BUSY TIMES …

Greetings fellow Dept of CT MCLeaguers. At this writing, lots is going on. At the time this newsletter is published, lots more will have occurred. I would like to first take a moment to publicly thank Detachment Commandants Marine Peters (Thames River), Marine Pina (Brass City Memorial), Marine Lee (Paul C Houghton), Marine Debigare (Peter P Monaco), and Marine McQuire (Dept of RI Commandant) for each having extended to me an invitation to participate in their celebration of our beloved Corps’ 247th birthday. I was able to attend all but Peter P Monaco’s and each was an exceptional event. Thanks!!! In addition to celebrating and honoring the Marine Corps Birthday, we had Veterans Day (A BIG THANK YOU to all for having chosen to honorably wear our country’s uniform). The Thanksgiving holiday was also celebrated and I hope and trust each of you and yours were able to take time on this day to enjoy the company of family and friends, but also to reflect for a moment on how this great big experiment of democracy began. It is also that time of year when Toys for Tots is in full swing. I hope to hear from any and all detachments on what was done and how your respective communities were impacted by your selfless acts of kindness. With regards to our bi-monthly department business meetings, beginning Sunday December 4, 2022 we are going to try something a little different. Instead of waiting until the end of our meetings to eat “lunch”, we are going to probe lunch prior to the start of the business meeting. There are quite a few of our members who because of age, health, etc need to eat at regular intervals because of medications. The plan is to have lunch served prior to the start of the December 2022, February 2023 and April 2023 business meetings. During the June convention business meeting, we certainly can discuss in-depth, if need be, as to continue or revert back to eating after the meetings. Finally, I ask that all of us continue to check in on our detachment members. Some may not be able to attend detachment meetings now due to the cold, and early darkness. I continue to consider myself privileged to serve as your Department Commandant and always look to you for guidance and mentoring on how we can improve ourselves at the Department level.

Semper Fi
Patrick T. McMahon
Commandant
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League
IMPORTANT DATES

Department Meetings

Dec. 4th 13:00 Rocky Hill,
Feb. 5th 13:00 Valley, Valley will bring the food
APR. 2nd 13:00 Rocky Hill, Thames River will bring the food.

June 10th CONV. TBD

GLAWACKUS & PACK GROWLS

Jan. 8  Pound 11:00 Pack 13:00
at Rocky Hill
Mar. 5  Pack Only 13:00 Valley
May 7  Pound 11:00 Pack 13:00
at Rocky Hill

JUNE ?  Grand Growl TBD

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ANNOUNCEMENT

What do you want to get out of the Marine Corps League? Everyone's goals are different, but a lot of us do this because we still want to serve. That being said how do we serve? Some serve in the Funeral Honors detail, which is an extremely important and vital role in the League. Others volunteer for committee and details such as the roses, or the Wake detail and Leadership. Without Department and detachment officers nothing or very little could be accomplished. If you have ideas on how to make things better this is a vital role to bring your ideas to life.

Right now the Department is looking for a new Paymaster. I have held that role now for several years and I’m not giving it up so I can take a seat and just watch I am moving on in the chairs, to Jr. and Sr. Vice. We need someone else to take that big step and take on a leadership role by becoming the Department Paymaster. Volunteer now so you can get some training in on how thing work in this position. It’s a much easier job than you think it is, in fact if you are a detachment paymaster this job is easier. Reach out to take the position or get more information on it.

Arthur  Brainard  12  12/06/46
Elmer  Gendreau  12  12/11/35
Parker  Hanssen  12
Carol  Krohn  12  12/03/40
Adam  Krzynowek  12  12/24/59
Edward  Lee Jr.  12  12/31/49
Daniel  Lutty  12  12/06/47
John  Malley  12  12/16/35
Robert  Marchese  12  12/19/35
Andrew  McKinn  12  12/03/68
Edward  Orlowski  12  12/26/25
Henry  Otte  12
Richard  Rampone  12  12/01/41
Francis  Russell  12  12/02/48
Dennis  Taricani  12
Caron  LeRoy  1  01/07/44
Clark  John  1  01/30/30
Connors Jr.  William  1  01/26/70
Enriquez  Robert  1  01/08/40
Fitzpatrick  Leo  1  01/04/38
Lantz  Richard  1  01/09/83
Lugo  Angel  1  01/20/38
Madigan  Charles  1  01/11/44
Mullaney  Garrell  1  01/06/47
Ostertag  Donald  1  01/10/73
Padelli  Matthew  1  01/31/48
Parker  Thomas  1  01/01/37
Rivard  Raymond  1  1/9/1934
Smith  Robert  1  01/18/48
Wilson  Marion  1  01/12/35
Wisneski  Stephen  1
Red Ribbon Week

Red ribbon week is the last week of October every year. It focuses on reducing drug use and demand in today's society. It is one of the largest efforts of this focus.

The Young Marine program does their best to reach out into their communities to help with the red ribbon week efforts. Different units do different things in their communities. Many units across the United States strive to reach out to as many people as they can during this week. The Units in Connecticut did this too.

On Friday October 28th the Natchaug River Young Marines reached out into the Colchester community and gave classes. They gave six classes over the span of a school day at Colchester Middle School to sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. These classes were about nicotine and marijuana. The students were very respectful and listened to the classes.

I had the pleasure of participating in giving these classes. It went amazingly and I hope we can do it again next year. Brass city young marines made red cord bracelets. They had their young marines sit down and make red cord bracelets to honor red ribbon week. We wear our red cord bracelets to signify our pledge to a healthy drug free life.

Three Rivers Young Marines educated their Young Marines for red ribbon week. They kept their efforts confined yet strong entrusting their Young Marines to spread word of the epidemic to their peers.

All of the Young Marine units in Connecticut did something for red ribbon week. While each unit might have done something different we all have the same ideas. All of the units are working together to get the message out about the growing drug problem in our world. We are doing our best to help bring the numbers down over the course of the week.
On November the fifth Brass City Memorial Detachment celebrated the 247 Birthday of our beloved Corps. It was a little bit like the beginning, we met in a bar. Brothers and sisters exchanging greetings and raising a glass or two to our beloved Corps as well as our brother, passed, Sam Beamon.

We ate drank, laughed and told jokes, and then we cut the cake. The oldest cuts a piece and passes it to the youngest symbolizing the passing of knowledge to the next generation. I take issue with this ceremony because I never get to be the youngest and since you have denied me this I will not forget when you come looking for the oldest.

The evening took on a formal tone when the guest speaker was introduced, First Sergeant Ben Grainger. It’s always better when a Marine is the speaker and this night was no exception, as the speech was both moving and motivating to all in attendance. I myself considered going down to the recruiter on Monday to re-enlist, however I met with some resistance.

At one point in the speech the First Sergeant asked all the Marines in the room to stand. All Marines like to stand we grew fond of it in boot camp. We also love being recognized. I heard somewhere that the first rule of being a Marine is to tell everyone you’re a Marine.
The evening concluded with of course the Raffle. I did my fair share of winning, some would say I got more than my fair share. Happily I managed to win the History of The Marine Corps after four year of trying, how many more years will I keep trying for the Kbar?

Lastly, though out of order we remember. We remember our Brothers and Sisters who never returned home with us. We honor them, we miss them and keep them in our hearts.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Members of the Brass City Memorial Detachment, collecting toys in Prospect at La-Bonne's Market. They are there every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 2 pm. Pictured to the left are, Antonio Pina Brass City Commandant, Jim Lauber Past Department Commandant. Robert Bozzuto, and Walt Benson.
On Sunday, November 13th, over 150 Marines and guests gathered for breakfast at the Irish American Club in Glastonbury, CT, to celebrate the 247th birthday of the Marine Corps, hosted by the Marine Corps League, Peter P. Monaco, Jr. Det. 40. Special guest of honor, Corporal Dorothy (Dottie) Dee, WWII veteran, was the life of the party with her wit and esprit de corps keeping the guests entertained. Dottie served as an Aviation Supply Clerk from 1943 to 1946 and was stationed at Camp Miramar, CA.

Dottie just celebrated her 100th birthday this past October with “A Few Good Women” by her side. She has always been proud of her title, Marine, and was thrilled to be invited to join the Marine Corps League’s birthday breakfast celebration the following month. She was thrilled when she won the raffle item of an Elan Snowboard where she proudly showed off her Marine Corps physical mindset. Dottie proudly proclaimed she is not too old to enjoy herself. She is the perfect example of living a life to the fullest with great joy and pride as a Marine. Marines know how to party, and she proved that you’re never too old to do so! Semper Fi.

Det 40: Marines from Peter P. Monaco Jr. Det 40, and WWII Veteran Dottie Dee in formation for birthday ceremony.

Don Davis and Dottie Dee with snowboard.

Birthday100 photo: Marines Jane Sipila, Rita Roy, Donna Dysart, Jamie DePaola, and Dottie Dee (October 2022 for Dottie’s 100th birthday)
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.

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Marine Corps League National Convention 2023

100th Anniversary MCL, Oklahoma City

August 14th through August 19th
Banquet is Friday August 19th
OMNI HOTEL
100 West Oklahoma City Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109
Phone: (405) 438-6500

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Attention To Orders
THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEETING
December 4, 2022  13:00
Rocky Hill
Building 50

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“*We’re surrounded... that simplifies our problem.*”

What Started Here......
Continues Here.....