

## **INVITATION TO DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

## TO PARTICIPATE IN COLOR GUARD.

It is an honor to become the Department of Rhode Island Color Guard OIC or Color Guard Commander. Also David Creamer will be the Assistant Color Guard Commander. I wish to thank Paul Campbell for his service as our past Color Guard Commander, good job Paul.

We have been honored and requested at many functions and ceremonies throughout the last several years, not just limited to Marine Corps or Marine Corps League events but other occasions. We were the requested CG for the annual World War II Anzio Reunion, the first ever to be held here in Rhode Island several years ago. We also were honored to lead the Veteran's Division of the Bristol 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade a few years ago. This year in June, we led the Gaspee Day Parade. Our participation in the West Warwick St. Patrick's Parade has resulted in being awarded the best CG unit in the Parade more than once.

I am hopeful that we can still be recognized as one of the best Color Guards in Rhode Island, however we cannot accomplish this without many participants.

If we can get at least ten volunteers to commit to being part of this unit we will have a ready list of members able to answer the call when a request comes in. Most events will require a minimum of four people, would be great to have six where we could also carry the rifles.

The firing team is also a part of the Color Guard activities as well. We fire annually at the West Warwick Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies as well as our Memorial services at our Marine Corps Monument, both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

We need members that have the dress blue trousers and the uniform shirts with patches.

Please consider joining this award winning group where we can showcase the Marine Corps League and let me know if you will join us. If you have any questions feel free to email me. (Janie.deptula@gmail.com) or call me (401-825-6685). Dave Craemer (

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