MEETING NOTICE:
First Wednesday of the Month
Location:
American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post #1574
52 Garrigan Avenue,
Thornwood, NY 10594
Muster: 1930    Meeting: 2000
Next Meeting: 4 September 2019
No Meeting July & August

MEMBERSHIP
We are now at 326 members with
278 Life Members. Invite those
Marines to associate with our
Detachment.
Renewal = $36    New = $40

Think Life!

Life Member Dues:
To age 35 = $500; 36-50 = $400;
51-64 = $300; 65+ = $200

You can pay your dues online at
https://www.mclwestchester.org/renew
It’s quick, easy, save a stamp and

SICK & DISTRESS
Contact:
chaplain@mclwestchester.org

TAPS
It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our brother Marines:

David Turney who passed away on 1 September 2018.
Leonard N. Spano who passed away on 10 February 2019.
Edward A. Grimm who passed away on 13 June 2019.

MEMBER NEWS
Congratulations to Detachment Jr. Past Commandant Kevin O’Keefe who has been named Irish Echo 40 under 40 for 2019. The recognition ceremony was held at The Manhattan Club at Rosie O’Grady’s, 800 7th Avenue, New York on 22 February.

Marine Joseph DeAngelo is running for National Judge Advocate at the 2019 National Convention in Billings, Montana this coming August. Marine DeAngelo is the current National Northeast Division Assistant Vice Commandant.

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CALENDAR
27 July 19— VAMC Montrose Patient Picnic. The Detachments annual picnic for the patients at VAMC Montrose, Building 6, Wards C & D.
4-9 August 19—National Convention— Billings Montana
4-5 Oct 19—Department Meeting— Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah, Suffern, NY
10 Nov 19—Detachment Birthday Brunch— Westchester Manor, 140 Saw Mill River Rd, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Guest Speaker Department Commandant Thomas Wortmann —$50.00 per person.

HELP & ASSISTANCE
Westchester County Veterans Service Agency
914-995-2145 / 2146
Yonkers Veterans Service Agency
914-377-6700

VETERANS in CRISIS
Free confidential support to Veterans in crisis, as well as their family and friends. Save this number to your phone: 1-800-273-8255 (press 1 for Veterans). You can also chat online or text professional responders at 838255.

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Marine Family—Keeping The Tradition: Detachment Judge Advocate Drew McFadden’s granddaughter Ali (pictured left) before she departed for Parris Island for recruit training. Her brother Rian just got out in December. Pictured below is Drew’s son Andrew, his grandson Rian, along with his granddaughter, Ali, who just graduated boot camp. All 3 of the McFadden family are members of the St. Lawrence County Detachment #408 in up state, New York.

Marine Steve Topilnycky has been named Detachment Marine of the Year and has been nominated by the Detachment to the Department of New York for Department Marine of the Year.

Member Jim Maisano held his annual Toy Drive benefiting Westchester County Toys for Tots at Dudley’s in New Rochelle, where he and Westchester County Executive George Latimer presented Steve & Kelly Topilnycky with a proclamation from the County for their volunteerism with Toys for Tots.

Congratulations to Mikey Maisano, son of member Jim Maisano who was awarded the “Uncommon Valor” scholarship from the New York Marine Corps League Foundation. Mikey will be attending the University of South Carolina. Congratulations Mikey!

DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES
Marine Glenn Sadowski represented the Detachment at the Court of Honor where certificates were presented to those Boy Scouts who were elevated to Eagle Scouts.

Detachment Jr. Vice Commandant Donald O’Keefe presented Certificates of Appreciation to those business that supported our Birthday Ball Ad Journal. Special thanks to the following businesses and individuals who took out full page ads in the journal:

- McKeon’s Bar & Restaurant
- Just One Tavern
- Rory Dolan’s Restaurant, Bar & Caterers
- L. I. U. N. A. Local 147

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MARINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Lest We Forget
In memory of Marine and Detachment Member
Sgt. Anthony Kalladeen NYARNG
KIA Iraq 8 August 2005
Young Marines of White Plains
In memory of Westchester County Marines who were killed in the terrorist bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon 23 October 1983
LCpl Craig Wyche, USMC
Ossining HS
2019 Awardee: Florencia De Armas
Engineering
Cpl James J. Jackowski, USMC
John Jay HS
2019 Awardee James Luccassen
Materials Science and Engineering
Support our Scholarship fund
Donate Today! You can send your
donation to the Detachment PO Box
with Marine Memorial in the memo
section or donate online at http://bit.ly/2Tf5syN

(Marine Corps League: Westchester County Detachment)

(Above) Members of Troop 1, Hawthorne
saying the Pledge of Allegiance before the
flags are properly disposed of at Wheelabrator Westchester in Peekskill where they conduct a
special burn for the American Flags. (below)

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- Midway Electric
- All Time Detection
- Dr. Alan Schramm
- The Rambling House

Additional photos available on our
Facebook page (@mclwestchester)

Detachment Commandant Wilfredo
Muniz Jr and Member Rosanna Muniz
represented the Detachment at the
Detachment annual Patient Christmas
Party for patients of Ward C & D of
Building 6 of the VAMC Montrose this past
December.

The Detachment holds a patient picnic in July and a Christmas party for the patients
at VAMC Montrose. Donations to support these events are welcome and
couraged. Checks payable to Marine Corps League with VAVS in the memo
section, and mail to the Detachment Post Office Box, or you can donate online at
http://bit.ly/2Tf5syN

The Marine Corps League is a 501(c)4 organization. Donations are deductible for tax
purposes.

Detachment Elections: The following Marines were elected and appointed to their
respective offices:

Commandant: Wilfredo Muniz Jr.
Sr. Vice Commandant: –OPEN–
Jr. Vice Commandant: Donald O’Keefe
Judge Advocate: Drew McFadden
Adjutant Paymaster: Steve Topilnycky
Sgt at Arms: G.E.W. Rupprecht
Web Master: Steve Topilnycky

Department Commandant Rev. Ricardo Sheppard installed the newly elected and
appointed Officers.

Members MGen Robert Wolf, NYNM
(ret), Steve & Kelly Topilnycky
attended the 2019 Commissioning
Ceremony of MIDN Brett M. McCarthy
who was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in
the United States Marine Corps at SUNY
Flag Disposal Bin Project

The Detachment created a US Flag disposal bin project in 2008. In the 11 years of operations, hundreds of thousands of flags have been collected and properly disposed of with honor. Chairman of the Flag Disposal bin project, Detachment JA Drew McFadden utilizes Boys Scouts from Troop 1 in Hawthorne to help in the disposal effort. Our bins have undergone 11 years of mother nature. We are currently rehabilitating our six current locations and adding a seventh. Detachment member Marc Lenci has been our mover, handling the transportation from collection points to the body shop where the boxes are getting a fresh coat of paint, repairs as needed, and all new signage. Like anything else, it comes with a price. We are seeking donations to offset the cost of this rehabilitation's project. Donations to:

Marine Corps League
PO Box 505
White Plains, NY 10602-0505
Memo: Flag Bin

You can also donate online at http://bit.ly/2Tf5syN.

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The Flag collection team consists of Wilfredo Muniz, Jr., Drew McFadden, Marc Lenci and Steve & Kelly Topilnycky. Volunteers always welcome and encouraged.

The Westchester County Toys for Tots had a very successful 2018 season, collecting over 70,000 gifts that were distributed to over 18,000 children in our community. Many Detachment members and volunteers from the Community stepped up to make the 2018 campaign a great success. With loss of Toys R’ Us we were going to make purchases from Walmart, but as of 3 August 2018 the local store closed down. We were able to make purchases from vendors provided to us from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, as well monetary donations and the gifts of toys from the community. Each year the demand on our campaign increases and we are working hard to meet the demand. You can help by volunteering or making a donation. Please make checks payable to Toys For Tots and mail to:

Toys for Tots
PO Box 1207
White Plains, NY 10602

Or online at http://bit.ly/2TLFs34 Give to a Good Clause!

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization, and donations are recognized as tax deductible.

A Special Thanks to the following Detachment Members who assisted in this years Westchester County Toys for Tots Campaign: Steve & Kelly Topilnycky (Coordinators), Wil Calderon, Ken Davis, Liz Dreaper, Jim Maisano, Drew McFadden, Donald O’Keefe, Rev. Mary Phifer, and Kevin Sylvester. Special recognition to three Marines who are not members, but really stepped up and helped us get the toys collected from the various collection points, Marines John Condon & Josh Reilly. Also to Ossining Police Officer Mike MacNamara under the direction of Ossining Chief of Police Kevin Sylvester who worked closely with Detachment Member Rev. Mary Phifer to cover the Town of Ossining and surrounding areas. We also had help from SSG Brendaliz Santos, USA, who sent volunteers from the 719th Composite Truck Company out of Camp Smith to help out in our warehouse. I apologize if I missed any Detachment members that participated, and I did not recognize.

And finally all of the civilian volunteers who worked in our warehouse, to the performers who held concerts (Country Music Singer Jessica Lynn and the Mid-Life Crisis Band), to those companies and business who hosted collection boxes for us and to the Westchester County Parks Foundation "Kids Free Night" for those who bring a toy and gain free admission (children under 12) at the Winter Wonder Land at the Kensico Dam. We can not do what we do without you!