



Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

PO Box 505 • White Plains • NY • 10602-0505
Next Meeting: **Sept 3 2014 – First Wednesday**
Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 59 Kensico Rd, Thornwood, NY 2d Floor
(corner of Westchester Ave/Commerce St. Rear of Bank)

Commandant: Frank Morganthaler

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MEMBERSHIP
FY 2015 (July-June)
419
293 Life Members



1964-2014

Invite those Marines to associate with our detachment.

Welcome Aboard!

New Members: Raul Heugas of Stony Point sponsored by Lu Caldara

Renewal = \$30 New = \$35
Active Duty: Renewal = \$15 New = \$20

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!

<http://www.mclwestchester.org/renew/>

Sick & Distress? Contact:
chaplain@mclwestchester.org

Member Deaths

Member Allen J. Striffler of Rye passed away on **June 26, 2014** at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. **See Obituary**

Allen Striffler - Iwo Jima Marine



Clarke DeWaters



Life Member LtCol Clarke DeWaters USMC retired, of Valhalla, passed away on **July 19** at age 82. Services were held at St John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville. He is survived by his wife Marion and children Jeffrey, Holly and Jennifer. Clarke was a Marine pilot.

Life Member Markham Rollins of Mamaroneck passed away **July 22** at age 80. He served from '53-67. **See obituary.**

Life Member James "Cherokee" Francis. We were just notified of his passing in **2013**. James was a Viet Nam vet serving in Recon Bn.

Calendar

NY MCL Shooting Competition

September 27 - Rifle

September 28 - Pistol

Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club, Guilderland, NY

Contact Rich Nadeau for Further Information

Email: Marksmen@MCLNewYork.org

Member News

New member **MSgt Joe Escalante Jr USMC** is the "Marine for Life" representative for Metro NYC area for the USMC. **Andrea Molina** (FSW) is the new program coordinator for Family Service of Westchester's Vet2Vet program.

Detachment Activities

July 27 Sunday VAMC Montrose Veteran Patients Picnic – Bldg 6. Members of Rockland and Westchester County detachments partnered up, again, to put on a super spread for our hospitalized vets. Members and families volunteering: **Lu Caldara VAVS Rep, Harry Rodriguez and wife Sobeyda; Frank Morgenthaler and wife Barbara; Fred Muniz and Rosanna Santiago.** ..Donations: Life Member **Luigi Iannucci** providing soda & chips.

July 30 Thursday MSgt Matthew Butler USMC retirement ceremonies at the Federal Hall, Wall Street, NYC. Matt was the NCOIC at the Marine Corps Public Affairs Office – NYC.

Members **Vince McGowan & Lu Caldara** attending, **Aug 3-9, 2014- MCL National Convention, Charleston, WV** Members attending

Donations: \$50 **Terrance Holliday**, Director (MOVA) Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs NYC to the Westchester Former Homeless Vets celebration picnic.

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 3/30/2014=\$6,028.09

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
2014 Awardee Maria W. Rigotti

Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC
John Jay HS
2014 Awardee John Tobin
Electrical Engineering
University of Michigan
As of 3/30/2014=\$17,954.39

Young Marines of White Plains

June 27-29: Unit Encampment, Ward Pound Ridge Park.
YM Cpl Max Gonzalez was selected to attend the MOWW Youth Leadership School, St John's College. Annapolis, MD. He and **YM LCPL Justin Nelson** attended the Aviation Ground School at Gainesville, GA.
YM Cpl Gonzalez was accepted at the Division Junior Leadership School being held at W, WV.

Sponsors / cosponsors needed for both schools (Tuition and Transportation). All donations, support welcome.

Sponsor: Wayne Gatewood donated \$800 to sponsor Max to the MOWW Leadership School. Detachment voted to donate \$1,000 toward assisting these educational endeavors.

USMC Uniform Support Center
800-368-4088

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

VA Establishes Online College Comparison Tool VA has created a website that allows you to compare the costs of various colleges and...

Here's the link: <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

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.



<http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>

USMC Recruiting Service
682-4785 - White Plains
737-6040 – Peekskill
718-892-5853 - Bronx

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

Obituaries

Member Allen J. Striffler of Rye passed away peacefully on **June 26, 2014** at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Mr. Striffler was born and raised in New York City. In 1943, at the age of 17, he left Brooklyn Technical High School to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. After boot camp at Parris Island and radio schools at New River and Camp Pendleton, he was deployed into combat with the 4th Marine Division. He participated in four invasions with the 4th Marine Division: Roi Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. Wounded on Iwo Jima and while waiting to be evacuated on the beach, he witnessed the flag being raised on Mt. Suribachi. He returned two days

later and remained in combat until the island was secured. It was on Iwo Jima that he earned a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, awarded for bravery, heroism, and courage in combat. Returning to civilian life, Mr. Striffler attended Columbia University and began his career in the shipping business at Standard Oil Company. He spent the bulk of his professional career as Executive Vice President of Transoceanic Marine Transportation, a company owned by the Greek shipping magnate, Stavros Niarchos. In 1981 the Striffler family moved to Rye, and Mr. Striffler opened Greenwich Marine Transportation, a ship brokerage company, of which he remained as President and CEO until retiring.

Life Member Markham F. Rollins, Jr. of Mamaroneck, passed away on **July 22, 2014** at age 80. Born on November 17, 1933 to the late Markham and Elizabeth (Richardson) Rollins. Markham proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines as Captain from 1953 - 67'. He went on to become the President of The Rollins Agency Inc., which was founded by his grandfather in 1910 in Bronxville, NY. It is now located in Rye Brook, NY and is run by his sons, Markham III and Charles.

Markham was always very active in the community serving as President of Bronxville Rotary, the Mamaroneck Lions Club and Trustee of The Mamaroneck Methodist Church. He was also very involved with The Community Fund of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe.

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Veterans Service Agency
914-995-2145 / 2146**

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