



# 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 is important to our success! Come to the meeting, get involved!

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## AHOY LEATHERNECKS!

As posted in the February newsletter Officer elections will take place at the upcoming **March 12** meeting. There were no new nominations at the February meeting. Thus far the following nominations (and the post they've been nominated for), have been received by the Nominations Committee, Commandant; **John Bauman**, Sr. Vice Commandant; **Tom Kenney**, Jr. Vice Commandant; **Vinny Annunziata**, Judge Advocate; **John Burke**.

If there is anyone you would like to nominate to a position, you may still do so by contacting a Committee member or by making a nomination from the floor at the next meeting, prior to the actual election. The members of the committee are; **Mike Kummer**, **Jim Buatti**, **Vinny Annunziata** and **Stan Derby**. All *regular* members who are up to date in their dues are eligible for nomination to any of the Officers posts. You may also nominate yourself to a post if you wish.

Members wishing to vote must be present at the meeting when the voting takes place. The election winners will be sworn into office at an Installation Ceremony at the Elks Lodge on *Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2009*. As we have in the past, after the Installation Ceremony we will join the Elks at their Friday evening dinner.

*Please note* that the Installation Ceremony/Dinner will take the place of our normal Thursday meeting for April. If you have any questions or need more information contact a member of the committee.

The Trip Committee has changed the dates of our pilgrimage to the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Quantico. Instead of going from June 1 through June 4, we are now expecting to go from Monday June 8 through Thursday June 11, 2009. These dates work better for a majority of those members who have already indicated a desire to make the trip. The committee members are: **John Bauman**, **Mike Kummer**, **Stan Derby**, **Tom Kenney**, **Matt Falcone**, **Rudy Jonak** and **John Burke**. We will be asking for deposits to firm up commitments probably by April 1<sup>st</sup>. So if you're interested in going, we need to know *now*. We are actively researching and planning our agenda and progress will be reported as it evolves.

## Up Coming Events



### Friday

**March 6, 2009**

Detachment Dinner  
7:00 PM

Sazzio's Restaurant  
3365 Hillside Avenue

New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
See details in this newsletter

### Sunday

March 8, 2009

*Daylight Savings Time Begins.*

Move your clocks ahead one hour

### Thursday

**March 12, 2009**

**Detachment Meeting**

2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)

Elks Lodge

30 Haven Ave.

Port Washington, N.Y.

### Monday

March 16, 2009

6:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing  
Performing at Malverne H.S.

See details in this newsletter

### Tuesday

March 17, 2009

**St. Patrick's Day**

### Friday

March 20, 2009

Spring begins  
(finally!)



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For the past few years we have gotten together, usually around the Christmas holiday, for dinner and a chance to celebrate the season together. This year due to many conflicting schedules we were unable to plan a dinner during the holidays. However, at the February meeting we were finally able to nail down a date for our annual dinner. We will be getting together this **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM at **Sazzio's Restaurant** located at 3365 Hillside Ave., New Hyde Park. The restaurant is located on the north side of Hillside Ave., just west of Herrick's Rd. **Sazzio's** is an Italian restaurant. The word, from sources who have previously visited the restaurant, is that the menu is delicious and fairly priced. If you are able to join us for dinner please contact **John Bauman** or **Rudy Jonak** as soon as possible. They have told the restaurant to expect about 20 members and spouses and they say they'll have no problem accommodating us (but they do need to know how many of us to prep for). So there will be plenty of room for all who wish to attend. The dinners are a great opportunity for us to get together accompanied by our significant others to enjoy a good dinner and some good times outside our usual meeting environment. *Hopefully we'll see you there.*

Congratulations to the detachment as a whole for another year of 100% membership renewal! We were awarded 2 streamers for the detachment's colors and a certificate from National Headquarters for the achievement.

Once again Paymaster **Stan Derby** is requesting that all members provide him with a copy of your DD-214 discharge papers if you have them. If the detachment has a copy for safe keeping, it can be provided without all the head ache of having to go through the National Records Center (which can take up to 6 months) in case you or your family should need them in the future.

As mentioned on the "Upcoming Events" column on page one of this newsletter, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing Band from MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. will be giving a concert at Malverne High School on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The performance is free and open to the general public. Malverne High School is located at 80 Ocean Ave, Malverne, NY, 11565. For more information, call SSgt. Matthew Orr, Recruiting Station N.Y. Marketing Public Affairs Representative at (516) 228-3664.

Congratulations to **Wilson Mead** who won the February 50/50 drawing!

## **MEMBER MILESTONES: MARCH 2009**

**Frank Borzellieri** celebrates his 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

**Charlie Boyd** celebrates his birthday March 14. Happy Birthday!

**John Burke** enlisted in the Corps 55 years ago on March 4, 1954. And the Corps hasn't been the same ever since!

**Dominick Grosso** enlisted in the Corps 34 years ago on March 23 1975. Seems like just yesterday!

**Tom Kenney** celebrates his birthday March 10. Happy Birthday!

**Les Kent** celebrates his birthday on March 15. Happy Birthday!

**Thomas Murray** enlisted in the Corps 43 years ago on March 15 1966. Where *does* the time go?

**Boyd Nelson** celebrates his birthday March 22. Happy Birthday!

**Michael Puglia** enlisted in the Corps 60 years ago on March 2 1949. I'll bet it seems like just yesterday!

**Justin Restivo** celebrates his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in the League. Congratulations! Hopefully your dues are up to date!

**Chris Saccoccia** enlisted in the Corps 58 years ago on March 4 1951. Bet you still remember that first day too!

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:**

**8 March 1965:** The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

**11 March 1778:** Marines participated in the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

**13 March 1943:** The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

**25 March 1945:** After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

**27 March 1953:** The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

**31 March 1801:** On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with President Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps. He accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol. That post, Marine Barracks 8<sup>th</sup> & I, is the "Oldest Post in the Corps".

### **Quotable Quotes:**

*"We are United States Marines, and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit, and military prowess".*

*Gen James L. Jones, 32nd CMC, 10 Nov. 2000*

*Semper Fi  
Tom*

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

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