

# Westchester County Detachment

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Next Meeting: 8 January 2014 – First Wednesday

Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • Thornwood, NY 2d Floor

59 Kensico Rd (corner of Westchester Ave/Commerce St. Rear of Bank)

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# MEMBERSHIP FY 2014 346

299 Life Members

Invite those Marines to associate with our detachment.

# Welcome Aboard!

**New Member: Michael Bookall** of Mount Vernon sponsored by Lu Caldara.

#### Renewal = \$30 New = \$35 Active Duty \$15 Think LIFE!

Life Member Dues:

To age 35=\$500; 36-50=\$400; 51-60=\$300; 61+=\$200

#### Online dues payment

Visit our website and save a stamp, envelope and that check writing time. Try it, you'll like it! <u>www.mclwestchester.org/</u>

#### Sick & Distress? Contact: <u>chaplain@mclwestchester.org</u> Maurice "Kid Sharkey" Sposato

Kid Sharkey was put into a nursing home on July 1, 2013. He is 96 years old, has cancer and is bedridden. Should anyone wish to send him a card, it would certainly brighten his day. Maurice Sposato Room 226B Greenbriar Terrace Healthcare 55 Harris Road Nashua, NH 03062

# From member GySgt Dan Valdes USMC re fellow member SSgt Mike Redmon USMC daughter.

"Redmon's are as good as can be. Makayla went home for a few days while they waited for some results from her treatment. Unfortunately results came back and one of the tests shows she still has some cancer. She is going thru a second treatment of chemo. They are saying this is the last thing they can do. So Mike is pretty torn up. He is already looking for other options and second opinions in the event this does not work."

# Calendar

Jan 18 – MCL NYS Midwinter Meeting. Vernon Downs Hotel & Casino, Vernon, NY. 1pm General Meeting. All Members welcome!

Feb 13-15, 2014 – National Wid-Winter Meeting. Fairview Marriott, 311 Fairview Park Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042. All Members welcome!

Aug 3-9, 2014- MCL National Convention, Charleston, WV All Members welcome!

# **Member News**

Member **SgtMaj Fenton Reese USMC ret** is Founder/CEO at Veterans in Pursuit of Prosperity.

#### **Detachment Activities**

Dec 11 – VA Hospital Patient Party Bldg 6 7pm FDR VAMC, Montrose.

#### Flag Disposal Drop Point

To our volunteers who work in the Flag Disposal Project, the **Location** to leave the "retired" flags is:

JC's Auto 989 Broadway, Thornwood 10594 See John

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 11/30/2013=\$5,990.09 Donation \$18 "loose change"

In memory of Westchester County Marines who were killed in the terrorist bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut,Lebanon October 23, 1983.

LCpl Craig Wyche USMC Ossining HS 2013 Awardee Joffre Portilla

# Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC John Jay HS <u>2013 Awardee Zachary Shearer</u> Electrical Engineering Carnegie Mellon University

#### As of 11/30/2013=\$17,954.39 From the Jackowski's

We were asked to lay a wreath on Sunday, Oct 20 by Carmella La Spada of *NO GREATER LOVE* at the Tomb of the Unknowns. What an honor!!!!

Many Beirut Vets stopped at the Tomb for the wreathlaying and to support their brothers (and us) -- on their way to Camp Lejeune for the Beirut Remembrance.

Many, many people attended the **30th Beirut Remembrance** in Jacksonville NC. We went to the USO on Monday, and the lines were out the door -- the same at the Field House on Tuesday. There were many people at the 6:00 AM Candlelight service and well over 3,000 people attended the 10:30 AM "formal" service. We went to the 2:00 service at Camp Gieger, and more people attended than there were seats for -- so they apologized, and said next year would be better.

The dinner was great -- lots of toasts -- over 800 people attended.

My toast was for the families:

This toast is for the Beirut families in memory of our loved ones. This is for all the families here tonight -- and for all those who could not be here. Semper Fi....

Mary Ellen & John Jackowski

# **Young Marines of White Plains**

Oct 21-28: DEA "Red Ribbon Week" YMs are did their individual and group "Drug Demand Reduction" projects. YM Annual Fundraising Drive: Donations: League Members: \$50 Gene Orico Friends: \$500 Navy League of US NY Council

# USMC Uniform Support Center 800-368-4088

# Got an Email?

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# 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 737-4032 – Peekskill

### Westchester County Veterans Service Agency 914-995-2145 / 2146

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