



Finnegan's 411



September 2011



Up Coming Events



Monday
September 5, 2011
Labor Day.

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

Saturday
September 10, 2011
4th ANNUAL
VETERANS BRUNCH
10:00AM-12:00PM
Hicksville VFW Post
3211
320 South Broadway
Hicksville, New York
11801

Saturday
September 17, 2011
Pride In Port Parade
10:30 AM

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

Medal of Honor Recipient, 1945

Ahoy Leathernecks!

Summer vacations are coming to an end, as is our meeting hiatus. We will resume our normal meeting schedule on Thursday, September 8, 2011. As always we'll meet at the Port Washington Elks Lodge at 8:00 PM. But remember, the doors and the bar open at 7:30 in case you wish to enjoy a pre-meeting libation or two.

We'll be discussing upcoming events and plans for the rest of the year. Believe it or not, the 236th Marine Corps Birthday is only two months away. We need to start a discussion on where we want to celebrate this year.

As noted in the "Upcoming Events column on the right, Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt, Assemblyman Dave McDonough and Assemblyman Mike Montesano will be hosting the 4th annual Veterans Appreciation Brunch at the Hicksville VFW on September 10, 2011 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This event is open to all veterans, just bring your appetite and be prepared to meet some old friends and perhaps make some new ones.

The "Pride In Port" Parade will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17. The parade line up is at 10:30 behind Carlo's Pizza on Main St. We have once again been asked to supply a color guard. So if you are available for Color Guard duty that day attend the meeting and let us know. We had a good turn out last year so mark it on your calendar.

Our own Sgt at Arms, **Matty Falcone** will be installed as the Commander of the Manhasset American Legion. We have been invited to the ceremony, which takes place on Sept. 22, at the Swan Club. Cocktail hour 6:30 to 7:30, dinner and ceremony 7:30 to 11:30. The cost is \$35 per person and is being subsidized by the Legion. Please wear your red Marine Corps League blazer in order to show our support of Matt.

If you're planning to attend be prepared to pay Matty at our Sept. 8 meeting.

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

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While we didn't hold any meetings during July and August, we did have a few opportunities to get together.

The annual detachment potluck BBQ in July was outstanding party. From the tasty appetizers, salads, the different dishes everyone brought, to the hamburgers and hotdogs, no one could complain of going hungry. Many thanks to **John** and **Marilyn Bauman** for hosting the fete. And thank you everyone who attended and brought along his or her culinary talents.

We also enjoyed our annual Sunset cruise in August. With beautiful weather, which included calm seas, a terrific sunset and a full moon, delicious chow and plenty of beverages to slake any thirst, our boatload of passengers all had an outstanding time! Many thanks to Vice Commandant **Vinnie Annunziata** and Paymaster **Stan Derby** for making all the preparations, and **Dominick Grosso** for all the delicious salads, sandwiches and deserts. Together their efforts, coupled with the great weather insured that we all had what has come to be expected as an entertaining, enjoyable night out.

Thanks as well to all those members, spouses and friends who helped "behind the scenes". Your names may go unmentioned but your help and support of the detachment does not go unnoticed.

On a more somber note, **Jimmy Buatti** spent some more time in the hospital this past August. But the word is that he's home and recovering in fine Marine Corps fashion. Stay well Jim!

MEMBER MILESTONES: SEPTEMBER 2011

Victor Cannizzaro celebrates his 6th anniversary in the League. Congratulations Vic!

Mike Gregory enlisted in The Corps 68 years ago on Sept. 10, 1943. "Old Corps" to the bone!

Dominick Grosso celebrates his 13th anniversary in the League. Congratulations Dominick!

Clarence Jaye enlisted in the Corps 66 years ago on September 1, 1945. Another "Old Corps" Marine!

Bill Havron enlisted in the Corps on September 17th 1969. Quick, what's your sixth General Order?

Mike Kummer enlisted in The Corps 47 years ago on Sept. 10, 1964. Not *quite* as "Old Corps" as Mike Gregory but Marine through and through!

Jim O'Hara celebrates his 63rd *wedding* anniversary Sept. 25. Congratulations to you and the Missus!

Jim also enlisted in The Corps 68 years ago on Sept. 1, 1943, yet another "Old Corps" devil dog!

Tom Piccininni enlisted in The Corps 55 years ago on Sept. 20, 1956. Want to bet he still knows his rifle's serial number?

Rich Zoller celebrates his 49th wedding anniversary on Sept. 24. Congratulations to you and the Missus!

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:

2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians

Quotable Quotes:

"Marines have distinguished themselves by their bravery, and stubbornness and aggressive spirit, and sacrifice, and love of country, and loyalty to one another. They've done it for you and me, and this country we all love so dearly. They asked for nothing more than the honor of being a United States Marine.

That's why I like Marines!"

Speech by RADM **J. Stark**, USN, President of the Naval War College, on 10 Nov. 1995

Semper Fi

Tom

Good night Chesty, where ever you are!

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