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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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July/August 2011

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

Devil Dogs!

Summer is officially here. As you all know, we don't hold detachment meetings during July and August. Also note that there will be no newsletter issued in August. We'll meet again as a detachment on September 8, 2011. There will be a newsletter issued in September prior to that meeting.

The June meeting did unfortunately contain some sad news for our detachment. In early June Marine **John Meehan** passed away. RIP Marine. Unfortunately **Jim Buatti** is hospitalized at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. Reports are that he's feeling well as he undergoes blood treatments. Get well soon Jim!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we do have a few events planned for the detachment this summer.

John and **Marilynn Bauman** will be hosting this year's annual detachment "Pot Luck BBQ" on Saturday July 23 at 3:00, at their home; 673 Foch Blvd Williston Park NY. The rain date will be the next day, July 24th. In case you don't know what a "pot luck" bbq is, *everyone* who attends the bbq brings a part of the menu, whether it be a salad, entrée or dessert. Marilynn requests that everyone RSVP to her at (516) 747-3983 by Saturday July 9. At that time you can tell her what you're planning on cooking and bringing with you. She also requests that you bring your own chairs to the party. It's a great time to show off your culinary talents so put on your chef's toque and prepare your finest bbq fare!

We will be enjoying our annual sunset cruise from the Port Washington town docks, through Port Washington Harbor to the Throgs Neck bridge and back on **Friday August 12**. We'll meet at the dock at 6:00 PM and set sail at 6:30PM.

The boat we'll be sailing on can hold 30 people comfortably. So if you're joining us, you need to get your checks for \$35.00 per person, made out to the Marine Corps League, to **Vinnie Annunziata** at 10 Muncy Ave., Apt 1105, West Babylon, N.Y. 11704 as soon as possible

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

Up Coming Event



Monday
July 4, 2011

Independence Day
Happy Birthday America!

Saturday

July 9, 2011

Deadline to RSVP to John & Marilynn Bauman's Pot Luck BBQ.
(516) 747-3983

Saturday

July 23, 2011

3:00 PM

"Pot Luck" BBQ Picnic"
Hosted by John and Marilynn Bauman.
Read details in this newsletter

Friday

August 12, 2011

6:00PM

Detachment Sunset Cruise

Read details in this newsletter

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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The cost covers the boat and crew, assorted sandwiches and salads, from **Dominick Gosso's** deli, beer and soda. If you wish to drink alcohol or wine, please bring your own.

Paymaster **Stan Derby** has put out a request for a volunteer to train as the detachment's next paymaster. Stan's not going anywhere but someone should be trained and able to assume the paymaster's duties for continuity reasons.

Thanks to **Dominick Grosso** for the feast he provided at the June meeting and congratulations to **Tom Kenney** who won the June 50/50 drawing.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer everyone. For those we don't see at the BBQ in July or the Cruise in August, hopefully we'll see you at our next meeting **September 8, 2011**.

MEMBER MILESTONES: JULY 2011

John Bauman celebrates his 46th 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 47 years ago this month on July 1, 1964. What's that rifle serial number Dennis?

Tom Kenney celebrates his 7th anniversary in the League this July. Congratulations!

Ron Kipp celebrates his 3rd anniversary in The League. Congratulations!

Doug Perinchief celebrates his birthday July 9th. Happy Birthday!

Tom Piccinninni celebrates 39 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 11 years ago on July 11, 2000. Almost seems like yesterday, right?

Walter Whitelaw enlisted in the Corps 69 years ago on July 28, 1942. "Old Corps" through and through!

Richard Zoller enlisted in the Corps 52 years ago on July 1, 1959. Quick, what's your fourth General Order?

And since we do not publish an August newsletter...

MEMBER MILESTONES: AUGUST 2011

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 24 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 36 years ago August 1, 1975. Where does the time go?!

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

Florence Lohen enlisted in the Corps 51 years ago on August 27th, 1960. Remember those Drill Instructors?

Wilson Mead celebrates his 23rd wedding anniversary on August 20th. Congratulations to you and **Robin!**

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

John Moran celebrates his 9th 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.



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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 pre assault 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:

"The U. S. Marine is a professional who stands ready to fight anytime, anywhere, any enemy that the President and Congress may designate and to do so coolly, capably, and in the spirit of professional detachment. He is not trained to hate, nor is he whipped up emotionally for battle or for any other duty the Corps may be called on to perform. Patriotism and professionalism are his only two 'isms'."

Col Robert D. Heintz Jr. USMC (Ret) 1970

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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