



Finnegan's 411



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Up Coming Events



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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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The Official Newsletter of Marine Corps League Detachment 614 Port Washington, N.Y.

Home of Major Douglas T. Jacobson
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Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

Happy Birthday Marines!

Attention on deck Marines; we are changing our detachment's meeting date this month to **November 3**. The time and location are the same as always. This change is because our meeting would have otherwise been on November 10, the 236th Birthday of our Corps. And due to the bevy of birthday celebrations that are planned, moving the meeting date will facilitate members who may wish to attend any of those celebrations.

Our detachment will once again be celebrating with the Marines of 1st Marine Corps District at their party on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at *The Inn at New Hyde Park* located on Jericho Tpke in New Hyde Park. Paymaster **Stan Derby** will be collecting the money for tickets. The cost is \$70.00 per ticket. Stan states he will not purchase any tickets from the District for a detachment member, until he has received payment from the member. So if you haven't already, get your check to Stan forthwith.

The Western Nassau Marine Corps League Detachment is inviting all Marines and other veterans to their free annual Marine Corps Birthday bash on Sunday November 13, 2011, from 1200 to 1600. The party will be held at the VFW Hall at 235 Merrick Rd. in Lynbrook. They put this party together every year. One of its highlights is genuine Marine Corps S.O.S. There will be free beer, soda, hot dogs and snacks. There will be a cake cutting ceremony, 50/50 drawing and a raffle. 1st prize: Springfield armory M-14 (M-1a) rifle (new) or cash equivalent (\$1,400.00) 2nd prize: .30 cal M-1 carbine (authentic) or cash equivalent (\$1,000.00) 3rd prize: .30 cal M-1 Garand (authentic) or cash equivalent (\$525.00) 4th prize: basket of cheer.

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, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011*. This year, Applebee's is offering a Veterans Day menu, which includes some of its signature and favorite items. 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.

Thursday
November 3, 2011
Detachment Meeting
2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)
Elks Lodge
30 Haven Ave.
Port Washington, N.Y.

Sunday
November 6, 2011
Daylight Saving Time
ends.
Set your clocks *back* one
hour

Thursday
November 10, 2011
United States Marine
Corps
236th Birthday

Friday
November 11, 2011
Veteran's Day

Thursday
November 24, 2011
Happy Thanksgiving!

"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"

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

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The detachment's annual Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, **December 4, 2011**, from 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM. It will be held at the American Legion Post at 730 Willis Ave in 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!

The Christmas Party also serves as our detachments only fund raiser. So we would ask for your generosity in purchasing the various raffles tickets and participating in 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.

We are also asking that you consider contributing something in the way of raffle prizes. In the past many of us have contributed a few bottles of popular "adult" beverages to compile a few baskets of cheer. Others have donated gift cards from various area merchants. If it is within your means, we ask that you make another contribution this year. You can either bring your contribution to our Nov. 3rd meeting, or bring it with you to the party. In any case, what ever you can donate will certainly be appreciated.

Jim Buatti is out of the hospital and at last report he was doing well. Take good care of yourself Jim!

Congratulations to **John Bauman** who won the October 50/50 drawing!

MEMBER MILESTONES: NOVEMBER 2011

Vinny Annunziata celebrates his birthday on Nov. 22nd. Happy Birthday! Vinny and his wife **Ninfa** also celebrate their 37th Wedding Anniversary on November 29th. Congratulations to you both!

Stan Derby celebrates his 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 4th. Congratulations to you and **Kay!**

Finnegan celebrates his 6th Anniversary as the Detachment's mascot on Nov. 10th. Good boy Finn!

Tom Kenney celebrates his 12th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 12th. Congratulations to you and **Kelly!**

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

John Donovan celebrates his 58th Wedding Anniversary Nov. 28th and 60th Anniversary of his enlistment in the Corps on Nov. 16th Congratulations to you and **Marge!**

Florence Lohen celebrates her 28th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 5th. Happy Anniversary!

Ron Linke celebrates his 7th anniversary in the League. Congratulations!

Doug Perinchief celebrates his 2nd anniversary in the League. Hopefully the dues are up to date! Congratulations!

Chris Saccoccia celebrates his 48th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 23rd. Congratulations to you and **Norma!**

Jerry Sears celebrates his 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 13th. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to you and **Patricia!**

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 shoul'da 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!

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