



# Westchester County Detachment

## Marine Corps League

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

Next Meeting: 3 June 2009 – First Wednesday

Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

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### MEMBERSHIP

465

We have to beat 2008's 514 by  
June 15, 2009  
49 more to go

Ask that Marine to associate with  
our detachment.

### Welcome Aboard!

**New members:** Welcome aboard:  
**Joseph Grassi** of Valhalla sponsored  
by Lu Caldara

**Renewal = \$26 New = \$31**

New Life Members: **Robert Rossi**  
of Briarcliff Manor.

We are now at **316** Life Members.

**Think LIFE!**

Life Member Dues:

**To age 35=\$500; 36-50=\$400;**  
**51-60=\$300; 61+=\$150**

### 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/](http://www.mclwestchester.org/)

**Sick & Distress? Contact:**

**Chaplain Kurt Michaelson**

914-438-6926

[ktmichaelson@yahoo.com](mailto:ktmichaelson@yahoo.com)

### Sick Call

**Donald Sheldon** is back in the  
Woodbridge, VA VAMC. **Charlie**  
**Williams** is at the Bronx VAMC

### Calendar

**May 24** – Veterans Appreciation Day.  
Rye Playland. Hosted by Westchester  
County. Fleet Week USMC Helo Raid.  
All military welcome.

**May 25** – Memorial Day. White Plains  
9:30am muster at WP Library.

**May 29** - Memorial Day. Mamaroneck.  
6:30pm muster at Mamaroneck Ave  
Elementary School.

**Nov 7** - USS NY commissioning. NYC

### Member News

**Paul Blose** is Commander of VFW  
Post 666, Beacon, NY. **SSgt Jaime**  
**Alvarez USMC** has recently been  
promoted and is now the NCOIC of  
RSS White Plains. **GySgt Damon**  
**Garza USMC** has turned over his  
position of NCOIC RSS White Plains  
and will be headed to the West Coast.  
**Jason Dubois** has been promoted to  
Lance Corporal USMC, stationed at  
Camp Lejeune. **Roz Reyes-Medina** is  
on the Board of Directors of NY  
League of Puerto Rican Women. **CW2**  
**Ed Deguisto NY ANG** is scheduled to  
return from Iraq by the end of May.

### Detachment Activities

**April 3 – Mess Night US Merchant**  
**Marine Academy.** Members  
attending: **Capt David Kim USMC,**  
**LtCol Glenn Sadowski USMCR,**  
**LtCol Tony Scenna USMC ret, Lu**  
**Caldara, CAPT Liam Murphy NYNM.**  
**Nat. Veterans' Wheelchair Games**  
**VA Castle Point Team.** Detachment  
donated \$100 to the team. The check  
was presented by our Castle Point  
VAVS Representative **Paul Blose.**  
**April 21 – Marine Executive Assn.**  
**NYC Forum** held at the SSMAC Club.  
Member **Mike Hallinan** is President of  
the Chapter. **Vince McGowan, Joe**  
**Sapienza, Lu Caldara** also attending.  
**April 22 – Veterans Information Day**  
at FDR VAMC. MCL had their Info  
table there with **Paul Blose, William**  
**Lasch** and **Lu Caldara** staffing it.  
**April 29 – VAVS Awards Luncheon.**  
Attendees: VAVS Reps: **Paul Blose,**  
**Ray D'Alessandro, William Lasch,**  
**Lu Caldara** and volunteer **Laura**  
**Blose** attended. Volunteer awards  
were presented to: **Laura Blose** 750  
hours; **Ray D'Alessandro, Paul Blose**  
and **William Lasch** received the 1000  
hour award,

### Welcome Home

**April 10,** 2d Bn 25<sup>th</sup> Marines returned  
home from Iraq. Member **1stSgt**  
**Roger Fortune USMCR G/2/25**  
returned to their home base at Picatinny  
Arsenal, NJ. HQ & Wpns CO returned  
to Garden City, L.I.. Members **Sgt**  
**Major James Miley USMCR & Lu**  
**Caldara** were part of the "Welcome  
Home" contingent at Garden City.  
Mission "Well Done."

### Marine Memorial Scholarship Funds "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 4/20/2009=\$5,773.67**

**Donations: \$54.54 AI Jacobs**

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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**

**2008 Awardee Francis Puzifferri**

Villanova School of Engineering

**Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC**

**John Jay HS**

**2009 Awardee David Schwartz**

University of Pennsylvania

Engineering

**As of 4/24/2009=\$18,562.46**

### 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.

**Lou Ianucci** initiated a few large boxes of gifts to 1stSgt Hamilton, for his troops. **Lt Gerry Merna USMC** ret donated \$200.

### Young Marines of Westchester

**April 18 - WHUD "Kids Fair"**, at the County Center, had our Young Marines booth where we were able to expose the program to the public.

**April 25 - Young Marines 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** National celebration at Waterbury, CT. Our YM's got to meet with SgtMaj Gene Overstreet USMC ret 12<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and National Commandant Jim Lasky. Young Marines, from around the country, participated.

**April 26 - "Mend a Heart"** NYC. NYU Langone Medical Center for children with heart disease. The YM's provided the volunteer labor for the event.

**May 9 - Loucks Games**, White Plains HS Track - Opening Ceremonies for the International Track & Field Games.

### LPD 21 USS New York Gym Equipment Project

Sr. Vice Cndt **Drew McFadden** and Adjutant **LtCol Glenn Sadowski USMCR** are spearheading this project to supply a "Bowflex" and gym equipment for the ship's workout area.

**Donations** to our PO Box with **"USS NY"** in Memo section.

**Minimum Goal \$2,500**

Donations: \$100 Bob Stephens

**\$2,725 received**

**Our goal has been reached but is still accepting support / donations for other equipment**

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Receiving the hard copy  
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[LLC1@mclwestchester.org](mailto:LLC1@mclwestchester.org)**

<http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm>  
[www.VeteransAlert.com](http://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**  
**- Ossining**  
**737-7887 - Peekskill**

Uniform shirts are available at:

***New England Sportswear***  
**66 Fulton St**  
**White Plains, NY 10606**  
**914-358-1505**

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