



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

**Support Your Detachment!**

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

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

Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

# MARINES!

Welcome aboard to our newest member, **John Destefan!**

John served in the Corps from February 1, 1981 till February 1, 1985. He served as an 0311 and 0331. He's married, lives in Queens Village and works for an airfreight company at Kennedy airport.

We are looking at attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps District's Marine Corps Birthday Ball again this year. It is being held at the Inn at New Hyde Park on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. At this time we don't know what the tickets will cost, but that should change by the time of our October meeting. But if you're interested in attending, let **Stan Derby** know ASAP so when the time comes to reserve tickets, he can get enough for everyone.

Stan also wants to remind all members to get him a copy of your DD 214 discharge papers if you haven't already done so. If the detachment has a copy on file and you or someone in your family needs a copy in the future, the detachment can provide a copy right away instead of you having to go through the headache of mailing away for it.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers, bank routing information or any personal and financial information over the phone to callers claiming to update, confirm, or verify VA-related information. VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone.

A veteran targeted by scammers alerted VA, saying that someone called claiming to be with the VA pharmacy and asking a lot of questions. The caller ID indicated that the incoming call was from **(888) 555-1234**. There are a number of scams associated with this number, and it's been reported that the callers will call repeatedly and become aggressive. They will claim to be a VA employee and say a medical card has expired and that the veteran must send a check for a certain dollar amount for a renewal.

## Up Coming Event



Marine Corps League  
Department Of New York  
Fall Staff Meeting  
OCT 7th - OCT 8th, 2009  
Best Western Sovereign  
Hotel

1228 Western Ave.

Albany, N.Y.

518-489-2981

\$75.00 Per Room.

### **Thursday October 13, 2011 Detachment Meeting**

2000 Hrs (8:00 PM)

Elks Lodge

30 Haven Ave.

Port Washington, N.Y.

Monday  
October 31, 2011

## Halloween

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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In other versions, the caller says that a bank account is listed on a public computer, and in order to get it removed, the caller needs to verify the veteran's bank information..

Be leery of any calls originating from this number. VA has not changed its process for dispensing prescriptions or for enrollment. Veterans with questions about VA services should call (877) 222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center.

**From the PFC William F. Moore Marine Corps Association:**

“October 23rd 2011 is the 28th anniversary of the cowardly terrorist attack on the United States Marines Barracks in Beirut Lebanon that took the lives of 220 Marines and 21 other servicemen. At 0622 hrs, Sunday morning 23 Oct. 1983 a large Mercedes truck charged into the Marine compound at Beirut's airport and crashed into the bottom floor of a four story concrete building where approximately 300 military personnel were quartered. The Kamikaze driver of this truck immediately detonated the vehicles cargo, which contained more then 12,000 tons of TNT.

It is that time once again that we gather to remember and reflect on those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for our country.

We invite you to join with us as we gather for this memorial service on 22 October 2011, 1200 (Noon) Saturday at the Pfc. William F Moore Park. Immediately following this memorial service we will once again go to the Mess Hall (Tony's Restaurant located at 45-18 104th Street Corona). The cost for the chow and refreshments will be \$40.00 per person.

The chow call is not mandatory, but if you know you will be attending it would be appreciated if you let either Jack or me know in advance so we can advise the Mess Sgt.

Col. Glenn J. Sadowski, 212-415-4480 Cell: 914-843-2983, Jack Casale Cell: 516-316-2406”

**\$673 Housing Stipend Now Available to Online Students**

Effective October 1, 2011, the Post-9/11 GI Bill pays a housing stipend to students enrolled solely in online classes. The stipend is half the national average of BAH for an E-5 with dependents – \$673.50 per month for 2011.

In addition, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides up to 100% Coverage of Tuition and Fees. Take the next step and find Schools with VA Approved Programs – It's important to compare school to find the one that best meets your specific needs.

## **MEMBER MILESTONES: DECEMBER 2007**

**Charlie Boyd** enlisted in the Marine Corps 61 years ago on Oct. 25 1950. You old Corps Devil Dog!

**Dennis Cummings** celebrates his 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the League. Congratulations Dennis!

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

**Matt Falcone** celebrates his 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Oct. 31. Congratulations to you and **Grace!**

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

**Rudy Jonak** celebrates his 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Oct. 9 and his 7<sup>th</sup> 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 69 years ago on Oct. 14, 1942. Another Old Corps Marine!

**Wilson Mead** enlisted in the Corps 37 years ago on Oct. 8, 1974. Wilson is also celebrating his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the League. I trust the dues are up to date?

**Larry Smith** enlisted in the Corps 61 years ago on Oct. 1, 1950. Can you still name your Drill Instructors?

**Lou Wirth** enlisted in the Corps 31 years ago on Oct. 23 1980. Quick, what's your 3<sup>rd</sup> General Order?

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 Novaleta, 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 Yang gu, 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 have two companies of Marines running all over this island and thousands of Army troops doing nothing!"*

**General John Vessey**, U.S. Army. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, relating to the invasion of Grenada

*Semper Fi*

*Tom*

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

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