



Finnegan's 411



January 2012



Up Coming Event



Thursday
January 12, 2012
Detachment Meeting
2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)
Elks Lodge
30 Haven Ave.
Port Washington, N.Y.

Marine Corps League
Dept Of New York
Winter Staff Meeting
January 13-14, 2012
Open to all members
Comfort Inn & Suites
6701 Buckley Road
Syracuse, N.Y. 13212
Rates \$79.00 single
/double
Reservations
Call; (315) 457 4000 or
(315) 703 7944

Recruiting new members for the detachment should be a priority for all of us. If any of your friends are former Marines who know you're in the League, explain to them who we are and what we do. Bring them to a meeting, introduce them to the detachment and get them interested in joining us!

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

Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

Happy New Year, Marines!

Wow 2012! Where does the time go?

Hopefully you've all recovered from the holiday parties and festivities.

We brought in the holiday season with yet another outstanding family Christmas Party. Commencing with a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by all the children present and highlighted by a stirring solo trumpet rendition of "The Marines Hymn" by **John Burke's** grandson, 11-year-old **Luke Petronella**.

Between all of **Dom Grosso's** delicious food, the open bar, **Will (Santa) Mead's** visit and all the raffles, no one can say they didn't have a great time And no one went home hungry or thirsty.

Thanks go out to everyone who contributed in any way toward the success of the party. We received a myriad of different types of adult beverages, which made up our baskets of cheer, gift cards, which were offered as raffle prizes, and a Marine Corps clock that was presented in the Marines Only raffle. In addition, many people donated their time and efforts helping to organize, set up, execute and clean up after the party.

It would take too much of the newsletter's space to thank everyone individually for the contributions and donations you proffered. You all know who you are, so please accept our gratitude! A giant thanks to all!

Speaking about the party proceeds, Paymaster **Stan Derby** reports that we did very well and we'll be sending a very nice donation to the Wounded Warriors again this year. He will have the party's after action report at the January 12th meeting.

Congratulations to all the raffle winners! We had so many different prizes it would take up too much of the newsletter to list them all. You know who you are. And thanks for all your generosity purchasing those raffle tickets. While not everyone could go home with a prize, your generosity will certainly help the Marines in the Wounded Warrior Reg't get their lives back in order. That's a prize in itself. Congratulations!

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

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It's official; DD-214's are NOW On-line.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's on-line: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> .

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. So now, even if you don't own a computer, you know someone who does and you can order a copy of your DD214 through the Internet.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use the new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mailroom and processing time.

Throughout our careers in the Corps, whether we served one enlistment or a lifetime, at one point or another we've all spoken about our Corps' 13th Commandant Gen. John A. Lejeune or Camp Lejeune, named after him. Well chances are you pronounced his name LeJoon. While we all know who he is, most of us have been pronouncing his name incorrectly. The proper pronunciation is actually Luh=Jern. There is an effort afoot to get Marines to pronounce the General's name correctly. We're doing our part by informing you herewith.

MEMBER MILESTONES: JANUARY 2012

Vinnie Annunziata enlisted in the Corps 44 years ago on January 24, 1968

Charlie Boyd celebrates his 8th anniversary in The League this month.

Jim Buatti celebrates his 7th anniversary in The League this month

John Donovan celebrates his 23rd Anniversary in the League this month.

Matt Falcone enlisted in The Corps 55 years ago on Jan 27 1957.

Mike Gregory celebrates his 13th year in The League this month

Al Hoovis enlisted in the Corps 69 years ago, in January 1943.

Rudy Jankus celebrates his birthday on Jan. 22nd and his 4th anniversary in The League

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

Ron Kipp enlisted in the Corps 64 years ago on January 14, 1948

Ed Knizewski enlisted in The Corps 62 years ago on Jan. 4 1950.

Ron Linke reported to boot camp 26 years ago on January 15, 1986

Charles Maloney celebrates his 22nd anniversary in the Marine Corps League this month

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

Jimmy Penrose enlisted in The Corps 56 years ago on Jan. 30 1956

Doug Perinchief reported to boot camp 15 years ago on January 13, 1997

Chris Saccoccia celebrates a birthday on January 29th. Happy Birthday!

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

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:

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:

"Marines have distinguished themselves by their bravery, and stubbornness and aggressive spirit, and sacrifice, and love of country, and loyalty to one another. They've done it for you and me, and this country we all love so dearly. They asked for nothing more than the honor of being a United States Marine. That's why I like Marines!"

RADM J. Stark, USN, President of the Naval War College

Semper Fi Marines!

Good night Chesty, where ever you are!

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

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