



Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

PO Box 505 • White Plains • NY • 10602-0505

Next Meeting: 7 February 2007 – First Wednesday
Muster 7:30 PM (food served), Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

February
Nominations for
Office
March
Nominations &
Elections
April
Installation

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MEMBERSHIP

FY07 = 418

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Ask that Marine to associate with our detachment.

Welcome Aboard!

New members: **Major Dan Hooker USMCR** of Emerald Isle, NC. Dan transferred in. Welcome back **Sal Brancato** of Valhalla sponsored by Lu Caldara; **Anthony Scirbona** of Yonkers sponsored by John Preiss; Assoc. Members **Stephen Joiner**, **Jerome Perry** of Ossining and **John Carlin** of Peekskill sponsored by Reverend Solomon Phifer.

We are now at **305** Life Members.

DUES INCREASE:

Effective 1 January 2007

Renewal = **\$26** New = **\$31**. This is due to the National increase of \$6.

Think LIFE!

Life Member Dues: Effective Jan 1.

To age 35=\$400; 36-50=\$350;
51-60=\$250; 61+=\$125

Online dues payment

Visit our website and save a stamp, envelope and that check writing time. Try it, you'll like it!

www.mclwestchester.org/

Calendar

Feb 8-10: National Mid-Winter Meet Fairview Marriott, Falls Church, VA @ \$89 + tax. All members welcome.

April 13-14: Northeast Division Meeting, Scranton, PA Clarion Hotel @ \$69 + tax. 570-344-9811. Int 81 Exit 184

May 13 2007: Broadway Dinner Theatre. Sunday performance of "**Grease**" for members and friends. Limited availability. **Only \$65**. Win Howard, Chairman. Limited Avail.

May 18-20: Quantico / Marine Museum/ Evening Parade ++ trip. North Shore Queens Detachment is offering the trip for only \$250 per person. Full details available for those interested

Taps

Life Member **Sergeant Major Armand J. Chauvin Sr. USMC** ret passed away 20 Dec. at Diamond Head, MS. See Obituary.

Member News

LtCol Glenn Sadowski USMCR has been assigned to the US Mission to the UN in NYC. New member **Major Dan Hooker USMCR** is the OIC for the "Wounded Warrior" barracks at Camp Lejeune, NC. **SSgt Ed Boeringer USMC** has moved from Afghanistan to West Africa to train a Liberian Army Company. **GySgt Mike Doyle USMC** will be attending Recruiter's School in February. **Cpl Mike Bizzoco USMC** has transferred to Parris Island to be trained as a PMI (Coach - Primary Marksmanship Instructor). **Chris Cona's** son Frank (former YM of White Plains) has graduated from Parris Island on January 5. **Victor and Mary Jo Cisternino's** daughter was recently married. **Sgt. Elizabeth Quinones USMCR** was recently promoted. She has her new DVD for download.

Detachment Activities

Thanksgiving Day Parade, Port Chester, **24 Nov:** Jim Mazzone, Wil Calderon and Lu Caldara with our Young Marines.

Veterans Town Hall Meeting, County Center, White Plains, **30 Nov:** Our information table was manned by Lu Caldara and Jim Mazzone.

VA Hospital Party, December 14. Well attended, we, along with our

Rockland County Leaguers, served 30 of the elderly veterans.

Marine Memorial Scholarship Fund "Lest We Forget"

In memory of former Marine and fellow Detachment member

SGT Anthony Kalladeen NYARNG

KIA Iraq 8 Aug 2005

Andrus Childrens Home, Yonkers as of 12/21/2006=\$2,659.72
Monthly \$18.18 by Al Jacobs
\$50 Wayne McGrath

In memory of Westchester County Marines who were killed in the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983.

LCpl Craig Wyche USMC Ossining HS

Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC John Jay HS

2006 Awardee – Ted Sinsheimer of Katonah (Dartmouth – Mechanical Engineering)

As of 12/21/2006=\$16,914.14
\$75 from the Valley Stream South Jr-Sr High School English Dept in memory of LCpl Craig Wyche
Donations are always welcome.

Toys for Tots

We had an early start with gifts being picked up and distributed before Thanksgiving. We ended up with over **30,000** gifts to serve Westchester County. A "Well Done" to our team of Marines and friends of the program. Special thanks to **Westy Storage Centers** for their direct support and all their staff did to make our program work for the thousands of youngsters who are recipients.

Once A Marine Always A Marine

Honor • Courage • Commitment • Tradition • History

Semper Fidelis

USMCR Family Assistance Fund

Carolyn Strong of Warrenton, VA donated \$500.

Project We Care

Our troops are still serving in many far of lands and are looking for gifts and letters from the folks at home. Show **"We Care."** With continual rotations, please get us **the names and addresses** of those military personnel, serving in the conflicts who would like to receive mail.

Young Marines of Westchester

Nov. 24: Columbus Day Parade in Portchester . **Nov. 27:** Color Guard for the Cheerleading Competition at the WC County Center. **Jan. 22:** Recruit Graduation. **Dec 29:** Color Guard for County's "Slam Dunk" High School Basketball championship games.

Recruiting for 2007 Spring session ends February 15.

LHD USS New York Gym Equipment Project

Sr. Vice Cmdt **Drew McFadden** and LtCol **Glenn Sadowski USMCR** are spearheading this project to supply a "Bowflex" for the ship's workout area. They have already contacted a sister ship for the specs.

Silver Service Challenge

Our Detachment has taken on the challenge to support the purchase of "Silver Service" for the **LHD USS New York.**

Only you can make the difference. Every dollar does count. Get your name on our donor's scroll. We have had **61** members respond.

Donations to our PO Box with **"Silver"** in the memo section. Thank you!

New donors: \$20 Maynard Anderson, \$125 Richard Cottrell

Current Total \$1945

Silver Challenge Scroll

Anderson, Maynard
Balog, Dick
Caldara, Lucian
Casale, Joseph
Cisternino, Vic
Collazo, Salvador
Conroy, Dennis
Cottrell, Richard
D'Alessandro, Ray
Daly, John Jr
DeCesare, Fred
Dugan, Lawrence
Farkas, Robert
Franchi, Nunzio
Germano, Joe
Gruel, Arnold
Hall, William
Hatzman, Al
Hoffa, Lawrence
Howard, Irwin
Hudson, Howard
Isler, Fred
Kane, David
Kane, Joseph
Kasper, Stanley
Kelly, James
Klein, George
Laino, Dan
Lasser, Kevin
Laughlin, Albert
Lavelle, Bernard
Love, Gavin
Manning, John
Mason, Lawrence
Mazzone, James
McCarthy, Colleen
McFadden, Drew
McGrath, Wayne
McKeague, Richard
Miles, Willetts
Murphy, Joseph M.
*Nask, Frank – Deceased
O'Leary, John
Olmstead, Stephen
Preiss, John
Reismann, Robert
Rollins, Markham
Ruiz, Bert
Rupprecht, GEW
Rusinko, Paul
Russo, Joseph
Santoro, Thomas
Schramm, Alan
Sposato, Maurice
Stephens, Robert
Topilnycky, Steve

Wasiczko, Robert
Winston, Mickey
Wold, Liz
Wolf, Robert

Ralph Grottalio In memory of PFC Alfred M. Grottaglio USMC KIA 9/15/1944 Peleliu Palau, buried at sea.

<http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm>
www.VeteransAlert.com
Helping Veterans with the important things in life.

Westchester County Veterans Service Agency
Member Jerry Krawczyk, Counselor
914-995-2145,6

Yonkers Veterans Agency
Member Geno Egiziaco, Counselor
914-377-6700

USMC Recruiting Service Westchester
682-4785 - White Plains
969-0550 – Yonkers
737-7887 – Peekskill

Invitation to the "Old Guard"

The Old Guard consists of retired and semi-retired men in their 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. The Old Guard, organized in 1954 of all religious persuasions, was founded as a social and philanthropic group and has given men from Westchester County extraordinary fulfillment and an opportunity for good fellowship, entertainment, education and mutual support. A membership of 175 meets every Tuesday, year round at 10 AM at the Memorial United Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains (no affiliation). There is a one hour meeting on group doings and committee reports followed by a talk by an interesting speaker of the day. All members of the Marine Corps League are welcome to join and this is an invitation to come to any Tuesday meeting without any obligation. Call Arnold Edson to arrange a visit. Thanks.
Arnold Edson 914-636-2255
Major USMCRI

Armand J. Chauvin, Sr

Armand J. Chauvin, Sr., Sergeant Major, United States Marine Corps Retired, age 59, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2006, in Diamondhead, MS. He was born in New Orleans, LA, December 21, 1946, and has been a resident of the MS Coast since 1995. He attended St. Augustine High School and graduated from JS Clark High School in New Orleans. He was employed by Securiguard, INC. at NCBC in Gulfport, MS after serving 30 years in the Marine Corps. He joined the Marine Corps at the young age of 18, and earned numerous honors during his service. Sergeant Major A. J. Chauvin enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 12 July 1965. After completing Recruit Training at MCRD San Diego he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in Vietnam. In February 1967, he rotated back to CONUS and was assigned to HQ, FMF Atlantic. After eighteen months on station he was transferred to Headquarters, 3rd MAW, El Toro. In October 1969, the Sergeant Major once again saw duty in Vietnam, this time with HQ, 3d Marine Division. In the latter part of this tour he was assigned to HQ, III Marine Amphibious Force. Upon completing his tour in October 1970, he returned to CONUS and was assigned to 2nd MAW at Cherry Point, NC. During the next several years Sergeant Major Chauvin saw duty with Headquarters Commander In Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith Hawaii. Chauvin was promoted to First Sergeant in November 1980, and assumed the duties as First Sergeant of B Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 1st Marine Brigade, Hawaii. In July 1983, he saw duty with the Inspector-Instructor Staff, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines in New Rochelle, NY, where he was promoted to his present rank in October 1985. In

January 1986, Sergeant Major Chauvin joined HMM Squadron 163, MAG 16, 1st MAW, MCAS Tustin. In May 1990, he was transferred to 1st Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Intelligence Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, MCB Camp Pendleton, CA. Deployed with the Group to Saudi Arabia in August 1990, where he participated in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, rotating with the Group to the Continental United States in April 1991, and joined MAG 16, in April 1992. Sergeant Major Chauvin assumed the duties as 3rd MAW Sergeant Major on 10 February 1993. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Uniform shirts are available at:

New England Sportswear
495 Main Street
Armonk, NY 10504
914-273-2515

White w/epaulets and permanent creases. Patches sewn on free. MCL Patches are at the store and are at no charge. They have been provided by the detachment.

By mail: shipping & handling extra.

Credit Card orders accepted.

Short Sleeve: \$29.92.

Long Sleeve: \$32.95