



Marine Corps League

Westchester County Detachment

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NEWSLETTER



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October 2015

MEETING NOTICE:

First Wednesday of the Month

Next Meeting: 4 November 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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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

Veterans in Crisis

Free confidential support to Veterans in crisis,

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!

NOTICE: If you have changed your postal address, email or phone, please notify us with the changes so that we have current contact information for you. Send your changes to mailcall@mclwestchester.org.

SICK & DISTRESS?

Contact: chaplain@mclwestchester.org

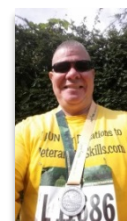
Detachment Life Member **Geno Egiziaco** is back in Sprain Brook Manor Rehab Nursing Home in Yonkers, NY after being hospitalized.

TAPS

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Detachment Life Members **Alfred Hatzmann** on 12 September 2015 and **James Lynch** on 28 September 2015. Please see his obituary on page 3.

MEMBER NEWS

Detachment Member **Carl Reid** participated in the Bronx 10 Mile run in preparation for his upcoming NYC marathon to support <http://VeteransGotSkills.com>. Read more about Carl at <http://www.mclwestchester.org/news/viewarticle.asp?fn=Empowering-Extraordinary-RESULTS>



Associate Member **Elysa Garyn**, is the owner of her new business Sweet Scene in NYC.

Detachment Life Member **John Romano**, President of the PACC (Portuguese American Community Center) commemorated Sgt. Candito Souza, USMC, WWII on 4 October 2014. Sgt. Souza made the ultimate sacrifice on 26 December 1943 in New Guinea and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. Accounts of the event were published in the 8 January 2015 edition of the Westchester Guardian, which Marine Romano is a frequent contributor.

Once A Marine, Always A Marine



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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?

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CALENDAR

23 October: LCpl Craig Wyche, USMC Memorial Ceremony. Ossining High School, 1:30 pm at Rt. 9 and South Highland Avenue. Color Guard Members needed. Contact Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley**.

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 Web Sergeant/Acting Adjutant **Steve Topilnycky** was elected to Adjutant by the Board of Trustees to fulfill the position.

Detachment Member **Ricardo Sheppard** (Department of New York Sr. Vice Commandant) and Adjutant **Steve Topilnycky** represented the Detachment at the Area Staff Meeting in Albany New York. Department of New York Commandant James Ransom appointed **Steve Topilnycky** to the office of South East Area Vice Commandant.

Audit Committee - The Detachment needs a minimum of two Members to serve on the Audit Committee. Contact Commandant Mazzone for more information.

The Detachment has announced that our Annual Birthday Brunch, celebrating the 240th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps to be held on 7 November 2015 at the Westchester Manor. We are proud to announce that Detachment Life Member Major General **Robert Wolf**, NYNM(ret) will be our guest of honor. Please see <http://www.mclwestchester.org/brunch/> for the RSVP form and more details.

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



FROM



THE WESTCHESTER GAURDIAN MAY 29, 2009

Our Readers Respond...

Yonkers Legendary 'Legal Eagle' Makes Request

We thought this Memorial Day you could publish a photograph of the World War II Marine Memorial Window located in Mt Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Yonkers, New York which accompanies this letter.

The Windows inspiration was a letter written by Marine Corporal Frank Gambino on the Marines' beliefs and why they sacrificed their lives for America during the Battle of Saipan on the loss of his squad leader, Corporal Joseph Romano. The inscription on the Memorial plaque encompasses his lasting words.

Corporal Gambino was killed in action in the Battle of Iwo Jima and awarded the Silver Star. In any event, thank you for the opportunity

John N. Romano, Yonkers

Editor's Note:

We are only too happy to comply with the request of World War II Marine veteran, Mr. Romano's, request Please turn to page 19

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Young Marine Rigano, a Harrison High School Sophomore was selected and visited South Korea. Read about his trip at

<http://www.harrisoncsd.org/index.php/featured/642-rigano-in-sokorea>

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

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

Obituaries

Alfred Hatzmann

Alfred Hatzmann of Ossining, NY who died peacefully at home on Sept. 12, 2015 at the age of 92. He was born May 2, 1923 in Tarrytown, NY to Alfred & Rose (Kacian) Hatzmann. Alfred graduated from Ossining High School in 1941. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the US Marine Corps during WWII in the Pacific Theater in the Air Squadron VMB 423 from 1942 - 1945. He was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Medal for Heroism. Alfred married Marjorie Harbort on July 10, 1948. After the war, Alfred graduated from Pace University and worked as a Tax Accountant for the New York Central Railroad. After leaving the railroad, he owned and operated his own Landscape Company for over 30 years. Alfred was a founding member of Torview Swim Club. He enjoyed watching golf, gardening, attending his grandchildren's baseball and basketball games and his annual Marine Corps Squadron reunions. He was pre-deceased by his brothers Harold & Edward and sisters Helen, Joan and Emily. He is survived by his wife Marjorie, daughters Wendy Tarricone (Paul), Marjorie Rose Hatzmann, grandchildren Michael & Peter and brother George and many nieces and nephews. He was reposing on at Leach & Thomas, Inc. in Ossining. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Augustine's Church, and burial at Kensico Cemetery.

James W. Lynch

James W. Lynch, longtime resident of New Rochelle passed away at home with his family around him on September 28, 2015, at the age of 85. Born in



Brooklyn to James and Helen Henderson Lynch. He was predeceased by sisters Muriel Lynch, Helen McWilliams, and brothers Dr. Richard Lynch, Dr. William Lynch and Brian Lynch.

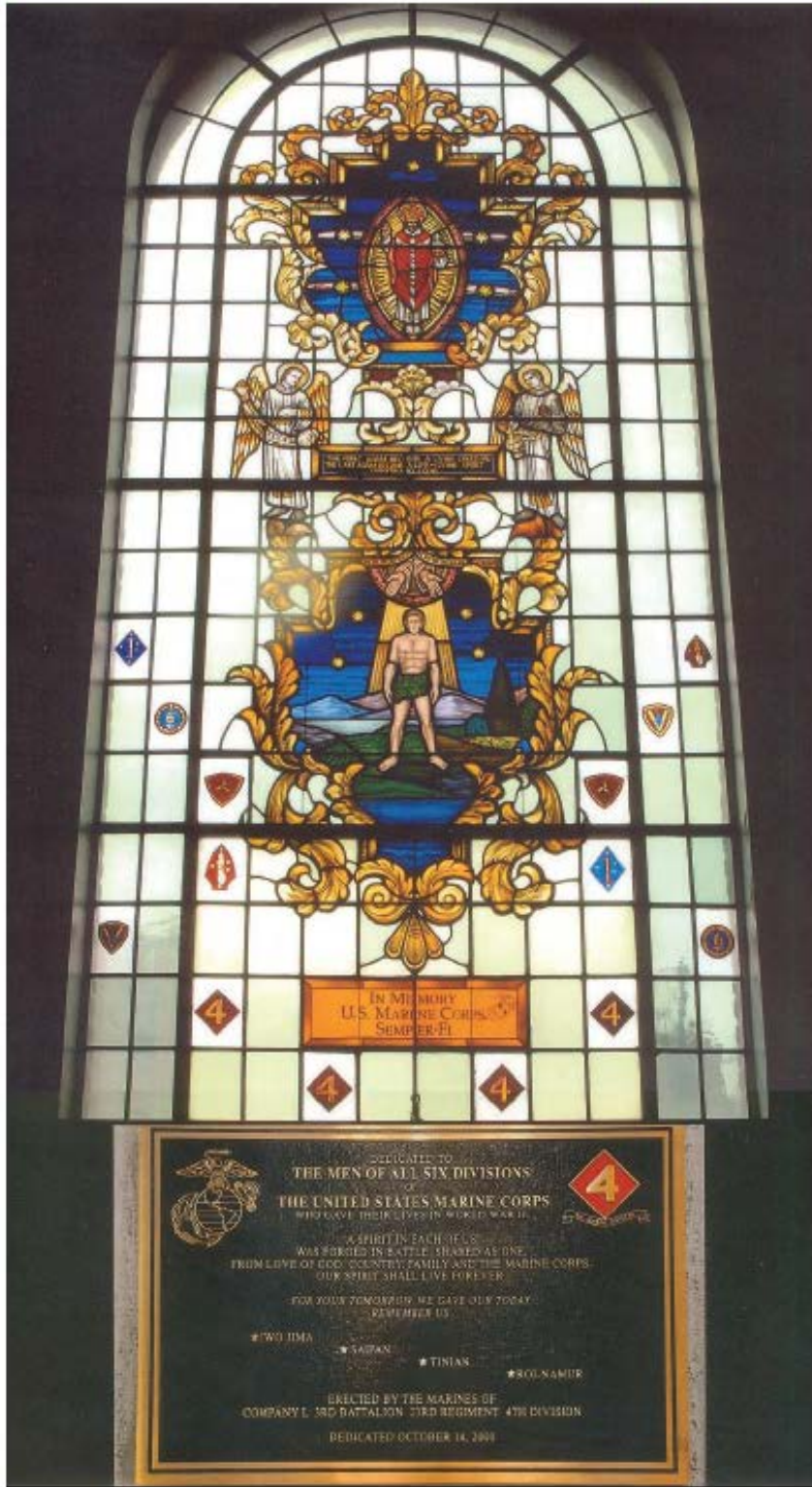
He served his country in combat (U.S.M.C., 1st Division) during the Korean War from 1950-1953 earning the rank of Sergeant. After the war, he attended St. John's University, graduating in 1958 with a B.A. in Accounting.

Jim met and married Margaret Raftery of the Bronx on January 18, 1958. He was a financial executive at Corning Glass Works in Corning, NY until 1971, when he relocated the family to New Rochelle, serving as president of Salton, Inc. He was a life-long and ardent fan of the New York Yankees.

He is survived by his loving wife Margaret of 57 years, his adoring children James Lynch (Silje), William Lynch, John Lynch, Peggy Marchini (Steve), and Kathleen Anthony (Lewis). Devoted grandfather of Peter, Meghan, Jack, Erin, Olivia, Lewis, Catherine, Bridget, Elinor, Matthew, Linus, Jennifer, Jacqueline, and Lily.

Visitation was on Sunday, October 4th at Fox Funeral Home in Larchmont. Mass of Christian Burial Monday, October 5th at St. John & Paul Roman Catholic Church. The Interment service was private.





In Loving Recognition Of Memorial Day And All That Our Fathers, Mothers And Families Sacrificed That We May Be Free

The inscription on this Memorial Declaration Plaque was from a letter written by Cpl. Frank Gambino, U.S. Marine Corps, 3Bn-COL-23 Regt. 4th Division, on the Battle of Saipan, June 15, 1944 where he describes the Battle - The Marines - Their Beliefs and the loss of his Squad Leader, Cpl. Joseph G. Romano.

Cpl. Frank Gambino's life ended on February 23, 1944 where he was awarded the Silver Star. A copy of the letter is in the Church and Memorial Services have been held monthly.

"These are our dead and we, their comrades, are the living. Our task is to continue the struggle for which they gave their lives. They shall not have died in vain. Make us worthy of their memory."

U.S. Marine Corps. Memorial
Mt. Carmel RC Church
70 Park Hill Avenue
Yonkers, New York

