



Marine Corps League

Westchester County Detachment

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NEWSLETTER



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July 2015

MEETING NOTICE:

First Wednesday of the Month

Next Meeting: 5 August 2015

NOTE: NEW MEETING LOCATION & TIME!

Location: American Legion Post 135
57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY 10602

Muster: 7:00 PM **Meeting:** 7:30 PM

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mailcall@mclwestchester.org

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Newsletter Team:

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Got a new job, promotion, transfer or participated in a League activity or Corps event, or got some awesome news, we would like to hear from you. Contact our Editor Steve Topilnycky using one of the methods above.

MEMBERSHIP

FY 2015 (July-June): We are at **368 members** with **292 Life Members**. Invite those Marines to associate with our Detachment.

Renewal = \$31 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

You can pay our dues online at <http://www.mclwestchester.org/renew/>, It's quick and, easy, save a stamp and envelope and the check writing time. Try it, you'll like it!

SICK & DISTRESS?

Contact: chaplain@mclwestchester.org

Phyllis Smalley, wife of Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley** is recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

TAPS

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Detachment Life Member **Wilfrido C. Pinna** who passed away on 17 July 2015 and Detachment Life Member **Stanley C. Smolik** who passed away on 28 March 2015. Please see obituaries on Page 3.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Detachment Member **Ricardo Sheppard** who was elected as the Sr. Vice Commandant for the Department of New York.

CALENDAR

26 July: Montrose VAMC Patient Picnic. Volunteers Needed & Donations Needed. Volunteers contact Sr. Vice Commandant Stephen Smalley @ manorsmall@verizon.net. Donations to our PO Box. VA Picnic in the Memo Area.

08-15 August: National Convention, The Scottsdale Plaza Resort ,Scottsdale, AZ

DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Detachment Elections 2015-2016

Detachment Elections were held on 6 May 2015. Here are your newly elected/appointed officers:

Once A Marine, Always A Marine



Honor • Courage • Commitment • Tradition



Semper Fidelis

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.

Westchester County Veterans Service Agency

914-995-2145 / 2146

Yonkers

Veterans Service Agency

914-377-6700

VA Online College Comparison Tool

The VA has created a website that allows you to compare the costs of various colleges. Here's the link:

<http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

USMC Recruiting Service

682-4785 - White Plains

737-6040 – Peekskill

718-892-5853 - Bronx



Top 100 Military Sites

Vote for us at the Top 100 Military Sites.

We have held the #1 position for years. Please vote to help use maintain our #1 ranking. We cannot accomplish this without your help.



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

- Commandant:** James ("Jim") Mazzone
- Sr. Vice Commandant:** Stephen Smalley
- Jr. Vice Commandant:** Kevin O'Keefe
- Adjutant:** Dwayne Edwards
- Judge Advocate:** Drew McFadden
- Paymaster:** Kevin Fischer
- Chaplain:** OPEN
- Web Sergeant:** Steve Topilnycky

The newly elected officers were installed by Department of New York Jr. Vice Commandant and Detachment Member **Ricardo Sheppard**. Congratulations to our newly elected officers.

Our newly elected Officers have been busy at work to serve our membership and the Detachment. Commandant Mazzone along with the newly elected officers have been working to rewrite our missing administrative procedures and update our Detachment bylaws. The newly proposed changes will be presented to the membership when completed.

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 Children's Home, Yonkers

As of 1 July 2015=\$6,080.29

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

Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC
John Jay HS

2015 Awardee **Rebecca Hannan**
SUNY Binghamton

2015 Awardee **Ari Fay**

As of 1 July 2015=\$17,954.39

YOUNG MARINES OF WESTCHESTER



1965-2015

We have an invitation to the Inchon Landing Anniversary in Korea. One Young Marine and chaperone will be attending.

Our Young Marines have candidates selected to attend National Jr Leadership in Connecticut and Sr. Leadership School in Oregon. Two will be attending the National Encampment in Florida.

Sponsors / cosponsors / donors needed for Young Marine schools and the other unit educational activities.

Donate online at <http://www.ymwestchester.org/donate/>



Obituaries



Wilfrido C. Pinna (1928 - 2015)

Wilfrido C. Pinna, 87 of Croton on Hudson and formerly of Elmsford, NY died on July 17, 2015. Wilfrido was born in New York City on June 12, 1928 to Pompilio and Vincenza (nee Festa) Pinna. He was a long time Verizon technician in White Plains, NY; Life Member of Marine Corps League, Westchester County. He was a Past Commander of the Butler Johnson American Legion Post in Elmsford, N.Y. and a member of the William J. Boyle American Legion Post in Verplanck, N.Y. Past President of Cortlandt Seniors. Wilfrido was predeceased by his wife Nancy R. (nee Cedrone) Pinna in 2015, son Wilfred Pinna in 1994 and brother John B. Pinna. He will be dearly missed by his children, Mary (Bill) Lauro, Nancy (Howard) Barrow, Paul (Bobbi) Pinna and Virginia Pinna, grandchildren, William and Thomas Lauro, Steven, Jennifer and Michael Pinna, Michelle and David Barrow. Reposing, Hawthorne Funeral Home on Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Funeral Mass St. Christopher's Church, Buchanan, N.Y. on Thursday, 10 AM. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Greenburgh, N.Y.

Stanley C. Smolik (1920 - 2015)

STANLEY C. SMOLIK, a lifelong resident of Yonkers NY, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at age 94.

Stanley graduated from, St. Casimir's School and remained a lifelong parishioner of St. Caimir's Church, and Saunders High School. He served as a Corporal in the Fourth Marine Division in World War II and fought battles in Roi Namur, Saipan, and Tinian. "He will be remembered as a man whose capacity to love grew as he got older. He will be remembered as a proud Marine who fought bravely for his country and continued to live each day with a vigorous courage. He will be remembered as a Grandfather who always had a piece of advice to impart and who would share stories about the past with a spellbinding air. in addition to family and friends, he leaves behind a lifetime of knowledge and wisdom." "Semper Fi."

Beloved husband for 64 years, of the late Lucille Joan (Casper) Smolik. Devoted father of Robert Smolik of Hawaii and Susan Greer of NY. Loving grandfather of Jenna Rey, Michael and Benjamin. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. Stanley was predeceased by his sister, Helen McMullen and brothers, Matthew and Edward.

