



# Finnegan's 411



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## Up Coming Events



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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!

**Support Your Detachment!**

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

Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

## LEATHERNECKS!

Our elections, Officer Installation and Memorial Day parade are now behind us for another year.

There were no changes to the detachment Officer's roster. Good luck to Commandant **Rudy Jonak** and staff.

After the Installation Ceremony at the May meeting the detachment enjoyed a delicious dinner with the Elks at their weekly Friday night dinner. Thanks to all who attended the Installation and the dinner.

The detachment once again participated in the Port Washington Memorial Day Parade. And due to a SNAFU on the part of the Port Washington American Legion, our detachment lead off the parade this year! Perhaps they didn't understand the attachment we Marines have towards our National and Marine Corps colors. They do now! Maybe next year they'll have members who can carry their own National Colors. Otherwise we'll be proud to lead it again.

Past parades have seen our numbers diminish somewhat. But we had an excellent turn out for the parade this year and although there seemed to be fewer spectators than in previous years, we were received with much fanfare, warmth and enthusiasm.

The weather was hot and humid, which made the going a little rough. But our detachment finished the parade in fine Marine Corps fashion! Many thanks to the following members, (listed alphabetically in height order) who took the time and made the effort to march or lend their support to the detachment. **Vinnie Annunziata, John Bauman, John Burke, Dennis Cummings, Stan Derby, John Donovan, Mike Gregory, Rudy Jonak, Tom Kenney, Mike Kummer, Ron Linke, Florence Lohen, Brian Mohr (!), Tom Piccinninni, and Chris Saccoccia.** In addition we had a friend of the detachment march in our ranks; former Marine **John Destefan** who we are actively trying to recruit into the detachment joined us for our parade. Additional thanks go out to **Stan Derby** for providing the post parade libations. They were most appreciated!

**Thursday  
June 9, 2011  
Detachment Meeting**

2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)  
Elks Lodge  
30 Haven Ave.  
Port Washington, N.Y.

Tuesday June 14, 2011  
**Flag Day**  
Display it proudly!

Sunday  
June 19, 2011  
**Happy  
Father's Day!**

Tuesday  
June 21, 2011  
**Summer Begins**

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!

*"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"*

[www.orgsites.com/ny/port-washington-marines/index.html](http://www.orgsites.com/ny/port-washington-marines/index.html)

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Thanks as well to the wives and husbands of our members who came out and cheered us on. Your support is always appreciated.

Welcome aboard (belatedly) to our newest member, Associate Member **Leon Jankowski**! Leon is our bartender at the Elks Lodge where we hold our meetings. He lives in Port Washington and served in the U.S. Army from 1962 through 1964.

Our June meeting will be the last meeting before our summer hiatus. As in the past, you're invited to bring your "significant other" to this meeting. After the meeting we'll be providing delicious chow from **Dominic Grosso's** deli and an open bar. We'll be discussing up-coming events and affairs we'll be involved in over the summer. Just because we don't have official meetings in July and August, doesn't mean we don't do anything as a detachment. Come hungry to the meeting, bring your spouse and find out what we have planned for July and August. A few items we'll be discussing will be the third annual Port Washington Sunset Cruise as well as when and where our annual detachment picnic will be held.

So if your situation permits, come to the meeting and find out what's going on. Between being in the company of Marines, the chow and open bar you don't want to miss it!

## **MEMBER MILESTONES: JUNE 2011**

**John Bauman** enlisted in the Corps 51 years ago on June 30, 1960. John is also celebrating his 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the League this month. Congratulations!

**George Becker** celebrates his 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on June 20. Congratulations to you and **Audrey**!

**Victor Cannizzaro** enlisted in the Corps 69 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 49 years ago on June 19, 1962. Still remember your rifle serial number?

**Finnegan** celebrates his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 3. Happy Birthday! Good boy, sit, stay.

**Al Hoovis** celebrates his 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Wow! Congratulations!

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

**Clarence Jaye** celebrates his birthday on June 22. Happy Birthday!

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

**Jimmy Penrose** celebrates his 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 4. Congratulations to you and **Mary Anne**!

**Doug Perinchief** celebrates his 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to you and **Amanda**!

**Jerry Sears** celebrates his 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

**Larry Smith** celebrates his 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the League this June. Congratulations!

**Walter Whitelaw** is celebrating his 61<sup>st</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:**

*"Retrieving wounded comrades from the field of fire is a Marine Corp tradition more sacred than life."*

**Robert Pisor**, *"The End of the Line"*, 1982

***Semper Fi***

***Tom***

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

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