



Marine Corps League

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Jersey Shore Leathernecks

Detachment 1313

Jersey Shore Leatherneck News

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To all Marines:

The June meeting will be held on June 13th at 1900 at IAMA at 195 West End Ave, Long Branch

Commandant's Corner Featuring Upcoming Events

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY MARINES!! Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

REMEMBER: We need to be at the IAMA at 9:30 am on Sunday, May 29th for our breakfast and 10:00 am in Ocean Township for the parade on May 30th!

Bunch of things happened...George Kiss and I went out to PA a couple weekends ago, one of our members Grandson was elevated to Eagle Scout. We attended the Eagle Scouts Awards Ceremony and presented a momento from Detachment 1313 to our member Frank Partuch so he could present it to his Grandson along with a certificate of citizenship.

Our detachment received a thank you letter read by Frank from his Grandson, Eric Calder to Commandant Robert Hart and Sergeant At Arms, George Kiss for attending his Eagle Scout Awards Ceremony.

The State of NJ has recognized our Chosen Few; the Marines that survived from the 1st Marine Division from the Chosen Reservoir during the Korean War. Route 35 is to be renamed from Brielle to Aberdeen, "The Chosen Way" The Governor just signed the bill into law, when we know more information about it being dedicated we will pass it on.



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We still need color guard for Memorial Day; ceremonies here at IAMA. Remember we all need to be here Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend to put the new flag up and serve us breakfast as a thank you.

Just a reminder for OceanFest, 4th of July, Long Branch, shorts, red shirts and covers.

Convention is the 17th and 18th of June. George is being awarded the Award of the Four Chaplains, and the elections. We need delegates there to vote. Get back to me as to who is going. We have been authorized to have 7 delegates at the State Convention. We need to participate as much as possible in the State Convention. One of our own is moving up to become Commandant for the State of New Jersey. He was instrumental in getting this detachment formed. Any time anybody from this detachment has called him, Tony Modzelewski has been there, color guard, anything that we need to have done, Tony has been there for us. I think we need to have as much support as possible. Right now I have Debbie, Jim, Mike, Bernie, Fred, George, that's 6 from this detachment, that's 6, we need 1 more from this detachment, so we have to come up with another name. All the good stuff happens on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning is the department meeting where they have elections, we'll have a new district Assistant Vice Commandant. The delegates will elect whose going to be our district assist commandant on that meeting. There's lots of things that are going to happen but the foremost thing on my mind, I want 1313 to show as much support for Tony as possible. It's at the Hampton Inn in Woodbridge.

We had our minutes and newsletter in a timely matter for March, thanks to our new Adjutant.

George in the last 2 months has raised around \$700. He was at the ACME in Fair Haven recently.

George Kiss, our new Sergeant at Arms got the buttons right!!

In the last month we also got a Paymaster that knows how to be a Paymaster! We've done a lot of work in the last month...we were left with a lot of open spaces last October but everyone has stepped up that I asked to do something, they overcame and adapted and made it all work. We now have a Paymaster that split out all the different accounts, we know how much money we have in our checking account, we now know how much we have in the Rose Program, and how much we have in our scholarship fund.

Ooh Rah!!

We went to the department meeting down in Jackson, it was the first meeting that detachment had, they got their membership into the league on Tuesday, that Sunday, they sponsored the state meeting of the department. Things went well. A lot of things come down the pike. We had the Northeast conference which was 10 days ago; I did not make it because I wanted to celebrate my wife's 60th birthday.



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We may have found a temporary permanent house. 6 motor T over in Red Bank is where the department is going to be moving headquarters. 6 Motor Transport has given them space over in Red Bank.

I appointed in the last month, George Kiss, Bernie and Fred to be on the committee for Marine of the Year. Anybody has a recommendation that they want to give to those 3 Marines, a recommendation for who's going to be Marine of the Year, those 3 Marines will decide who is going to be Marine of the Year.



Chaplain's Report

- Chaplain continues to send get well cards and sympathy cards to our members and Marines.
- If you hear of a Marines death, even if they are not in our MCL Detachment, please notify the Chaplain or Commandant. A sympathy card will be sent at a minimum.



Paymaster's Report

The new Paymaster and our esteemed Commandant went to Bank of America to straighten out the checking account. The prior Paymaster cannot locate any of the checks or information for the active account, so 1) we closed the account since there is a check book floating around and 2) changed to PNC Bank because they gave us a better deal. We now have 2 accounts, one for the regular checking business and another savings account for the scholarship money.

All other monies are accounted for and the bottom line is that we need to raise more money.



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Marine Corps Expand Rules for Purple Heart

The Marine Corps expanded its rules for the Purple Heart, providing the medal to more Marines who suffer mild traumatic brain injuries in combat. The revisions approved by Commandant James Amos take into account new scientific findings about brain injuries. Any Marine who suffers a concussion from enemy action, such as a roadside bomb explosion, and who is kept out of combat longer than 48 hours by a physician because of neurological deficits has earned a Purple Heart. Before the changes, Marines could earn them for a concussion only if there was a loss of consciousness.



Upcoming Events with George

George Kiss reported at our meeting about hitting the streets to raise money with fundraising events. He ran into Shop Rite in Neptune and ended up canning the next day...earning \$324! He walked in to Shop Rite on Friday and they said come tomorrow we have no one scheduled...so George stood there in the cold and rain all by himself with the winds howling...stray dogs running by...rain pelting him from every direction...what a Marine!!

Memorial Day we have a canning opportunity at Shop Rite in Neptune. The people from Ocean Township are allowing us to do canning at the end of the parade. They have a get together/picnic and they are allowing us to set up and can.

On Armed Forces Day, May 21st we are going to be doing canning at Fine Fare in Long Branch.

We are doing West LB Shop Rite on Flag Day...if George could get extra flags for canning, June 14th

Eatontown/Shrewsbury Acme the 25th of June we are scheduled for canning, first time ever.

July 16th and August 20th we doing the Long Branch car show by the Bocce Courts, we set up by 5:00 and promote us and fundraise.

George also went and set us up for Ocean fest. They are going to send us the paperwork to sign up and get in on that day. There is a small problem this year, they don't want anyone collecting money. Maybe we can sell flags or something, but that's down the road and open for suggestions.



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George also spoke to Barry Stein, about us having the bocce courts in West End July 16th and August 20th for fundraising and car shows. He was also at the Chamber of Commerce to talk about the Long Branch Marathon maybe we could present colors and put up a little tent for fundraising.

He went to Shop rite in Long Branch and we now have a couple of dates over there...the Adjutant will supply the letter with the tax ID number on our letterhead. We also need letters for ACME in Fair Haven, Shop rite in Neptune, Fine Fare in Long Branch. Sea Bright borough hall will contact George about presenting colors and/or fundraising for the Sea Bright fair.

The Commandant responded back to Ocean Grove about their parade for presenting colors Saturday July 2nd.



Let's Get Things Rolling with AmpSurf!!

Amsurf is now a standing committee. I am still waiting for information as to what we can do and what we can't do. I should be hearing sometime in the next week. We did find out it is a Kosher site, which doesn't present a problem; the pavilion must remain Kosher but the beach, not so.

www.AMPSURF.ORG

The State has given us money to go ahead and serve breakfast and lunch for 50 wounded warriors, amputees, wounded veterans when they come to the private beach in Loch Harbor to teach them to surf. They want us to supply the program with breakfast and lunch....can we have a motion to do this? It's a Tuesday and Wednesday, August 16th and 17th. Discussion on the motion is everybody here is going to be working on this project as NOT a fundraiser for Detachment 1313 or the Jersey Shore Marines. This is Monmouth County Marines on the Jersey Shore making this program work for these wounded warriors. Whatever money we raise above and beyond goes towards a wounded warrior



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project....this should be part of the motion. We don't put a nickel in our treasury. The Commandant will spearhead this project.



A Little About AmpSurf

One in five Americans struggle with a lifelong disability and nearly two million men and women that have served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, and are coming home looking for ways to feel whole again and to fit back in to normal life with their disability. Whether they are an amputee, blind, suffer from PTSD, or have quadriplegia. Whether they served in WWII, Vietnam, Korea, the Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan; AmpSurf offers a unique program to bring the healing power of the ocean and adaptive surfing together for an experience that is both mentally and physically one of the best forms of rehabilitation on the planet. For 9 years AmpSurf has been providing "Learn to Surf" Clinics and they have served hundreds of our disabled vets who probably never would have had this experience if it hadn't been for this program.

It will probably cost us \$3,000...and as you know, we don't have \$3,000 in our account. The new Commandant coming in told the Commandant there are 39 detachments in our county so we will raise the money!! Even if each detachment gave us \$50, we would reach our goal.

The vets to benefit from this clinic will be coming from East Orange and then open to Vineland and the VA Hospital in Suffolk, NY.

We need sundries for our collection to send to the troops overseas. Bernie is getting the packages together so collect those little toiletries so our soldiers can at least feel "a bit" clean!!

We received an email from a member of the John Basilone Honor Platoon #251 (MCRD PI 1962). This email came from Earl C. Miller who is attempting to bring this platoon back together for a reunion in September 2011. If you know of any members of this platoon please contact LCpl Earl Miller at 908-319-9743 or tokoba2@verizon.net, or pass this information on to them.



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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

We have to do something for our active duty Marines in Tarawa II housing area in Camp Legune was heavily damaged and over 40 Marine families have been displaced. A motion was passed to send \$100 to the USO to help out.

There is a new site up combining the DOD and VA: www.ebenefits.VA.gov for help with questions and information about your benefits.

The new headgear for the Army is now going to be a Stetson cowboy hat like the old Calvary Army used to wear.

Forwarded from Tony Modzelewski; we have a Marine that is alive, LCpl William Kyle Carpenter that has been nominated by Congress to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. He jumped on a grenade and was blown up so bad he lost half his face, including his eye and his right arm but when you see his picture, he has a smile on his face! We are 100% happy about Congress nominating LCpl Carpenter for the Medal of Honor!! Let's give this Devil Dog a cheer and keep him in our thoughts!!!

Save the date....The New Jersey Hall of Fame on June the 5th up in Newark at the new Philharmonic Center they will be inducting Sgt Basilone.

We lost a Marine by the name of Jeremy Kane who joined the Marines right after Sept 11th. He was a student at Rutgers and was called up on his Reserve Duty when he lost his life. There will be the second annual Jeremy Kane benefit run organized by the Rutgers Veterans for Education starting at Cherry Hill East High School on May the 1st.

Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day, we will be in Ocean Township with minimum color guard. As time goes on we may put a car in there.

The Commandant has made a request for his Marines....we are being asked to put an ad in for the State Convention Journal. In the past, the full page ad has been \$100 or we have the option of purchasing raffle tickets which we can spend \$60 or \$70 for a chances to win a painting. Eric motioned that we spend the \$100 for the ad, motion seconded. Since we passed a resolution that we are going to buy an ad for the State Convention, looking over the By-laws we have to buy a national convention ad also.

Spring fundraiser for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, winner will be selected at the National Convention. If anyone is interested, please get in touch with the Commandant to purchase the raffle tickets.

John Valentino won the 50/50 and donated his winnings.



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You may ask...where do I get uniforms? Well here's your answer:

RED BLAZER

1. MCL National Headquarters "Semper Fi Store" 8626 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031
Phone: 800-625-1775 www.MCLeague.org
2. The Marine Shop – Quantico 300 Potomac Ave, Quantico, VA 22134
Phone: 703-640-7195 www.MarineShop.net
On the website, look under "Uniform Accessories: They have a section for the Marine Corps League

RED MESS JACKET

The Marine Shop – Quantico

- They also have special Dress Blue Trousers (no pockets). Formal MCL Uniform Accessories are available from the "Semper Fi Store"

THE WHITE AVIATOR SHIRT

Semper Fi Store OR...local Police/Fire Uniform store (depends on whether you want to iron in the creases each time you wear your shirt or buy a shirt with the creases stitched in).

BLACK MILITARY SHOES (aka Corframs)

The Marine Shop OR...a military base exchange store OR..Police/Fire Uniform store

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE ACCESSORIES

1. Semper Fi Store – covers, patches, belts, pins, black trousers, ties, cap strips, etc.
2. The Marine Shop – Dress Blue Trousers, military shoes, DoD Medals, etc.

MARINE CORPS UNIFORM ITEMS

Dress Blue Trousers, DoD Medals, etc.

1. Uniform Support Center Customer Support (Active, Reserve, Retired)
Phone: 800-368-4088 www.usmc-mccs.org They have a "Uniforms" section on their website. Uniform items are cheaper if ordered by an Active/Reserve/Retired Marine. We all have one of these in our Detachment. Get together with that Marine and place an order.

OR...Visit your local Marine Corps Base Cash Sales



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MPRC

"Armed Forces Day"

WHAT: Monmouth Park will be hosting the first ever "Armed Forces Day"

WHERE: Monmouth Park Racetrack, 175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, NJ

WHEN: June 4th, 2011 10:30 a.m. until end of last race

WHY: To Honor and Salute all the Vets and Military on "Armed Forces Day." Sponsored by www.mprc.us

Contact: Paul M. Travers, President MPRC 732-213-8421 paulmtravers@gmail.com



In honor of those who have served in the United States Military, Monmouth Park Race Club and Monmouth Park have teamed up to offer a special day saluting members of the military on "Armed Forces Day", June 4th, 2011 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The general public and all members of the military are encouraged to attend this special day filled with spectacular exhibits, music, a "Fly Over" and, of course, exhilarating Thoroughbred Horse racing.

The "Armed Forces Day" events are free to all Vets and Military with valid ID. For the general public there is a nominal racetrack grandstand admission fee of \$3 and clubhouse admission is \$5, children 12 years old and under will be admitted free. General Parking is free to all Vets and Military and \$2 per vehicle for the general public.

Live Thoroughbred Racing starts at 12:50 p.m.

"Armed Forces Day" scheduled events include:



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- Black Hawk Helicopter, Landing at approx. 10:30a.m. Saturday June 4th, 2011 (Rain date Sunday June 5th, 2011) Tours of the Black Hawk will be available;
- Military "Fly Over" after the 3rd Race of WWII and Vietnam Fighters;
- Honor Guards from Army, Navy, and Coast Guard;
- Displays from the Army, Navy, and Marines;
- Antique and Military vehicles;
- Info Age Science History Learning Center;
- Sea Girt Army Museum;
- American Recreational Military Services (A.R.M.S.) ***
- Music and equipment supplied by NJs Americas Most Wanted Band as well as performances from The Chorus of the Atlantic, Shamrock & Thistle Pipe Band, Ocean Township High School Chorus, as well as several local bands on the green/bandstand.

*** A.R.M.S. is a 501 public charity founded in 2003 by a group of volunteers who began by soliciting donations to be shipped to the troops overseas. They will be accepting donations on this day. Please visit A.R.M.S. website @ www.supportarms.org to see more about what they do to support our Military and their families.

A Marine may leave the Corps.....

...but the Corps will NEVER leave the Marine!



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Let's All Get to the Mess Hall!!

In 1943, I was the supervisor of 12 mess halls for the 6th QM Training Regiment at Camp Lee, Virginia. The breakfast menu called for orange marmalade, but for some reason the men didn't like it. When we notified the commissary to stop supplying this item, we were told that orange marmalade was a "forced issue" and we had to take it. A directive even came down that we could not throw any of it away.

Every week, we got another case of six 1-gallon cans of orange marmalade. We put it in bowls on the tables each morning, and after breakfast we'd scrape it back into the cans and put the cans back in the storeroom.

Finally, one morning, a table of GIs asked for more marmalade. Before long, the entire mess hall was emptying the bowls as fast as we could fill them.

In the storeroom, I checked the open cans and discovered little bubbles coming to the top. The stuff had fermented and the troops had found a cheap source of alcohol. Word got out to the other mess halls and we suddenly had a run on orange marmalade.

I gave orders to all mess halls to open all cans and let them sit for several weeks until the marmalade fermented. In the end we had happy soldiers at breakfast and an end to the problem of what to do with the orange marmalade!

▪ Bob Kershaw, Muncie, Indiana

WITH REGRET

Charlie Sheen is 45 and his story is all over the news because he is a substance abuser, and adulterer, and sexually promiscuous.....

Lindsay Lohan is 24 and her story is all over the news because she's a celebrity drug addict and thief...with low lifes as role models, is it any wonder why our kids have problems? While....

Justin Allen 23, Brett Linley 29, Matthew Weikert 29, Justus Bartett 27, Dave Santos 21, Jesse Reed 26, Matthew Johnson 21, Zachary Fisher 24, Brandon King 23, Sheldon Tate 27, and Christopher Goeke 23.....are all Marines who gave their lives this week for you. There is no media for them; not even a mention of their names. So let's salute them and give them a big OOH RAH for their service and bravery!!

Thanks to PC Mike Apricena