

# Finnegan's 411



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Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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## DEVIL DOGS!

May was a rewarding month for our detachment. We had the pleasure of welcoming yet another new member aboard, and we proudly marched in Port Washington's Memorial Day Parade.

Welcome aboard **Scott Werner**! Scott reported to Parris Island in July 2000 and served as a 0651 Data Network Specialist. He served 2 tours in Iraq before being discharged as a Sgt. Scott now works as an Information Systems Engineer. He and his wife **Lauren** currently reside in Smithtown. Scott was recruited into the detachment by **Les Kent**. Well done, Lester!

The detachment luncheon at the Merchant Marine Academy's Officers Club was an excellent affair! We had 22 members and guests in attendance. The Academy's chefs provided delicious salads, entrees and desserts for our dining pleasure. And the company was of course, outstanding. Thanks to **Stan Derby** and **John Bauman** for making the arrangements. We should do that more often!

Unfortunately, we do have some members on the sick bay list. **Carmine Santoli** has been transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Woodmere, **Stan Derby** is recovering from a hernia operation, **Wilson Mead** reports that **Walter Whitelaw** is suffering knee problems as is **Dennis Cummings** who may soon undergo knee replacement surgery. Hopefully you'll all be feeling better very soon!

Our next meeting, **June 11, 2009** will be our last before the summer hiatus. As we've done in the past, after the meeting we'll be providing sandwiches and salads from **Dominic Grosso's** deli and there will be an open bar! So come hungry and thirsty! Feel free to bring your spouse or significant other with you to this meeting. It gives them an opportunity to see a little of what goes on at our meetings and it gives the detachment a chance to say "thank you" to them for their continued support of and assistance to the detachment in all our events and activities. By all means, if you have friends who are former Marines who may have expressed an interest in the League, *bring them as well!*

## Up Coming Events



**Thursday**  
**June 11, 2009**  
**Detachment Meeting**  
2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)  
Elks Lodge  
30 Haven Ave.  
Port Washington, N.Y.

**Saturday**  
**June 13, 2009**  
**Quantico Marine Corps Band Concert**  
7:00 PM  
Newbridge Rd. Park  
2600 Newbridge Rd.  
Bellmore

**Sunday**  
**June 14, 2009**  
**Flag Day.**

June 17 – June 20 2009  
78<sup>th</sup> Dept. of New York  
Marine Corps League  
Convention  
Best Western Hotel  
1228 Western Ave, (Route 20)  
Albany, NY.  
518.489.2981  
The room rate will be \$79.00 per day

**Sunday**  
**June 21, 2009**  
Happy Father's Day!  
Summer begins



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Once again our detachment proudly represented The Corps in the annual Port Washington **Memorial Day Parade**. Our own **Frank Borzellieri** was the Parade Co-Grand Marshal. **John Bauman**, **Mike Kummer**, **Chris Saccoccia** and **Rudy Jonak** comprised our Color Guard, while **John Meehan** called out a jaunty cadence ensuring we all marched smartly. **Jim Buatti** and **Pat Kummer** (Mike's wife) provided vehicular support to enable members to attend the parade who were unable to march. At the end of the parade route, **John Burke** provided the liquid refreshments thus insuring we were all properly hydrated. Mike and Chris were also members of the 7 member Honor Guard, which rendered the 21-gun salute to all of our American Service Men and Women who have given "the last full measure of devotion" to the Nation. Two other members of the detachment; **Bernie Dunn** and **Scott Werner** were also members of the Honor Guard. Bernie, who is now a member of the Army's *Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>* represented that fine organization. Scott, who along with detachment member **Les Kent**, is a member of the Port Washington Fire Dept. represented those first responders on the Honor Guard. You can view photos from the day here: <http://s278.photobucket.com/albums/kk91/Tkenney/Memorial%20Day%202009/>

Attention on Deck! Our detachment's Corpsman, **George Becker** is getting married! George and his fiancé, **Audrey Eisser** will be tying the knot at the Episcopal Church on Plandome Rd. in Manhasset on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The detachment wishes them the best of luck, health, happiness and a long life together!

Plans are afoot for another sunset dinner cruise out of the Port Washington Harbor such as we did last July. We will board our boat at the Port Washington town docks on **Friday, July 24 at 7:00 PM**. The cost of the cruise is \$35.00 per person. This price includes the cost of the boat, tips for the crew and of course food (assorted sandwiches and salads from Dominic's deli) and beverages. The sunset is provided free of charge. The boat can comfortably accommodate 30 people. So that is the number of people we're limiting this affair to. If you wish to join us on this 3 hour excursion around Port Washington Harbor, through the Long Island Sound to the Throggs Neck Bridge and back, get your check (made out to The Marine Corps League), to Stan Derby as soon as possible.

Plans are being put together as well, for another detachment "potluck" BBQ picnic. This year's BBQ will be hosted by **Stan** and **Kay Derby**, on **Saturday, August 15** (rain date Aug. 16) so mark your calendars now!

We will have more information regarding both the boat ride and BBQ by the **June 11** meeting. So make plans to attend. Don't forget the food and open bar we'll be providing!

The Marine Corps Band from Quantico, VA will be performing a concert on Saturday June 13, at 7:00 PM at the Newbridge Rd. Park, 2600 Newbridge Rd. in Bellmore. For those of you who may be interested in going, the park is easy to get to. Take the Southern State Pkwy. From either the east or west, get off at the Newbridge Rd (Rte 106) *southbound* exit. Take Newbridge Rd south over Sunrise Hwy and continue over Merrick Rd. The park is approximately 1/3 of a mile south of Merrick Rd, on the right.

Congratulations to **John Burke** who won the April meeting 50/50 drawing with **Stan Derby's** \$5.00!

Ask Stan to explain that one!

## **MEMBER MILESTONES: JUNE 2009**

**John Bauman** enlisted in the Corps 49 years ago on June 30, 1960. John is also celebrating his 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the League this month. Congratulations!

**Victor Cannizzaro** enlisted in the Corps 67 years ago on June 1, 1942. Now that's "Old Corps"!

**John Donovan** is celebrating his birthday June 20. Happy Birthday John!

**Stan D'Zuiba** enlisted in the Corps 47 years ago on June 19, 1962. Still remember your rifle serial number?

**Finnegan** celebrates his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 3. Happy Birthday! Good boy, sit, stay.

**Al Hoovis** celebrates his 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Wow! Congratulations!

**Ron Kipp** celebrates his birthday on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Happy Birthday!

**Florence Lohen** celebrates her birthday on June 15. Happy Birthday!

**Jimmy Penrose** celebrates his 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 4. Congratulations to you and **Mary Anne**!

**Justin Restivo** celebrates his 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**Larry Smith** celebrates his 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in the League this June. Congratulations!

**Walter Whitelaw** is celebrating his 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 11. Holy cow! Congratulations to you and **Phyllis**

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:**

**2 June 1918:** At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

**8 June 1995:** A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

**12 June 1961:** President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

**15 June 1944:** Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

**25 June 1950:** Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

**25 June 1966:** In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

**26 June 1918:** BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine" ("Wood of the Marine Brigade").

### **Quotable Quotes:**

*"Come on, you sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?!"*  
Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly June 6, 1918 spurring his Marines to attack during the Battle of Belleau Wood.

*Semper Fi  
Tom*

**Good night Chesty, where ever you are!**

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