



# NEWS LETTER

## TORRINGTON MEMORIAL DETACHMENT 1142, INC.



**MAY 2008**

### AWARDS

Back on March 11<sup>th</sup> TMD held its Annual Awards Night Presentations. We had a couple of no shows, so on April 8<sup>th</sup> at our meeting we were able to finish presenting our awards. Aldo Bergonzi was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, Denny Bodak was awarded Meritorious Commendation Individual and John Clark, member of Hardware City Detachment received an Appreciation Award for his participation in Torrington Memorial's Color Guard, Eagle Scout Program, & Flag Etiquette Program.

We also was honored by the presence of the Worthy Pack Leader PDD Ronald Collins who awarded Brian Bunting an Appreciation Award from the Connecticut Pack of Military Order of Devil Dogs for Brian's efforts at the Children's Picnic with his fried pizza dough. The following photo is PDD Collins presenting Brian with his award.



### QUAD STATE CONVENTION

Your Editor, Duanne Knowles had the privilege of representing the Dept. of Ct. at the Quad State Convention hosted by the Department of Maine at the Best Western Hotel in South Portland Maine on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. On the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup> the Maine Pack MODD hosted a Pack Growl. At the Growl I had the honor of meeting CDD Laurel Hull the Honorable 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Devil Dog. The Worthy Pack Leader of the Maine Pack sort of lost control of the howling Devil Dogs, until National Commandant Jack Ryan got the body to sing the

Marines Hymn.

The business meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> Division Vice Richard Gore informed the body that the Division has \$500.00 available for seed money for Detachment Conventions. The Division has (2) \$1,000 scholarships available, each Dept. should submit (1) application before June 1<sup>st</sup>. D. V. Gore informed the body that he had a new award to be given out annual and later that night at the banquet he presented the New England Division Roland C. Knapp Award to Jack Dougherty for his outstanding efforts. Jack is the Young Marine Liaison Officer for the Division and a member of the Housatonic Detachment of Stratford, Ct. The following photo is DV Gore awarding Jack the NEDRCK award.





### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The new up dated activities list is posted at the Armory. But there are a couple of important items that we need to take care of at our up coming monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. On May 26<sup>th</sup> we have the Torrington Memorial Day Parade and each year we send out the call for members to participate in the parade, and we invite Marines who are not members of this Detachment to join us. If you do not have a proper uniform that resembles a Marine, all you need is a white shirt and black trousers and march behind our Marine Colors and you will be recognized as Marines. **“Once A Marine, Always a Marine”** Our usually group of members will be marching in the Waterbury Memorial Day Parade on Sunday Brass City Det. and their members will come to Torrington on


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Monday. **“Marines Helping Marines.”** We need to know who is marching on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> and those that can not march and what their needs are. **Secondly**, we have our annual tag sale coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We are in bad need of sellable items, the only response we have got at this time is from John Putnoki. **LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE AND FIND AN ITEM TO BRING TO THE MEETING ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>. And lets not take any of the wife’s items that she has that is cluttering the house. It might be your money that she buys it back with.** This Tag Sale is shared with the Auxiliary lets not let the Ladies do all the work. If you have items to be picked up call me 860-496-9723.







### MAY BIRTHDAYS



<b>Thomas Mastroberti</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Bruce Hunt</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Dan Ward</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>David Tribou</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Robert Killackey</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>William Wood</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Paul Schweitzer</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>

**EAGLE COURT OF HONOR**



On April 26, 2008 Bill Gordon, Fred Bxybee and Duanne Knowles attended an Eagle Court of Honor Justin Joseph Curtis of Troop 302 Waterbury. Troop 302 is a handicap Troop, these scouts are special and it is always a pleasure to attend there Eagle Ceremony’s. This was Torrington Memorial’s (7<sup>th</sup>) Eagle Ceremony for Troop 302. The above photo (L-R) Bill Gordon, Justin’s Uncle, Eagle Scout Justin Curtis, Justin’s Mom & Fred Bxybee,

**THE ANNUAL 233<sup>RD</sup> MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL**

Charlie Company will be hosting this year’s Marine Corps Ball on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Foxwoods Resort and Casino, in the Grand Pequot Tower. The price of all tickets has been set at \$100.00 per person, **based on double occupancy.**

The total complimentary room count given by Foxwoods to Charlie Company is 150 rooms. Charlie Company has kept 71 rooms for their needs and has graciously allocated 79 rooms along with the Dinner Banquet to the Marine Corps League. Rooms will be given to the **First 79** pair of tickets sold. Please Note: **These rooms are valued at \$275.00 and must have double occupancy.**

Charlie Company has set a cut off date of September 15<sup>th</sup> for all Ball Ticket Sales. Please remember that rooms will only go to the **First 79** pair of tickets sold.

The \$200.00 per couple gets you a \$275.00 room for the night and a Banquet.

**For MCL Members Ticket Reservations  
Please Contact**

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**All checks should be made out to  
Charlie Company Marine Corps Ball 2008  
C/O Thomas Parker, 55 Collier Road  
Wethersfield, Ct. 06109-3525**

**ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

On April 26, Hardware City Detachment held its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner & Dance at the VFW Post 511 at Veterans Drive, New Britain. The evening opened at 1800 with the usual social hour and selling of raffle tickets. At 1900 we had the presentation of Colors, playing of the National Anthem followed with the Marines Hymn. Hardware City Detachment Chaplain, Bill Cox gave the Benediction followed by dinner being served. General Williams was the guest speaker, and in the words of John Lynch, the General was a Cannon Cocker, therefore General Williams and John Lynch got to share the podium with equal time. They were both equally versed in the art of spokesman ship and that’s all that needs to be said. The Torrington Memorial delegation attending were Gregg Timms, Ellen Timms, Duanne Knowles, Laraine Knowles & Rhonda Knowles.

### PACK GROWL

The Connecticut Pack of the MODD held it's Growl at the Volunteer Fire House in Windsor, Ct. on May 4<sup>th</sup> with an outstanding presence of Devil Dogs & Pedigree Devil Dogs. The only Pups present were those that were going to the next level of pedigree, which would be Devil Dog. Once the auction for dog handlers was over the fun begun. I laughed so hard the tears were rolling down my cheeks. Mad Dog DD Sena and his assistant PDD Perodeau did an outstanding performance of keeping the Pups confused and entertaining. In the end the Pups passed their test and we now have (4) new Devil Dogs in the Order, they will be obligated into the Order as Devil Dogs at the Grand Growl at the Dept. Convention on June 27<sup>th</sup>. "Woof Woof". The Members of Torrington Memorial who qualify to join the Military Order of Devil Dogs (one year as a member in the Detachment) and have not joined, should really think about doing so. It is a socially fun orientated group of Marines. These Kennel, Pack & Pound Growls are a Howl. If you own a dog you will know what I mean. "Woof Woof"

### MAY RENEWALS

The following members have their membership dues renewals coming due in the month of May. If you have not received them as of yet, contact **Paymaster Gregg Timms 860-491-5445**

<b>Ronald Chase</b>	<b>William Chase</b>
<b>Steve Darr</b>	<b>Clayton Deming</b>
<b>Donald Dufresne</b>	<b>Gary Giarnese</b>
<b>Christopher Gust</b>	<b>Allen Machrone</b>
<b>Derek Santoro</b>	<b>*Curt Villarouel*</b>
<b>Daniel Ward</b>	

### PRAYER SERVICE

In keeping with our mission statement and our eternal promise to our deceased members, **"Remember and Cherish those that went before us, so that the Eternal Light that they left behind, will continue to guide us."**

We will be holding a Prayer Service at our up coming monthly meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1900. The prayer service will be for Mark Roman whom we lost on May 9, 2006. Our Charter will be draped with a black covering for the month of May and present at our monthly meeting in May.

We held a prayer service at our monthly meeting in March for Arthur Irving whom we lost in March

2005. At present we have (5) deceased members and on their anniversary month, we will hold a prayer service in their memory. We will keep our membership posted on these up coming prayer services so that you may join us in the remembrance of our fellow **Marines** and in some cases **"Dear Friends."**

### EDITORS BREIF

The summer weather is upon us, my grass needs mowing already. The Detachment's Color Guard has been busy, as well as our Eagle Court of Honor Program and our Flag Etiquette Program. Memorial Day is creeping up on us, lets hope that the weather treats us well.

Our Auxiliary is picking up new membership. The ladies are keeping busy within their Unit and some are getting to know members in other Auxiliary Units through the Brass City's Unit who holds a Stitch & Bitch where they swap ideas & etc. We have a Dept. Convention in June and a National Convention in August. And some of us are preparing to attend these functions.

I really enjoyed myself at the Quad State. For me it was like a family reunion, being a native of Maine and all. I reunited with one of my High School buddies and he & I entertained some of the Maine delegation with the crazy shit we did in our youth (Genuine Sea Story's) I went into the Marine Corps first and retired as a GySgt. and he retired as a 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.



.Let me introduce you to GySgt. Duanne Knowles & 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Donald Polk. **"Maine Home Boy's"**



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