



Marine Corps League

Westchester County Detachment

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NEWSLETTER



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November 2015

MEETING NOTICE:

First Wednesday of the Month

Next Meeting: 2 December 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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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 **409 Members** with **290 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!

Welcome Aboard!

New Members: New Associate Member **Carla Lucchino** sponsored by Steve Topilnycky.

NOTICES: 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 paymaster@mclwestchester.org.

If you have submitted your dues or any other payments to the Detachment, and it is more that 30 days and your check has not yet been cashed, please contact the paymaster at paymaster@mclwestchester.org

SICK & DISTRESS?

Contact: chaplain@mclwestchester.org

TAPS

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Life Associate Member **Joseph Sadowski**, Associate Life Member **Rita Sadowski** and father of Life Member LtCol **Glenn Sadowski** USMCR.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Claudia Hyland, the wife

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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of Detachment Life Member **Rick Hyland**. She passed on 20 October 2015.

It is with regret that announce the passing of Associate Life Member **Thomas C. Benichasa** on 5 December 2014 and Member **Edward Radzinski** on 21 August 2015.

MEMBER NEWS

Detachment Member **Kevin Sylvester**, Lieutenant at Village of Ossining Police Department has been selected to be Chief of Police effective January 1, 2016.

Detachment Member **Mike Redmon** is celebrating 1 year at Optivus Proton Therapy, Inc.

Member Captain **Dan Burns** USMC is on the USS Kearsarge off the coast of Africa.

Detachment Associate Member **Carla Lucchino** recently retired from DoD service. She has served as Deputy Assistant Commandant for installations and Logistics, HQ USMC and was the Assistant for Administration to the Secretary of the Navy. She has retired from DoD service and is working in the private sector.

Detachment Member **Zachary Iscol** is the CEO/Founder HirePurpose, in NYC.

CALENDAR

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 Commandant **James Mazzone**.

19 December : Detachment Christmas Party, at the Brazen Fox, 175 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, NY 10601

3-5 March 2016: Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference, Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls, Church, VA 22042. Reservations no later than 8 February 2016.

1 & 2 April 2016: Marine Corps League North East Division Meeting, will be held in Wilksbear, PA.

DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

The Detachment held its Annual Birthday Brunch, celebrating the 240th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps which was held on 7 November 2015 at the Westchester Manor. Lt. Colonel Robert Black, NYNM was our guest of honor. Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley** received a plaque for his service to the Detachment. Judge Advocate **Drew McFadden** and Web Sergeant **Steve Topilnycky** received Meritorious Commendations. The Guest of Honor LtCol Robert "Blackie" Black cut the cake and presented the first piece of cake to the oldest Marine present, **Nunzio Franchi**, who in turn presented a piece of the cake to the youngest Marine present, **Kevin Fischer**. The Honorable Judge Donovan won the 50/50 drawing and donated the proceeds to Marine Memorial Scholarship fund.

Commandant **Jim Mazzone**, Sr. Vice Commandant **Stephen Smalley**, South East Area Vice Commandant/Detachment Adjutant **Steve Topilnycky**, Associate Life Member **Kelly Topilnycky**, Life Member **Alan Schramm** represented the Detachment at the Highway Dedication in Pound Ridge for fallen Marine Capt. Eric Jones. Life Member **Frank Morgenthaler** was present representing





Birthday Cake



LtCol Robert "Blackie" Black



L to R: Nunzio Franchi, LtCol Robert "Blackie" Black, Sr. Vice Commandant Stephen Smalley, Kevin Fischer

American Legion Hawthorne Post 112 which served as the Honor Guard for the event. The portion of State Route 137 from its intersection with Westchester Avenue to its terminus at the New York-Connecticut Border as the Marine Captain Eric A. Jones Memorial Highway.



L to R: Assemblyman David Buckwald, Sr. Vice Commandant Stephen Smalley, Commandant James V. Mazzone, State Senator Terrence Murphy, S.E. Area Vice Commandant/Detachment Adjutant Steve Topilnycky, General Garvey, USMC (ret)

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

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

Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC
John Jay HS

YOUNG MARINES OF WESTCHESTER



1965-2015

Sponsors / cosponsors / donors needed for Young Marine schools and the other unit educational activities. Donate online at <http://www.ywestchester.org/donate/>





L to R: Commandant James V. Mazzone and Sr. Vice Commandant Stephen Smalley, after the plaque presentation



L to R: Commandant James V. Mazzone and Judge Advocate Drew McFadden, after receiving Meritorious Commendation



Commandant James V. Mazzone and Adjutant/Web Sergeant Steve Topilnycky after receiving a Meritorious Commendation.

Obituaries

Joseph Raymond Sadowski

Joseph Raymond Sadowski of Scarsdale, NY passed away on October 16, 2015 at the age of 83. The son of the late Theresa and Joseph Sadek, Joseph was born in the Bronx, NY on April 4, 1932. He resided on Beach Avenue in the Bronx, attended Mount St. Michael H.S. and went on to Villanova University. After receiving a degree in economics from Villanova University, Joseph enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in the intelligence community, while deployed in Ethiopia. On October 6, 1962, Joseph married the former Rita Tschumper of St. Gallen, Switzerland. Rita and Joe remained married for 53 years having three children, Debra Miano (Stephen), Andrea Sadowski and Glenn Sadowski (Claudia). Joseph was the Eastern Region Sales Manager for Proctor Silex. He was a loving grandfather to Emily, Kristen, Michael, Julia and Dylan. Calling hours at the Fred H. McGrath & Son Funeral Home, Bronxville between the hours of 2 to 4 and 7 to 9pm Tuesday. Mass of Christian Burial, Annunciation Church on Wednesday, October 21 at 11am. In lieu of flowers Donations can be made to Graymoor-Franciscan Friars of the Atonement www.Atonementfriars.org

Joseph Edward Radzinski

Joseph Edward Radzinski, age 53, passed away August 21, 2015. A Memorial Service will be held at Bryn Mawr Chapels, 23 Lockwood Avenue, Yonkers on Thursday, August 27 2015 from 6PM to 8PM

Thomas C. Benichasa

Thomas C. Benichasa, of Fleetwood, NY, formerly of Park Slope, Brooklyn, on Dec. 5, 2014, after a long illness. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving son of the late Thomas J. and Marie Benichasa. Dear brother of John Benichasa. Also surviving are many aunts and cousins. Tom was a mailman in Scarsdale for 31 years. He was president of the White Plains Chapter of NARFE. Tom honorably served in the US Naval Reserve for 20 years. He was an active member of Sts. Peter & Paul Church and the Keough Council of the Knights of Columbus of Tuckahoe. Calling Hours at the Fred H. McGrath & Son, Funeral Home, Bronxville, 3 to 8 pm Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Fleetwood, on Thursday, December, 11 at 10 am. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Claudia J. Begazo-Hyland

Claudia J. Begazo-Hyland, of Port Chester, sadly passed on October 20, 2015. Beloved daughter of Miguel & Delila, cherished mother of Steven, David & Rachel. To honor Claudia's life, family and friends will gather today 4-8pm at the Greenwich location of Coxe & Graziano Funeral Home 134 Hamilton Ave. Greenwich, 203-869-5968. A service will be held at the funeral home on Friday 11am followed by interment at Greenwood Union Cemetery. For more information, www.coxeandgraziano.com.

