

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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July 2009

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Port Washington, N.Y.

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MARINES!

As all of you know, we don't hold meetings during July and August. And, since there will be no newsletter published in August, this newsletter shall serve as a recap of our June meeting as well as a reminder of what we've got planned for July and August. But fear not, prior to the September meeting you will receive the newsletter, with a reminder of the September 10 meeting date.

Whether it was the food and open bar, or members wanting to catch up and hear what we've got going on and what's coming up for the detachment over the summer, our June meeting was extremely well attended by members, spouses and guests!

Of course, the main event in July is our **July 24th** sunset cruise out of Port Washington harbor to the Throggs Neck Bridge. We will rendezvous at the town dock in Port Washington at **7:00 PM**. The cost of the cruise is \$35.00 per person. The price includes the use of the boat, tips to the crew, assorted sandwiches and salads from **Dominick Grosso's** deli, beer, wine and soda. If you prefer alcoholic drinks, please bring your own.

The boat can accommodate thirty people comfortably. **Stan Derby** reports that there is only room for about 10 people left. If you are joining us for this cruise, you need to get your check, made out to the Marine Corps League, to Stan **forthwith!**

The detachment gets requests for Color Guards throughout the year for occasions such as The Elk's Flag Day Ceremony, the Memorial Day Parade and band shell ceremony, and so on. For quite a while the same detachment members have been bearing the responsibility of staffing those Color Guards. We need more members to step up and volunteer for these Color Guard requests. Of course that means you have to own the proper uniform. You can purchase the required dress blue trousers, NCO's trouser stripe and short sleeve uniform shirts from the Camp Lejeune Uniform Sales Shop. Call 1 (888) 267-3559 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM). Identify yourself as a former Marine and they will fill your order. They can handle all transactions over the phone as long as you have a valid credit card. Dress Blue Trousers cost \$31.75, Short Sleeve Uniform Shirts cost \$19.65 and the NCO Trouser Stripe costs \$2.85. Shipping costs are extra. So if it's within your means, order these uniform items so you can help the detachment when the need arises. It's yet another way you can *support your detachment!*

Up Coming Event



*We hold no detachment meetings during July and August.
We'll see you in September*

Saturday
July 4, 2009
Independence Day
Happy Birthday America!

Friday
July 24, 2009
7:00PM
Detachment Sunset Cruise
Read details in this newsletter

Saturday
August 15, 2009
3:00 PM
"Pot Luck" BBQ Picnic
Hosted by Stan and Kay Derby.
Read details in this newsletter

Recruiting new members for the detachment must 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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Stan and **Kay Derby** will be hosting the detachment's annual "Pot Luck" BBQ picnic this year at their home, 128 Lipton La., Williston Park, N.Y., on **Saturday, August 15** at 3:00 PM (rain date Aug. 16). For those of you who may not know, a "pot luck" bbq is one to which everyone invited brings a dish with them. It's a great time to show off your culinary talents. Contact Stan or Kay at (516) 248-4339 or email Stan, campderby@aol.com for directions and to find out what type of dish (i.e. entrée, side, salad or dessert) you can bring, based on your specific cooking talents.

Yes it's only July, but it's not too early to start thinking about the *234th Marine Corps Birthday Ball*. Scuttlebutt has it that 1st Marine Corps District will be holding their ball at the Chateau Briand, on Old Country Rd. in Carle Place, on *November 5, 2009*. Once more information regarding time and the cost of the affair is available, you'll be notified at our meetings and through the newsletter. As in the past, the detachment will try to make reservations for as many members as possible based on interest. So mark your calendar now!

Thanks to **Dominick Grosso** for the delicious sandwiches and salads he provided at the June meeting. And *congratulations* to **Ninfa Annunziata** who won the June 50/50 drawing!

MEMBER MILESTONES: JULY 2009

John Bauman celebrates his 44th wedding anniversary on July 16th. Congratulations to you and **Marilynn!**

John Burke celebrates his birthday July 1st. Happy (belated) Birthday John!

Dennis Cummings enlisted in the Corps 45 years ago this month on July 1, 1964. What's that rifle serial number Dennis?

Tom Kenney celebrates his 5th anniversary in the League this July. Congratulations!

Ron Kipp celebrates his 1st anniversary in The League. Congratulations!

Tom Piccinninni celebrates 37 years of wedded bliss on July 9th. Congratulations to you and the Missus!

John Regler celebrates his birthday July 16th. Happy Birthday!

Scott Werner reported to Parris Island on July 11, 2000. Almost seems like yesterday, right?

Walter Whitelaw enlisted in the Corps 67 years ago on July 28, 1942. "Old Corps" through and through!

Richard Zoller enlisted in the Corps 50 years ago on July 1, 1959. Quick, what's your fourth General Order?

And since there will be no newsletter in August...

MEMBER MILESTONES: AUGUST 2009

George Becker celebrates his birthday August 25th. Happy Birthday George!

Victor Cannizzaro celebrates his birthday on August 5th. Happy Birthday Vic!

Bernie Dunn enlisted in the Corps 22 years ago on August 18th 1987. Want to bet he still remembers that bus ride?

Mike Gregory celebrates his birthday August 10th. Many happy returns, Mike!

Chet Jaworowski celebrates his birthday on August 23rd. Happy Birthday!

Tom Kenney reported to Parris Island August 1, 1975. Where does the time go?

Les Kent enlisted in the *Army Air Corps* on August 1, 1943. Les, is a veteran of the air war in Europe.

Florence Lohen enlisted in the Corps 49 years ago on August 27th, 1960. Remember those Drill Instructors?

Brian Mohr celebrates his birthday August 3rd. Happy birthday!

John Moran celebrates his 7th anniversary in the League in August. Congratulations!

Jim O'Hara celebrates his birthday August 2nd. Happy birthday Jim!

Justin Restivo celebrates his birthday August 24th. Happy Birthday!

Scott Werner celebrates his birthday August 27th. 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.

This will be the final newsletter until September. Have a healthy, sun filled, *safe* summer! We're looking forward to seeing many of you on the cruise later this month and / or at the Derby's BBQ in August. To those we won't see, our next regular meeting will be on **September 10, 2009**. We'll see you there!



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THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY:

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

1 August 1944: After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landing.

3 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

7 August 1990: President (G. H. W.) Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield, which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

21 August 1968: PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

23 August 1984: The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

24 August 1814: Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

Quotable Quotes:

"I know that this operation will be sort of helter-skelter. But the First Marine Division is going to win the war by landing at Inchon".

Gen Douglas MacArthur, USA, in conversation with MajGen Oliver P. Smith, USMC, August 1950

Semper Fi

Tom

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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