

Finnegan's 411



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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!

**Support Your
Detachment!**

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Devil Dogs!

We are back in full swing with our meetings. Our September meeting was productive and informative. And it was highlighted by the entry into the detachment of two new members!

Welcome aboard to retired GySgt. **Ron Linke** and former Sgt of Marines **William Havron**.

Ron Linke, who transferred to our detachment from an Ohio detachment, reported to boot camp in January 1986. He served in an Admin MOS during his career and retired as an 0193 Admin Chief. Ron is a Port Washington resident currently working as an Office Administrator.

Bill Havron found our detachment online. He reported to boot camp in September 1969 and served as a 6022 Aircraft Power Plant Mechanic. Bill lives in Stewart Manor and works as an Insurance Agent. Welcome aboard to you both!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter and the September meeting, we've had a few members in sickbay. **Dennis Cummings** has had his knee surgery and although the rehab is tough, Dennis says he's recovering rapidly. **Mike Gregory** also had knee surgery and he's recovering apace. By the time you read this, Mike will have undergone cataract surgery by the talented hands of our own **Larry Jindra**.

The detachment is once again planning on attending 1st Marine Corps District's Marine Corps Ball. This year's ball will be held on Thursday, November 5th, at the Chateau Briand, located on Old Country Road in Westbury. Paymaster **Stan Derby** has made arrangements for the detachment to get two tables. Each table seats 10 people. Tickets cost \$85.00 per person. The ball is only a month away. If you are planning on attending, you **must** get your check, made out to the Marine Corps League, to Stan as soon as possible. The seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

1st District always does a great job celebrating our Corps' birthday and The Chateau Briand is a different venue than we've been to in years past. No doubt it will be an outstanding affair. So if you're going, the time to act is now, not later. Get your check to Stan! You don't want to miss out on the celebration!

Up Coming Event



**Thursday
October 8, 2009**

Detachment Meeting

2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)

Elks Lodge

30 Haven Ave.

Port Washington, N.Y.

Marine Corps League
Department Of New York

Fall Staff Meeting

Oct 9th - Oct 11th, 2009

Quality Inn

114 State Road

Kingston, New York

845-339-3900

\$75.00 Per Room.

Hospitality Room Hosted
By The Ulster Detachment

Open To All Members

And Devil Dogs

**Monday
October 12, 2009**
Columbus Day

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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Believe it or not, our Annual Family Christmas Party is not that far away. The party this year will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 2009, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall, 730 Willis Ave., Williston Park. The cost this year is the same as last year; \$30.00 per person over the age of 12. More details will follow in subsequent newsletters but mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

Prior to our summer hiatus, at the June meeting, the question was raised about possibly changing the name of our detachment to the Douglas T. Jacobson Detachment.

Douglas T. Jacobson was a Port Washington resident who enlisted in the Corps in January 1943. After graduating from MCRD Parris Island he was assigned to the 4th MarDiv, with whom he participated in the Tinian, Marianas Island, Marshall Islands and Iwo Jima invasions. On February 26, 1945, during the Battle of Iwo Jima, he destroyed multiple enemy positions during fierce combat. For his actions on that day, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Research of what is required to change a detachment's name indicates that several prerequisites must be satisfied. (A) Surviving members of Mr. Jacobson's family have to be contacted and asked if they had any reservations or objection to their relative's name being used by the detachment. They would have to provide written authorization allowing us to use Mr. Jacobson's name. (B) The name change has to be put to a vote of the members and it must be approved by a majority of the members present at the vote. (C) An "Application for Detachment Name Change" must be submitted, along with the family's written approval to use Mr. Jacobson's name, through several subordinate channels, to the League's National Commandant for his final approval.

If you have an opinion regarding a name change for the detachment, come to the meetings and let's get the discussion started. Hell, come to the meetings even if you don't have an opinion! Our October meeting is **Thursday October 8th, 2009**. As usual, the doors (and the bar) open at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 PM. We'll see you there!

Congratulations to **Wilson Mead** who won the September 50/50, again! This is starting to become a habit Will!

MEMBER MILESTONES: OCTOBER 2009

Charlie Boyd enlisted in the Marine Corps 59 years ago on Oct. 25 1950. You old Corps Devil Dog!

Dennis Cummings celebrates his 4th anniversary in the League. Congratulations Dennis!

Stan Derby celebrates his birthday Oct. 6. Happy Birthday Stan!

Matt Falcone celebrates his 45th Wedding Anniversary Oct. 31. Congratulations to you and **Grace**!

Dominick Grosso celebrates his birthday Oct. 25. Happy Birthday Dom!

Rudy Jonak celebrates his 44th Wedding Anniversary Oct. 9 and his 6th anniversary as a member of the League. Congratulations to you and **Maria**!

Ed Knizewski celebrates his birthday Oct. 12. Happy Birthday Ed!

Charles Maloney enlisted in the Corps 67 years ago on Oct. 14, 1942. Another Old Corps Marine!

Wilson Mead enlisted in the Corps 35 years ago on Oct. 8, 1974. Wilson is also celebrating his 3rd anniversary in the League. I trust the dues are up to date?

Larry Smith enlisted in the Corps 59 years ago on Oct. 1, 1950. Can you still name your Drill Instructors?

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:

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novalleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations

11 October 1951: Transport helicopters flew a Marine battalion to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 of the enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

Quotable Quotes:

"We Marines are truly blessed. We get to enjoy the sweet taste of freedom because we know its price".

Marine veteran **John Chipura**, survivor of the 1983 Beirut bombing, a NYC Fireman, who wrote the above for the 225th Marine Corps birthday, 2000. He was later killed while responding to the terrorist attack, Sept. 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center, Tower 2.

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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