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***Dedication Ceremony
Marine Corps League Memorial Highway
&
Lt. Sherrod E. Skinner Memorial Bridge***

On **Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 3:00 PM**, all Connecticut Marines, both past and present, will celebrate the dedication of both “The Marine Corps League Memorial Highway” and the “Lieutenant Sherrod E. Skinner Memorial Bridge” as approved by Connecticut’s legislature.

The 2007 Connecticut General Assembly has passed legislation that was thereafter duly signed by the Governor and has become Public Act No. 07-232 that states within section 10 that “Bridge number 03405 over passing Route 372 in New Britain shall be designated the ‘Lieutenant Sherrod E. Skinner Memorial Bridge’,” and states in section 11 that “the segment of Route 71 in New Britain, from the intersection of South Main Street and Rockwell Avenue to the Berlin town line, shall be designated the ‘Marine Corps League Memorial Highway’,” In accordance with legislative procedure, a sign will be erected along the stretch of state highway named.

The Dedication Ceremony will take place at New Britain Stadium at Willow Brook Park (Rock Cat Stadium) parking lot by Route 71, New Britain. We expect a sizeable military, veteran and public presence. The MCL Department of Connecticut Color Guard, representatives & Detachment Colors from 18 MCL Detachments, Marines from Charlie Company based in Plainville, CT will be present. After the opening ceremonies, Connecticut State Dignitaries will say a few words and State Senator Donald J. DeFronzo will do the unveiling of the signs.