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Message From The Commandant



Welcome to the New England Division's 4th Edition of the Laskey's Telegraph

We have made it through the Winter, and Spring is here! Finally some nice weather will be arriving shortly so we may host more activities outdoors and work with our communities. We had a great Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. We will be bringing some great motivating improvements to help strengthen our Mission. One way is the Marine Corps League will be taking a new path to a



stronger partnership with the Marine Corps Reserves and the Marine Corps Association. Both organizations had a change of command where the two Lieutenant Generals are eager to work with the Marine Corps League, T4T and the Young Marines for a strong future in our younger generation! Times are changing and

we need to adapt and strengthen our ranks.

It is going to be a busy year, but an educational enjoyable year! I look forward in seeing every

one again on weekend of April 22 for the Quad State Convention and the Division Conference. Then next event to come is the Department of Mass Convention, June 3-5, followed by the next weekend in June for the Department of Connecticut Convention. But a few of us have kicked it off a little early by attending the Ahern Foundation St. Patrick's Day Gala, which raised \$30k for the Fisher House Boston. Getting the Red Blazers out, we bring attention and having people asking who are they. The Marines have landed!



I hope you all enjoy the 4th edition of the Laskey's Telegraph. This was created for you to show what your Departments are doing, and what to look for in future events. Commandant's please take advantage of this, share your ideas, and pass this newsletter down to the Detachments! We still need to strengthen your communication chain so we may strengthen our ranks.

Semper Fi

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We are coming into convention season, we have Quad State, Department of Massachusetts, Department of Connecticut and finally National. If you have never been to one maybe it's time to give it a try. Start off small and local like Massachusetts Or Connecticut and then go bigger. The small ones are fun and National offers scenic vacation locations. This year it is in Daytona Beach. I will be there sporting my speedo to show off my dynamic Marine Corps Physique and be the envy of the league. You may want to attempt this as well. You may not look as good as me but people admire the effort. This is mine by



From The Editor

So this is our fourth edition, how are we doing? Are we getting better? Is there something you want to see? Criticism is always welcome and all of us being Marines it's something we usually don't have to ask for. . This issue will cover Quad State and the Conventions. There are some photos and information from mid winter, more movies, more history and survey on some activities you may want to do at the Department or Detachment level. If you have an idea or there is something you think others would like to see, please speak up we can't think

the way and just to make this clear, this is as close as this will get to my body, so this is a good opportunity to be the champion.

Walt Benson

CONNECTICUT

Improvise, Adapt and Overcome, that's what every Marine will tell you we do, and in Connecticut it seems that's all we have done since COVID, We have changed meetings, combined meetings, brought food back to the meetings and still struggled to move forward. But it wasn't just the league that struggled, the entire world struggled and now we are bouncing back and coincidentally "We are looking for a Few Good Marines" to lead the way.



We recently came back from the Mid Winter Conference, and to me it was a successful event. We heard some ideas on recruiting, information on protocol for Color Guard and Funeral Honors as well as the rules concerning Uniforms. Some Marines were given awards, others were given first aide, but a good time was had by all.

On a more serious note, David Rosa has decided he will not seek a second term as Department Commandant, so Pat McMahon will be seeking the nomination for the Job. I would like to have someone replace me as Adjutant /Paymaster, so that I may go on to try new things. I have been adjutant for 5 years and Paymaster for 4.

Going forward I think as we recover and come out of COVID we will seek to expand our membership, get more involved in the community and generally get back to business. I recently attended the Ahern Family Foundation's St. Patrick's Day Gala. There were 4 of us at the event and of course we were wearing our Red Blazers, and everyone knows you only really need one Marine to be a significant presence in the room. And we all stood at attention as the Hymn played, but at one point Dave Porter said to me it would be GREAT to come back here next year and have a sea of Red Jackets stand-

ing tall, people love to see Marines standing tall.

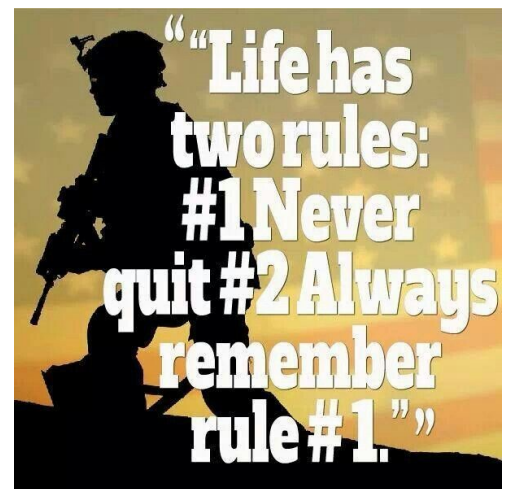
I personally would like to see this years Conventions be an anchor point and signify a new begin-



ning for all of us, where we can finally get out and do some of the things we used to do. Fundraising and performing acts in the community to promote the Marine Corps League, and become known in the community for the qualities we have always been known for, Improvising, Adapting, and to Overcome.

Semper Fi,

Walt Benson



MAINE

John (Jack) Nason, Vietnam War veteran and resident of Scarborough, Maine, was joined by family and friends, Southern Maine Detachment #1324 members and his Vet to Vet (V2VME) volunteers when he received a Quilt of Valor during Sunday services at Thornton Heights United Methodist Church, February 20, 2022.



Jack McKenna and Dave Close displaying the Quilt of Valor for Jack Nason

Nason was nominated to receive the Quilts of Valor Foundation quilt by Kathy Lavigne, the volunteer leader of the V2VME Caregiver Support Network. Lavigne asked friends Ed and Kathy Dyson of Hollis Center to create the quilt for Nason. The quilts are made to the exacting standards of the Foundation and are designed to endure many commercial washings.

Jack was born and raised in North Quincy, MA, and entered the USMC at 19 in July 1962. He graduated with Platoon 150 at Parris Island and after weapons training at Camp Geiger, returned to Camp Lejeune with the 6th Marines. He met his wife, Sally, in DC. Once married, she saw Jack on weekends the first year of their marriage. With nine months to go on his four year commitment and with a 10 day old baby, Jack received orders to go to Vietnam where his tour was extended to 13 months. In-country, he was attached to the 12th Marines with MOS 0351. While Sally returned to Maine with their baby girl, Jack was walking patrol on the Ho Chi Minh Trail outside Da Nang.

Jack completed his Marine service in October 1966 and returned to his family in Maine where he went to trade school and eventually retired with 38 years' service as Yard Clerk with Boston and Maine Railroad Portland Terminal (later Guilford Transportation) at Rigby Yard in South Portland, ME.

Jack became a V2VME participant after a 2017 stroke left him a quadriplegic. The organization matched

him with two trained volunteer peer companions, James Inglis of Scarborough, and Richard Robichaud of Westbrook, both of whom call and visit him regularly.

Today, Jack and Sally have three daughters and eight grandchildren. On August 1, they will celebrate 58 years of marriage.

For more information about how V2VME can make a difference in the life of a Maine veteran, contact Program Director Judie Alessi O'Malley at 207-579-4024.

Quilts of Valor is a national organization that employs volunteers to create quilts for veterans. For more information about the Quilts of Valor Foundation, contact Donna Brookings at 207-523-9322. Outside of Maine, view the organization's information at www.QOVF.org

Connie Harrison



Wife Sally Nason, Associate member: Connie Harrison, Marines: Dave Close, Walter Lamb, Jay McKenna and Patricia Larrabee and Jack Nason



New England Chief of Staff Larry Chretien awards PDD Charlie Paul the Maine Pack Dog of the Year award.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Department of Massachusetts has been very busy the past 6 months. New Iraq & Afghanistan Marines have been elected to senior leadership positions, and we have been working hard to effect change across the Department as well as get our Detachments back in full compliance.

Among our priorities are increased Detachment support, and membership recruitment efforts. The Department of Massachusetts currently sees an immediate need for public advertisement, and not just on a small scale. The Marine Corps League as a whole is not being seen by younger Marines and due to this, our current Marines are aging out with no replacements in sight. It's important for our older Marines to try and make more of an effort to meet and talk with today's recently discharged Marine as well.

Further, Western Massachusetts, unlike the more urban areas are suffering from lower membership and increased difficulty in recruitment, and so I believe these areas are in the most need of assistance. If this isn't corrected, the majority of Detachments will be in Central and Eastern Massachusetts. This cannot be allowed to happen.

Department of Massachusetts plans on discussing a substantial increase to our advertising line item at the Convention this year, for the likes of newspaper ads, radio spots and billboards. Today, the Department has offered to financially assist in recruitment advertisement for struggling Detachments if they come up with a plan of attack for advertising.

On the Department's website, we have added a Veterans Services section that seeks to inform Marines of all the benefits they may be entitled to, both on the state and federal level. Also in the works is a Detachment locator tool that will assist prospective new members to find a Detachment close to them.



Department of Massachusetts is also paying for one night's stay at the convention for each Detachment in the hopes of increasing turnout. Key speakers are The Veterans Administration, and they will be on hand to staff an information table and give a presentation on healthcare benefits, while the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services District will have an information table and give a presentation on Veterans Disability Compensation benefits as well as State Veterans benefits.

Right now, we are working our way down a list of goals in order of precedence, and we hope to be able to contribute more to this newsletter in the future once we have a volunteer for the position.

We are a non-profit organization whose officers are all volunteers and contributions are used to assist other Marines, further the brotherhood, and honor our fallen brothers and sisters. We are registered as a 501(c)(4) not for profit corporation with a special group exemption number GEN-0955 since July of 1946. This special exemption from federal income tax also allows contributions made to us to be deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 23(o) and (q) of the Internal Revenue Code. An IRS letter 99-1035, dated November 29, 1998 further recognizes this special exemption GEN-0955.

Feel The Spirit Again

Semper Fidelis

Brian Brook
Commandant
Department of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS

Marine Corps League , Department of Massachusetts



Raffle 2020–2021

Colt 1911 model 45 (ACP), layered in 24 kt gold plate, completely engraved frame, and slide, with a scroll design highlighted with unique classic panel bounded Ivory Scrimshaw custom grips. This is an exquisite pistol or \$1500.00. Be sure and check your State and Local regulations to be sure this firearm is legal in your State.



**Tickets are \$20.00 each, only 500 Tickets will be sold .
Proceeds will benefit our Veterans and scholarships programs.**

**Drawing will be conducted at the MCL Quad State Convention in Rhode Island
A Federal Firearms License (FFL) transfer dealer is required for the transfer of firearms ownership between individuals. All FFL requirements apply. Raffle winners should either have an FFL or find an FFL dealer in their local area to receive and manage the transfer of the item for them. This typically means the raffle winner must contact your local FFL transfer dealer to make arrangements for the transfer.**

Contact David Porter or Terri Laskey for Tickets

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

MEMORIAL DAY. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?



Memorial Day. What is it all about? It is a time that we reflect and honor those who have died in the defense of our country and also those who have

passed on that served our great nation.

On Monday May 30th of this year the Marine Corps League will be the hosts to the ceremony held at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. The Governor of NH and many State Senators and Representatives will be on hand to deliver heart felt speeches of the admiration and respect that they have for Veterans who have come forth from many different New Hampshire communities to take on the responsibility of defending our nation.



Some would say that words have little meaning, however, imagine if no one took the time or initiative to say those words. How would we view those enormous sacrifices that

many have been subjected to without the validation of our peers?

It is also important to instill in our youth the need to be ever vigilant about world affairs. There is a need to remind them about the history of the wars that the United States has been involved in and why they were fought. Only then can they become active intelligent



participants in discussions to either proceed with war or, more importantly, find more peaceful solutions.

Memorial Day was established to honor our military members who have served our country and given of themselves. The Marine Corps League believes that there is no greater honor than providing a fitting ceremony for their sacrifice.

Accordingly, the Department of New Hampshire will provide an appropriate firing detail and playing of taps in memorial of those who have served and given of themselves to defend our values and this life experience that we call freedom

RHODE ISLAND



US Young Marines

Today, we begin a six-week feature of the Division Unit of this years winners with Division1, Rhode Island Young marines (@riyoungmarines) from Cranston, Rhode Island.

“It’s very rewarding to watch children join the Young Marines then grow, learn and mature into young adults who have gone on to become Ivy League College students, NICU nurses, and military members” said Wayne Hamilton, adult volunteer with Rhode Island Young Marines. “Knowing that we play a part in helping Young Marines learn teamwork, leadership, and discipline is important, but what truly makes this program special is watching them learn self-reliance, gain a sense of self worth, confidence, and self respect.”



QUAD STATE

The Department of Rhode Island wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

The Department of Rhode Island will be holding an open house on 30 January. The purpose, we hope anyway, is to have potential members come and learn a little bit about the League. Emails have been sent out to reserve the date and thus far we have received positive feedback. We have learned that during fundraisers such as rose collections that people would like to hear more but the timing is not good for them, our rose collections are held at local supermarkets and people seem pressed for time. With having the open house they can come and hear some points that will be made and it gives them an opportunity to ask questions in a more relaxed environment and not feel rushed. We will also have some food and drinks for the visitors hoping they will hang around and engage in conversation.

Hope to see everyone at Quad State in April.

Go to rimcl.org

EVENT NOTICE

ACCOMMODATIONS / ROOM RATE

Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI; Reservations can be made via email at reservations@crownhotelwarwick.com, online at www.crowneplazawarwick.com or via telephone at 401-732-6000 or 800-227-6963 Code: QSM \$129.00 per night which includes on-site parking and breakfast for all registered guests. Taxes are not included.

The rate will be extended from Thursday night April 21, 2022

Deadline for reservations - March 24, 2022

Any questions or concerns please contact our event coordinator Jean Cassiere at jeanc3@cox.net

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Requesting \$50 from each of the New England Departments to supply snacks, beer, wine, soda and water.

Pay online or via USPS. See Instructions below.

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

Grand Growl on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 1900

Due to shut down time of 2200 the Growl will start promptly at 1900 and all late dogs will be assessed a fine of 5 big bones

1830 passport stamp table will be set up outside the doghouse —1 Passport Bone and 1 Bone for showing up . Dogs coming in to gather for the Grand Growl only will be charged a registration fee of 1 Bog Bone and 4 Big Bones for not staying. The Quad State Convention registration fee of \$25 is waived.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS/CHAPLAINS

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Please send a list of members that have passed since the last Division Conference/Quad State Convention for the memorial to Jane Deptula at janie.deptula@gmail.com

CONVENTION AD / MESSAGE BOOK

Consider placing an ad on behalf of your department, detachment or a message for your loved one All ads/messages should be emailed or mailed to: Patrick Maguire at rijarhead3533@gmail.com
Cost: Quarter Page - \$50 B/W \$75 Color Half Page- \$80 B/W \$100 Color Full Page- \$150 B/W \$175 Color Back Cover \$225 Deadline: April 1, 2022
Pay online or via USPS. See Instructions below.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Electronic Payment through our website rimcl.org and selecting the Quad State Link
USPS - Send completed form with checks made payable to RIMCL. Mail to Patrick Maguire at 11 Hickory Road, Coventry, RI 02816.

DINNER OPTIONS

Friday Night - - Rhode Island Themed Dinner - -

Cost \$30 / person Total Attending: _____

Rhode Island Clam Chowder with Clam Cakes

Fish and Chips in Baskets

Italian Grinders and Homemade Potato Chip Station

Boston Crème Pie

Saturday Night - - Plated Dinner - - Cost \$55 / person

Total Attending: _____

Garden Salad with a choice of

Boneless Breast of Chicken with Sage and Apple

Stuffing in a Merlot Sauce - Total _____

Baked New England Scrod in a Lemon Herb Sauce

- Total _____

Mushroom Ravioli - Total _____

Potato, Vegetable, Rolls

Cheesecake with Coffee and Tea

Attendees with dietary issues please contact Jean Cassiere at jeanc3@cox.net or cell (401)934-0464

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MID WINTER CONFERENCE NORFOLK VIRGINIA

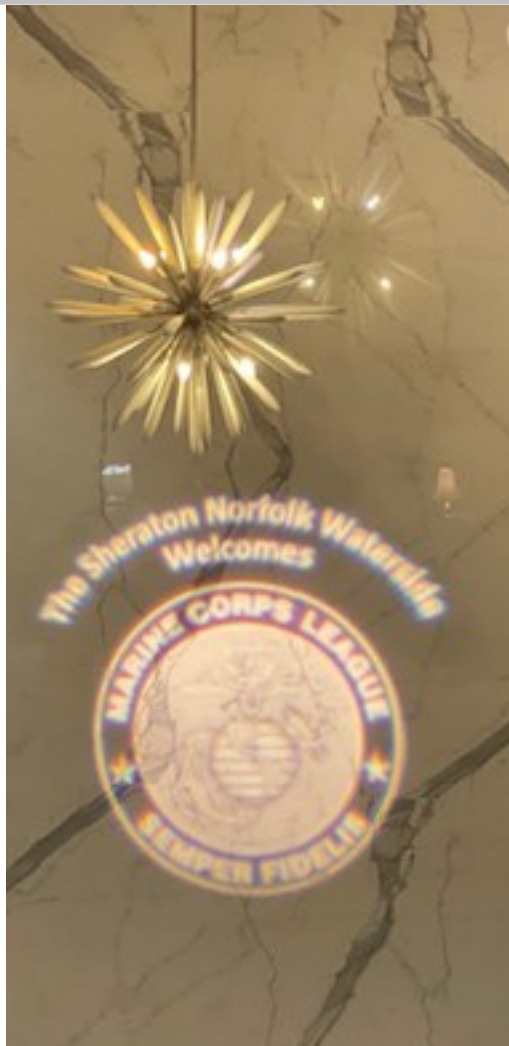
Greetings Marines,

If you didn't attend the Mid-Winter Conference in Virginia, you missed a good time. The Conference began with A memorial service for those we have lost since the National Convention. There were two days of all types of information to absorb. To highlight some of it, the Junior Vice gave a report on recruiting, which really surprised me. On a National level we recruit between 6,000 and 8,000 members annually, and to me that begs the question as to why are we not a much bigger organization? I look back to my own experience when I joined and I arrived turned in my paperwork and dues, got sworn in and sat there watching the clock to see when I could leave. People were nice, they smiled and shook my hand but I was bored to death, I had no purpose, no reason to be there. That was the suggestion of the Jr. Vice, give them purpose. Give them a job and I have to admit when I did my first event my attitude changed and this wasn't bad anymore. So the Marine Corps league is actively recruiting and when they come it is our job to hold on to them.

Bob Borke and J. D gave a presentation on the Atlas. This presentation will be made to all dept. Paymasters at the Quad State.

Registration for the Convention will open on April first, and I can't wait to get to Daytona. How about you? There will be many places to see and visit, including the Speedway and St. Augustine.

There were presentations of Uniforms and what can and cannot be worn. As well as proper etiquette for Color Guards and Funeral Honors. There were presentations made Toys 4 Tots, The Young Marines, The MCL



Foundation, The Chapel of The Four Chaplins and Convention update. There was a performance by David Bray a Navy Corpsman and a speech by Marine/Author Christina Hadwin Zuniga about her journey after she left the Corps.

There were some words from General Gray, The 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps. A presentation for the Marine for Life program and a presentation from Cards for recruits / Semper Toons with a card pictured below which is available from Gunny in an 11 by 14 print for sale or free if you sign up to sponsor cards for recruits.

Of course there were some words from the Commandant, and some more from The Chief. There were some awards, some celebrations, a mini Growl and then there was the Banquet. But prior to the banquet is a favorite part of the evening, the Attitude Adjustment portion of the evening. Then a short nights sleep, a long ride home and a new attitude filled with motivation to engage in a new mission.

Walt Benson



MID WINTER CONFERENCE NORFOLK VIRGINIA



Sonny & Cher
Tony Orlando & Dawn
Ike & Tina Turner
The Village people
Simon & Garfunkel
And More



PCDD Bill Taylor & PCDD Doug Fisk



Walt Benson, Dave Rosa, and Larry Chretien



Commandant Baker Presents Jane Deptula with
 The Distinguished Citizen Gold Award



The Department of Rhode Island
 Mid Winter Banquet



The New England Division
 Mid Winter Banquet

MID WINTER CONFERENCE NORFOLK VIRGINIA



General Al Gray
29th Commandant of The Marine Corps
1987 to 1991

JR and Pat Maguire



Peter King, Dave Porter, Larry Chretien, and Walt Benson



Dave Rosa

Peter King, Larry Chretien, and Walt Benson

MARINES & MOVIES

Hello Marines, this is something new we will publish every issue until we are done, but the list is thirteen pages so we are going to be reviewing these for a while. I saw something like this in the Housatonic Detachment Newsletter, and I did some research and came up with this, so thank you Rich Daigle. The links for the movies themselves work and will take you to information about the film in Wikipedia. You will notice not all are Movies some are films created by

<i>The Great Santini</i>	Lewis John Carlino	Robert Duvall	Based on the novel of the same name, Marine fighter pilot LtCol Wilbur Meechum juggles success as an aviator with his failures as a father and husband. His son Ben's struggle to win his father's acceptance mirrors the author Pat Conroy's relationship with his father, Donald.	1979	
<i>Guadalcanal Diary</i>	Lewis Seiler	Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan	The film, based on the book of the same name by Richard Tregaskis, recounts the United States Marines in the Battle of Guadalcanal, only a year before the movie's release.	1943	
<i>Gung Ho!</i>	Ray Enright	Randolph Scott	The story is loosely based on the Makin Island raid in 1942. Led by LtCol Thorwald (based on Evans Carlson), the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion gathers volunteers for a mission to divert Japanese attention from the landings at Guadalcanal and Tulagi. Launching from the submarines USS <i>Nautilus</i> and <i>Argonaut</i> , they land on Makin and destroy the Japanese garrison.	1943	
<i>Halls of Montezuma</i>	Lewis Milestone	Richard Widmark	The film follows Lt Anderson and his Marines from the beach of an unidentified island (possibly Saipan) to a Japanese rocket site through enemy-infested jungles. Anderson, an ex-school teacher, struggles with the responsibilities he holds, but ultimately overcomes and leads his remaining men to victory.	1951	
<i>Heartbreak Ridge</i>	Clint Eastwood	Clint Eastwood	This film follows GySgt Tom Highway, a Medal of Honor recipient who is nearing retirement as he returns to an infantry unit. He's placed in charge of the unruly and undertrained reconnaissance platoon. He unifies and trains his men despite the disapproval of his unit commander, who dislikes the "dinosaur" Highway and deliberately neglects the recon platoon, and leads them during the 1983 Invasion of Grenada. Highway also attempt to reconnect with his ex-wife Aggie, who bitterly resents their failed marriage, and is ultimately successful.	1986	
<i>Heaven Knows Mr. Allison</i>	John Huston	Robert Mitchum, Deborah Kerr	A marine and a nun form an unlikely friendship. The marine is shipwrecked on a Pacific island and the nun has been left behind there; the two come to rely on one another's support as they evade the Japanese.	1957	Nominated for 2 Oscars
<i>Here Come the Marines</i>	William Beaudine	Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Hanley Stafford	In this slapstick comedy, <i>The Bowery Boys</i> get drafted. On the first day of training, Sach becomes a sergeant due to a family connection. While on the drill field, they discover the body of a dead Marine, and trace the murder back to a local gambling ring. They engage in some humorous fisticuffs, and break up the illicit gang.	1952	
<i>Jarhead</i>	Sam Mendes	Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx	Based on the memoir by Anthony Swofford, this film depicts his experiences as a Marine Scout Sniper during the Gulf War. Goaded by SSgt Sykes into becoming a sniper, Swofford develops an obsession with the concept of the perfect shot. As the unit deploys to Saudi Arabia, they become frustrated with boredom, monotony, anxiety, and act out; one incident involving moonshine and a fire gets Swofford demoted. As the war finally starts, an artillery bombardment, friendly fire incident, and walk past the Highway of Death unsettle the Marines. Swofford and his spotter finally receive a sniper mission, but are denied permission to fire at the last moment. When they return to their unit, they find the war is over, having never fired a shot.	2005	Gyllenhaal received an award for his role in this and two other films.
<i>Major Payne</i>	Nick Castle	Damon Wayans	This comedy follows the life of Maj Payne, a recently discharged Marine, who decides to take charge of a disorderly high school cadet corps in an attempt to regain active Marine status. He clashes with a school counselor who attempts to soften his harsh disciplinary ways. Initially unpopular, Payne inspires the young troops to win the Virginia Military Games by turning down an opportunity to return to the Corps in favor of staying with the group.	1995	

MARINES & MOVIES

<i>The Marines Are Coming</i>	David Howard	William Haines, Conrad Nagel, Esther Ralston	A brash marine is assigned to a new post which is now under the command of his former rival. The marine falls in love with his commanding officer's fiancée and romances her away from him. The day before their wedding, the fiancée calls it off after the marine is involved with an incident in Tijuana. The fiancée leaves for Central America to join her father, who is a diplomat, and the disgraced marine quits but re-enlists as a private. Assigned to a post in Central America, the marine discovers he must rescue his rival, who has been captured by the rebels plotting to overthrow the territorial governor, her former fiancée's father.	1934	
<i>The Marines Fly High</i>	George Nicholls, Jr. and Ben Stoloff	Richard Dix, Chester Morris, Lucille Ball	In 1939, the Central American cocoa plantation owned by American Joan Grant (Lucille Ball) needs protection from bandits led by El Vengador (John Eldredge). She asks the Marines stationed nearby under the command of Colonel Hill (Paul Harvey) for help. Lieutenants Danny Darrick (Richard Dix) and Jim Malone (Chester Morris) fly a mission to seek out the outlaws. Although they have orders to protect her, both men vie for Joan's affection.	1940	
<i>Marines, Let's Go</i>	Raoul Walsh	Tom Tryon, David Hedison	This slapstick follows a group of Marines on shore leave in Japan, which subsequently get cancelled due to the outbreak of the Korean War.	1961	
<i>The Outsider</i>	Delbert Mann	Tony Curtis	Follows the story of Ira Hayes, who fights in World War II and helps to raise the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima.	1961	
<i>The Pacific</i>	multiple	Joseph Mazzello, Jon Seda, James Badge Dale, William Sadler	In a manner similar to its sister production <i>Band of Brothers</i> , the 10-episode miniseries follows Marines in the Pacific Theater of Operations. It is primarily based upon the stories of John Basilone, Eugene Sledge (<i>With the Old Breed</i>), and Robert Leckie (<i>Helmet for My Pillow</i>).	2010	
<i>Pride of the Marines</i>	Delmer Daves	John Garfield, Eleanor Parker	This biographical film tells the story of Al Schmid's heroic stand against a Japanese attack during the Battle of Guadalcanal, in which he was blinded by a grenade, and his subsequent rehabilitation.	1945	
<i>Retreat, Hell!</i>	Joseph H. Lewis	Frank Lovejoy, Richard Carlson, Peter J. Ortiz	Detailing the 1st Marine Division in the Korean War, this film ranges from the landings at Inchon to the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Warner Bros. proposed the film during the latter battle.	1952	
<i>Rules of Engagement</i>	William Friedkin	Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson	This legal drama depicts the court-martial of Colonel Terry Childers and his defense attorney, Colonel Hays Hodges. After defending the American embassy in Yemen in which 83 civilians are killed, the court martial hinges on if Childers broke the eponymous rules of engagement. After proving that the National Security Advisor destroyed evidence, as well as recanting an incident in the Vietnam War where Childers executed a man to save Hodges, Childers is found not guilty.	2000	The lead writer, Jim Webb, is a noted author, former Secretary of the Navy, and former United States Senator from Virginia.
<i>Salute to the Marines</i>	S. Sylvan Simon	Wallace Beery	Retired SgtMaj William Bailey leads a heroic defense when the Japanese attack the Philippines, first by strangling a Nazi agent and then dies in his dress uniform while destroying a bridge.	1943	
<i>Sands of Iwo Jima</i>	Allan Dwan	John Wayne, John Agar, many notable Marines	This epic film depicts Sgt John Stryker and Pvt Peter Conway through the Battles of Tarawa and Iwo Jima. Initially disliking their squad leader, the Marines gradually grow to respect him, eventually finding an emotional letter written to his son after his death.	1949	The first recorded use of the phrase "lock and load". President Harry S. Truman referred to this film when saying that the Corps had a "propaganda machine bigger than Joseph Stalin's".

NEXT ISSUE WE WILL START WITH : The Great Santini, Guadal Canal Diary, Heaven Knows Mr. Alison and More. Maybe we can come up with some other areas where Marines have dominated.

"To find us you must be good,

to catch us you must be fast,

to beat us you must be kidding" *Semper Fi*



SCRATCHINGS FROM THE DOGS

KENNEL WOG

Spring 2022

**Growlings from the 59th Chief Devil Dog
CDD Tom Hazlett**

Woof-Woof and hurry up Spring and get here! I first wish to convey to the Order how much I appreciate the Pounds and Packs that have continued to hold Growls, Fundraisers, and conduct business. This has been an extremely trying year for many of us. We have had to say goodbye to many

Dogs from the Order, close to 100 NOD's have been logged in since last August. Many of our Members contracted one or more of the COVID versions and I would imagine it is not over yet. I do ask that you take precautions and ask that you please be safe.



If you were at the Mid-Winter Conference and Mini-Growl this year in Norfolk, you were treated to some outstanding entertainment from the likes of The Village People, Sonny and Cher, Madonna, Tina Turner, and many other top-notch entertainers.

Of course, they were not really present, but the Dogs and MCL Members who were not Dogs portrayed them and put on a great show; the best part was the 2,600 Big Bones raised for the Children's Hospital. A special thanks to Angie Maness, Victoria McCoy, Sal Alphabet (Cenicacelaya), Audrea Killalea, Lisa Solarczyk, Jim Ransom and many others; a very special thanks to National Commandant/PDD Johnny Baker for his coming out of the closet performance which anyone who heard it, is probably still suffering from shell-shock. In all it was a great evening of fun and I wish to thank everyone in attendance who really broke out the Big Bones for the Kids. PDD Leonard Stielper, you are a very warm and generous human (regardless of what others might say) and you continue to amaze me with you very generous donations. The 600 Big Bones you donated to hear Johnny Baker sing was amazing. I hope you remembered to turn your hearing aids back on following his performance. PDD Baker, you alone raised over 1100 Big Bones! Thank You Sir Commandant!

SPRING 2022 WOG

Where is that groundhog? And Where is Spring?

Neither seems like they are getting here any time soon! But you know what is? That's right, the Spring Woof -O- Gram.

The new WOG is out, download your copy today and check it out. Or if your looking for our other publications or previous WOG's you can find them [here](#).

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MARINE FOR LIFE HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

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HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



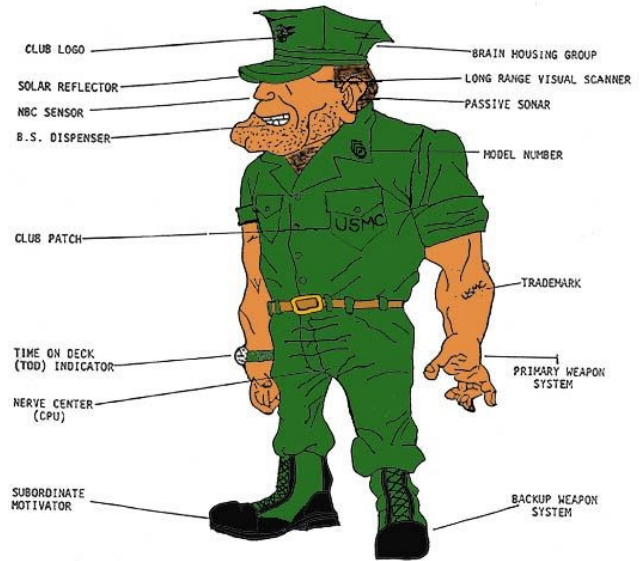
This is the Moment That You Realize...

MARINE



Photo Taken By LCpl Jericho W. Crutcher

That He Doesn't Care What Your Recruiter Told You! Grunt.com



An Irishman goes into a bar in America and orders three whiskeys. The barman asks: "Would it be better for if I put all three shots in one glass?"

The Irishman replies: "No! I have two other brothers back at home, so every time I come into a pub, I order a shot for them both."

This goes on for several weeks, every time the guy come I he orders three shots. Then after several weeks the Irishman orders just two whiskeys.

The barman asks: "Did something happen one of your brothers?" "Oh no," replies the Irishman. "I just decided to quit drinking!"



A Navy Seal, a Green Beret, and a Marine infantryman are killed in a training accident and go to Heaven.

All three approach God, who is sitting on His throne. He motions to the Seal, and asks "What are your beliefs?"

The Seal snaps to attention and says "God and Country!" God smiles, pleased with his loyalty, and says, "You may sit at My right hand."

God then looks at the Green Beret and asks, "What are your beliefs?"

The Green Berets salutes and says, "To free the oppressed!"

God smiles again, pleased with his devotion, and says, "You may sit at My left hand."

He then looks at the Marine and repeats, "What are your beliefs?"

The Marine looks at the Navy Seal, looks at the Green Beret, the looks God straight in the eye and says, "I believe you're in my seat..."

John E. "Jack" Savage
August 25 1944 – March 27, 2022

John E. "Jack" Savage, 77, beloved husband of Marie (Martinelli) Savage, of Southington passed away on March 27, 2022 at Hartford Hospital with family by his side.



He was born to the late John J. and Dorothy (Taylor) Savage on August 25, 1944 and was a lifelong resident of Southington and a parishioner of St. Dominic Church. Jack proudly served our country as a Sergeant in the United States Marine

Corps before his honorable discharge in 1967. He was a member and Past Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Hardware City Detachment where he was recognized as Marine of the Year in 2018 and served on the honor squad. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and recognized as Pack Dog of the Year in 2016. Jack retired from Pratt & Whitney after 38 years as a machinist.

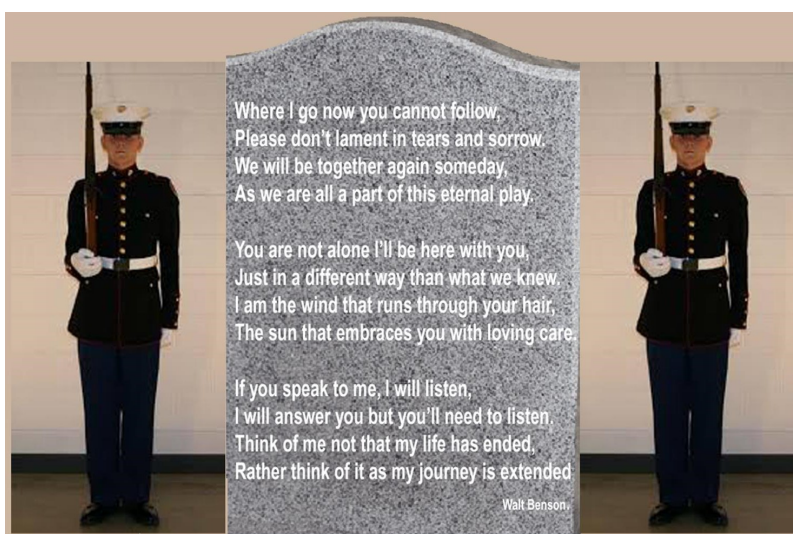
He was a long-time fan of the Boston Red Sox, UConn basketball and golf. Jack greatly enjoyed his granddaughter's singing and her many wonderful musical per-

formances. In addition to Marie, his wife of 52 years, Jack is survived by his son: Kevin Savage and his wife Lisa of Glastonbury; daughter: Jennifer Kelley and her husband Ed of Florida; granddaughter Lauren Savage of Glastonbury; step-grandson: Jordan Kelley; brother: Roger Savage and his wife Eva of North Branford; brothers-in-law: John Martinelli and Ray Silano; sisters-in-law: Cathy Martinelli and Carole Silano; and several

nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the surgical team and ICU staff at Hartford Hospital for their support and compassionate care. Calling hours for Jack will be held Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Della Vecchia Funeral Home, 211 North Main Street, Southington. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Monday, April 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic

Church, 1050 Flanders Road, Southington. He will be buried with full military honors at South End Cemetery, Plantsville.

Brendan Boyle
 Chaplain
 Hardware City
 Detachment
 860-948-0479



**Leroy Elmer Peasley Sr.
February 16, 1924 – January 28, 2022**

ROCKLAND -

Leroy Elmer “Roy” Peasley, Sr., passed away comfortably on January 28, 2022, at age 97 in Rockport, Maine. Roy was born February 16, 1924 in Rockland, Maine. He spent his early years in Rockland and Swan’s Island and moved when he was eight to the Bath

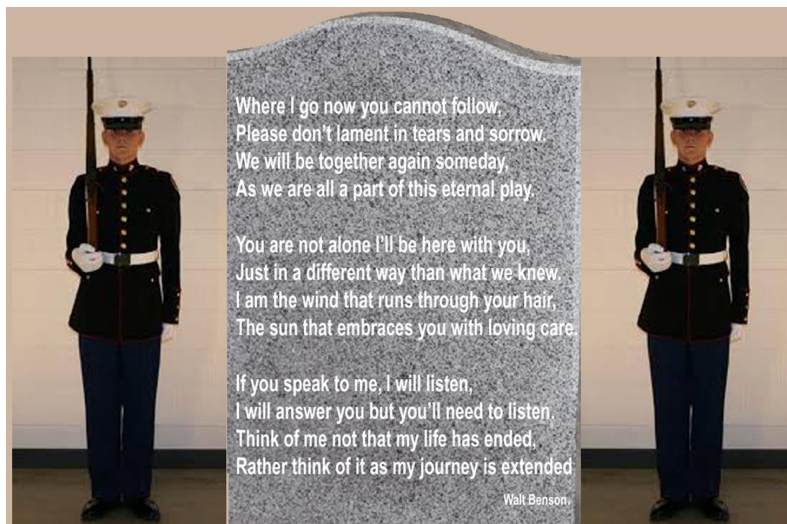


Even after his retirement from teaching, he continued to substitute teach as long as his health would allow, forming a special connection with many students over the years, especially at the Appleton Village School. In his retirement, he enjoyed many Boston sports teams victories, especially the

Children’s Home. He attended Morse High School, ultimately graduating in 1946, but entered the Marine Corps on January 7, 1943, an act which defined and influenced the rest of his life. In the Marines Roy served in the Third Marine Division. As an 18-year-old PFC he was chosen to guard President Franklin Roosevelt at Camp Shangri-La (now Camp David) in 1943. After experiencing combat on Guam in 1944, was at the battle of Iwo Jima at age 21 in 1945 and his troop ship, the USS

New England Patriots. Among the highlights of his later years were two trips to Washington, DC with his good friend Kevin Bunker, one as an official delegate of Honor Flight Maine and one they later took together to see the Marine Corps Museum and his old barracks at 8th and I. Upon visiting the latter, the Marines there treated him as one of their own and even let him into a restricted area to see where he had stayed back in 1943. Wherever Roy went, he got that treatment. People of all walks of life re-

sponded to the genuine joy he took in his life and country.
Callaway, was responsible for the medical evacuation of hundreds of Marines. Roy made it back to America and left the Marines on January 1, 1946



sponded to the genuine joy he took in his life and country.

**Semper Fi
Charlie Paul,
Commandant,
Central Maine
Detachment 810
Marine Corps League**

**Joseph S “Poppy” Piczko Jr.,
February 16, 1924 – January 28, 2022**

Joseph S “Poppy” Piczko Jr., age 85, passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 with his loving family by his side. Joe was born in Bridgeport on November 13, 1936. Joe was the son of the late Joseph Piczko Sr. and Carmella Ferrentino, as well as, stepmom, Sophie Piczko. He was a loving and devoted husband to Joanne (Mantenuti) Piczko for 61 years.

Joe served from 1956-1959 in the United States Marine Corps. He was a retired employee of the Southern CT Gas Company for over 42 years. Joe was a member of the Marine Corps League Housatonic Detachment #1129 of Stratford Ct.

He was a loyal fan of the NY Giants and NY Yankees along with UConn Women’s Basketball. In his spare time, he focused on perfecting his artistic painting skills, which he displayed throughout their home. He was a perfectionist and detailed oriented in everything he did. Poppy never missed an opportunity to see what his grandchildren achieved in their life. He was one of the founders of the Tornados Jr Drum & Bugle Corps, which his daughters were members. Survivors include, his loving wife Joanne, daughters Kimberly Ann Piczko of Derby, Pamela and her husband Lenny Grzegowski of Stratford. Grandfa-

ther to Anthony and Steven Grzegowski, Kayla and Klye Piczko.



Also survived by sister-in-law, Carol Pickzo and stepsister, Linda Murasky of Colchester, stepsister, Pat and (Hugh) Lenahan of Stratford, Anita and (Edward) Vitka of Stratford, two endeared cousins, Lucille Piccirillo and JoAnn Wirth, who he held a very close bond with throughout their lives.

Also, a cousin, Anthony Ferrentino of Florida, who will remember his dancing moves, and

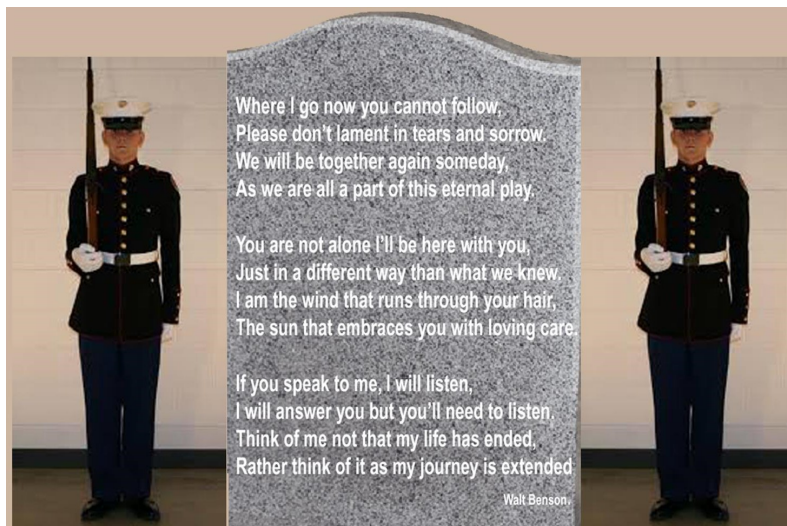
several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a loving brother, Steven Piczko, who never left each other’s side. Also Predeceased by his stepsisters, Sonia Powers, Jeannie Woods and stepbrother, Walter Murasky along with several aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. DIRECTLY in Holy Cross Church, 750 Tahmore Dr., Fairfield. Interment will follow in Lawncroft Cemetery, Fairfield.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a walk-through visitation on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to

7:00 pm in the Parente-Lauro Funeral Home 559 Washington Ave., Bridgeport. Face masks and social distancing will be required. To sign an online guest book or to send private condolences, please visit

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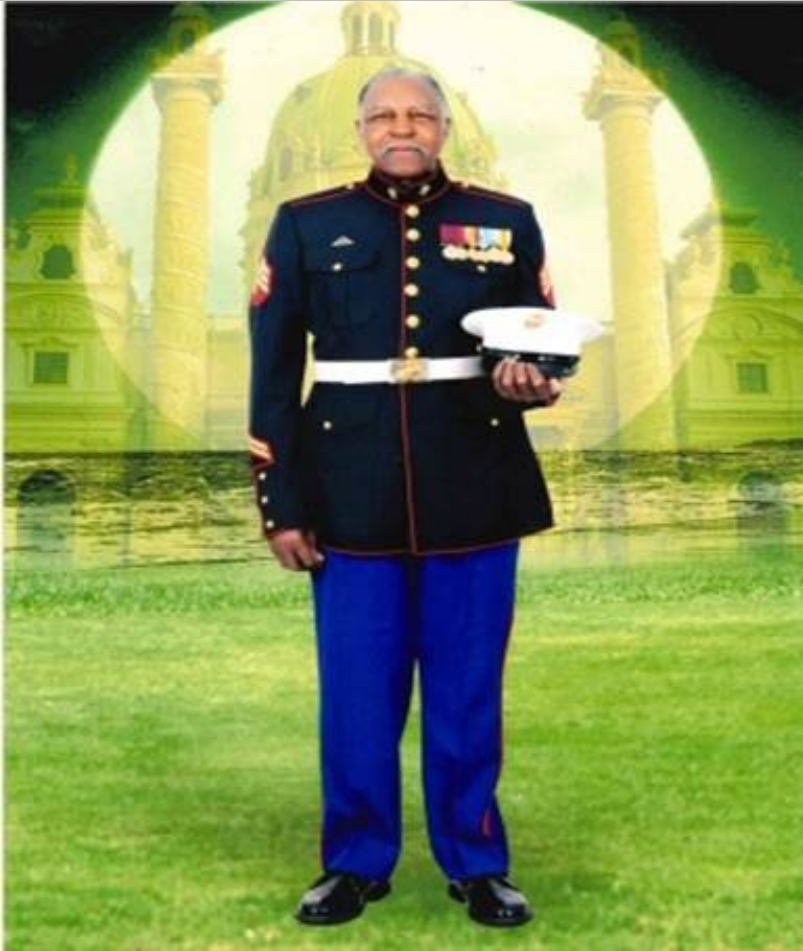
Leroy Pittman, Jr. of Hartford, CT, departed this life on Friday, February 4, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Hartford on June 27, 1930, to the late Leroy Pittman, Sr. and Mary (Harris) Pittman. He was one of eight sons. He was the third child from a family of 13 children.

He attended Arsenal School and Weaver High School. He enlisted in the United States Marines at the age of 17. He was stationed in North Carolina at Montford Point. Leroy was a proud Black Marine. He was active with the Montford Point Marine Association. He was a Prince Hall Mason and a Shriner. He was a licensed pilot and had his own airplane. He was a world traveler.

Leroy worked for the Hartford Police Department and retired as a detective with 25 years of service. He also worked as a probation officer with the State of Connecticut Juveniles Court Division. He retired with 25 years of service. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven, and his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts. He received his early Christian Education at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Hartford Under the pastorate of the late Rev. Goode S. Clark.

Leroy is survived by his wife, Nancy Pittman, four sons, two sisters, 6 stepchildren, two brothers, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

I had the pleasure and honor of working with Leroy on the Military Funeral Honors Detail for nineteen years. During that time, Leroy has rendered Honors to 800 veterans throughout



the State, when they were laid to rest. The last time that Leroy rendered Honors to a Veteran at the cemetery was December 30th. Leroy was not feeling well during that time period, but he would never refuse honoring a fellow Vet.

As many Marine Vet's already know, I had the pleasure of meeting Leroy in 1957...I was only nine years old and had recently joined the Hartford Police Athletic League (PAL), and Leroy was a counselor for the kids. The PAL was holding swimming lessons for the kids that

couldn't swim. Leroy had walked up to me and asked if I wanted to learn how to swim? Of course, I said "yes". Without blinking an eye, Leroy picked me up and threw me in the pool. Naturally, he dove in and pulled me out and stood next to me on the side of the pool. He asked me if I still wanted to learn.... again, I said, "yes". In a split second he had picked me up and tossed me back in the pool. Again, he dove in and pulled me out. He stood by my side and asked me if I still wanted to swim and without thinking...I said yes. This time when I hit the bottom of the pool, I was smart enough to kick myself off the bottom of the pool, started thrashing around and stayed afloat this time. I looked around, and there was Leroy standing by the pool, watching me, with that big smile of his. I hope that Leroy never stops watching over me.

Sal Sena

DIVISION RECRUITING

I Just came back from the mid winter conference in Norfolk VA. When they spoke about recruiting and they went over the numbers I was really impressed with the number of members we recruit, but the real questions are, How many do we keep? And how do we keep them? Well if they come to a meeting and a dozen people shake their hand and then let them sit there, they won't be staying. They need to become involved, Give them a job or assignment. Once I became involved in an event I was much happier being here.

Another thing that affect more than just new members, is what do we do as a group. Most of the younger members have families and they want to be around their kids and significant other. What do we offer in this capacity? I put a survey in the CT., Newsletter last month and I am going to put it here. What activities would you like to see incorporated at your Detachment Level, Your Department Level, or your Division? The Detachments will have an easier time with this than the others but there is no reason we cannot find an event to appeal to everyone and include members families. Her is a list Tell us what you think. Send back our Detachment and an activity you would like to see:

We would like to Know what activities could we put together that would be fun and get members to attend and enjoy the Camaraderie of spending time with other Marines. Some could be added to activities we already do or they could be separate, stand alone events. Please email me your choices from this list or any you would like that are not on this list.

- 1.) Softball or Whiffle Ball Games
- 2.) Picnics
- 3.) Golf Outings or Tournaments
- 4.) Trips Local or Travel
- 5.) Awards Dinners (Banquets)
- 6.) Christmas Parties
- 7.) Detachment Competitions To include Families
Bowling or Miniature Golf
- 8.) Baseball Game Trips (Hartford or New Britain)

Some of these events are east to arrange and others would take some effort, and some of these could be done at different times of the year.

Why do we want to do this? The Marine



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Corps League is not a job. We do not go to mandatory meetings and then go home. In most cases our families don't know what we do or who we do it with. We are for all intents and purposes a family. Yet when there is a convention or dinner getting people to attend is a struggle. If my detachment hosted a convention and not many of the detachment attended I would be embarrassed for us. Usually when we have a Department Meeting I don't get to socialize with people I used to spend time with because I get no time and I miss that. When I have asked for League members to be dogs I have heard If I do a lot of shoots that week I'm tired or my wife is not that understanding. Well we want to bring the wives with us, and we want to get more people to do shoots so you don't have to do five a week. When I was able to do the shoots it was the most gratifying thing I did, maybe others would find that too. Lets see what we can come up with together.

Walt Benson





THE ROAD TO IMMORTALITY



Chinese philosopher Confucius said: "Roads were made for journeys, not destinations." I can see his point; getting there is supposed to be half the fun. But you can have it both ways when driving Massachusetts Route 9 between Northampton and Pittsfield, along with a bit of history.

This visually stunning 41-mile portion of the 135-mile Massachusetts section of the highway was part of a tangled tale that took more than 50 years to unravel. A commonwealth act of unknown sponsorship designated the winding, idyllic segment in 1960 as the United States Marine Corps League--Highway and signs to that effect were posted along the way. That name runs contrary to the bill establishing the Marine Corps League (no "United States") approved by Congress in 1937 - an apparent slip-up that went unnoticed in Massachusetts until 2010, when detachment 141 Life Member John Rutovich and his wife saw one of the signs while on a drive. JR's interest was piqued by the discrepancy and, after initial research, he began efforts to correct it.

The answer, JR discovered, was to submit new legislation to the commonwealth to rescind the original act and replace it with one using the proper name. JR found a sponsor and ramrodded the project ("What a great learning experience") while it wound

its way through the commonwealth bureaucracy until it gained final approval on January 8, 2013. Once again, the adage "Adapt, Impro-vise, Overcome" led to victory.

Confucius was the right about the pleasure of the journey and in this case through the beauty of the Berkshires and seeing those Marine Corps signs always sent me into a kind of reverie focused on my three years in the Corp, a golden time in my life, but he downplayed the value of the destination. Mine was usually Wahconah park, home to an ever-changing lineup of minor-league baseball teams. Baseball and the Marines have a mutual history -do I need to mention Ted Williams? -and driving a road dedicated to Marines that leads to a field of dreams covers all the bases as far as I'm concerned.

There are a whole raft of road designations in the commonwealth· if there is another Marine Corps League highway ns in the commonwealth· if there is another Marine Corps League highway I haven't found it. And that's all right this one is special; this one is ours.

Semper Fidelis
Bill Federman

Who will be the TOP DOGS in DAYTONA?

Ahern Family Charitable Foundation



On May 1, Glawackus Pound and The Connecticut Pack will hold their final Grawl before the Grand Grawl at the Convention. It has been decided so as to not miss the deadline we will make

that the cutoff for the Top Dog Competition between the Pounds. I still have three car magnets left at 20 big bones each and I will be attempting to purchase 20 additional patches to sell at Quad State. If you participated in the competition, thank you, if you didn't well maybe next time, or you could purchase some at Quad State. The last Dog Robbers report gave me confidence that Glawackus will be the TOP DOG, after all we always were any way.

Don't forget the Grand Grawl will be held June 10, 2022. Please bring a raffle prize valuing 15 big bones.



Peter & Linda King; Walt & Teri Benson; Dave Porter & Liz Anderson; Mike & Iliana Hinds.



St. Patrick's Day Gala

St. Patrick's Day Gala- 2022 To benefit Fisher House Boston The New England Center and Home for Veterans Honored Award Recipients Patriot Award Sarah Sweeney- Executive Director, Military Friends Foundation Humanitarian Award Andrew Biggio- Founder & President, Boston's Wounded Vet Run Lifetime of Service Award Thomas Lyons- Founder, Semper Fidelis...



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Marine Corps History



APRIL

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

10 April 1959: Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

28 April 1993: The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

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2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

5 May 1983: In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

8 May 1995: In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

10 May 1945: The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945: The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

29 May 1991: Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen

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