



Marine Corps League

Westchester County Detachment

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NEWSLETTER



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September 2015

MEETING NOTICE:

First Wednesday of the Month

Next Meeting: 7 October 2015

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

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

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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 using one of the methods above.

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

**Yonkers
Veterans Service Agency**
914-377-6700

MEMBERSHIP

FY 2015 (July-June): We are at **438 Members** with **307 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

Detachment Life Member **Geno Egiziaco** is in Sprain Brook Manor Rehab Nursing Home in Yonkers, NY with several medical conditions including service related conditions.

MEMBER NEWS



Pictured L to R: BGen Pratt, Major Rick Spooner USMC ret, recipient Major Tremblay, and member Gen Jay Paxton USMC ACMC

Detachment Member General **Jay Paxton**, USMC ACMC presented the Colonel F. Brooke Nihart Writing Award to Major Paul Tremblay, Jr USMC at the MCUF graduation ceremonies on June 3d at Quantico, VA USMC Base.

Detachment Members Sgt. **Elizabeth Quinones** and MSgt **John Escalante** received Special Recognition Awards from the New York League of Puerto Rican Women, Inc. at the Marina Del Rey, Bronx, NY on August 20th. The awards were presented by CFO of the Organization, Associate Member **Rosilind Reyes-Molina**.

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.

Who Are You Going to Call?

General Communications:

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CALENDAR

07 November: Detachment Birthday Brunch, Celebrating the 240th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. It will be held at The Westchester Manor, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706, 1100-1400. \$45 per person.

09 December: VAMC Montrose Patient Christmas Party, The Detachment will hold its annual patient Christmas Party for our veterans at the VA hospital in Montrose. Volunteers and Donations welcome and needed. Contact Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley**.

DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Detachment member **Dwayne Edwards** resigned as Adjutant due to personal obligations. Commandant **Jim Mazzone** appointed Detachment Web Sergeant **Steve Topilnycky** as Acting Adjutant.

Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley** announced that he will be moving out of our area and with that he will be resigning as Sr. Vice Commandant effective 1 December 2015. We would like to wish Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley** good luck in his future endeavors.

The current Detachment Bylaws (rev Sept. 1990) are now available on the Detachment Web Site at <http://www.mclwestchester.org/forms/default.asp>.

You can now view the Detachment Meeting Minutes (approved and accepted by the Detachment Membership present at the meeting) on our web site at <http://www.mclwestchester.org/meetings/reports.asp>. We are starting with the current minutes and will be posting older minutes as we get them processed and converted to PDF format.

The Detachment has announced that our Annual Birthday Brunch, celebrating the 240th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps will be held on 7 November 2015 at the Westchester Manor. Please see <http://www.mclwestchester.org/brunch/> for the RSVP form.

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

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

2015 Awardee Rebecca Hannan

SUNY Binghamton

Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC

John Jay HS

2015 Awardee Ari Fay



YOUNG MARINES OF WESTCHESTER



1965-2015

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.

The Young Marines win 1st Place in the Color Guard Competition at the Southern New England Regimental Encampment. Well Done Young Marines!

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

<http://www.ymwestchester.org/donate/>

NEWS FROM THE WEB

Veterans who receive VA health care recently received good news when the VA expanded the criteria for the Veterans Choice Program. This program makes it easier for veterans to receive non-VA health care coverage when they would otherwise have to wait longer than 30 days to receive an appointment, or if they live more than 40 miles from a VA medical center, or when they would face one of several excessive travel burdens.

This expanded coverage will give access to health care for thousands of veterans.

You can learn more about this program here:

<http://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-choice-program/>

And here is more information about VA Health Care Eligibility:

<http://themilitarywallet.com/va-health-care-eligibility/>

