

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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Happy MARINES Birthday

This November 10th marks the 234th Anniversary of the founding of our Corps! There will be celebrations of that beginning "from sea to shining sea" and in "every clime and place, where we could take a gun".

As you celebrate, take a moment to remember those Marines now in harm's way and all those who have gone before us.

Our October meeting was productive and informative. Paymaster **Stan Derby** in his financial report indicated that the detachment is in sound financial condition. As such, a motion was proposed, seconded and voted on, with the majority in favor, to make a \$200.00 donation to the Wounded Warrior Program, which held a special event for these magnificent men and women at the Notre Dame vs. Washington Huskies football game on October 3rd. Our own, **Jim Buatti** delivered the donation at the game.

Boyd Nelson has taken the lead position in attaining the necessary paperwork required to enable us to request renaming the detachment in honor of **Douglas T. Jacobsen**, a Port Washington resident who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions versus Japanese forces in February 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima.

The matter will be put to a vote of detachment members at a future detachment meeting once Boyd has collected the required paperwork. The members who *attend that particular meeting* will decide the vote.

Our detachment's Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, **December 6th, 2009** from 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM, at the American Legion Hall; 730 Willis Ave., Williston Park. The cost of this year's party is the same as last year, \$30.00 per person age 13 and over. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free of charge.

As in the past, there will be great entertainment for the children and plenty of delicious food (from **Dominick Grosso's Deli**), and an open bar for all!

Santa will again be making a surprise visit this year. So make sure to bring a small (\$10.00 to \$15.00), wrapped gift for all the children you are taking to the party. And make sure the child's name is on their gift!

Plan on attending and get your check, made out to The Marine Corps League, to **Stan Derby** no later than **Dec. 1st** so he knows how much food to order!

Up Coming Event



Tuesday
November 3, 2009
Election Day

**Tuesday
November 10, 2009
United States
Marine Corps
234th Birthday!**

**Wednesday
November 11, 2009
Veteran's Day**

**Thursday
November 12, 2009
Detachment Meeting
2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)
Elks Lodge
30 Haven Ave.
Port Washington, N.Y.**

**Thursday
November 26, 2009
Happy
Thanksgiving!**

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 Christmas Party also serves as our detachments only fund raiser. So we would ask for your generosity in contributing to the various raffles and the 50/50 drawing we'll have going on. The proceeds are donated by the detachment to the Wounded Warrior Regiment, so you know you'll be contributing to a worthy cause.

As in the past, we will have a *Marines Only* raffle with one prize, which will be a proud addition to any Marine's home.

We are also asking that you consider contributing something to our other raffle prizes. In the past many of us have contributed a few bottles of popular "adult" beverages to compile a few baskets of cheer. If it is within your means, we would ask that you make another contribution this year. You can either bring your contribution to our Nov. 12th meeting, or bring it with you to the party. In any case, what ever you can donate will certainly be appreciated.

Do you need or want a copy of your boot camp graduation photo? **Matt Falcone** has provided info from Parris Island where you can get it! Matty states; "Our friends at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. are reminding us that photos of your old platoon are most likely available. Photos are \$10.80 each. They accept credit cards and prefer phone calls: (843) 228-1555 or 1546. They do not want to receive checks. You must have your platoon number, day, month and year of graduation and DI names. It takes between 4 to 6 weeks for delivery".

Congratulations to newly promoted **Captain Jonathan Gurfein!** The Capt., after serving two tours in Iraq, is aboard Camp Lejeune, training and preparing his Marines for yet another tour. Good luck and be safe!

Once again, **Dominick Grosso**, much to everyone's surprise, provided a banquet of sandwiches and salads for the October meeting. Thanks very much Dom! No one left that meeting hungry!

Attention all active duty military, retired and veterans; In recognition of your service to our country, all veterans active duty and retired military personnel are invited to **eat free** at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this *Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009*. All you need to do is prove you were or still are in the military. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, a photograph of yourself in uniform, or actually wearing your uniform.

Boston, MA (November 2, 2009) – Uno Chicago Grill® would like to thank those men and women who have risked their lives in service to our country. This Veteran's Day, UNO® invites all members of the military, both veterans and active duty, to enjoy a free entrée or individual pizza with the purchase of an entrée or pizza of equal or greater value. No coupon is necessary. Veterans or active military can either show up in uniform, or with a picture of themselves in uniform, or with a military or veteran's ID. Pizzeria Uno's closest pizza parlor is located on Bell Blvd. in Bayside, Queens. There are also Pizzeria Unos located in the other boros of NYC. Go to www.unos.com for their locations.

Congratulations to **George Becker** our detachment's Corpsman, who won the October 50/50 drawing; just what a newly wed needs!

Happy 234th Birthday Marines!

MEMBER MILESTONES: NOVEMBER 2009

Vinny Annunziata celebrates his birthday on Nov. 22nd. Happy Birthday! Vinny and his wife **Ninfa** also celebrate their 35th Wedding Anniversary on November 29th. Congratulations to you both!

Stan Derby celebrates his 48th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 4th. Congratulations!

Finnegan celebrates his 4th Anniversary as the Detachment's mascot on Nov. 10th. Good boy Finn!

Tom Kenney celebrates his 10th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 12th. Congratulations!

Stan D'Zuiba celebrates his birthday on Nov. 16th Happy Birthday!

John Donovan celebrates his 56th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 28th and 58th Anniversary of his enlistment in the Corps on Nov. 16th Congratulations!

Florence Lohen celebrates her 26th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 5th. Happy Anniversary!

Jerry Sears celebrates his 51st Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 13th. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

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:

1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1775: By an act of the 2nd Continental Congress, the Marine Corps is established.

When the first Marine in history was recruited at Tun Tavern in 1775, he was ordered to report aboard a ship then lying in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

"What the hell is a Marine?" barked the bewildered Officer of the Deck. "You go aft there and sit down till I find out."

A few minutes later a second Marine reported aboard, and the still confused OD told him to go aft and stand with the first.

So, how did the first Marine greet the second?

"Listen boy," he snarled, "you shoulda been in the *old* Corps!" And thus, it began... *(Excerpted from "The Old Breed" by George McMillan)*

10 November 1921: This date marked the first *formal* commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj. Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen. Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack, which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

Quotable Quotes:

"Resolved, that two Battalions of Marines be raised... that they be enlisted and commissioned to serve for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies... that they be distinguished by the names of the first and second battalions of American Marines..."
Resolution Establishing the Continental Marines by the 2nd Continental Congress, Nov. 10, 1775

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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