



# Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

PO Box 505 • White Plains • NY • 10602-0505  
Next Meeting: 2 January, 2013 – First Wednesday  
Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM  
Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

Commandant: Kevin Fischer

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**MEMBERSHIP**  
FY 2013  
**350**

Invite those Marines to associate with our detachment.

## Welcome Aboard!

Renewal = \$26 New = \$31  
Think LIFE!

**New Life Members:** Fred Filomio of Bronxville; Cory Rossi of South Salem.

Life Member Dues:  
To age 35=\$500; 36-50=\$400;  
51-60=\$300; 61+=\$150  
308 Life Members

## 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 [chaplain@mclwestchester.org](mailto:chaplain@mclwestchester.org)

## Sick Call

**Ray D'alessandro** was hospitalized following an accident. Chaplain Michaelson visited him during his ICU stay. Fred Muniz has been keeping us apprised of his progress and noted his release

**Rev. Solomon Phifer** is recovering at home, in Ossining.

## Calendar

**Dec 12: VA Hospital Ward Party. VAMC Montrose.**  
7pm Bldg 6 A-B. Volunteers and Donors needed. Approx. 50 Veteran patients will be served.



**VA Hudson Valley Health Care System**

**Jan 2 – First Nominations for Detachment officers.**  
**Feb 6 - 2d Nominations and Elections for 2013 officers.**

**January 18-19 - Mid-Winter Department Staff Meeting**  
[Best Western Airport Inn](#), 200 Wolf Rd, Albany, NY 12205  
Hotel Reservations Number (518) 458-1000  
**Mar 10 – St Patrick's Day Parade**, Eastchester 3pm. Bus service from Lake Isle Country Club to parade start.,

## Member News



Life Member **Gen John M. Paxton Jr.** received his fourth star and named as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. Ceremonies, at 8<sup>th</sup> & I, were held on Dec. 15.

**Gen John M. Paxton Jr.**



Life Member **Alan Striffler** was guest speaker at the Marine Anniversary celebration at the Council for Foreign Relations, NYC. Members attending Dan McSweeney and Lu Caldara

**Alan Striffler**



**GySgt Dan Valdes USMC** aboard the USS Denver

**GySgt Dan Valdes USMC**, stationed on Okinawa as Comm Maint Chief AAV Co, checked in and let us know his wife (in California) is due for Dec 24. A Christmas present for Dan.

## Detachment Activities

Presented deploying **VMGR** troops with calling cards to be used for their holiday calls to home from Bahrain. Many thanks to the people who responded to the FRO's call for assistance. **December Meeting** had the opportunity to meet our new Area Vice **Dan Lynch** from Putnam.

**Dec 7: Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, Lehman College, Bronx** organized by Barbara for the area veterans. LtCol Richard Bordonaro USMC and some of his members of 6<sup>th</sup> Comm Bn did a belated USMC Birthday cake cutting.

**Dec 12: VA Hospital Ward Party. VAMC Montrose.** Bldg 6 A-B. Members of the Rockland and Westchester County detachments got together with the vet patients to celebrate the Holidays.



**Col. J. J. Dill USMC**, 1st Marine Corps District's commanding officer, speaks during the City of White Plains Veterans Day Ceremony at the White Plains City Hall Nov. 11. Dill was the guest speaker at the ceremony, which was organized to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the armed forces. Our Detachment was Host Post.

## Toys for Tots

The 2012 campaign kicked off and we are in full swing with Pickups and deliveries to many of Westchester's Children's Agencies. Our volunteers make it all happen.



## 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 9/15/2012=\$5,894.49

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

**LCpl Craig Wyche USMC**  
Ossining HS  
**2012 Awardee Jonathan Circosta**  
Drexel University

**Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC**  
John Jay HS  
**2012 Awardee Matthew Waldman**  
Engineering USAF Academy  
As of 10/15/2012=\$18,927.19

## Young Marines of White Plains

**Nov 16: US Flag training** to YM's and Cub Scouts

**Nov 11: Veterans Day Ceremonies.** N. White Plains, Rural Cemetery 10:30am Sunday.

**Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony** – Calvary Baptist Church, White Plains 11am – Color Guard.

**Nov 23-31: Red Ribbon Week** – Young Marines Drug Free promotions.

**Dec 15: Color Guard for Yonkers Human Rights Commission Breakfast**

**USMC**  
**Uniform Support Center**  
**800-368-4088**

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**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)

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.

**USMC Recruiting Service Westchester**  
**682-4785 - White Plains**  
**969-0550 – Yonkers**  
**923-3239 - Ossining**  
**737-7887 – Peekskill**

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