



Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

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Next Meeting: 6 October 2010 – First Wednesday
Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

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MEMBERSHIP
FY 2011
369

Ask that Marine to associate with our detachment.

Welcome Aboard!

New members: Welcome aboard:

Renewal = \$26 New = \$31

We are now at **315 Life Members**

New Life Member:.

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!

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Sick & Distress? Contact:

Chaplain Kurt Michaelson

914-438-6926

ktmichaelson@yahoo.com

TAPS

Life Member **MG Vincent Lanna**

NY National Guard Retired

passed away Aug 26. He was a

WWII Marine Raider veteran.

Memorial Services were held Sept

4 at the NYS Armory, Yonkers.

Sick Call

Donald Shelton is still in the Nursing /

Rehab facility of the Bronx VA.

Calendar

Oct 10: Columbus Day Parade –

Eastchester. Start 3pm

Nov 7: USMC Anniversary Brunch at

Antun's. 11-3. **\$35 per person.**

Reservations being accepted.

Nov. 20: New Rochelle Thanksgiving

Day Parade.

Member News

Colonel Rey Masinsin USMC has

been assigned as Deputy Program

Manager, CAC2S at Quantico. 3 Sept: PFC Patricia Hoffa graduated from PI. She is the daughter of Life Member **Larry Hoffa**. Lt **Dan Burns USMC** has landed in Iraq (see story – next page).

Detachment Activities

Aug 9-13: National Convention, Greensboro, NC. Members attending:

LtGen Steve Olmstead USMC ret, Lu Caldara, Jim Mazzone, Jim Tant. **Jim**

Tant is the National Vice Commandant for the Mid East Division. General Amos was the Guest Speaker.

Aug 24: Air Force Week, NYC kick off ceremonies aboard the USS Intrepid.

Secretary of the Air Force **Michael B.**

Donley was the keynote speaker.

Members attending: Dan McSweeney,

Vince McGowan, Lu Caldara

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 7/31/2010=\$5,802.49

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

2010 Awardee Rafael Rodriguez
Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC

John Jay HS

2010 Awardee Skylar Harris

University of Maryland

Engineering

As of 7/31/2010=\$18,762.79

Young Marines of White Plains

February 2010 our
45th Anniversary

of our Unit.

Our Unit received the "2010 Unit of the Year" for the Northeast Region.

Aug 19-21: YM Adult Training Conf. held in Philadelphia, PA.

Sep 10: YM Fall meetings started.

LPD 21 USS New York Shipboard Marines Project

Sr. Vice Cmdt **Drew McFadden** and LtCol **Glenn Sadowski USMCR** are coordinating this project.

\$3,386

Donations for needs of shipboard Marines' projects.

FYI

DOD has opened a Wounded Warrior Rehab Center in Goshen, NY.

USMC
Uniform Support Center
800-368-4088

Wounded Warrior Regiment

Financial donations can be accepted by the Regiment.

Checks should be made payable and sent to:

Department of Navy Gift Fund

3025 John Quick Road

MCB Quantico, VA 22134

C/O: Charitable Donations Coordinator

in Memo line:

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Member 1stLt Dan Burns USMC has landed in Iraq with "Team Shogun."

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWS

— Marines from Iraq Military Transition Team 973 (Team Shogun) from III Marine Expeditionary Force on Marine Corps Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan patrolled through the sandy urban terrain of Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Friday for their pre-deployment evaluation and final training exercise.

Team Shogun is slated to replace another training team in Iraq later this year. They will build cooperation between U.S. and Iraqi Marines. Shogun is being evaluated and trained by the Special Operations Training Group from Okinawa and the Advisor Training Group from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. "Our purpose is to train these Marines to be trainers," said Maj. Nathan Berryman, a plans officer for the Advisor Training Group. "They are deploying as a training team in support of developing the Iraqi Marines and this is their graduation assessment — a five day immersive training package." They chose the training facilities at MCTAB for the exercise because it was the closest and best location they could use, Berryman said. Being on an island in another country sometimes limits what kind of training Marines can do. "We get a better training value here," Berryman said. "There are better ranges, more role players and more realistic urban settings. We have the ability to emulate as closely as possible what [Marines] will see in country." One realistic training scenario was a mounted patrol integrated with Iraqi forces. Marines with two Humvees patrolled in front of and behind two Iraqi-driven, personal vehicles. When one of the Iraqi vehicles followed a Humvee around a corner, a simulated improvised IED exploded and killed two Iraqis and injured one. The Marines had to find a way to get their counterparts to cooperate. When the Marines wanted to go back, the Iraqis wanted to push forward. The Marines negotiated using an interpreter and explained the consequences of moving forward while transporting injured men. Finally, the Iraqis agreed to go back the way they came in order to get the injured medical treatment. They

mounted up in the two Humvees and one intact Iraqi vehicle and cautiously but speedily patrolled back to the base to try and save the injured man. Not only did the Marines have to get the Iraqis to base, they also had to deal with their reaction to the two dead and one injured Iraqi personnel. Marines had to reassure them that the cause is worth the sacrifice in order to keep morale high. Scenarios like these improve Marines ability to complete the mission, said LtCol Gus Kostas, the Team 973 leader. "Our mission is to work closely, American Marines with Iraqi Marines, to present a joint face in front of the local population," he said. "If we present an image of U.S. Marines working closely with Iraqis then recruiting will improve and Iraqis will feel confident in their Iraqi Marine Corps." "We're starting with teaching basic Marine Corps skills like patrolling and security," Kostas said. "We have been working on interaction and language rehearsals, building rapport, teaching proper handling of weapons, setting up and handling checkpoints and to move and communicate jointly." According to Gunnery Sgt. James Robertson, ATG operations chief, the team also focused on learning about their counterparts. "We can't just spend all of our time training them," he said. "We have to get to know them too. Someone told me once, 'You will get more out of someone trying to get to know them for a week than you will trying to train them for a month.'"

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Thank you MCL for the many good works that you do. I have been attending a number of meetings dealing with Secretary Shinseki's goal to reduce the backlog of claims. At the NY Regional Office, a new system is being developed. The POD system will have a specialist in each area working on the same team. Rules for PTSD have been developed to save the VA personnel from having to ask for verification of stressors while in combat. We are encouraging those who were denied PTSD to see an accredited county or municipal service officer at their Veterans Service Agency and for those returning men and women to seek advocacy from the same department. NVLSP (National Veterans Legal Services), the American Legion and other service organizations took the Veterans Administration to court and

successfully forced the Secretary to enact the three presumptive conditions for Vietnam Veterans who served on land, as presumptive service connection. If a veteran suffers from Parkinson's Disease, B Cell Leukemia, or Ischemic Heart Disease, he or she should seek advice from an accredited representative.

Dan Morea VetSvc, Yonkers

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www.VeteransAlert.com
Helping Veterans with the
important things in life.

**Westchester County
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914-995-2145,6**
Yonkers Veterans Agency
Member Al Ramsey, Director
Member Geno Egiziaco, Counselor
914-377-6700

**USMC Recruiting Service
Westchester
682-4785 - White Plains
969-0550 - Yonkers
213-3951 - Ossining
737-7887 - Peekskill**