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Newsletter of The Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League

Commandant's Corner

Happy New Year to all of you. I pray that you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. This is a New Year and I hope that you are all looking forward to the challenges and victories that this year has in store for the Department and your Detachments. As we continue build and strengthen this Department, it should empower each Detachments.

On 12 and 13 June 2020, we will hold our 79th Annual Department of Connecticut Convention, culminating with a closing banquet on Saturday evening, 13 June. The 2020 Convention will be held at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn in Bridgeport and hosted by the Greater Bridgeport Detachment. Every effort is being made to ensure that the 2020 Convention will prepare the Department of Connecticut to be viable well into this next decade and beyond. But we, the Department Officers, cannot do this without you and members of your Detachment. The Convention is open to all MCL members. I am requesting that all Detachment be well represented. It will also be a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow Connecticut members. Be on the lookout for detailed information in the very near future.

I would like to thank you all for your cards, calls, and words of encouragement and sympathy at loss of my Mother, my best friend. She was definitely a Marine Mom and we certainly miss her very much. Thank you again for your support and prayers.

Semper Fi,
Adele Hodges
Commandant,
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League

In This Newsletter

In this issue of the newsletter there are a few articles that need a little background as to why they are there or what we hope to accomplish. I will go in order of appearance. The H&R Block article is strictly to explain our position and the purpose of getting involved in this program.

The next is the article by Rich Daigle under Good Of The League giving information on Ribbons and Awards. Some detachments use these and some do not but everyone should look at them again and re-evaluate their position. When I was a member of Hardware City I received award and these I display in my cubicle at work. I am proud of my association with the League, and these awards come up in conversation with people I come in contact with especially other Vets. It was brought up re-

cently that I had no new ones so this will probably be the last year to display them. But think about are meetings. We are more than, Old Business, New Business, Good of The League and Closing Ceremony. Awards create activity, a platform to present the awards such as a picnic or dinner. They also promote healthy competition. Because

lets face it the Marine that is not competitive has not been born yet and probably never will.

Finally, an article that was written a few years ago and was posted to the Department Facebook Page. "Why are the younger Veterans avoiding the VSO's?" What the article sites is still true today and perhaps this also goes to how we conduct meetings and go about our League Business. It lists many ways to attract and keep new and younger members, and if we are to survive we should make every attempt to follow the lead of those who are successful. We may not be able to attract as many members as Peter Monaco but we can definitely do better. Make a list of the things in this article you and your detachment can do and see how many members you can bring home.

Walt Benson
Adjutant / Paymaster
Newsletter Editor

**"Please join us at the next
Department meeting at the
VFW Post 9460, 100 Veterans Blvd,
in Stratford on 2 February 2020 at 1300.
This meeting is open to all members
and will be hosted by the Housatonic
Detachment."**

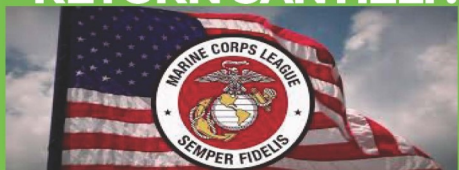
H&R Block Supports Non—Profits

Walt Benson

Recently we signed up to be in the H&R Block program for Non Profit Organizations. We are not looking for anyone to change what they already do when it comes to filing Taxes. However, Thousands of people come to H&R Block each year for the first time as new clients. Adults, College Students, and kids doing their first tax return. These are our target audience. If they bring this number to the office when they file their taxes, it doesn't cost them anything extra, but we get \$20 for each one. So they do something they were going to do anyway and we get a \$20 donation. So no, although we are not endorsing H&R Block we just enjoy the money we can get from this donation. This is set up for the Department so for the first time in a long time The Department will receive money. To date we have 2 donations and the flyers haven't even been given to the majority of our members.

On a personal note I am working in Stratford, 1345 Barnum Ave. this year, for H&R Block. I get \$1000.00 a year to spend on Family and Friends, and since my family is not interested, and as all of you know I have no friends, I give that money away to veterans. In other offices it usually gave to those other than Marines, and that's okay but here I am close to a lot of Marines. So if you would like some of it applied to what your return costs come and see me. I try to make the money stretch as far as possible, so the amount I give varies, and need guides my application, but every vet gets something until its gone.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

Installations



A Very Successful Campaign

The Thames River Detachment #1334 has completed yet another successful Toys for Tots campaign. Since being Chartered in June of 2009, the Thames River Detachment has successfully participated in the Toys for Tots program; this year being no different. Beginning in October with locking down a location for the intake, inventory and distribution of the toys. Once again, our campaign was offered space inside Mike's Famous Harley Davidson in New London (GREAT location). We then split up the duties, with Detachment members volunteering for the following Section Chief assignments; Intake and Distribution; Events; Finances; Scheduling and Collection Boxes. Our Detachment decided to continue our practice of providing toys to non-profits who would register on behalf of their clients. Military families we took care of directly. Our campaign began in November with the installation of the storage shelves at Mike's which was completed by a team of Navy Petty Officers from Sub Base New London. We then moved our current supply of toys and books in storage to Mike's. We finished toy and book distribution on December 19th; packed and moved leftover toys and concluded with breaking down the shelving on December 30th. At the end we distributed nearly seventeen thousand (17,000) toys and books to nearly three thousand (3000) local children, with a budget of nearly thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars; a successful campaign by any measuring stick.

Submitted by:
Marine Patrick McMahon
Thames River Detachment
2019 Toys for Tots campaign coordinator



Housatonic's New Commandant



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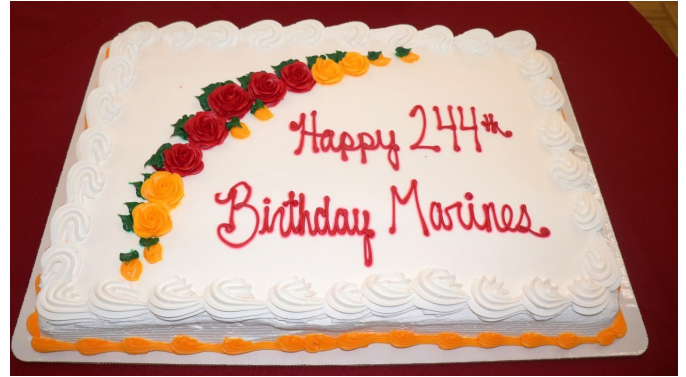
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~~It's Our Birthday Marines~~

**Well Not Exactly !! Some of Us, Continued to Party
and Didn't Get Their Pictures In, So This Is For Them.**



Hello members of the Department of CT Marine Corps League

I am Young Marine Staff Sergeant Shaw from the Natchaug River Young Marines in Danielson, CT. The Young Marine Program is a youth organization for ages 8-18 that works closely with the Marine Corps League. In the Young Marine program you can travel, learn valuable leadership qualities, and compete for various Young Marine of the Year awards. One of those awards is the Connecticut Marine Corps League Young Marine of the Year (CT MCL YMOY).



The Dept of CT MCL Samuel K. Beamon YMOY is an award given out every year to a Young Marine from an unit in Connecticut, who writes and submits an essay along with a booklet of all of their accomplishments and then they sit a board.

You have to excel at the writing, speaking and really show the people on your board why you are the best candidate for the CT MCL YMOY award.

This year it was in honor of Samuel K Beamon who passed away on October 28th 2018 . He was one of the original Young Marines in the first YM unit in the nation- the Brass City Detachment. He was an accomplished writer, Vietnam Vet, and a strong Young Marine Supporter. He was also a past Commandant of the Brass City Memorial Detachment, a past State Commandant of the Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League, and a Pedigree Devil Dog in the Military Order of Devil Dogs.

In the Young Marine program, we are always looking for community service venues and ways to help our community. If there is a Young Marine unit near you, they might reach out and start working with you. Young Marines are always looking for new Instructors who are willing to help or volunteer with the Young Marines. If you are interested in learning what the Young Marines are about or want to sign up to become an Adult Staff Volunteer, visit our website at WWW.YoungMarines.com .

Don Davis – Det 40 Marine of the Year: Not only has Don served as our liaison to the VA, but he is responsible for easing the process for our members to obtain their well-earned VA health benefits. Don will personally meet you at the door and walk you through the process. In the community, Don has been known to recognize a veteran, discover that he/she is in need and get



them the services they need. He is an active member involving himself in a number of our projects. His knowledge of the VA system is vast and his motivation to help veterans goes above and beyond!! Congratulations and thank you Don Davis.

Justin Bazzano -- Det 40 Veteran of the Year. This veteran Coast Guardsman involvement with the Detachment goes far and wide. Justin is a squad leader, point person for the Garage Grunt Challenge, and when his is not in charge of an event, he is an active participant to include the Hike, Silkie hikes, and Applefest among others. Congratulations and thank you, Justin Bazzano for your dedication, hard work and never-ending energy!



Jamie B. DePaola
SgtMaj, USMC (Ret)

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Excerpted & edited for ease of use by Detachment Commandants. Some of the awards below may be awarded at a higher level, e.g., Department, National, etc. See Administrative Procedures at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/> for more detail. Richard Daigle, Commandant, Housatonic Detachment #1129 & Judge Advocate, Department of CT Updated 08 January 2020

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AWARDS



Distinguished Citizen – Bronze (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White center flanked by maroon stripes

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Criteria: Determined by individual Commandant



Distinguished Service – Bronze (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon center flanked by dark blue stripes

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Criteria: Determined by individual Commandant

Medal: Silver

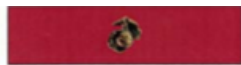
Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Blue White, Red, Blue

To be worn by present and past elected Department Officers

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Blue, Red, White, Red, White, Red, Blue

To be worn by present and past appointed Department Officers



Detachment Marine of the Year

Detachment Medallion: Standard Marine of the Year medallion

Medallion Ribbon: Scarlet

Ribbon: Scarlet with FMF device

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

(RJD's NOTE: Should be awarded by the senior Past MOY in the Detachment if the current Commandant has not been a Detachment MOY.)



Detachment Commandant (Commandant John A. Lejeune) (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Maroon and dark blue stripes

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Commandant



Detachment Staff (Elected) (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Silver

Ribbon: Blue, White, Red, White, Blue

To be worn by present and past elected Detachment Officers

Detachment Staff (Appointed) (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: White, Blue, White

To be worn by present and past appointed Detachment Officers Northwest Detachment Names Marine of The Year

Jim Stolfi At our October 01, 2019 Detachment regular meeting our Commandant, Russell I. Duntz Jr. was selected as the Detachment Marine of the Year by founding and Charter Member Nick Gandolfo. Nick is presently the Detachment Sgt. at Arms and a prior recipient of the Marine of the Year award. The meeting was temporarily suspended for the presentation

Present was Gregg Timms, Litchfield County Commandant, Gregg read the proclamation letter presenting the Marine of the Year Award. Also a plaque, a Detachment Marine of the Year medallion, and a Ceremonial Sword were awarded to Commandant Duntz. Commandant Duntz was also our past Chaplin



Detachment Recruiter - Bronze (see NOTE 1)

Medal: Bronze

Ribbon: Gold, Green, Gold

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Awarded To: Detachment Recruiter(s) of the Year

Criteria: **RJD's RECOMMENDATION:** Based on National guidelines, Recruiting Awards can be given to those members who have recruited 5 or more members during the year **OR** the top Recruiter of the Year, the one individual member who has recruited the most members through his/her individual efforts.



Meritorious Individual Commendation (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: Gold center flanked by white

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Presented by: Detachment Commandant

Detachment Award Approval: Detachment Commandant



Ceremonial Guard (see NOTE 1)

Ribbon: Thin White, Blue, Red, Blue, Thin White

Recommended By: Ceremonial Guard Commander

Awarded By: Detachment Commandant

Criteria for Award: Must participate in 10 events for each award. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle Detail or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit. This Award is retroactive to 1 January 2010 for all individuals who have met the qualifications for the Award.



Marine Corps League (Membership)

Medal: Marine Corps Emblem on gold sunburst

Ribbon: Blue, khaki, olive stripes flanked by gold and pink stripes

To be worn by a member of the Marine Corps League who is a member in good standing. A bronze star may be worn for each period of five (5) years of continuous membership and there has not been a break in membership service.

NOTE 1: For each additional medal award, a bronze star will be worn. A silver star will be worn in place of five (5) bronze stars and a gold star will be worn in place of five (5) silver stars unless otherwise noted. The exceptions are: Distinguished Citizens Medal - Gold; Distinguished Citizens Medal - Silver; Distinguished Citizens Medal - Bronze; and Distinguished Service Medal. On each of the aforementioned Distinguished Service Medals a 5/16" gold star will be worn to indicate additional awards and a 5/16" silver star will be worn in place of five (5) gold stars.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) When a Marine is elected to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the National Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Department and presented with the National Staff Medal (Appointed).

(b) When a Marine is elected to the Office of Department Commandant, the Department should present the Marine with a Department Commandant Medal.

(c) When a Marine is elected to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the Department Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Department Staff Medal (Appointed).

(d) When a Marine is elected to the office of Detachment Commandant, the Detachment should present the Marine with a Detachment Commandant Medal.

(e) When a Marine is elected to the Detachment Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Detachment Staff Medal (Elected). When a Marine is appointed to the Detachment Staff, it is suggested that the Marine be honored by the Detachment and presented with the Detachment Staff Medal (Appointed).



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VA makes progress on resolution of legacy appeals

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Appeals Management Office (AMO) significantly reduced disability compensation legacy appeals inventory during the last nine months as part of the department's long-term legacy resolution plan.

This inventory includes Notices of Disagreement (NOD) and substantive appeals filed in the "legacy" system – the appeals process in place prior to implementation of the [Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 \(AMA\)](#). VBA lowered this inventory from a high of 292,452 in March 2016, to 96,350 on Dec. 31, 2019, despite receiving 770,571 new NOD and substantive appeals during that period.

"Veterans who have been waiting for their decisions can trust that VA is working towards getting them the benefits and services they deserve," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Completing legacy Notices of Disagreement and substantive appeals will be an important step in meeting this obligation."

VBA is on track to eliminate its NOD and substantive appeals inventory by July 4.

Information on the VA appeals process can be found at <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp>.

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Why are the younger Veterans avoiding the VSO's

Before I researched why the post-Vietnam generation of Veterans were not joining Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), I asked myself, "Why wouldn't veterans want to be around other veterans?" Truly, participating in a VSO provides a unique opportunity to serve our community with people from all walks of life, and also offers the opportunity to share the bond and comradery that melds us together as proud United States Veterans.

After months of research, most of which involved visiting many VSOs in several states, the answer became obvious: In all of the VSOs that I had the pleasure of visiting, I found that VSOs are standing by and waiting for this younger generation of veterans to just walk in and join like their fathers and grandfathers before them. And this appeared to be the "marketing strategy" to bolster membership in many, if not all, of the VSOs. Many VSOs rely solely on their names to entice these young veterans to show up and join, and most have a marketing campaign that hasn't quite made it into the 21st Century. And quite frankly, some of the messaging is a little misleading. For example, I remember getting a package from a VSO that looked like an official government envelope until I opened it and discovered much to my dismay that this official-looking correspondence was in fact a membership package. I thought the **BOLD RED** ink demanding some type of action was a little over the top. When I read "send money along with application and you will receive a multi-tool with your new membership", I decided to throw the whole envelope away.

The current VSO image and what the younger veteran generation think about local VSOs is real; they see a building with a couple windows, a dimly lit smoke-filled room with a pool table or darts with "Bingo Night" being boldly advertised as the biggest event happening at that particular location. How do we get the younger veterans to be part of that? The answer is we don't. **WE MUST CHANGE.** The thought that eventually the younger veterans will join because they are missing the comradery is a false notion. There are too many newer and younger VSOs that have popped-up in the recent years for them to join leaving a vast number of VSOs competing for membership from a much smaller pool of veterans.

The one positive aspect from the VSOs, one that no one can take away, is that they have held firm in the support of the various veteran issues in Washington, D.C. for decades, and have dedicated much of their efforts in resolving very troubling veteran issues involving the Veterans Administration that have surfaced in recent years. The more established veteran service organizations have a voice with the Congress and President regardless of the dominant political party. Senators, Representatives, and Presidents have made speeches at VSO national conventions because politicians know that they need the support of these Veteran Service Organizations. Politicians listen to them because of the membership numbers which unfortunately are declining.

What positive actions can the VSOs take to build membership? After talking to Desert Storm, OEF and OIF veterans over the past 9 years, I suggest the following 12 common sense steps to appeal to that younger generation of veterans who are the very life-blood of the existing VSOs:

1. Be honest and transparent when sending out material to attract new members. Educate the younger veteran generation by conveying to them what you have accomplished locally and nationally to ensure that veteran issues stay at the forefront of the discussion. Show them that you are making a difference. Let them know about your whole organization, not just a narrow scope of membership and money.
2. Treat all veterans equally. Both men and women have served honorable in the Armed Forces. To assume only men deployed or served is backwards thinking, and has no room in today's VSO.
3. Update posts with free WIFI, offer video gaming like an XBOX or PlayStation 4, and install flat screen TVs, and select programming, such as sports programming, that would appeal to all veterans
4. I know the more seasoned veterans have life experience and perhaps a different frame of reference. But we should never think that the younger generation is any different. As a leader, I've always welcomed new ideas from everyone, and the younger veterans are full of ideas-just as we were at that age. You should embrace their energy and let them share their ideas about improving your post; you will be pleasantly surprised with the innovative ideas that they come up with. Be open to these new ideas.
5. Welcome all veterans into your post. When you see someone new walk in, welcome them with open arms, make them feel like they are part of your post and have found a new family and friends. And don't criticize the way the look now or their time in service. If you're welcoming, we may overlook the stale beer smell and nicotine stained walls and windows and stay for a while.
6. Keep your meetings short and to the point. If you have younger veterans at your post, assign them a task during the meeting and ask them to work with the membership and complete it. Get them involved in the administration of your VSO and encourage their involvement. The younger generation, especially the millennials like to solve problems by working and teaming with a group. This is a prime opportunity for the VSO leadership to mentor those younger veterans. Be patient. Some of these young veterans suffer from a malady of challenges, such as Traumatic Brain Injury.
7. Turn your post or part of your post into a community type of center. Our younger veterans want a place to network, drop their child off for daycare, or do homework.
8. Turn your post into a place where veterans can network with the community. Invite local business owners, company executives, your local college Veteran's Representatives, or members of the local Chamber of Commerce to speak at your meetings.
9. Don't be afraid to work with other veteran organizations within your community. Build a strong support network for all veterans.
10. If you have a post close to a military base, begin working with the base transition office or AW2/AF2/USMC Wound Warrior Regiment or the Navy's Safe Harbor Program. These once flourishing programs have had their share of budget cuts, but the mission remains the same. This is where VSOs could make a positive impact with the base leadership as well as the surrounding veteran population.
11. Introduce yourself and your post to your local Guard and Reserve centers. Most of the members live, work, and shop in your community. Sign up for and attend every veteran event that you can. Make sure the people in your community know that you are the person and post to contact when it comes to supporting veterans. Talk the talk and walk the walk.



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

House of Heroes Connecticut 5th

Annual Hearts & Heroes Gala Friday, February 14, 2020, at Aria in Prospect. Flyer attached, tickets \$125 per person. Dinner, open bar, dancing, live music, silent auction, raffle. Our largest fundraiser of the year, 300+ in attendance, all net proceeds benefit our work to provide no-cost home improvements focusing on safety and accessibility to Connecticut veterans in need. This year's event, with a Roaring 20s theme, celebrates the 20th anniversary of House of Heroes National, founded in Georgia in 2000. The House of Heroes Connecticut chapter has provided no-cost home improvements to 131 military and public safety veterans or surviving spouses since its founding in 2012. Complete event info and on-line purchase options at www.hohct.org/heartsandheroes2020.

Marine Motto From Vietnam

**“READY FOR
ANYTHING**

**COUNTING
ON
NOTHING”**

Never Forget

NOW RECRUITING

Become active in the Marine Corps League and you can make a difference.



Attention To Orders

The next meeting of The Department Of Connecticut MCL will be

Sunday April 19th at 13:00

VFW 511

41 Veterans Drive , New Britain, CT



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