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LASKEY'S TELEGRAPH



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Message From The Division Commandant



Members,

It's been a couple of months since Quad State, and I'm pleased to report that the event was a great success. A heartfelt thank you goes to Maine Commandant Peter Lubas and the members of the Department of Maine for organizing an event that will be remembered for years to come. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate those who received awards this year.

First, Marine Jane Deptula was honored with the GySgt Knapp Award. Marine Deptula has made significant contributions to both the Department of Rhode Island and the New England Division. She consistently embodies the principle of "service before self" in all she does. One of her most notable efforts is coordinating the Chapel of Four Chaplains event in Rhode Island. Each year, this event grows in popularity, filling the church to capacity. Her dedication to this ceremony has made it a highlight at veterans' events across the region.

A big congratulations also goes to Marine Wayne Salisbury Sr., who was selected as this year's Division Marine of the Year. Nominated and chosen by his peers, it was a true honor to present Wayne with this well-deserved award. Wayne has done so much for the League, always the first

to volunteer and playing a crucial role in revitalizing a Detachment by tirelessly recruiting new members. That Detachment is now stronger than ever. Wayne's generosity knows no bounds—he would literally give you the shirt off

his back and provide anything you or your family might need. It's a privilege to call him a friend. Several other

members were recognized by the Division for their dedication and hard work and were awarded the Distinguished Citizens Medal - Silver

- Walt Benson of the Department of Connecticut continues to do a tremendous job producing the Division newsletter.
- ADVC Mike Hinds and Chief of Staff Joe Afonso were acknowledged for their unwavering support and commitment not only to the New England Division but also to their respective Departments of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.



The event was also honored by the presence of several distinguished guests:

- NED/COO Bob Borka
- Sr. Vice Commandant Russ Miller
- CDD PDD J.D. Jones
- Auxiliary President Dottie Sanning
- National Chaplain and Marine Corps League Foundation Chaplain of Four Chaplains Howard Schaeffer
- National Sgt at Arms Lisa Solarczyk

Notably, out of the 10 Divisions in the League, 6 were represented at this gathering in New England.

Thank you again to everyone who made Quad State such a memorable and impactful event. We look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Patrick Maguire
National Vice Commandant
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The cut off date for submitting material is the last week of the following months. JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER.. If there is a special circumstance please call to make arrangements.

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Send pictures, please include names and what you and your detachment is doing.

WHAT SHOULD I SUBMIT?

This is your Newsletter, so anything you think others might be interested in. Look at the categories, Departments, Toy for Tots, Devil Dogs, Taps, Birthdays, Sick and I Need. Upcoming Events, Help Wanted, History, League and Marine Corps, Birthdays, Awards and Recognition. Community Events, Scholarships, Conventions, Meetings and Grand Growls, and ongoing projects. What are we doing for recruiting? What are we doing for Marines for Life? What can we do to bring back the Auxiliary? Think of some of the programs we have expanded and can you think of any others you want to create or expand? We expanded the Dogs to include donations to provide help to animal shelters, what about other groups? What about donations for women's shelters for women and children of these women? Toys For Tots expanded there program to allow year round help to children in distress. Someone had an idea and this grew from it, you could start your idea here. I am sure there is more but this is a good start

Walt Benson



MODERN DAY MARINE 2025



Color Guard from
Quantico

National Anthem



MODERN DAY MARINE 2025



National Commandant of The Marine Corps
League T J Morgan Delivers opening remarks
at Modern Day Marine



39th Commandant of The Marine Corps
General Eric Smith

THE EXHIBITS



John Taylor & Tina Harvey



John Taylor & Howard Schaeffer



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Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

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I was honored to take part in [Modern Day Marine 2025](#) over the past few days.

It was a privilege to join the [Marine Corps Association](#) podcast "Scuttlebutt" and an even greater privilege to deliver the closing remarks in the event's closing ceremony.

I'm humbled by the opportunity to stand with those who are driving modernization and shaping the future of our nation's defense. Semper Paratus

📍 Washington, D.C. (1 May, 2025)

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Above SGT/MAJ Black, 19th SGT/MAJ of The Marine Corps. David Porter National JR. Vice Commandant of The MCL. SGT/MAJ Ruiz, 20th SGT/MAJ of The Marine Corps. Below David Porter David Porter National JR. Vice Commandant of The MCL. With Chesty



MODERN DAY MARINE 2025



THE EXHIBITS



Above: John Taylor, TJ Morgan National Commandant of the Marine Corps League. Below Jim Maevers NVC Mid-West Div, Howard Schaffer, National Chaplain and MCL Foundation President, Joe Afonso Chief of Staff NE Div., Mike Hinds ANVC NE Div., Patrick Maguire NVC NE Division.



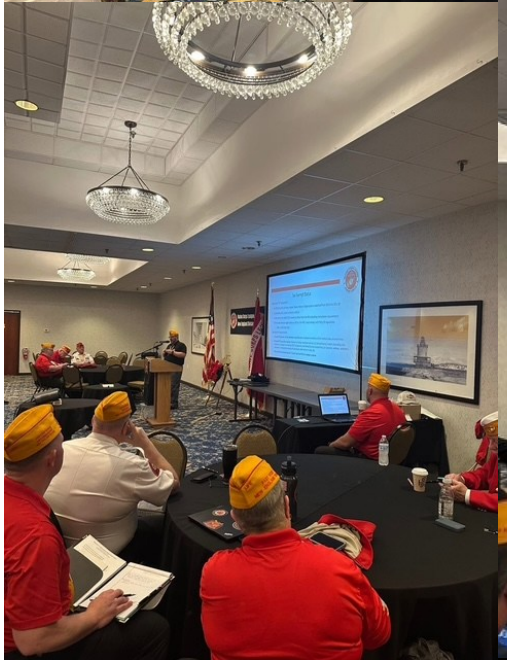
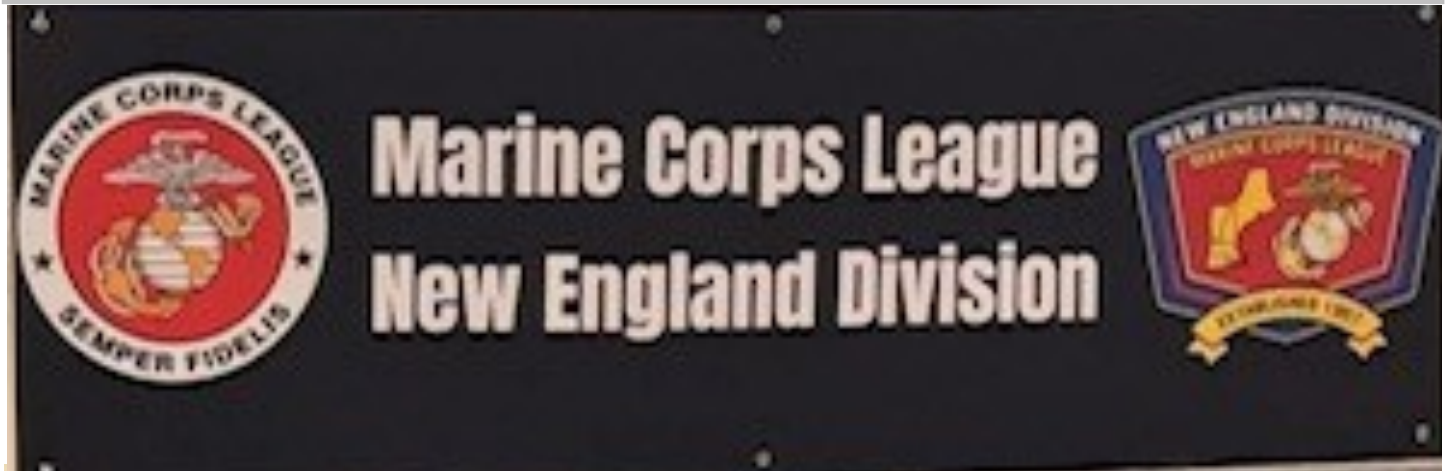
Above: David Ossianm MCL Liaison for Marine For Life, David Porter National JR. Vice Commandant MCL, SGT/MAJ McMichaels, 14th SGT/MAJ of the Marine Corps.

Below: LT General Charles Chiarotti President of the Marine Corps Association





QUAD STATE DIV CONFERENCE 2025





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Quad State had presentations by, Bob Borka, Howard Schaeffer, Russ Miller, JD Jones, and Dottie Sanning.

There were also Awards presented, Jane Deptula the Division Chaplain, was presented the GY/SGT. Roland G. Knapp Award.

Division Adjutant, Walt Benson, Chief of Staff, Joe Afonso and ANVC Mike Hinds were presented Distinguished Citizen Medal Siver.

The 6 Dept. Commandants were presented a wooden plaque

Later at the Banquet Wayne Salsbury was awarded Division Marine of The Year

The Guest Speaker was Col. Daniel P. Obrien USMC RET. Pic Below





MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY

From Gettysburg to Arlington,
Ardenne and Flanders Field.
Our Heroes lie in eternal rest,
Beneath Markers of stars and crosses.

They Lost their lives in battle,
So that we could all be Free.
So on this day we bow our heads,
And respectfully make this plea.

Dear God please take a moment,
To embrace our fallen brothers.
As we honor the sacrifices they made,
When they gave up their tomorrows.

So before you go and celebrate,
Please honor this simple request.
Bow your head and say a prayer,
You're praying for our best.





Thank You



I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and sincere recognition to Latrice Cheney for her continued generosity and unwavering support in providing raffle items at the New England Division conference and countless department conventions. The consistent contributions do not go unnoticed. Most recently, the stunning crocheted blanket Latrice created and donated for the raffle at Quad State in Maine was nothing short of extraordinary. Her creativity, dedication, and craftsmanship were on full display. The intricate detail in every stitch, the thoughtful design, and the clear care she put into creating it truly reflect the pride and passion she brings to her work.

Crocheting a blanket of that quality is no small feat—it requires skill, patience, and countless hours of focused effort. Your perseverance and artistic talent are truly inspiring, and your gift brought both beauty and warmth to the event.

Thank you for sharing your remarkable talent with us. Your work is more than a donation—it is a meaningful expression of generosity and heart, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do. With appreciation,

Pat



This image showcases the kind of work Latrice produces; this specific piece was provided to Maine.

Great Work!!!



NEW ENGLAND DIVISION



Hello to all of our Marine Corps League members and their families. I wanted to let you know about a newer committee that was the creation of Past National Commandant Warren Griffin. Last year Warren wanted to do more for our Marines pertaining to their mental health and wellness. This is how HAMSAL was created. HAMSAL, which stands for “Help A Marine, Save A Life”, centers around taking care of yourself, as well as taking care of each other.

Last year I attended many Division Conferences upon request and presented a PowerPoint that included a little bit about my story, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), mental health and substance use disorder. QPR covers suicide awareness and prevention, and I know that we do not talk about this enough. What’s that you say, you don’t like talking about these uncomfortable topics? Well, I am here to tell you that those days are gone. We are our brothers and sisters keeper, whether you know or it like it. We cannot do this alone so we will do this together.

I was honored to speak at the New England/Quad States Conference and if you missed it, you are in luck. I am available to present to your Department and your membership to help spread the word. My HAMSAL presentation can also be found on the MCL Library under the member section. As a retired Police Officer and Marine Corps veteran in recovery, I understand about suffering in silence and fighting that stigma, especially within the First Responder and military/veteran community. But now I recover loudly and help others with their mental health and substance use. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time and contact me at shoremarines@gmail.com and 732-921-7411. Semper Fi!

Brian Gillespie



NEW ENGLAND DIVISION



FLAG DAY

Flag Day is Saturday, June 14, 2025. Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on June 14, the anniversary of the flag's official adoption.

What we know fondly as the "Stars and Stripes" was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, during the Revolutionary War. Colonial troops fought under many different flags with various symbols—rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles—and slogans—"Don't Tread on Me," "Liberty or Death," and "Conquer or Die," to name a few.

The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American flag necessary. Previously, each colony or special interest had its own flag. On that 14th of June, Congress made the Flag Resolution of 1777, stating: "The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field ..." Official announcement of the new flag was not made until Sept. 3, 1777.

The Continental Congress left no record as to why it chose these colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation chose the colors for the Great Seal of the United States with these meanings: white for purity and innocence, red for valor and hardiness, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Today, some people claim the Flag to be divisive, and to those I ask, show me how. The original design took the thirteen colonies and represented them by 13 stars in a circle for unity. As we grew as a nation we added a star to the Flag to perpetuate Unity. For over 250 years people have gathered round that flag and carried it into every battle we fought. Those that fought in those battles and died had one thing in common they were American, there was no other designation. Those who have lost someone in one of those wars will have a Flag in a case to represent their loved ones service, were these people wrong? The Flag today still has thirteen stripes to represent where we came from. We have 50 stars to represent the 50 states. No star is bigger than another nor does it claim any more space than the others. All the stars today represent a state, not an individual, not a race, not a religion. For over 250 years we have grown and advanced as a society, maybe not as fast as you would like but we keep moving forward. The Flag today is made up of the same principals and values as we started out with. The current American flag was designed by a high school student from Lancaster, Ohio, named Bob G. Heft! Even though Bob's history teacher gave him a "B-" for not knowing how many states the Union had, Bob submitted his design to the White House (unprompted) in anticipation of Hawaii and Alaska joining the Union.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Walt Benson



FROM THE EDITOR



A STORY WORTH TELLING

This year we celebrate the 250th Birthday of our Corps and during that time I think back on the History that was made in that time period and what it means to us today. The first thing that comes to mind is that we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our not review 100 years I can review some

Today, if you were to attend a and meet the many PNC's that still at that they led the League with in the ers. I think of the many Funeral Honors in the cold and rain. To the many Chap-dressed Marines. Those who constantly what we do. Those who do Rose Pro- other programs we fund for veterans time to work on events to help Marines whether it be Birthday Balls, Family Pic-



who take a more active role each day in what we do. The Associate members who are not Veterans but still have answered the call to serve. These are really the GOAT, on a National Level. It's nice to be able to shoot a ball through a hoop, or hit a baseball, but hope to you rate or score someone who can touch or affect another Marines Life. We all can do things to serve and affect others, and the things we do can be simple things. We can call those who are sick and in distress, no walking, marching, or even leaving the house.

I would love to be able to do Funeral Honors, Parades, Color Guard, Hikes, and things like that but I can't. I can put this newsletter together, attend meetings, serve as an officer, and other jobs that do not require mobility. What jobs can you do that will not strain your capabilities? Before you answer think of a few things, 250 years, 102 years, all those who went before you, and that you are a Marine For Life.

Semper Fidelis
Walt Benson

**OPEN FOR ALL
MEMBERS OF THE MCL
& MCL AUXILIARY**

**MCL
SCUTTLEBUTT**

Have you joined any of these meetings? Well if you missed any of them, they are available on You Tube and there are a lot of good topics to choose from





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Department of Connecticut Commandant's Corner



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?



This t-shirt was designed locally and sold to members of a Connecticut Detachment. The problem is that the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor is

copyrighted by the U.S. Marine Corps. The Corps is using this modernized EGA currently and has not authorized the Marine Corps League to use it. The emblem requires authorization from the USMC which allows only licensed vendors to use it.

Every part of the EGA, in all cases, are registered trademarks of the USMC. Even in our League logo, the only word that is not a USMC trademark is "League". That being said, the USMC has given its permission to the MCL to use all versions of the EGA except the one pictured above with the splits in the wings.

REMINDER: Our 2025 Department of Connecticut Convention and MODD Grand Growl will be held 27-28 June 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury. Rooms are available to reserve now. You can call 1-877-782-9444 and claim the Department of CT MCL group rate or use group rate MCL25 or you can make your reservations at <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/deptofctmarinecorpsleague/>. The group rate is also available for 26 June, if you're so inclined. Tom Jackson of the Housatonic Detachment will lead the effort for the hospitality suite. Now is the time to begin picking up goodies for

the hospitality suite. AND prizes for our MCL and MODD raffles.

REPRINTED FROM OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER:

From the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. VSOs and other nonprofit military organizations must prove that their membership consists of 80-90% veterans in order to maintain their 501(c) status. Fortunately, the MCL is exempt from this requirement, at least for the time being, because we are the only VSO chartered by Congress.

In order to be prepared, National is requiring that all Detachment rosters precede members' Profile IDs with a "V" in the Atlas system. Regular members, Marines, are easy to identify and mark appropriately. Associate members are a different story. Associate members may or may not have served in the military. To identify those who have, Detachment Commandants must mark-up their associates on their Atlas rosters and send them to me electronically. I will track them and forward them to National.

If you need an updated roster, let me or Walt Benson know. We can send you a new one but if there have been no changes within the last few months, the ones I sent out earlier should be adequate.

To date, I have only received this information from one Detachment. Please get this information to me ASAP. If your Detachment has no non-veteran members, please send me a negative report. In any case, please CC Department Senior Vice Commandant Walt Benson.

The Marine Corps League Foundation, a nonprofit agency, provides important financial assistance to Marines and their families, as well as other charitable causes. National is recommending that all Detachments donate to the MCLF annually.

Semper Fidelis.
Rich Daigle
Commandant
Department of Connecticut





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The Department of Connecticut

Invites You to

Their 83rd Convention

At The Hilton Garden Inn

Glastonbury Connecticut

June 27th & 28th



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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Attendees may reserve a room early at the convention rate. No activities until the next day

FRIDAY 27 June 2025

Committee Chairs

Audit Marine Bill Lee

Budget Marine Walt Benson

Bylaws Marine Doug Fisk

Credentials Marine Jim Soder

MOY Marine Jack Dougherty

Resolutions NONE

Rules Marine Jim Lauber

1500 Hotel Check-in

1515-1715 Hospitality Room Open

1730-1830 Buffet Dinner in Hotel (Meeting Room)

1900-2100 Grand Growl (Credentials)

2100-2400 Hospitality Room Open

SATURDAY 28 June 2025

0700-1330 Registration

0800-0820 Opening Ceremonies

0820-0850 Memorial Service

0850-0900 Break

0900-1100 MCL Business Session

1100-1200 Break, Convention Committees Meetings

1200-1300 Lunch

(available in the dining room)

1200-1300 Hospitality Room Open

1300-1500 Business Session Resumes –

Elections

1530-1600 Board of Trustees Meeting (Tentative)

1700-1800 Banquet Social Hour

(Cash Bar)

1800-1900 Banquet Dinner

1900-2100 Banquet Program

2100-2400 Hospitality Room Open



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BRASS CITY DETACHMENT MEMORIAL DAY

Brass City Memorial Detachment took part in the memorial day services on May 25, 2025. Attending were Detachment Commandant Jim Lauber, Senior Vice Commandant Antonio Pina, and Marine Joe O'Neil who took part in placing the wreath at the monument on the green.





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As Marines We Improve, Adapt, and Overcome. The word Impossible is not in our vocabulary because it doesn't exist, it's not a reality. When Marines go out to other venues, they always excel in all they do. This May Marine Corps League Member Tom Jackson received a lifetime achievement award from American Legion Post 196.





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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

LIVING THE MARINE CORPS VALUE OF HONOR

Service and Sacrifice

As of this writing, we find ourselves between Memorial Day and Flag Day. Both days are important occasions to honor and remember our military veterans and what we're all fighting for. These days remind us of the courage, dedication, and selflessness of those who served in the armed forces, and to never forget those who did not come home.

Memorial Day is a special and



American story. It was 80 years ago that a platoon of Marines raised the flag on Iwo Jima. The men who raised that flag not only inspired the men on the beaches below and the ships in the harbor, but this one flag became a symbol of American victory and perseverance around the world. This one flag made a difference.

We salute the courage, service, and sacrifice of every veteran. Let



solemn day that holds deep meaning for us who served in the military or have loved ones who have. We honor and remember our fallen comrades by visiting cemeteries, participating in parades, and holding ceremonies. We salute their service and toast to their memory. We also pay special tribute to our Gold Star Families. They remember every single day, and they are part of our family now.

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. This is a day to honor the symbol of our nation – the American Flag. This one flag is a powerful emblem of freedom and patriotism and gives hope to many around the world that are suffering under oppressive governance. For those who served, we are proud to have served. In fact, when people say, "thank you for your service," my response is "it was a privilege and an honor, and I would do it again."

For veterans, the flag reminds us of the values we fought for and the pride of being part of history and the

us take care of each other. Everyone has a story, some are truly amazing. Finally, as we celebrate these days, let us take a moment to remember the hundreds of thousands of active-duty military men

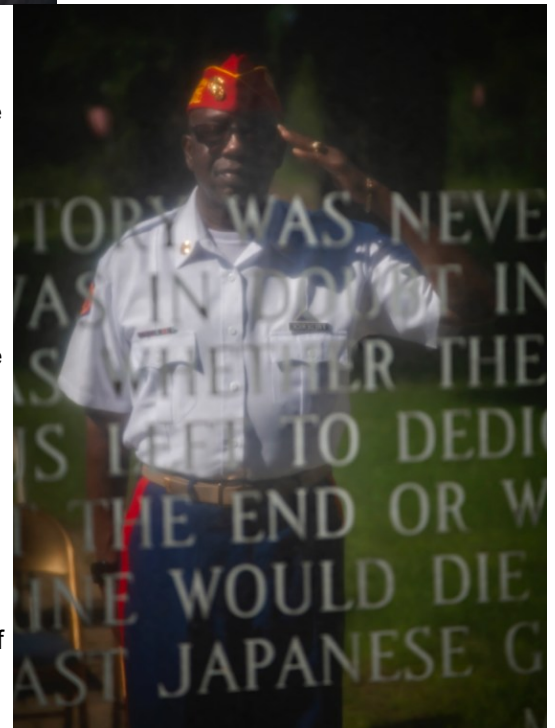
and women serving across the globe today standing the watch, many in harm's way.

Thank you. And thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

Semper Fidelis

Peter DePaola

Department of CT Chaplain





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SAMUEL K. BEAMON

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY
DAY EVENTS



Saturday July 22, 2023, Waterbury CT

The Annual Samuel K. Beamon Sr.
Memorial Bridge Ceremony

on West Main Street

10:00am - 11:00am

Acknowledging and honoring all veterans



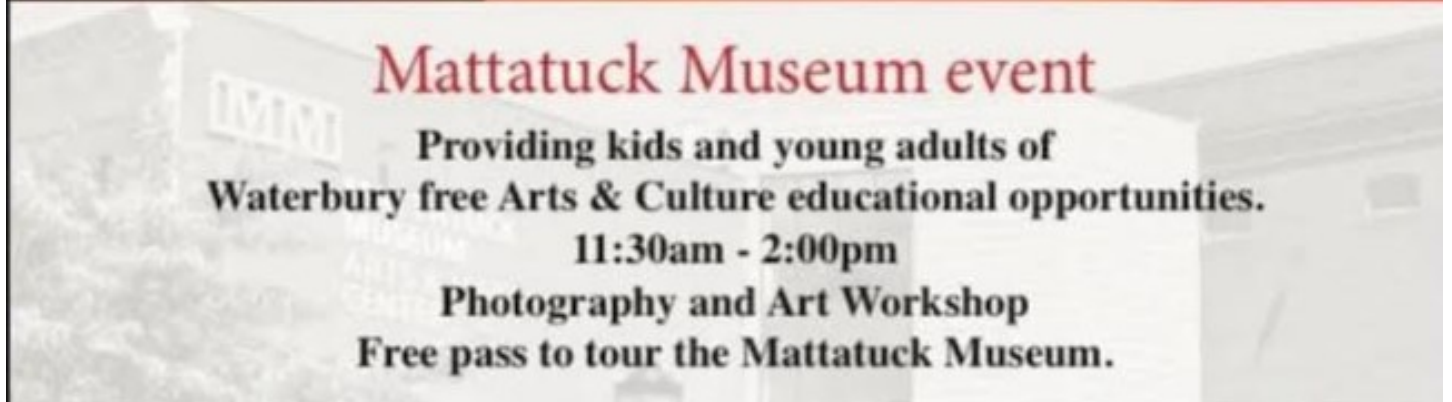
Mattatuck Museum event

Providing kids and young adults of
Waterbury free Arts & Culture educational opportunities.

11:30am - 2:00pm

Photography and Art Workshop

Free pass to tour the Mattatuck Museum.





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CONNECTICUT RECOGNIZES WORLD WAR II VETERANS

On Monday, May 19th, State leaders from Connecticut and representatives of the French and British governments honored 70 Connecticut WWII veterans at the State Armory in Hartford. The WWII veterans ranged in age from 97 to 105. The audience consisted of the WWII veterans and their families. Some were in wheelchairs and behind walkers, but some still were walking without help but all were proud to be there. They wore ballcaps emblazoned with their branches of service and their units and ships. They had stories to tell from the



Pacific and European theaters and from state-side service. James Morgia, 102, of Stratford, was wearing his original Army greens with captain bars on the shoulders and Silver and Bronze Star medals on his chest.

He was with the 84th Infantry Division at the Battle of the Bulge. He talked about saving the town of Beho in Belgium with a called-in artillery strike on German tanks. A microphone was passed to veterans who wanted to speak and when it came his turn, Morgia bellowed, "I won the Battle of the Bulge"!

One Marine veteran, Joe Caminiti, a member of the Hardware City Detachment served on Iwo Jima, a ferocious battle that claimed 25,000 U.S. casualties, including about 7,000 killed. "They endured hardship that tested their spirits and their will, yet they never faltered"; Maj. Gen.

Francis J. Evon Jr., adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard, said. Representatives of the United Kingdom and France also thanked the Connecticut veterans on behalf of their governments and citizens. David Clay, the British Consul General in Boston, said American soldiers helped win the longest peace that Europe has known. French Deputy Consul General in New York, Myriam Gil, said her nation will be forever thankful to U.S. soldiers for freeing France from Nazi tyranny. She said, "I cannot overstate our gratitude".

At the end of the ceremony, Bysiewicz pinned a World War II victory medal on each veteran, along with

an official statement of recognition and thanks. "As a member of our Greatest

Generation", the statement said, "it is because of your bravery and dedication to serve in the United States Armed Forces that all Americans are able to live in a free and democratic Nation Today". The French Deputy Consul General also gave a certificate to each veteran that said, "On the 80th anniversary of the

armistice of World War II, France extends its deepest gratitude to the American soldiers from Connecticut who fought alongside France and its allies, to their families and the families of those who fell in the name of freedom".





MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE IWO JIMA MEMORIAL IN CT

Jamie DePaola, USMC veteran, was the keynote speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Iwo Jima Memorial in New Britain. She opened her comments by reminding us that it is our responsibility to be part of Memorial Day ceremonies to remember our fallen, to say their names, and to embrace the loved ones they left behind. When we say, "We've got your six," that includes their families. These Gold Star families are now our families.

This is a milestone year as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the 36-day battle on Iwo Jima and the end of WWII. Jamie shared that the men who raised the flag 80 years ago did not only inspire the men on the beaches below and the ships in the harbor, but this one flag became a symbol of American victory and perseverance around the world. One flag made a difference that day. It was the one flag that represented "home, patriotism, and liberty" that fueled our fighting force with a muscle and a fortitude that the enemy was not prepared for.

Members of the Marine Corps League, Hardware City Detachment, showed up in force to provide the 21-gun salute and Taps. The program was organized and led by the Iwo Jima Historical Foundation with Elaine Schieffer and Raymond Carrier as the Masters of Ceremony. Pastor Kristian Rosado from the House of Prayer in New Britain offered the Invocation and Benediction. Navy SEEBEES, Charles Ketz, spoke about the SEEBEES direct involvement and impact in the Battle of Iwo Jima and how they are working on being recognized by the Dept. of Defense for their efforts. Elaine Schieffer is hoping to have a new monument built on the grounds to honor and remember the SEEBEES who fought in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Information about the Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation can be found at IwoJimaMemorial.org. You can order a brick dedicated to a loved one by visiting the website's homepage and scrolling down to "News."

Left Top: Jamie DePaola, Keynote speaker at the ceremony

Left Bottom: Jamie DePaola, and Elaine Schieffer





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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT THE IWO JIMA MEMORIAL IN CT

CONNECTICUT MEN KILLED IN ACTION

GEORGE F. HYLAND
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Above. Jamie DePaola, Keynote Speaker, 1st Sgt, Andres Lanzos, Fox Co.2nd Bn 25th Marines, and Peter Depaola, Dept of CT Chaplain.

Right: Jamie DePaola,

Below Firing Detail from Hardware City Detachment: left to right,

Chuck Frederick Jr., Larry Sekscenski, John Reek, Al Urso, Joe Marrocco, James Soder, and squad leader Fred McGoldrick.





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NEW HAMPSHIRE



GSD #542 Scholarships 2025

Scholarship Program 2025

**This Year We Are Offering Two Different
Scholarships**



**FRANK A. DIEKMANN
GRANITE STATE DETACHMENT #542
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

GSD #542 member, Frank A. Diekmann, passed away on November 5, 2021. Frank was active in the Marine Corps League (Commandant of the Granite State Detachment for 2 years and Department of New Hampshire for 4 years). He was recognized as Marine of the Year for the Department of New Hampshire in 2016. It is from his dedication to veterans and the community in general that translates into why we have named our scholarship in his name.

**Frank A.
Diekmann
Scholarship**
for 2025 will
have two award
winners each
for **\$3500.**

This scholarship is open to any college bound student with a current GPA of at least 2.5 of 4.0 scale, and resides in the coverage area listed on our website and documentation, or falls into one of the other categories in our eligibility section.



NEW HAMPSHIRE



Commandant's Trade School Scholarship for 2025 will have two award winners each for **\$1000**.

Granite State Marine Corps League #542 Commandant Trade School Scholarship In Recognition of 1st Lt. Rogers Blood

The Granite State Detachment (GSD) #542 – Marine Corps League has established the **Granite State Marine Corps League #542 Commandant Trade School Scholarship** in recognition of **1st Lt. Rogers Blood** to provide, to qualified applicants who are pursuing a certificate-state issued license in such fields as: electrician, plumber, barbering, cosmetology, hair styling, truck driving, or other trade schools, as a full-time student as defined by the accredited programming of training by the state where the student will be attending.

This scholarship is open to any trade school bound student with a current GPA of at least a 2.5 of 4.0 scale, and resides in the coverage area listed on our website and documentation, or falls into one of the other categories in our eligibility section.



NEW HAMPSHIRE



COMMUNITY REPS NEEDED!!

On June 21 2025 we will be gathering at Camp Carpenter in Manchester NH for a 5K family friendly hike following the Dan Beard Trail to bring awareness to Veteran Mental Health and Suicide. We would like our community leaders and our Veteran Supporters to come together to support this awesome cause!

Put up a tent, table, or booth and show some love to our Veteran Community while also establishing contacts! Fundraising is not permitted as this is strictly an awareness event!

A huge thank you to Scouting America New Hampshire for allowing us to use their location! For more information please contact the event coordinator, Mike Martioski!



Camp Carpenter is
located at 300 Blondin
Road, Manchester NH

This is a Community Event
and Family Friendly!!
Leashed Dogs Welcome!

This is not a fundraiser.
We are coming together
to rally around our
heroes!

Free Food, Drinks and
Activities!!!

SCAN
TO
JOIN!



EVENT COORDINATOR

MIKE MARTIOSKI

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RHODE ISLAND



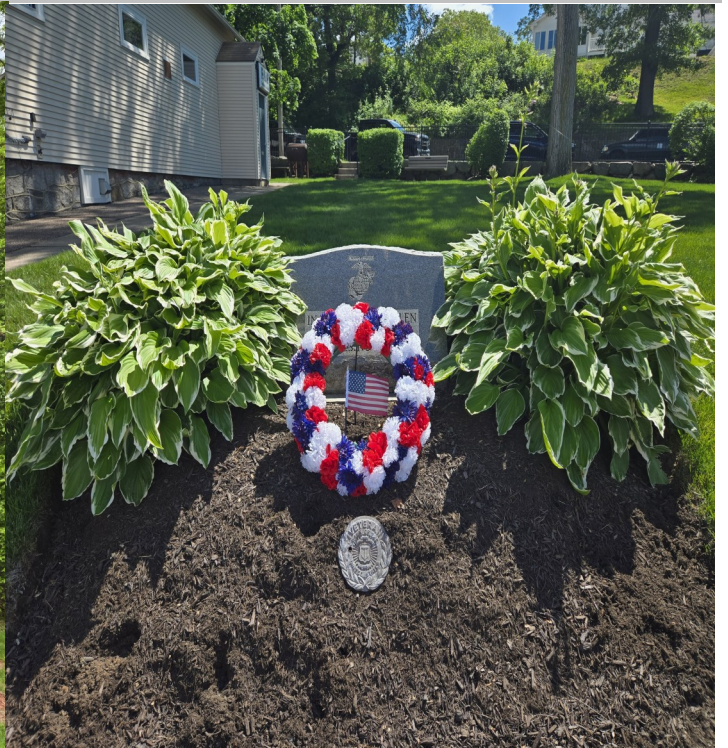
Rhode Island was very busy over the Memorial Day weekend with events at American Legion Post 2 Memorial Day ceremony, Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery Memorial , and Rose Collection Bucci-Atwood Detachment 376



AMERICAN LEGION POST 2 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



RHODE ISLAND





SCRATCHING'S FROM THE DOGS



**MILITARY ORDER
OF THE
DEVIL DOGS**
THE FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY OF
THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

*Mid-Winter
Photo Release*

*Proposed Bylaw
Changes*

*Division
Conference
Photos*

KMIA Updates

WOOF-O-GRAM
Spring 2025

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MAINE



SOUTHERN MAINE DETACHMENT



Southern Maine Detachment Commandant, David Close presented a Good Citizenship award to Eagle Scout Xavier Freebairn-Lopes at Detachment meeting. He is with troop 874 Standish, Maine



Southern Maine Detachment Commandant David Close presented the Marine of the Year award to Fred Munson.

The southern Maine detachment Associate Member of the Year, was McKenzie Close. She was not present to receive the award.

Larry Chretien





MARINE FOR LIFE



Connect to resources and opportunities:

Whether you're just starting the transition process, or you've already made the move to civilian life, the Marine for Life Network is here to help you grow your professional network and provide the support and guidance you need to succeed beyond the military.

Strengthen your professional relationships and expand your network.: Networking is crucial in today's professional world. The Marine for Life Network facilitates your networking capabilities through two lines of effort: virtual and face-to-face communication.

Virtual: Join the [Marine for Life Network's](#) growing community of Marines, Veterans, and military community members on LinkedIn. This premier professional networking site is an excellent resource for accessing career tools, staying connected with peers, and developing your professional brand. To connect, start by setting up a profile and joining a Marine for Life regional net-

work group.

Face-to-Face: More than 70 Marine for Life Representatives serves our program as

hometown links. These representatives create a bridge between the military and civilian communities across the nation, connecting you to military-friendly job op-

portunities, career resources, and networking events. Your local representative will help you build relationships and explore employment, education, and community resources in your current area or the area where you plan to move.

Military Spouses too! The Marine for Life Network is committed to helping military spouses build relationships and connections that can benefit them in both their personal and professional lives. By leveraging the power of the Marine for Life Network, military spouses can tap into a wider network of employers, academic institutions, entrepreneurship resources, and more!





MARINE FOR LIFE



MARINE FOR LIFE NETWORK

New England Marine For Life Team

*Upcoming Networking Events with the
New England Vets Gathering*

The Point
147 Hanover Street
Boston, MA

May 15, 2025

June 19, 2025

July 17, 2025

5 - 9 PM

Join the M4L
Northeast Regional
LinkedIn Group



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MARINE 4 LIFE



MARINE FOR LIFE NETWORK

Connecting 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.

ONCE A MARINE,
ALWAYS A MARINE!

Marine for Life Network can guide your search for:



**Career & Technical
Opportunities**



**Educational
Opportunities**



**Entrepreneurial
Endeavors**

NETWORKING IS KEY

Linked in





Our online network utilizes LinkedIn to help Marines network with one another and connect with employers who want to hire Marines.


Face to Face Network



We focus on connecting Marine Veterans to local and national resources, as well as encouraging networking through Marine For Life events and meet ups.

 [company/marine-for-life-network](https://www.linkedin.com/company/marine-for-life-network)

 marineforlife.org

 866-645-8762

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WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

WWR Fact Sheet

District Injured Support Coordinators & Field Support Representatives

District Injured Support Coordinators (DISCs) and Field Support Representatives (FSRs) are an integral part of the Wounded Warrior Regiment's (WWR) support structure. They act as a conduit to Marine Corps, Veterans Affairs (VA), and civilian resources for Marines recovering away from a military installation or transitioning to veteran status. DISCs are Marine reservists and FSRs are contract support geographically dispersed to provide assistance and community liaison where needed.

The goal of DISCs and FSRs is to return well adjusted wounded, ill, or injured (WII) Marine veterans to their communities with the knowledge and skills to self-advocate and assist other WII Marines.

What Services do DISCs and FSRs offer?

- Outreach through calls or face-to-face contact with WII Marines and their families requiring assistance.
- Assistance with accessing VA and community resources.
- Facilitate veteran medical care through VA patient advocates or OIF/OEF Coordinators.
- Information on family and caregiver support services (i.e. respite care, scholarship opportunities, counseling support).
- Access to education and employment resources in their local communities (i.e. resume development, interview skills, network/employment opportunities, and application completion).
- Support in working with representatives from medical facilities, the VA, legal authorities, businesses, and non-profit organizations.
- Immediate access to the WWR's medical section and VA for psychological health resources and support, including referrals to local resources to ensure WII Marines receive timely and appropriate care.

Who They Support

- Marines transitioning to veteran status
- Reserve Marines
- Marines recovering in remote locations away from military or federal resources
- TDRL/PDRL Marines

Where They are Located

DISCs and FSRs are geographically dispersed across the country and are generally collocated with VA-operated medical centers, vet centers, and outpatient clinics offering primary and specialized care.

Related Fact Sheets

- Wounded Warrior Regiment Call Center
- Medical Section
- Transition
- Recovery Care Coordinator

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District Injured Support
Coordinator (DSC)

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Fact Sheet: Transition
Released: 03012018v2



YOUNG MARINES



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE YOUNG MARINES:

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND PATRIOTISM

This year marks a monumental milestone in our organization's history — the 60th Anniversary of the Young Marines! Since our founding in 1965, the Young Marines has grown from a small group of inspired youth into a nationalized program that shapes the leaders of tomorrow.

Over the past six decades, tens of thousands of Young Marines have passed through our ranks, learning the core values of discipline, leadership, and teamwork. Our mission has remained clear: to strengthen the lives of America's youth through service to our communities and a deep respect for our Veterans and military heritage.



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A Tradition of Excellence From humble beginnings to a nationwide force for good, the Young Marines have consistently demonstrated excellence in all we do. Highlights of our legacy include:

- Award-winning drug demand reduction education
- Honoring Veterans at countless parades, ceremonies, and memorials
- Community service efforts that have logged hundreds of thousands of hours
- Leadership training that builds character and confidence in every recruit

Our program has not only prepared youth for military careers, but also for success in business, education, public service, and beyond. Many alumni credit the Young Marines for setting them on the path to achievement and personal growth.

Looking Forward

As we celebrate 60 incredible years, we also look ahead. Our commitment to guiding the next generation has never been stronger. New initiatives in leadership development, wellness, and civic engagement will continue to expand our impact.

In 2025 and beyond, the Young Marines will continue to

- Inspire youth through challenging outdoor programs and encampments
- Serve communities with integrity and pride
- Educate peers about healthy, drug-free living
- Honor the sacrifices of those who served before us

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this incredible journey. Here's to 60 years of purpose, patriot-



YOUNG MARINES



CHINGIZ BAHADUR NAMED 2025 NATIONAL YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR!

The Young Marines organization is proud to announce Young Marines Sgt Maj Chingiz Bahadur of Fairfax, Virginia as the 2025 National Young Marine of the Year! A standout member of the Potomac River Young Marines (Washington, D.C.) within Division One, Chingiz rose to the top from among more than 5,000 Young Marines nationwide to earn this prestigious honor.

The announcement was made on April 26 at the Young Marines 2025 Adult Leaders Conference in Dallas, Texas, in front of hundreds of in-person attendees and thousands more watching via livestream. At just 17 years old, Chingiz is a junior at the prestigious Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, where he has already earned accolades including the National Honor Society Award for exceptional community service. As a Young Marine, his record is equally impressive: Meritorious Service at the Division level, Academy Achievement with Golden Lamp, three perfect physical fitness scores at the National Leadership Academy, and multiple distinguished unit citations.

Now, as National Young Marine of the Year, Chingiz will travel across the country to lead, inspire, and serve as a role model for his fellow Young Marines. “Chingiz has truly distinguished himself through his character, his leadership, and his heart for service,” said Col. William P. Davis, USMC (Ret), National Executive Director and CEO of the Young Marines. “He’s the kind of young person who reminds all of us why we do what we do. Watching him grow as a Young Marine and a role model has been inspiring. We couldn’t be prouder to have him represent the Young Marines on a national level.” With aspirations of becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL, Chingiz Bahadur exemplifies the courage, discipline, and dedication that define the Young Marines program.

Congratulations, Chingiz! Your Young Marines family is proud to stand behind you as you take on this national leadership role.

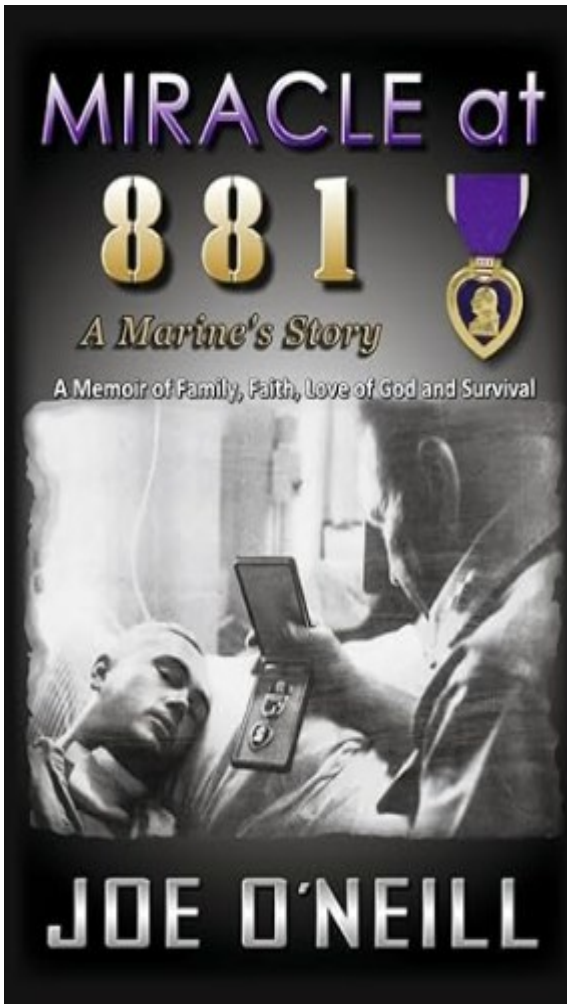




"I cast my words upon the wind, of things I wish to tell my friends"



On this page we will publish the works of Marines who have written novels or poetry that they wish to share either in segments here or a short description and information to purchase the book. We welcome the works of all members. Not all work will appeal to all members but your work will appeal to a member.



The Miracle

A Miracle happened on April 30, 1967, during a fierce firefight on Hill 881 South in the far northwest corner of South Vietnam.

It was mid-afternoon, around three o'clock. In Marine jargon that's 1500 hours exactly. My Platoon Sargent yelled out! "We need to get one more body and we're out of here!" Marines abhor leaving their dead behind. Then Sergeant Furey called out again in an even louder voice. "I need two volunteers!" His voice echoed across the embattled hill. I, Lance Corporal Joe O'Neill, and Private First Class Les Wyeth volunteered to go up and get the body of that fallen Marine. This was our brother, we would not leave him behind.

A wall of cover fire was laid down for us as we ran up into the woods as fast as our legs would take us. When the dead Marine came into our sight enemy rounds started snapping all around us. The battlefield was as hot as the mid-day sun pressing down on us. I wasn't afraid, I had carried a dead Marine before.

We stopped abruptly when we reached him. He was on his stomach, facing downhill. His sleeves were rolled up and his outstretched forearms were big and caked with dry red clay. I saw his helmet, not his face. There were no blood wounds that I could see. I grabbed his left arm and Wyeth his right. I could feel that rigor mortis had set in. 'He must have been one of the missing from Bravo Company,' I thought.

This space is here to promote what you have written, to show your friends and foes as well the strengths that you are made of. As you publish here or there you expose yourself to judgement. But this is what its all about to test your inner talents. As you read this you should discover that this is but another poem. To show to all that are afraid that all your fears are quite unfounded. Because as you put each letter on the page you leave your fear behind you. So write your words and share your thoughts but you always must remember, words and thoughts come from the heart that's what your readers crave for.



HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION





Building a strong relationship to secure the future

As a member of the Marine Corps Association, you will be well-connected with the Corps with MCA's membership benefits:

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RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!



Going Back To Where It All Began



Remember this? Graduation Day, one of the most defining days of my life. Sure there were other days, but this is near the top, the day I became a Marine. The ultimate pride and excitement that could not be contained. I knew that everything I had learned and accepted in boot camp, had recreated and transformed me, I was not the scared boy that stood on the yellow footprints a very short time ago. I was different and knew I would be forever more. I embraced the idea that I was a Marine for life, I walked different, spoke with confidence and knew when I entered a room I was in charge. Ever stop and think that you are the same and that is why you are here as well? That you want to embrace a life of service, you want to create change, and help your brothers and sisters. You can get those feelings again, in the things we do in the League everyday. When you serve on Funeral Honors detail, or wake service. When you step forward and volunteer for your fellow Marines or your community you feel the pride that you felt that day. Dress Blues, Red Satin Jackets, Red Blazers, or Red Golf Shirts, it is the Esprit de corps, that we project to the world. We project the shared feelings of pride, loyalty, and camaraderie among ourselves as a group. The term originates from French, literally meaning "spirit of the body," where "body" refers to a group of people rather than a physical body.

There are more of us out there and our mission is to find them and bring them home. Let me ask you this. Who doesn't have a Marine Corps decal on your car, a Flag or Sign on your house? Who doesn't have any Marine Corps Clothing? Who feels like they have no more to offer others? Who doesn't miss the camaradery?

Ever do a parade, marching or riding the one thing you will notice is that the crowd always gets louder when the Marines arrive. Ever been to a dinner and the play they Marine Corps Hymn? The Marines will be locked at attention like no other branch of service. Did you know that the Marines are the only branch of the service, where from a private to General, if you call "Marine!" all heads will turn. Marines, we are looking for those like us, who are Marines or have the same spirit that drives us all. Reach out to them, take their hand and bring them home, Our Mission still remains. The mission of service, to our fellow Marines, Veterans, and the communities we live in. We are Marines, we improvise, adapt and overcome, failure is not an option.

Semper Fidelis

Walt Benson



DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

JOIN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY

**MARINES
WANTED**

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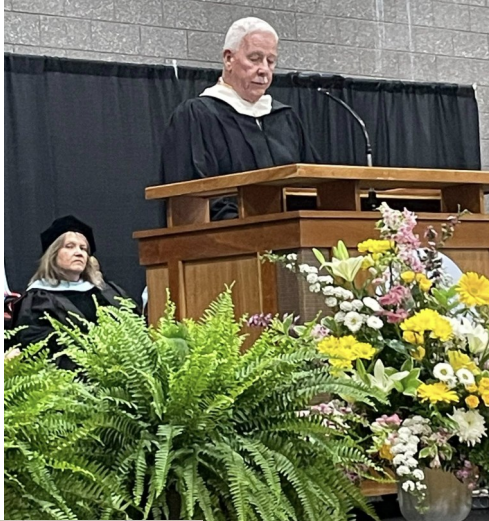


DIVISION SPOTLIGHT



In each Issue I would like to focus on Marines that are bringing their A GAME to the Division and our mission. I would ask that Detachment and Department Commandants, as well as Pack Leaders send in their choices of Members and Dogs who deserve recognition for the work they do and the contributions they make to our success. You should describe their contributions and why they are being recognized , since you know them the best.

National Commandant, Di- and as impressive as all of that is, cent achievement. Recently, was Framingham State University for emony. To me being asked to gest honors the one could receive. your thoughts and experiences. To man being with your words and thing more than what they other- look back on history there are



vision Officer, Teacher, Marine, I am more impressed with your re- asked to be the keynote speaker at the Graduate Commencement Cer- speak is probably one of the big- You have the opportunity to share reach out and touch another hu- possibly motivate them to do some- wise would not have done. If we many men who have left their mark in History, and on the world, by what they wrote or said. We have



listened to may speakers at our Conventions and ban- quets. They all have stories from their service or lives, I often wonder if they realize the opportunity they have to motivate or change lives. If I cast my words upon the wind, what message would I dare to send.

Also, recently a square was named for you and your family's service, and being selected to participate in Massachusetts first military appreciation day. Well done Marine.

Semper Fidelis Warren Congratulations on all your achievements.





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CLASSIFIED SECTION



HELP WANTED

Department of CT– Is seeking a Paymaster. The Paymaster is one of most important positions in the Department. No Department can function or conduct any business without a paymaster. One need not be

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able to function as an accountant you need only to be able to balance a check-book and care. It is an opportunity to move up in the league and serve at a higher level. You will learn more about how things work in the league than in any other job

Department of CT– Is seeking an Americanism Chair. Your duties would include overseeing the Departments participation and entries into the Americanism program.

Department of CT– Is seeking a VAVS NORTH and VAVS SOUTH. These position have been open for a while there are training videos available on the National Website.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Sergeant-at-Arms.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Boy scout Liaison

Department of CT– Is seeking a Youth Physical Fitness liaison to make contact with schools to set up the program and help out wherever needed.

Department of CT– Is seeking a Historian

Department of CT– Is seeking a Legislative Officer

Department of CT– Is seeking a Scholarship Chair

New England Division– is seeking a Historian, who will take over keeping the history and accomplishments of the Division.

New England Division– is seeking a Legal Advisor and for this position you would need skills to advise the Division on all legal matters.

New England Division– is seeking a Auxiliary Liaison . This position needs to be filled by a strong individual who would basically bring the Auxiliary back to life. You would need good communication skills as well as drive and ambition.

New England Division– is seeking a seeking a Youth Physical Fitness liaison to make contact with schools to set up the program and help out wherever needed.

New England Division– is seeking a seeking a Compliance Officer. To follow up on Department and Detachment. IRS 990's and Incorporation reports

HELP WANTED

Each edition I will list any job a Department has that is open. We need to encourage Marines to step up and fill these positions. Many people think that those of us that hold positions have some special skills that allow us to do these things we do but that is not true. WE are all here because we feel we have more to offer and more to do. We appreciate that you come to the meetings but think how much more you could help by stepping up. I think by now I have heard just about every excuse to why people can't do things but you can and that is a conversation you need to have with yourself. No one ever joined the Marine Corps because they thought there were easy no stress jobs here. There are jobs listed here that if not filled would prevent a Department from functioning. There are only two people authorized to handle money in the Department one is the Commandant the other is the Paymaster. These are the only two people that can sign checks, the only two people listed on the accounts for banking and scholarship. What are your special skills? Ou Can deposit money in the bank write checks and keep the checkbook balanced. There are other jobs that are just as important but this is the one I know the best right now. When I took it I did so in a situation similar to this there was a new commandant coming in and I did not want them to struggle or be limited. We need someone to do this again.

Youth Physical Fitness liaison is another position that we are desperately seeking to fill. If you were a teacher or a coach you may have the connections we need to get this program off the ground. I have some ideas that are being used in other states by people, we need people here with connections to help implement them. I am sorry that I didn't give more notice but this was a last minute idea by someone who is desperate to bring us back to where we were. It is time to come off the sidelines your brothers and sisters need you now more than ever. I'm pretty sure I learned this in bootcamp when I was tired the DI said sleep when your dead. So in the future send us your open jobs better yet send us your Marines.

Walt Benson

AND ON THE
8th DAY
GOD CREATED
MARINES
THE DEVIL
GROANED AND
SAID, "OH SHIT"



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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WORD OF THE DAY

Over the centuries, certain Latin phrases have been used widely enough in English to get included in the dictionary. This is one of the favorites:

Semper Fidelis

sem-per fi-dey-lis;

"Always faithful"

These two words have long served as motto for families, schools, and organizations – most famously, since 1883, for the United States Marine Corps.

EXAMPLE:

He will receive the Semper Fidelis Award for his support of the Marine Corps University Foundation.

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