santa delighted the kids with his surprise visit. Many thanks to **Steve Burke**, the brother of our Judge Advocate **John Burke**, for his portrayal of Jolly Old Saint Nick.

We adults enjoyed ourselves as well. And the open bar and terrific food from **Dominic Grosso's** deli ensured that no one went home thirsty or hungry.

The list of people we wish to thank for planning, setting up and executing the party is lengthy, as it is every year. Thanks to Commandant **John Bauman** and Paymaster **Stan Derby**, who reserved the Legion Hall and made all the pre-party logistical arrangements; **Marilyn Bauman**, **Kay Derby**, **Maria Jonak** and **Pat Kummer** who helped decorate the hall, served the delicious food and provided some home made dessert treats; **Bob Myron**, a great friend of the detachment donated his bartender expertise. And thanks to *all* you un-named detachment members and family members who helped in any way to ensure the party was a success. To those who donated gifts, all the top shelf liquor, (which made up some very impressive baskets of cheer for our raffle) donated your time to help setting up and cleaning up afterwards (you know who you are), many thanks!

The generosity of those who donated the gifts and liquor inspired equal generosity from every one at the party to participate in the raffles. Final figures will be announced at the January meeting. But we will be making a handsome donation to the Wounded Warriors once again this year.

Lastly, thanks to everyone who supports the detachment by coming out to this party and the other affairs we operate. Your continued support guarantees that the detachment shall continue to be successful in all our endeavors.

Up Coming Event



Thursday
Detachment Meeting
Thursday
January 14, 2009
2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)
Elks Lodge
30 Haven Ave.
Port Washington, N.Y.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK
WINTER STAFF MEETING
JAN 15 - JAN 16, 2010

Binghamton
Regency
225 Water Street,
Binghamton, NY 13907
Phone # 607-722-7575
Room Rate- 74.00, Single
and Double.
(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS,
DEVIL DOGS AND FLEAS)



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Congratulations to **Chris Saccoccia** who won the *Marines Only* raffle and is now the proud owner of a "Yellow Footprints" Doormat!



Congratulations also to all the lucky winners in the open raffle. Unfortunately not all the winners can be accounted for. The first prize was a very impressive basket of cheer made up of all types of top shelf liquors, won by **Phyllis Burke**. Second prize was a \$50.00 Visa Gift Card, won by **Marilyn Bauman**. Third prize was a carton of eight "Beers from around the world". **Mike Buatti** won that. Fourth prize was another basket of cheer made up of wines and liquors. It's winner remains unknown. There were also more than a few consolation prize winners who went home with prizes such as bottles of "**JARHEAD RED**" wine, champagne and packages of "Dinner for one at the location of your choice" (MRE's).

Prior to the start of the festivities we did hold an abbreviated meeting. It was opened with all the children leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening prayer and roll call of Officers. A motion was then made to table all other business until the January meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Therefore there is no detachment business to report this month.

Once again Navy beat Army in the annual fall classic Army-Navy Football Game 17 to 3. Detachment members and friends got together to enjoy the game on December 12th and the good folks at *Winchesters* bar made sure all in attendance were kept hydrated and fully nourished.

Along with some good-natured inter-service abuse, in this case with Marines siding with Sailors, our friends rooting for Army had to suffer from their 8th loss in a row to the Midshipmen. It has become a yearly tradition that the owners of this sports bar in Queens Village put out a complimentary half time buffet for all to enjoy during the game. Mark your calendar now for December 11, 2010 when we'll do it again.

MEMBER MILESTONES: JANUARY 2010

Vinnie Annunziata enlisted in the Corps 42 years ago on January 24, 1968

Charlie Boyd celebrates his 6th anniversary in The League this month.

Jim Buatti celebrates his 5th anniversary in The League this month

John Donovan celebrates his 21st Anniversary in the League this month.

Matt Falcone enlisted in The Corps 53 years ago on Jan 27 1957.

Mike Gregory celebrates his 11th year in The League this month

Al Hoovis enlisted in the Corps 67 years ago, in January 1943.

Rudy Jankus celebrates his birthday on Jan. 22nd and his 2nd anniversary in The League

Rudy Jonak celebrates his birthday on Jan. 16. Happy Birthday!

Ron Kipp enlisted in the Corps 62 years ago on January 14, 1948

Ed Knizewski enlisted in The Corps 60 years ago on Jan. 4 1950.

Ron Linke reported to boot camp 24 years ago on January 15, 1986

Charles Maloney celebrates his 20th anniversary in the Marine Corps League this month

John Moran celebrates his birthday on Jan. 28. Happy Birthday!

Jimmy Penrose enlisted in The Corps 54 years ago on Jan. 30 1956

Doug Perinchief reported to boot camp 13 years ago on January 13, 1997

Dick Zoller celebrates his birthday on January 19th. Happy Birthday!



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THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY:

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh and that battles epic 77 day siege) began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later

Quotable Quotes:

"When you men get home and face an anti-war protester, look him in the eyes and shake his hand. Then, wink at his girlfriend, because she knows she's dating a pussy."

Major General **James Mattis** as he addressed the Marines of 1st Marine Division prior to commencement of combat operations in support of Iraqi Freedom

Semper Fi

Tom

Good night Chesty, where ever you are!

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