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### Welcome to Housatonic Detachment 1129's Newsletter



This month, I'm dropping the USMC History section since I've been told that everyone has seen the various months in past newsletters. I also need to make room for other things that I've been requested to include in the newsletter. To keep the cost of mailing out paper copies of the newsletter, I have to keep the number of pages down so the envelope doesn't weigh over an ounce which would add an additional stamp.

For those of you that do the internet, I will be dropping AT&T for my primary email address soon. My new primary email address will probably be [MCL1129@aol.com](mailto:MCL1129@aol.com). I'll send out a notice from my new email when I do the switch.



A number of people have filled out the "Member Info" sheet. If you haven't, please go to the last page of this newsletter and fill out the information requested and mail it in or bring to our next meeting. It will help us plan future functions.

#### Paymaster Request:

When you make out a check to the detachment, please make it out to "Marine Corps League" as that is the primary name on our account. And, even if the check is for a Quartermaster order, make out the check to the "Marine Corps League" as quartermaster merchandise is paid for by the detachment funds. If you are reimbursing me for something that I personally fronted money for, make the check out to "John LaBrecque".

#### Quartermaster Stuff

**Ribbon Bars:** I have a number of uniform ribbon bars. Anyone that needs an upgrade can simply exchange their old ribbon bar for a new one or pay for a new one.

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Membership applications can be downloaded and

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printed out from our website at:

<http://www.orgsites.com/ct/housatonic/index.html>

For those that are computer challenged, you can contact me to send you some or pick them up at one of our meetings. Just as an FYI, I usually have copies of our applications and rituals at every meeting. Just ask me for one if you want any copy.

Some people have asked me where to get embroidery done locally (Caps, jackets, etc.). A good place is:

### All League Embroidery

171 Bruce Ave  
Stratford, CT 06615  
203-377-7215

The above info is the updated address and name info of the same place we've had in previous newsletters. They do a decent job with our MCL caps and give us a good price.

Announcements and other info on our detachment can be found on the Marine Corps League Announcement Forum on <http://www.YellowFootprints.com> ; our website at <http://www.orgsites.com/ct/housatonic/index.html> and on our webpage on National's website at <http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/userpages/HOUSATO NIC-914.php>

We also have a listing on the Department of Connecticut's website at <http://www.mcldeptct.org/pages/detachments8.html>

Jack LaBrecque – Web Sergeant.

My email address is:

[JITB@att.net](mailto:JITB@att.net)

Other contact info is:

Jack LaBrecque, 2288 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615

(203) 380-0303

## Commandant's Column

I have several things to share with you this month.

As previously communicated to you & discussed at our Feb 8 meeting, we will try to publish in each newsletter a list of upcoming events including VFW functions. This list will also be distributed at each monthly meeting. This will allow you to plan, mark your calendars & make arrangements to

attend those events that you wish to attend.

Our Formal Marine Mess Night of May 15 is fast approaching. I would like to see a good turnout from our Detachment. To clear up some questions & concerns: tickets are \$75.00- {not cheap but fair for what you get} , an outstanding meal, all amenities, ALL beverages & an outstanding experience that will increase your pride in being a Marine. Formal means MCL blazer, or jacket & tie, or tuxedo if you wish. The Event is for Marines (male & female), Associates, Friends who have served in other branches of the service or have a special respect for the Corps. Spouses & significant others should be deferred to Spousal Appreciation Night.

I guarantee the event will not disappoint. See Jack Dougherty for tickets. Please purchase early.

The consideration of doing a "Rose Day" as a fundraiser appeared to be favorably received at the Feb 8 meeting. We will discuss this further at our March meeting. Things you should know at this point are:

- 1) We will do this in teams of 2 or more people
- 2) Volunteers & spouses are welcome & teams pick their own location.

My wife, Barbara & I will do a shopping center in Monroe.

- 3) The time commitment other than planning is only 4-6 hours maximum on 1 day

- 4) We will give out Marine Roses for donations, the proceeds to go mainly to support our deployed troops & wounded warriors

- 5) Rose Day will be Sat Sept 11 which is Patriots Day or on a date determined by the membership @ the March meeting. Any team may go out earlier if the team so wishes.

- 6) I would like to have a list of teams by & at the March meeting.

Please think about it & talk to each other

- 7) We will try to have a typical display set up at our April or May meeting.

I will be our "guest speaker" at our March meeting. The Meeting format will change a bit. We will do our raffle early in the meeting, tickets being sold before the meeting. At the end of our regular meeting, coffee will be served & I will do a 20 minute talk on:

"Battle Fatigue, Vietnam Syndrome, PTSD"

"The most common & often the most devastating combat injury". I will discuss cause, diagnosis & treatments. A handout will be available to those who choose not to stay.

Semper Fi! Jim Alexander

## Detachment News & Info

### 2010 Staff:

**Commandant:** Jim Alexander  
**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Jack Dougherty  
**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Matt O'Neil  
**Judge Advocate:** Jim Jarusinsky  
**Jr. Past Commandant:** Harry Howe  
**Adjutant/Paymaster:** Jack LaBrecque  
**Chaplain:** Bob Chenoweth  
**Sgt. At Arms:** Bill Lamb  
**Web Sergeant:** Jack LaBrecque  
**Newsletter Editor:** Jack LaBrecque  
**Public Relations:** Bob Vitale  
**Color Guard Commander:** Jack Dougherty  
**Scholarship Chairman:** Jim Alexander  
**Detachment Historian ~** Dave Schmidtke  
**Detachment Librarian ~** Don Pavia  
**VA-VAVS ~** Jim Alexander  
**Youth Liaison ~** Open  
**Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast ~** Don Pavia  
**Toys for Tots Coordinator ~** Jack LaBrecque  
**Detachment Activity Coordinator ~** Orrie Barber  
**Memorial Day Picnic & Parade ~** Jack LaBrecque  
**Quartermaster ~** Jack LaBrecque

Some of the above committee names may change in the next few months as Commandant Alexander verifies who is willing to do the job.

### Detachment Address:

Marine Corps League  
 Housatonic Detachment #1129  
 Post Office Box 281  
 Stratford, CT 06615-0281

### Detachment Meetings are at:

VFW Post 9460  
 100 Veteran's Blvd (Off of Barnum Avenue Cut-Off)  
 Stratford, CT



**Our next meeting will be  
 on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at  
 1930**



## The Marine Corps League Cover

Every member should have MCL cover as it is the minimal Marine Corps League uniform. The Ship's store recently raised the price for the cap. It is now \$23, the EGA cap emblem is \$3.50 and the Associate cap emblem is \$5.50.

## A Happy Birthday this month to:

### Eli "Chief" Caviness ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Who?" by George Olsen

### Bob Chenoweth ~ March 27<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Moonlight Cocktail" by Glenn Miller

### John Evers ~ March 19<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Heartaches" by Ted Weems

### Bob Goetz ~ March 26<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "The Ballad of the Green Berets" by S/Sgt. Barry Sadler

### Bob Hoyt ~ March 8<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Linger Awhile" by Paul Whiteman

### Frank Kinney ~ March 16<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Oh! What It Seemed to Be" by Frankie Carle

### Joe Patria ~ March 23<sup>rd</sup>

# 1 Song "Let's Fall in Love" by Eddy Duchin

### Dave Schmidtke ~ March 12<sup>th</sup>

# 1 Song "Penny Lane" by The Beatles

### John Scianna ~ March 23<sup>rd</sup>

# 1 Song "Deep Purple" by Larry Clinton

Above indicates the # 1 Billboard Song on the date they were born

## Membership Dues

Membership dues renewals should be sent to our address:

Marine Corps League  
 Housatonic Detachment #1129  
 Post Office Box 281  
 Stratford, CT 06615-0281

Or to:

Jack LaBrecque  
 2288 Main Street  
 Stratford, CT 06615

You can use the Renewal Form that National sends you or the Application/Renewal form available at our website at:

<http://www.orgsites.com/ct/housatonic/index.html>

Make checks out to the "Marine Corps League". You also can just send a check with "Renewal" printed in the Memo section on the check.

## Marine Rose Booster Members 2010

Jack LaBrecque ~ January  
Jim Alexander ~ January  
Bob Vitale ~ February  
John Scianna ~ February

(Worthwhile to note here is that John Scianna donated \$100 to the Rose Fund and renewed his membership ahead of any notice from National! Thank you, John, for your generous donation.)

It's not mandatory that you become a Marine Rose Booster but it does focus certain funds towards worthwhile charitable projects of the detachment.

## Life Member Booster 2010

Jack LaBrecque ~ January  
Jim Alexander ~ January  
Dick Steele ~ February

## VFW Post 9460 Events

"After Action Report"  
"Operation Steak Night"

On the evening of 20 Feb, a contingent of Marines from Housatonic Detachment, consisting of Bob Vitale, Joe Piczko, Frank Rodriguez, Joe Kubic, Jim Alexander & their spouses invaded VFW Post 960 for the battle of "Steak Night". After much hand to hand fighting, the Marines did prevail. (see Pictures).

After the conflict, leader Bob Vitale said, "We showed them how to party with boots on the dance floor & we look forward to future events.

Respectfully, Jim Alexander Commandant



On March 13, 2010, the VFW will have a Corned Beef and Cabbage Night from 7 PM to 12 AM. The charge will be \$20 per person.

Members of the Housatonic Detachment should make an effort to support the different functions of VFW Post 9460.

## MCL Events

Friday March 12 @ 7:00PM:  
Ridgefield CT MCL Mess Night  
Portuguese Cultural Center, Danbury Ct

Contact Frank Kunst Email

[frankkunst@fairfieldcountybank.com](mailto:frankkunst@fairfieldcountybank.com)

Or mail \$75.00 check to:

Ridgefield MCL

PO Box 55

Ridgefield CT 06877

Saturday March 13 7PM-12AM:

ST Patrick Dinner Dance @ VFW

\$20.00 pp RESERVE EARLY

Sunday April 11 @ 1:30 PM:

Dept of Ct MCL meeting

Valley Detachment

55 West St, Seymour CT

"Worth the time & short trip"

Thursday April 15 5:30-7:30:

Sandwich Night @ VFW

Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches

Sponsored by **HOUSATONIC DET #1129**

\$6.00 pp 50/50 raffle & door prizes

**Volunteers needed**

Tuesday April 20 @7:00PM:

Hooch Pooch Hound Pound #141 Growl

@Housatonic Detachment @ VFW

Anyone interested in becoming a Devil Dog (The fun & honor society of the MCL) Contact Jack Dougherty or Jim Alexander

Saturday May 15 @ 6:30PM:

**FORMAL MESS NIGHT**

Stone Barn Restaurant (Whitney Farms Golf Club)

Rte 111 Monroe CT

Sponsored by Joint Venture -\$75.00 all inclusive

**"A most outstanding Event"** – no spouses

Monday May 31:

Memorial Day Celebration & Picnic

1PM Ceremony @ Academy Hill

2PM Parade

Picnic @ Jack LaBrecque home to follow the Parade

\$6.00 pp or food donation

Saturday June 12 @7:00PM:

Spousal Appreciation Dinner @ Smolen's Catering & Restaurant (Details to follow)

Friday & Saturday June 18 & 19:

Dept of CT Annual Convention

Dayville CT

Consult Jack Dougherty for details

Mid July:

Bus Trip to NY to visit the Aircraft Carrier Intrepid & cruise around Manhattan. Limited to 44 people, (Spouses, children & guests invited) Details to follow

October or November:

Pre-Holiday Porketta Dinner

Details to follow

Saturday November 6:

Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

Monday January 10, 2011 @7PM:

Installation & Awards Dinner

## PICTURES





One final note: Please get those dues renewals in.

**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Branch of Service:**

**Date Entered Service:**

**Active:**

**Reserve:**

**Date Discharged:**

**Active:**

**Reserve:**

**M.O.S. (Military Job):**

**Highest Rank (Optional):**

**DOD Ribbons & Awards received:**

**Civilian Occupation:**

**Return To:**

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2288 Main Street  
Stratford, CT 06615  
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Fax: 203-381-0625  
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James Alexander  
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987 Monroe Turnpike  
Monroe, CT 06468  
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Email [j.alexander360@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.alexander360@sbcglobal.net)