



# Westchester County Detachment

## Marine Corps League

PO Box 505 • White Plains • NY • 10602-0505  
Next Meeting: 2 February 2011 – First Wednesday  
Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

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### MEMBERSHIP FY 2011 406

Ask that Marine to associate with our detachment.

### Welcome Aboard!

**New members:** Welcome aboard:  
Assoc. **Sharon Patterson** of NYC.  
sponsored by Lu Caldara. Assoc.  
**Mary Phifer** sponsored by Rev.  
Solomon Phifer.

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

We are now at **315** 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)

#### Taps

Life Member **Vincent V. Boccumini** passed away on December 3, at the age of 93. Vince was a WWII veteran. See Obituary.

Life Member **Salvatore Basso** passed away December 4, at the age of 81. Sal served in the Korean War. See Obituary.

#### Sick Call

**Donald Shelton** is still in the Nursing / Rehab facility of the Bronx VA. Drop by and say hello. **Paul Rusinko** is also at the Nursing Home at Bronx VA. They happen to have rooms across the hall from each other. **Ben DeFonce** is recovering from surgery and has picked up a terrible case of bronchitis.

### Calendar

#### State Meetings:

**Jan 15: State Staff Meeting, Albany.**  
**Best Western Sovereign**  
**1228 Western Ave.**  
**Albany NY 12203**

**Apr 9:** Syracuse area TBD  
**NY State Convention: June 2-4**  
Vernon Downs

**2011 MCL R&P Shoots**  
**Colonie, NY**

14-15 May Rifle; 17 Sept Rifle;  
18 Sept Pistol

#### Member News

**Lt Dan Burns USMC** has returned to his unit in Iraq. **Joseph M. Murphy** is serving on the Marine Heritage Foundation Board. **Ed Boeringer** has returned from his tour of duty in Europe and settled in DC.

#### Detachment Activities

**Nov 18: "Chosin" showing on the Intrepid.** Several members attended.  
**Dec 8: VA Hospital Party.** Montrose. Bldg 15. Great turnout from Rockland & Westchester County detachments. Our share of the refreshments were covered by donations by Frank Morganthaler and Lu Caldara. Bob Stephens and Lu volunteered for the party.

#### Toys for Tots

What a wonderful team to make the 2010 campaign a success. Our members Lu Caldara, Tom Freeman, Bob Reilly, Nunzio Franchi, Solomon Phifer, Liz Dreaper, Peter Parente, Cal Guest. **Westy Storage** provided the storage for the distribution of the gifts. **Summit Security** sent their crew to do a great number of our pickups. **Mack-Cali** retrieved from all their buildings. Plus, a number of volunteers hit the streets to do pickups for us. I don't want to list some and miss any. I will do in a follow-up report. Westchester has near 300 collection points that we were responsible for. It would be a "mission impossible" without our additional volunteers to make a difference to those in need in our County.

### 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 12/31/2010=\$5,802.49**  
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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**

**2010 Awardee Rafael Rodriguez**  
**Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC**  
**John Jay HS**

**2010 Awardee Skylar Harris**  
University of Maryland  
Engineering

**As of 12/31/2010=\$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.  
**Dec 17:** Recruit Graduation and awards.

**Dec 29: White Plains. Slam Dunk Basketball Championships.** The YM's performed the opening ceremonies for four championship final games.

**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  
**Memo line:**  
Wounded Warrior Regiment  
**FYI**  
DOD has opened a Wounded Warrior Rehab Center in Goshen, NY.

**Got an Email?**  
**Receiving the hard copy newsletter?**  
**Save the detachment a few bucks and processing by sending your email address to:**  
[LLC1@mclwestchester.org](mailto:LLC1@mclwestchester.org)

### Obituaries

**BOCCUMINI, VINCENT V.**  
Vincent V. Boccumini, 93 of Dobbs Ferry, died December 3, 2010. Born and educated in White Plains, Mr. Boccumini has lived in Dobbs Ferry since 1940. He served in the US Marines during WWII. He retired as a lieutenant on the Dobbs Ferry Police Dept after 30 years of service, to a community he loved. He had a great love for the game of golf and played until recently. He was the former vice president of the Westchester Police Firing Range, a member of American Legion Post 1048 in Dobbs Ferry and the Marine Corps League in White Plains. Mr. Boccumini was predeceased by his wife Helen in 1996. They were married in Dobbs Ferry Oct. 19, 1940.

### BASSO, SALVATORE

Salvatore J. Basso, a long time Dobbs Ferry resident, died on December 4. He was 81. Sal was a retired Con Ed Transmission Line Service Manager, after having worked there for 38 years. Sal was born to Salvatore and Carmella Basso. He was raised and attended school in Croton on Hudson. He

served in the United States Marine Corps in Korea. Sal married Eileen Sheridan on May 24, 1962 at Sacred Heart Church in Dobbs Ferry. She predeceased him in May of 2009. Sal was an avid hunter, fisherman, and pilot. He was a member of the Quiet Birdman Assn. and was awarded by the FAA for 60 years of flying. He was a proud member of the Marine Corps League of Westchester; the Ogden Fire Con of Dobbs Ferry for over 40 years; and Croton's Washington Engine for over 20 years. He was also a member of the Westchester Volunteer Fireman's Assn.. Sal is survived by his sons John (Jay) Basso; Timothy and his wife Patricia Basso.

**Westchester County  
Veterans Service Agency**  
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**