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“The Ground Pounder”

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For any discrepancies, contact Adjutant.

FAREWELL, BUT NOT GOODBYE



**Jr. Past Commandant
Tom Wortmann
Former Editor**

As you read this, Marine Tom Wortmann has completed his second term as Department Commandant. In March he stepped down as the editor and produced his last issue of “The Ground Pounder.” He passed the reigns to our new editor, Donna Hildebrandt, who will move us into the future.

For those of you who are long-time members of the Department of New York, you will recall the

former Department newsletter, the “Empire State Marine.” Unfortunately, the cost to print and mail that newsletter became prohibitive and it was retired. For the longest time the Department was without a newsletter. In July 2017 Marine Wortmann, then the Department Senior Vice Commandant brought the Department newsletter back to life as an all-digital publication and “The Ground Pounder” was born. His vision was to have a quarterly newsletter to showcase the members and Detachments of the Department.

Marine Wortmann wears many hats within the League. He will still be around the Department as Jr. Vice Commandant, and as National Northeast Division Assistant Vice Commandant to Northeast Division Mike Waluk, and in his future may be Northeast Division Vice Commandant.

He continues to serve the membership for the good of the League.

*Submitted by Steve Topilnycky
Department of New York Adjutant*



THOMAS ARCURI
COMMANDANT

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COMMANDANT'S CORNER



Marines and FMF Corpsmen,
I would like to begin by saying thank you for your vote of confidence in me to lead the Department of New York Marine Corps League. I would also like to thank Past Commandant Thomas Wortmann for his dedicated leadership, during what can only be described as, an unprecedented time in our history.

The power of technology enabled the leadership of our department to function extremely well under these difficult conditions. Many detachments also discovered the benefit of Zoom and WEBEX meeting software. I encourage you to try it!

One of my mentors along this journey to the Commandant's post was former Commandant MSgt. William McGowan USMC Ret. Top McGowan and I had many long discussions about the power of communicating via electronic means. We both

agreed that for the Marine Corps League to grow and prosper we must communicate with our membership, especially the younger Marines. That means getting them information instantly through their handheld devices. Being a Comm guy in the Corps (2511) I am dedicated to improving the flow of information from the department staff to the detachments and members. The past convention in Syracuse was streamed live via the Dept. Facebook page. I will continue to have the department conferences live streamed, beginning with the Fall meeting in Suffern, NY on October 1st and 2nd 2021. I realize this is a long drive for some of our members so please take advantage of the live stream option on our Facebook page. More to come regarding these communications.

I'm sorry to report that I had the unpleasant duty of suspending the charter of one of our detachments. I am hopeful that

we will be able to get them back into compliance with our bylaws and reinstate their charter. The reason I mention this is because it goes back to the previous paragraph relating to communications. The flow of Comm goes both ways. Detachment officers must ensure accurate contact information on transmittals and Report of Installation forms. I mention this due to the nightmare we encountered with the above mentioned detachment.
Until next time...

Semper Fidelis,
Tom Arcuri
Commandant
Dept. of New York





**Thomas Arcuri,
Commandant**

Department of New York,
Marine Corps League

Passing of the Torch

THOMAS ARCURI ELECTED AS COMMANDANT

At the 90th DoNY Convention in East Syracuse, Thomas Arcuri, former Sr. Vice Commandant was elected to the office of Commandant of the Department of New York, Marine Corps League and will serve the membership with the Good of the League in the forefront. The Department will be in very capable hands. Congratulations to Commandant Arcuri and the newly elected officers. Please see the front page for the changes in officers to complete the board of officers.



Donna Hildebrandt
Editor

“The Ground Pounder”

HAS A NEW EDITOR AS OF APRIL 2021

Congratulations to Jr. Past Commandant Tom Wortmann for his new position as Northeast Division Assistant Vice Commandant, who will be working with the Northeast Division Vice Commandant Mike Waluk. I am confident that this will be an advantageous move for him personally and for the League as well.

Further congratulations are extended to the new officers and Commandant, who will move the DoNY MCL into the future. I will support you all to the best of my ability.

You have undoubtedly noticed a change in the presentation of “The Ground Pounder.” It’s not any better or worse than previous newsletters, including the “Empire State Marine.” This is just different and I hope you will enjoy it.

Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Donna Hildebrandt, and I come to you from Bett-Toomey Det. #216 in Lackawanna. It was less than a year ago that my dad, Kenneth Blachura, Commandant of the detachment brought me into the Marine Corps League as an associate member. Shortly thereafter, I initiated the newsletter for Bett-Toomey. My work caught the eye of West Area Vice Commandant Earl Harrington, who connected me with Commandant Tom Wortmann. Marine Wortmann was serving as editor of “The Ground Pounder” and seeking a replacement. After a brief discussion with the Commandant, I agreed.

I am honored and humbled to carry on the legacy of “The Ground Pounder,” and I appreciate this opportunity.

Presently, I am employed as a Registered Nurse at an insurance company. Previously, I was in the graphic arts, printing and newspaper industry for 20+ years. I look forward to serving those who served the United States. As a gesture of gratitude, it is I who will now serve you.

For future submissions to “The Ground Pounder,” please email your articles and pictures to me at newsletter.dny@gmail.com. For the information to be conveyed accurately, please scrub all unnecessary text, and put the topic in the subject line of the email. Please be aware that some editing may occur. Deadline for the next edition is 10 Sept. 2021.

The 90th Annual Convention was my first convention experience. It was such a pleasure to meet so many warm and welcoming people. Thank you for making me feel at ease.

I hope you enjoy my first Ground Pounder article about a 100 year-old Marine, Sgt. Peg Bandy, found on page 4. I found her to be captivating and inspiring and was awestruck that at the time of our conversation she was crocheting a Marine-themed afghan. I look forward to sharing others’ stories too.

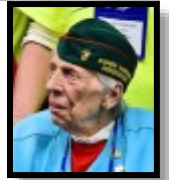




Margaret "Peg"
(Bittel) Bandy
1943

A SALUTE TO SGT. PEG BANDY

100 Year-Old Proud Marine



2019

Born March 27, 1921 in Syracuse, NY, Margaret (Peg) Bittel knew at a young age that she was destined to serve in the military, even though the military wasn't welcoming to women at the time. In her mind, the only branch of service that she would consider was the United States Marines. As a Master Sergeant in the Army, her Uncle Bill stressed that women will never be allowed into the Military. Peg was determined to prove him wrong, and she did, by never giving up, and remembering that everything falls into place. These lessons accompanied her throughout her life.

When Peg first entered the recruiters' station, she was told, at this time, unfortunately, women are not yet accepted into the ranks of the Marine Corps. Peg was determined, so she decided to wait.

She knew that one day she would be a United States Marine. Then, December 7th happened, and the Japanese attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor. That was Peg's queue to return to the recruiting office immediately, and asked to enlist. Needless to say, Peg was on her way to becoming a proud United States Marine.

Her swearing-in was unique too. Due to unusual circumstances, Peg was sworn-in alone.

Her Uncle Bill attempted to discourage her, warning that bootcamp was going to be a challenge. She accepted the challenge in spite of what her family believed. Her spot in the women's first regiment was everything she thought it would be and she loved it.

Her bunkmate, Nelda Cason, and Peg ended up fostering a lifelong friendship, until Cason's passing at 97 years-old.

At bootcamp graduation Peg earned her first stripe. During the following months she became platoon leader and assistant company commander. Peg really enjoyed the drills, and unbeknownst to her, she would get to continue them.

Her first assignment was a disbursing clerk at the Navy Annex in Arlington. At that time, her Lieutenant was aware of her ability to work with the troops because of her history as a drill instructor, so Peg was asked to be become a platoon leader.

The Marine Corps had offered her a college education but she declined. She told them that anybody can go to college but only a few can

be a Marine, and she wanted to be a Marine. She worked hard and within a year earned her Sergeant stripes.

Her assignment was as a clerk at Marine Corps Headquarters and later, the railroad freight department where she was responsible for making sure that bills got paid. It was there that she had 6 bosses, that Peg described as 6 of the finest men she has ever known.

Peg worked as a clerk during the day, but still loved the platoons and drills. At the request of her LT, she assumed duties as platoon leader during the evening after fulfilling her full-time day duties. Her platoons were exemplary and Peg advanced to lead her company.

One of her most memorable experiences was when President Roosevelt passed away. Her LT asked to gather 40 of the tallest women Marines to escort the president back to the White House from Union Station. At 5'10½" Peg was proud to lead the troops as they paid tribute to the president.

Peg was a bold woman who refused to be intimidated by anyone, therefore earning much-deserved respect.

She served from 1942—1946 and considered staying in the Corps for 20 years, but she also had aspirations of becoming a journalist. Knowing that once a Marine, always a Marine, moved forward to write her next chapter.

While on a trip to Chicago, for a personal reason, she met a woman Marine who served in WWI. She worked at the Chicago Herald America Newspaper and needed a writer to discuss Veterans' issues. This is where Peg states that things just fell into place. She had no intention of staying in Chicago until she got the job offer.

This was the beginning her work as a journalist. Peg was the 'ghost writer' for the Veteran's questions. After gaining experience she decided to move back to her hometown of Syracuse. Her Chicago boss had connections at the Syracuse Herald and arranged for her to get a position. Again things just fell into place for her, as this is where she met her future husband. To no surprise, Dick Bandy was also a Marine. They were married, and raised a family.

True to the motto of once a Marine, always a Marine, she remained active. She was the first woman to join the Marine Corps Reserve—10th Tank Battalion, and is a life member of the Greater Syracuse detachment.

In 2004 Peg was named NYS Woman of Distinction by Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann.

Fast forward to March 27, 2021, it was Peg's 100th birthday. A celebration in her honor, sponsored by Honor Flight, was held at the Tully Municipal Building with hundreds present to commemorate the milestone occasion.

We proudly congratulate and applaud this WWII veteran for her lifelong trailblazing accomplishments, and for paving the road for successive generations.

She deserves recognition for her relentless drive to become a United States Marine. Hats off to an impressive woman and an impressive Marine who never gave up.

She credits her success to patience, an open heart, and persistence. Peg still believes in what the Marine Corps taught her, and lives her life by the standards of honor and respect.



Initial submission by Bob Brown
Additional content by editor and Peg

EVENTS



DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 90th Annual Convention for the Department of New York was held 10 to 13 June 2021 at the Embassy Suites in Syracuse, NY. From check-in to check-out the occasion was marked by the gathering of old friends and meeting of new ones.

- Elections were held. Congratulations to all. As for the officers, refer to the front page and lists on the following pages for updated posts.
- At the banquet on the final night of the convention, the DoNY Marine of the Year Committee named Marine **Volker Heyde**, Sgt. Angel Mendez Detachment #246 as the 2021 Marine of the Year. His contributions have been exemplary and he deserves this recognition. *(See following page)*
- Marine Bob Becker informed the attendees that there will be a cemetery in the Finger Lakes Region that will be available for Service members and their families only.
- Marine Tom Arcuri & Jim Ransom discussed the need to attract new membership and are welcome to suggestions. Contact your Area Vice Commandant who will forward them up the chain of command.

* Additional awards presented are as follows.

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

Suffolk County Detachment #247
 Raider Detachment #461
 Carmen Ramputi Detachment #861
 Westchester County Detachment #254
 Rockland County Detachment #243
 Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien Detachment #241
 Troy Detachment #252
 Memorial #2 Detachment #233
 Memorial Day Detachment #468

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN – SILVER

Albert Merrill – Quartermaster
 Aren Schank – Deputy Quartermaster
 Thomas Arcuri – Sr. Vice Commandant
 Dean Lawton Sr. – Jr. Vice Commandant
 David Wiggs – Judge Advocate
 Michael Piscioti – South East Area Vice Commandant
 Vincent Annunziata – Long Island Area Vice Commandant
 Ralph Luciani – Paymaster
 Stephen Topilnycky – Adjutant
 James Ransom – Jr. Past Commandant
 Kenneth Crandall - Conrad Kania Detachment #230

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN – BRONZE

David Brisbane – North West Area Vice Commandant
 Scott Westcott – Sergeant at Arms
 Earl Herrington – West Area Vice Commandant
 Volker Heyde – Metro NY Area Vice Commandant

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Charles Czochanski – Middletown Detachment #236
 Paula Detran — Director of Sales at Embassy Suites
 by Hilton Syracuse
 Greg Snell — Sales Team Leader from Visit Syracuse
 Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Tim Forbes — East Area Vice Commandant
 Vincent Annunziata — Chaplain
 Stan Lewosko — North Central Area Vice Commandant
 Dean Lawton Sr. — South Central Area Vice Commandant
 Albert Hazzard — South West Area Vice Commandant
 Raymond "Skip" Diamond Jr. — Eagle Scout Coordinator
 Robert Becker Jr. — Legislative/Veteran's Affairs Chairman
 Gerard della Badia — Web Sergeant
 Martina L. Olsen — Credentials Chairwoman
 Lynn Stanton — Rifle and Pistol Chairman
 Melody D. Burns — Captain Wm. Dale O'Brien Det. #241
 Alex Kitts — North Area Vice Commandant



90TH ANNUAL
Department of New York
2021

Convention



CONGRATULATIONS VOLKER HEYDE

HONORED TO ACCEPT THE MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

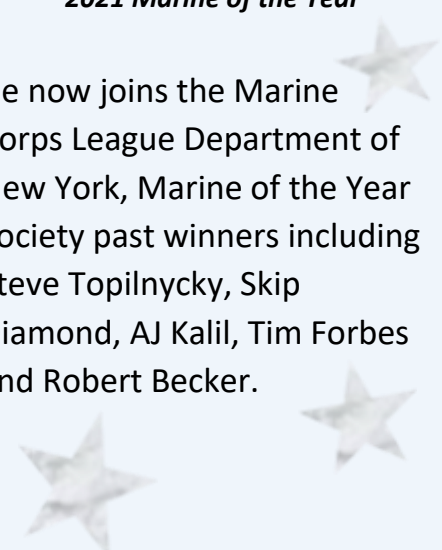
On the final day of the 90th Annual Convention, the past Marine of the Year, Marine Steve Topilnycky presented the award to the 2021 recipient. Congratulations to **Marine Volker Heyde**, of the Sergeant Angel Mendez Detachment #246 for being selected as the Marine of the Year for 2021. He served in the Marine Corps from 11 Jul 1960 to 11 Jul 1966, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Marine Heyde Joined the Detachment formerly known as the Staten Island Detachment in January 2010. He has been active in many of the Detachment activities and active the MODD Pound Salt 69, including Toys for Tots as a LCO Coordinator. He holds the Legion of Honor award given by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for service to the community. He has been recognized by many organizations on Staten Island such as the Women’s Bar Association, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, Italian Women of Staten Island Association, as well as many veteran organizations on and off the Staten Island. He was instrumental in having the Detachment rename to the Sgt. Angel Mendez Detachment. For all his involvement he was nominated by members of his detachment.



Volker Heyde
2021 Marine of the Year

He now joins the Marine Corps League Department of New York, Marine of the Year Society past winners including Steve Topilnycky, Skip Diamond, AJ Kalil, Tim Forbes and Robert Becker.





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JIM RANSON
Photo courtesy of Tom Benjamin



DENNIS TOBIN
Photo courtesy of the Editor



TOM WORTMANN
Photo courtesy of Ken Blachura



TOM ARCURI
Photo courtesy of Tom Benjamin



VOLKER HEYDE
Photo courtesy of Mike Piscioti



TOKEN OF APPRECIATION
Photo courtesy of Tom Benjamin



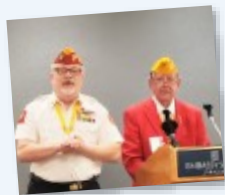
PAT DAVID
Photo courtesy of the Editor



NANCY LEWOSKO
Photo courtesy of the Editor



MAUREEN DUNN
Photo courtesy of the Editor



**TOM WORTMANN
JIM RANSOM**
Photo courtesy of the Editor



MARINES HYMN
Photo courtesy of the Editor



**SKIP DIAMOND
EARL HERRINGTON**
Photo courtesy of Kenneth Blachura

OUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT LIVE STREAMING

Taken from E-blast

There were a few hiccups so adjustments were made. We anticipate improving and doing this more in the future. To view the recordings see below.

11 June Opening Ceremony:

<https://fb.watch/65cvxTnroc/>

12 June Morning Session:

https://fb.watch/65cBabh_Be/

12 June Afternoon Session:

<https://fb.watch/65cTXfOxfy/>





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**TOM ARCURI
TOM BENJAMIN**

Photo courtesy of
Tom Benjamin



TOM WORTMANN

Photo courtesy of
Tom Benjamin



**THE SGT. MAJOR &
KEN BLACHURA**

Photo courtesy of
Ken Blachura



CHOW LINE

Photo courtesy of
Tom Benjamin



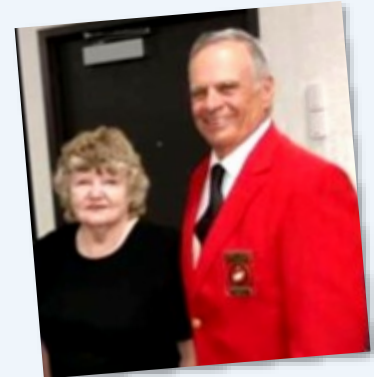
**THANKS TO
TOM WORTMANN**

Photo courtesy of Steve Topilnycky



NORTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE
Front: **Bonnie Shaw, Commandant, Douglas Forsyth, Paymaster of the Chester County Detachment, Department of Pennsylvania**
Second Row: **Tom Arcuri, Volker Heyde, Dean Lawton.** Third Row: **Lynn Stanton & Tim Forbes.**

Photo courtesy of the Steve Topilnycky



**MAUREEN DUNN
& TOM ARCURI**

Photo from Facebook



**NANCY LEWOSKO
DEBBIE SCHENCK
JOANNE VAN GROL
MAUREEN DUNN
SHARON BEEKE**

Installed by
MARILYN LOEVEN
(not pictured)

photo from Facebook



IF THERE IS LIGHT BEHIND THE SUBJECT, USE A FLASH TO ILLUMINATE THE FACE EVEN WHEN OUTDOORS. HARSH SHADOWS ALSO REQUIRE A FLASH.

LIGHT SOURCES CAN BE THE SUN, INDOOR BULBS, OR EVEN A CANDLE.

IF POSSIBLE CHANGE THE ANGLE OF THE SHOT. WHEN IN DOUBT, TAKE TWO – ONE W/FLASH ONE WITHOUT.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR FLASH WILL ONLY REACH ABOUT 20 FT.

Wanna See More?

COME TO THE NEXT CONVENTION ON 9-13 AUGUST 2021.

2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Wyndham Springfield City Center
700 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

EVENTS



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Charles "CZ" Czochanski, longtime member & Past Detachment Commandant, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Middletown Detachment #236 and South East Area Vice Commandant, Mike Pisciotti during a fundraiser at the Galleria at Crystal Run.



Submitted by Michael A. Pisciotti
South East Area Vice Commandant

BETT-TOOMEY COMMANDANT HONORED BY CONGRESSMAN



It was with abundant pride, that **Kenneth Blachura**, Commandant of Marine Corps League Bett-Toomey Det. #216, accepted recognition as Western New York's Veteran of the

Month of March 2021, from Congressman, Chris Jacobs, of New York's 27th district. This honor was bestowed upon Ken by the Congressman at a small ceremony on March 31, 2021 at the Eden American Legion, Post 880. The timing was uncanny because it was Vietnam Veteran's Day on March 29. However, due to the pandemic, the ceremony was witnessed only by a small gathering of few close friends, family, and Post members. Ken is honored and humbled as he accepts this recognition on behalf of those not privileged enough to return home. He reminded us that the flag does not fly because of the wind, it flies due to everyone who died protecting it. Sgt. Blachura is as proud as any man can be to have served his country as a United States Marine.

Submitted by Editor

PROPER HONOR FOR ONE OF OUR OWN

Honor Guard Members Guzman, Reinhart, and Sabatini served at the funeral services of **Patrick T. Brewer Sr.** in Syracuse, NY. He was born in Elmira and resided in Syracuse since 1959. Patrick was a Marine Corps Veteran serving from 1955-1959. He retired in 1995 after 35 years at Carrier Corporation. Patrick was a life member of the Marine Corps League and also a member of the American Legion Eastwood Post 1276.



Submitted by Bill Bresser
Adjutant - E.J. Brewer Detachment #458
Jack Schamel, Commandant



Honor Guard from E.J. Brewer Detachment #458

EVENTS



SPRING MEETING — DoNY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE APRIL 16-17, 2021

The Department holds four meetings a year: Fall, Mid-Winter, Spring and the Convention.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTED RONALD "ROCKY" GRAZIANO

Rockland County Detachment Commandant Gail Goodson recommended **Marine Graziano** for the Department Distinguished Citizen Award—Silver. It was awarded by Department Commandant Thomas Wortmann, and presented by Department Sr. Vice Commandant Thomas Arcuri at the Department Spring Meeting.



*Submitted by Mike Piscioti
Southeast Area Vice
Commandant*

INFO TABLE MICHAEL PISCIOTTI

Thanks to **Michael Piscioti**, Southeast Area Vice Commandant, for manning the "Info" table in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza Suffern — Mahwah. He welcomed Marines at the Spring Staff Meeting.



CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR DETACHMENT

*Photo from
Rockland County Detachment
Facebook page*

JR. VICE COMMANDANT CITATION FOR MAINTAINING 100%

- Adirondack Leathernecks #1268
- Akwesasne #566
- Bett-Toomey #216
- Catskill #652
- Conrad Kania #230
- Cortland County #221
- East End #642
- Essex County #791
- Father Vincent Capodanno #1471
- Greater Syracuse #224
- Genesee Valley #223
- Huntington Long Island #792
- John W. Thurston #250
- Memorial Day #468
- Middletown #236
- North Shore Queens #240
- Port Washington #614
- Raider #461
- SPA #641
- St. Lawrence County #408
- Suffolk County #247
- The Greater Newburgh #249
- The New York Detachment No. 1 #226
- Tun Tavern Leathernecks #961

AWARDS PRESENTED BY NATIONAL COMMANDANT, DENNIS TOBIN TO PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS

Distinguished Citizen Gold
JIM RANSOM



Distinguished Service Award
REV. RICARDO SHEPPARD

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

On June 4-5, 2021, the Northeast Division Conference was held at the Holiday Inn at Grantville, PA.



VICE COMMANDANT WALUK PRESENTS AWARDS



Photos courtesy of Steve Topilnycky Adjutant, DoNY and Facebook



DoNY ADJUTANT, STEVE TOPILNYCKY RECEIVES HONORS



Marine Steve Topilnycky

This year's Northeast Division Conference has come to an end and was finished off with a banquet. Northeast Division Vice Commandant Michael Waluk ended the evening with the awards ceremony. I am honored to have received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Division. I was also awarded the Distinguished Citizen Gold award from National Commandant Dennis Tobin. The evening was topped with the

announcement of the Northeast Division Marine of the Year for 2021. I am honored and humbled to have been selected as the Northeast Division Marine of the Year. Thank you all for your support and confidence in me. I couldn't achieve what I have done without the support of my lovely wife Kelly Topilnycky .

Obtained primarily from Facebook



Brian Gillespie Steve Topilnycky

EVENTS



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN MEMORY OF ANGELO BIANCHI

Dave Brisbane, Commandant, Memorial Day Detachment #468 presented **Judith Bianchi**, wife of **Angelo Bianchi**, with Community Service award certificate for a graduating senior of Waterloo High School. The certificate comes with a \$500 check.



*Submitted by
Dave Brisbane, Commandant
Memorial Day Detachment #468*

The late Angelo Bianchi was an honored member of the detachment who passed away on 11 November 2020.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD IN MEMORY OF WALLY ANDERSON, PAST COMMANDANT

Dave Brisbane, Commandant, Memorial Day Detachment #468, presented **Linda Anderson**, wife of **Past Commandant Wally Anderson**, with the Wally Anderson Community Spirit Award and a check for \$500 to be awarded to a Honeoye Falls - Lima senior in memory of Wally who passed away on 31 October 2020.



*Submitted by
Dave Brisbane, Commandant
Memorial Day Detachment #468*



7 SCOUTS RECOGNIZED

On June 9, 2021, Commandant Pat David, Niagara Frontier Detachment #239 presented certificates to seven scouts from Troop #545.



Ben Klostermann, Jason Trommetter, Nick Roberts, Nick Seth, Commandant David, Vincent Vassallo, Adam Roesch, and Matt Giglio.

*Submitted by Ray David
Niagara Frontier Detachment #239*

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD, SILVER COMMANDANT FREDERICK GILMORE



*Submitted by
Tim Forbes , PNVC, PDC
Captain William Dale
O'Brien Detachment*

PNVC,PDC Tim Forbes presents Distinguished Citizen Award, Silver to **Commandant Frederick Gilmore** of the Captain William Dale O'Brien Detachment for his years of service to the Department of New York.

EVENTS



CAN YOU?

CHALLENGE

YOU CAN!

22

Submitted by
Dave Brisbane, Commandant
Memorial Day Detachment #468



Registration table and two of the organizations that will benefit from Challenge 22.

Challenge 22 was a suicide prevention / awareness event consisting of a 2.2 mile walk to raise money for 3 organizations that provide services for veterans — Equicenter, Warrior Salute and Canandaigua VAMC.



Air Force recruiter and 3 recruits participated



Registration table



Challenge 22 Chairman Jim Wicker, State Senator Pam Helming and Memorial Day Commandant Dave Brisbane at the event.



Memorial Day Commandant Dave Brisbane and Genesee Valley Commandant Jason Tiefel walk with a participant at the Challenge 22 event.



Entrance to the track, where it begins.

EVENTS



MISSION

22 TO ZERO

Submitted by
Albert Hazard, Paymaster
Raider Detachment



Left: Albert Merrill,
Raider Detachment, Commandant

Right: Aren Schank,
Raider Detachment Adjutant

**Rose program /
Suicide Prevention
and Awareness —
tables at
Belvedere Truckstop
Memorial Day 2021**

**“Creating Hope—Saving Lives”
Mission 22 to Zero**

**“Working Together -
Working in Harmony”**

<https://icisf.org/>

[https://psycharmor.org/
courses/s-a-v-e/](https://psycharmor.org/courses/s-a-v-e/)



Left: Calvin Pickens,
Raider Detachment Sr. Vice Commandant

Right: A W Hazzard,
Raider Detachment Paymaster

The Raider Detachment #461 is spearheading crisis management / Suicide Prevention / Awareness training at its monthly meetings.

Last month Jennifer Haggerty, VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator of the Bath

VAMC presented training in their S.A.V.E program. This month she is returning to do role playing, demonstrating how the S.A.V.E. System works out in the real world.

Let me know what your Detachment is doing to help the community to save lives and become aware of the signs indicating a crisis may be at hand in a person’s life and more importantly, how to intervene.

~ A.W. Hazzard ~

Upcoming Events

DATES ARE TENTATIVE — DEPENDENT UPON COVID REQUIREMENTS

23 JULY 2021 **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PDC WILLIAM MCGOWAN**

23 July 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Saratoga National Cemetery

31 JULY 2021 **DEVIL DOGS POUND 37 GROWL**

Refreshments 1400, Growl 1500
245 Canisteo Street, Hornell, NY 14843

Marine Corps League, Raider Det. #461 & the VFW Post #2250 of Hornell welcomes the Devil Dogs Pound 37, New York Pack on Saturday July 31, 2021 for the Pound's second GROWL since COVID-19. The host Devil Dogs will provide some food for those Devil Dogs making the journey to Maple City for a howling good time.

9 - 13 AUGUST 2021 **2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Wyndham Springfield City Center
700 E. Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

1-2 OCTOBER 2021 **DoNY FALL MEETING**

Crowne Plaza Suffern-Muhwah
Three Executive Blvd., Suffern NY 10901
Rooms \$115/night (code MCL)

10 NOVEMBER 2021 **MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY**

24-26 FEBRUARY 2022 **NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
77 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

23-25 FEBRUARY 2023 **NATIONAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCES**

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
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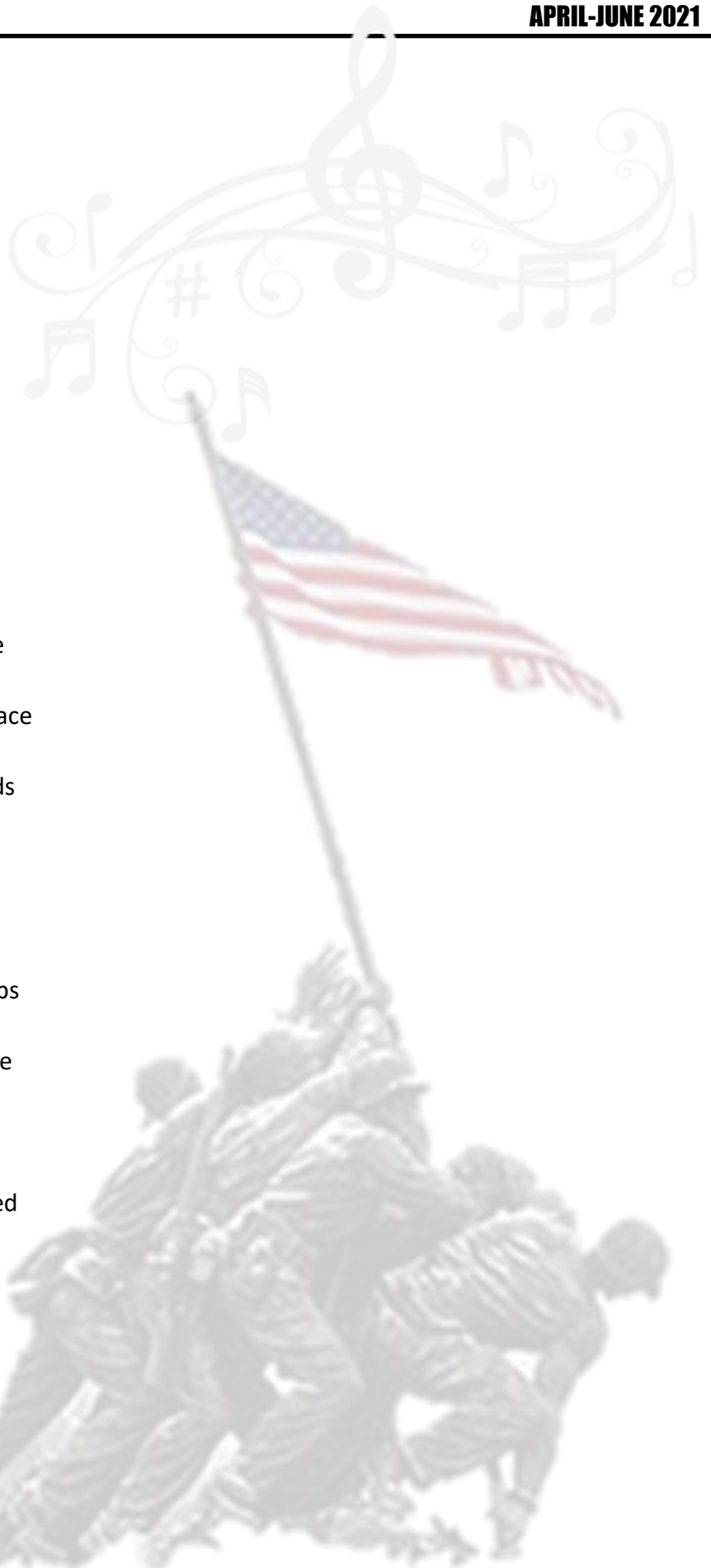


MARINES' HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our Country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded
By the United States Marines.





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