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MEETING NOTICE:

First Wednesday of the Month

Next Meeting: 3 October 2018

Location:

American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post
#1547
55 Garrigan Avenue,
Thornwood, NY 10594

Muster: 1930

Meeting: 2000



MEMBERSHIP

We are now at **329 members** with
280 Life Members. Invite those
Marines to associate with our
Detachment.

Renewal = \$36

New = \$40

Think Life

Life Member Dues:

To age 35 = \$500; 36-50 = \$400;
51-64 = \$300; 65+ = \$200

You can pay your dues online at
<https://www.mclwestchester.org/renew>

It's quick, easy, save a stamp and
envelope and the check writing time.
Try it, you'll like it!



WELCOME ABOARD!

New Members:

Joseph DeAngelo, of Colts Neck, NJ
and **Michael Waluk** of Piscataway,
NJ, sponsored by Rev. **Ricardo**
Sheppard.

Rong Wang of New York, NY,
sponsored by **Bob Stephens**.

Matthew Chung of White Plains, NY,
sponsored by **Steve Topilnycky**.

Ramon Acosta from Bronx, NY
transferred in from MAL.

New Life Members:

Jake Silberfarb of Brooklyn, NY;
Richard Sabol of Baldwin Place, NY;
Wilfredo Delgado of Valley Stream,
NY, **Keith Stalder** of Alexandria, VA,
Hector Rivera of Bronx, NY,
Montgomery Delaney of Katonah,
NY and **Joseph Mauro** of Hampton
Bays, NY



SICK & DISTRESS

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TAPS



It is with deep regret
that we announce the
passing of our brother
Marines:

Richard H. Esau Jr.
who passed away on 21
October 2017.

Geno P. Egiziaco who

passed away on 19 January 2018

Milton S. Brynin who passed away
on 5 February 2018

Willard F. Lochridge IV who passed
away on 15 May 2018.



CALENDAR

**5-6 Oct 18—Department
Meeting**— Crowne Plaza Suffern-
Mahwah, Suffern, NY

**10 Nov 18—Detachment Birthday
Brunch**— Westchester Manor, 140
Saw Mill River Rd, Hastings-on-
Hudson, NY. **Detachment Member and
1 guest are FREE**, additional guests are
\$50 per person. Guest of Honor Major
Jason Latta, USMC, Executive Officer/
Instructor SUNY Maritime College.

**?? Dec 18—VAMC Montrose
Patient Christmas Party**—Exact
date TBA. It's the Detachments annual
Christmas Party for the patients at the
VA Medical Center in Montrose NY

2 Jan 19— Nominations for
Detachment Officers (round 1)

6 Feb 19—Nominations (round 2) for
Detachment Officers and Election of
Officers.



MEMBER NEWS

Department of New York Commandant





Rev. **Ricardo Sheppard** awarded Marine **Donald O'Keefe** the Department Distinguished Service Award for his tireless efforts to have a US Naval ship named after fallen Marine Cpl. Patrick (Bob) Gallagher who was KIA in Vietnam 1967 after being awarded the Navy Cross. In May a Naval Destroyer was named, USS Gallagher (DDG 127).

Marine **Mike Waluk** brought his mannequin collection of historical Marine Uniforms to the National Convention, which was held in Buffalo, NY this year. The display was available throughout the convention. Marine **Waluk** is the National North East Division Aide de Camp for New Jersey and is a dual member.



Marine **Joe DeAngelo** had the distinct honor and pleasure of meeting the parents of Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham, USMC (MOH). Marine **DeAngelo** is the



Assistant National North East Division Vice Commandant and is a dual member.

For more pictures from this years National Convention, please visit the Department of New York Facebook page (@DepartmentofNewYork).



DETACHMENT ACTIVITIES

Detachment Adjutant Paymaster **Steve Topilnycky** represented the Detachment at the Commissioning Ceremony at SUNY Maritime College where he presented the Mameluke Sword to the top Marine graduate, Justin Marciano who was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. Also present were members **Kelly Topilnycky** and General **Robert Wolf**, NYNM.



Marine **Glenn Sadowski** represented the Detachment at two Courts of Honor where certificates were presented to those Boy Scouts who were elevated to Eagle Scouts.

Detachment Jr. Vice Commandant **Donald O'Keefe** represented the Detachment at the Ossining High School senior awards ceremony, where he presented a \$500 scholarship to Olivia Lenaghan on behalf of the



Detachment and the LCpl James Wyche Marine Memorial Scholarship fund. Donations are always welcome and encouraged. You can send your check to the Detachment PO Box, (Marine Memorial in the memo line) or

donate online at www.mclwestchester.org/Programs/Donate.asp.

The Marine Corps League is a 501(c)4 organization, all donations are tax deductible.



Marine **Jim Stead**, Adjutant Paymaster **Steve Topilnycky** and member **Kelly Topilnycky** were at the annual Westchester County Veterans Appreciation day at Rye Playland. Marine **Stead** brought his vintage jeep and the Detachment had a table for recruitment and fundraising (we had the ship stores out too). We were joined by Mike Piscioti, South East Area Vice Commandant for the Department of New York. While it was wet first thing, the rain stopped leaving us with cool damp day.

The 87th Annual Department of New York Convention was held in Syracuse, NY and the Detachment was represented by Rev. **Ricardo Sheppard** (Department Commandant, pictured below with Congresswoman Claudia Tenney and National Sr. Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin), **Steve Topilnycky** (Department Adjutant),



Joe DeAngelo (Assistant North East Division Vice Commandant), **Mike Waluk** (North East Division Aid de



Camp-NJ) and **Kelly Topilnycky**. A series of bylaws changes were presented and passed by the membership. Congresswomen Claudia Tenney was the guest speaker for the banquet. Ms. Tenney's son is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Detachment Judge Advocate **Drew McFadden**, Adjutant Paymaster



Steve Topilnycky, members **Bob Stephens** and **Kelly Topilnycky**, along with Hugh McAuley from Greenburgh Veterans Advisory Committee and members from the Rockland County Detachment held our annual picnic for the patients of the VAMC Montrose at Building 6, Wards C & D. The weather was perfect for the event. The VAMC Christmas Party is just around the Corner. We are always looking for members to help out.



MARINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Lest We Forget

In memory of Marine and Detachment Member

**Sgt. Anthony Kalladeen NYARNG
KIA Iraq 8 August 2005
Young Marines of White Plains**

In memory of Westchester County Marines who were killed in the terrorist bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon 23 October 1983

**LCpl Craig Wyche, USMC
Ossining HS**

2018 Awardee: Oliva Lenaghan

**Cpl James J. Jackowski, USMC
John Jay HS**

2018 Awardee: Brendon Carol

**Support our Scholarship fund
Donate Today!** You can send your donation to the Detachment PO Box with Marine Memorial in the memo section or donate online at <https://www.mclwestchester.org/programs/donate.asp>.



YOUNG MARINES

Support our Young Marines!

River Towns Young Marines
Lu Caldara, Commanding Officer

<http://youngmarinesrivertowns.org>



HELP & ASSISTANCE

**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, 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.



The Westchester County Toys for Tots had a very successful 2017 season, collecting over 56,000 gifts that were distributed to over 18,000 children in our community. Many Detachment members and volunteers from the Community stepped up to make the 2017 campaign a great success. It was not without its down fall, with an unscrupulous team that stole from several of our collection sites. The individual was apprehended, but the District Attorney would not move forward with the charges. As we get ready to kick off the 2018 campaign we have lost a large national sponsor, Toys R' Us. With loss of Toys R' Us we were going to make purchases from Walmart, but as of 3 August the local store closed down. We will be making purchases from Vendors provided to us from the Toys for Tots Foundation, as well monetary donations and the gifts of toys from the Community. Each year the demand on our campaign increases and we are working hard to meet the demand. You can help by Volunteering or making a Donation.

Check payable to Toys For Tots and mail to:

PO Box 1207
White Plains, NY 10602

Or online at (link will redirect you to the Toys for Tots Foundation):

<https://goo.gl/JDBAHE>

Remember to select NY-Westchester County from the drop down list.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization, and donations are recognized as tax deductible.

Give to a Good Clause!



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