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# THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK'S **GROUND POUNDER**

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In Memory of



Donna Hildebrandt

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## Commandant's Corner

# David Wiggs



Marines, FMF Chaplains and Corpsmen, and Associates,

It has been a big year for the Marine Corps League! We have celebrated the 250th birthday of our illustrious Marine Corps. Without taking a breath between the planning and execution of our commemorations, we threw our efforts into another season of Toys for Tots. Prior to those events and activities, the MCL cared for our communities and our fellow Marines in various ways, while maintaining our high standards of conduct and commitment throughout the year. And while all of your work is impressive, we do not do it to impress. We do it out of a sense of duty.

The sense of duty implanted in each and every boot Marine grows. We honor those who came before us in our 250 years by picking up the commitment to duty and shouldering the fidelity which brands us Marines to our last breath.

And so as the closing of another year approaches, I would like to personally thank each of you for your hard work, successes and dedication in this busy year; and wish you and yours the very best, for your holiday season and for your continued allegiance to our Marine Corps League principles.



Courtesy of Sgt Grit

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## Staff Officer Reports

### Department Junior Vice Commandant Rosemarie Soto

The Department is still looking for a full time Adjutant. The Adjutant is an appointed position which can be a regular member or an associate member. The position comes with a stipend to cover the cost of travel to and from the Department meetings. Hotel room costs are covered by the Department. The following is a list of responsibilities of the Department Adjutant:

1. Attend and take minutes for all Executive Board, Board of Trustees and Department meetings.
2. Monitor the [Adjutant@MCLNewYork.org](mailto:Adjutant@MCLNewYork.org) mail account and answer questions as they arise.
3. Retain and store all Department documents.
4. Make Department announcements as necessary.
5. Act as the Adjutant for the Empire State Leathernecks Detachment.

A good working knowledge of a word processor and spreadsheet is very helpful. And you are permitted to be an assistant. If you or anyone you know are interested in being the Adjutant please contact the Department Commandant at [commandant@MCLNewYork.org](mailto:commandant@MCLNewYork.org)

#### **Please pass on the Ground Pounder.**

Detachment Commandants, you are tasked with passing the Ground Pounder onto your members.

This publication is for all the members in New York State and if you don't pass it on, your members are missing out.

At the very least, print out a few copies for your members who do not use computers and for all your members to see.

Share the magazine with everyone, use it for recruiting.

There is nothing in here that you cannot share.

Thank you

As we enter this holiday season, may we each take a moment to reflect on the blessings of family, friendship, and the unbreakable bond we share as Marines and FMF Navy personal. This time of year brings joy, celebration, and tradition—but it can also bring challenges. I encourage every member of our Department of New York family to look out for one another. A simple phone call, a quick message, or a check-in can make all the difference. If you find yourself struggling, in need, or simply in want of a friendly voice, please never hesitate to reach out. None of us stand alone.

Safety must remain a priority as we gather, travel, and enjoy the festivities. Take care on the roads, be mindful of winter conditions, and make smart choices while celebrating. Your wellbeing matters to all of us—your detachment, your department, and the entire Marine Corps League community.

This season also reminds us how vital our membership truly is. The strength of the League comes from its Marines and Associate Members—dedicated individuals who continue to carry forward our values of honor, courage, and commitment. Retaining our members, supporting one another, and welcoming new faces ensures the future of our mission. Each of you is essential to keeping our brotherhood and sisterhood strong.

From my family to yours, I wish you a safe, warm, and joyful holiday season. May the New Year bring health, peace, and continued purpose.





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## THE JUDGE ADVOCATE SAYS

### A Year of Growth, Change, and Forward Momentum

Department NY Marines and Associate Members,

As 2025 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication, commitment, and unwavering support from the Department of New York. Serving as your Judge Advocate has been an honor, and together we've upheld the standards, integrity, and traditions that make the Marine Corps League strong.

This year brought important updates at the National level, and it's my responsibility and my privilege to ensure our department is informed, prepared, and ready for the year ahead.

### National Updates You Need to Know

#### New 2025 Bylaws & Administrative Procedures Adopted

As of August 15, 2025, National officially adopted updated editions of both the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

### Multiple Chapter Revisions

The 2025 Administrative Procedures include updated language in:

- Chapter Two
- Chapter Three
- Chapter Six
- Chapter Seven
- Chapter Nine (Discipline)
- Chapter Ten

Along with updates to Enclosures 3 and 9.

### NJA Ruling – Management of Notice of Death Forms November 6, 2025

Physical mailing, as described in the current Section 7010, is no longer required.

The method of transmitting Notice of Death Forms (NOD's) shall be by email.

The required recipients of the NOD include:

- Department Chaplain
- Division Chaplain
- National Chaplain
- Detachment Paymaster
- Membership Manager at National Headquarters

*Always check the "who gets what" section of the department website*



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## THE JUDGE ADVOCATE SAYS

### What This Means for Us

All Departments and Detachments including ours must now operate under these new documents. Older versions are no longer valid for rulings, interpretations, or disciplinary

#### Year-End Judge Advocate Checklist

- Distribute the new 2025 Bylaws & APs to all officers.
- Hold a quick review session so leadership understands changes.
- Revisit Chapter Nine to ensure discipline procedures are correctly followed.
- Carry your Bylaws, APs, and Robert’s Rules to meetings always.

Marines, you know my style is straightforward, honest, and always here to help.

This role isn’t about nitpicking rules or pointing fingers. It’s about protecting the integrity of the League, ensuring fairness, and supporting each of you so our Detachments run smoothly and professionally.

And let’s be real: every Detachment has at least one “sea lawyer.” The best tool you have? Knowledge. Confidence. The book in your hand.

If something doesn’t sound right pause, breathe, and contact me. You will never bother me. That’s what I’m here for.

#### Starting 2026 Strong

- Plan a “Bylaws & Procedures Night” early in 2026.
- Encourage mentoring between senior and newer members.
- Lead with transparency and respect it goes further than rank.
- Reinforce consistent meeting procedure across all Detachments.
- Promote communication before conflict most issues are solved long before they escalate.

If you ever need support, clarification, or just a sounding board, know that I am only a call, text, or email away. You are never navigating this alone I am always there for you.

Semper Fidelis,  
Janis Lunger

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## MARINES HONOR EAGLE SCOUTS



The Father Cappadonna Detachment sponsored a Court of Honor for three young eagle scouts in in Douglaston, Queens, NY. Also attending was the Dept of New York Eagle Scout Coordinator Volker Heyde. The new Eagle Scouts are: Left to right; Aidin Wang, Jahlen Qu, Andre Wang (above)



Sunrise Detachment Commandant Brian Gregory (left) and Jr. Vice Dave Meitz (right) were honored to attend the award Celebration for newly minted Eagle Scout Ian G. Pagan.



Eagle Scout Presentation by Marine Tom Maher of the Fr. Capodanno Det. and Volker Heyde to Stefano Abicca at St. Luke RC Church (Troop 235)



Staci Memmesheimer accepts a check from Junior Vice Pound Keeper Volker Heyde of Pound Salt 69 for a donation on behalf of the Raymond A. Wood Foundation who supplies machines to help children like her daughter who suffers from panhypopituitarism caused by a brain tumor as many other children do.

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## MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS



*"The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League"*

### Pound Salt 69 hosts their Annual Devil Dog Picnic at their Detachment

At the end of Summer, the dogs of Pound Salt 69 hosts an annual fund raiser picnic which is open to the public. There is food, of course, games, Chinese auction, 50/50 and a DJ. A good time for all.



It is a day for families and kids, and fun.



Even the recruiters attend



(left) Some of the dogs that helped out



A small section of all the prizes gathered for the Chinese auction



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## Our 250th Birthday Events

This year as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our beloved Corps. Detachments all over the state are holding birthday balls of one kind or another.

**New York Detachment No.1** New York City, New York State that was organized June 3rd, 1923 and Chartered June 6th, 1923 as the 1st Marine Corp League Detachment



Paymaster- Ruben Pratts, SVC - Ferdinand Rodriguez, Commandant, Lawrence Carney, JVC- Jennifer Bornstein, JA- Dakota Fortuna-Chun, Volker Heyde AVC and the Detachment membership.



Cake Cutting Ceremony with the Oldest Volker Heyde and Youngest Marines Dakota Fortuna-Chun.

### The traditional Cake Cutting Ceremony took place in the Capital



Members of the league and local Marines attended from all over the state.

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## Our 250th Birthday Events



The Lockport Devil Dogs Detachment performs the Traditional birthday cake cutting ceremony.



The Putnam Detachment performs the Cake cutting ceremony also with the youngest and the oldest Marine present.



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## Our 250th Birthday Events



The traditional Cake cutting (left and below left) was performed.



Members of the Ulster Detachment celebrate the 250th birthday of our Corps, with their Cake cutting ceremony and the reading of the birthday letters.



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## Our 250th Birthday Events



State Senator Griffo presenting a proclamation from the Senate to the Marine Corps on our Birthday



### State of New York Legislative Resolution



Senate No. 1226

BY: Senators Stec and Griffo

COMMEMORATING the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and thank those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace, giving positive definition to the profile of the American Armed Forces, and so profoundly strengthening our Nation's shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps on Monday, November 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Founded on November 10, 1775, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States Marine Corps has served as the pinnacle of dedication, determination, grit, pride, and intelligence for the past two and a half centuries; and

WHEREAS, For 250 years, the United States Marine Corps has prided itself on exemplifying its motto of "Semper Fidelis" or "Always Faithful"; and

WHEREAS, On any given day, nearly 38,000 courageous Marines are forward deployed around the globe, enabling the Corps to be the first on the scene, first to lend help when needed, first to contain a brewing crisis, and if required to do so, be the first to engage in combat in any location for any duration of time; and

WHEREAS, As part of the Marine Corps' 250th Anniversary celebration, the Marines Across America program is an initiative by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the Marine Corps to honor the extraordinary impact of Marines in communities across all 50 states; from decorated war heroes to influential leaders in business, public service, education, and beyond, this initiative showcases the legacy of those who have carried the values of honor, courage, and commitment into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps' birthday has been celebrated annually since 1921, with events across the country to honor the special occasion; one such event is being hosted by the Essex County Leathernecks Marine Corps League Detachment No. 791 of New York, which will commemorate the occasion with a 250th Birthday Ball on November 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these Marines-past and present-served and continue to serve their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who serve in our military, who gave their lives for our beloved Nation, and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad over the course of the past 250 years, our Marines have unwaveringly demonstrated, and continue to demonstrate, their love for their country and merit forevermore the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Through its avowed commitment to those who have served in the cause of America's freedom and prosperity, the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps serves as an opportunity for this Legislative Body to express its deepest gratitude for those who uphold and advance the spirit of high purpose, freedom, unity, and security which unites Americans across this State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2025.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON  
June 12, 2025

By order of the Senate,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Secretary



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## Our 250th Birthday Events

The **Bett-Toomey** Detachment held their ball on Nov 8th with Commandant Frank Klipstein.



The traditional cake cutting took place with the oldest and youngest Marines present. (right)



Members gather for the birthday party (above and above right)

(right) The reading of the POW-MIA ritual was done.



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## Our 250th Birthday Events



At the cake ceremony the oldest Marine present is Barnett Cohen at 96 years old, Youngest present Fred DeAbreu 58 years old



The Fr. Capodanno Detachment celebrated the 250th Birthday at Lisbon Cafe in Mineola

The Detachment was presented a Proclamation from the Mayor of Williston Park announcing the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday. Below Mayor Ehrbar presents to Commandant Fred DeAbreu



Marines present (Vinny Annunziata, John Huber, Tom Maher, Ken Findlay, Barnett Cohen, Fred DeAbreu. Associates - Reagan Stone, Ninfa Annunziata, Nancy Delice, Lisa DiCristo, and Bunny Geraci.

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## Our 250th Birthday Events

The E.J. Brewer detachment celebrated in the traditional way and Dress Blues was the uniform of the day if you had them and clearly most did.



A great display of those in Dress blues.  
Both young and old.



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## Our 250th Birthday Events



Local Recruiters



Photos by Steve white



The cake cutting ceremony took place



Angel Mendez Detachment celebrates with a formal annual Birthday Ball. Oldest Marine was 96 and the youngest was 23. 133 people attended. Local recruiters and Marines from the 6th Comm Battalion honored us with their presence.



The Detachment membership who attended

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## Our 250th Birthday Events



(left) What else to do on the Marines Corps birthday but to drive down with your friends to Tun Traven, or at least where it was located and celebrate.



AVC Volker Heyde attended the 10th Regiment, 2d Marine Division Birthday Ball in Camp Lejeune on November 12th along with Retired 10th Marines Sgt/Maj Paul Siverson who is also a life member of The Sgt. Angel Mendez Det. #246.



(left) David Wiggs and Earl Harrington at the Buffalo Convention Center conducting a pre 2027 convention meeting and birthday party. Dave is the youngest and Earl is the oldest.





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## Member Stories

A special, educational and amazing day honoring Marines, their families and the USA. Tishman Auditorium, The New School in NYC

Master of Ceremony, MGySgt James Carr, USMC Ret. And the 6<sup>th</sup> Comm batt color guard. Guest of Honor Colonel Robert Jones, USMC addressed the audience. And a Congressional Gold Medal presented to the Families.

The National Montford Point Marine Association in conjunction with local Chapters 3 New York and Chapter 45 New Jersey and The Center for Military-Affiliated Students were honored to host a special ceremony recognizing the legacy of the Montford Point Marines—the first African Americans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. Despite facing segregation and systemic racism, these trailblazing Marines served with distinction and were later awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation’s highest civilian honor. The event honored New York and New Jersey’s



Submitted by  
Carlos Garcia & Larry Pleasant



own Montford Point Marines, including The Honorable David Dinkins, former Mayor of New York City; Ken Rollock, retired NYFD; and legendary jazz trumpeter Joe Wilder.

In addition, medals were presented posthumously to the families of the following local Montford Point Marines from New York and New Jersey.



Kim Duvall (pictured) after winning first in her age group and 3rd overall female in the Pound the Ground for Veterans race at Mendon Ponds Park on August 21, 2025. Kim is a member of Memorial Day Detachment #468 and an 8 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Kim earned a brown belt in MCMAP and trained hundreds of Marines up and down the East coast in a number of skills crucial to becoming a competent Marine.

Kim and her husband Ryan own and operate Duvall Farms in Bloomfield and have served as the host venue for the last two Challenge 22 suicide awareness/prevention events helping to raise thousands of dollars for the cause. They have also hosted many other veteran oriented events such as Rally the Troops and providing hayrides and other activities for veterans from both the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center and the Bath Medical center.

Submitted by Dave Brisbane



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## Member Stories

On Veterans day, Nov 11th, 2025, there was a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial park in Rome NY



Joseph Perrone was an Air Force Veteran and a community advocate who died after a long illness this past year,



The Acuri brothers, Tom, ED and Ray fold the American Flag in honor of the late Joseph Perrone, which was presented to his widow.



The Acuri Brothers



Annamarie Perrone receives the flag from Past Department Commandant Tom Acuri during the Veterans Day observance.



On Veterans Day, Richard Clark was honored to receive a civil service award in Buffalo, New York, alongside remarkable individuals including Reverend Pierce, Miss Monica Lynch, Mr. Henry Curtis, and Colonel Burnett. He was deeply humbled for this recognition, and attributed his success to his faith, family, and brothers at BRomeo, who have supported him every step of the way. (above)

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## Around the State

### E.J. Brewer holds a 'Corn Hole Tournament' fundraiser

Held in Elmira NY in conjunction with JaMS fitness Club

It was a fun way to raise funds for the community.

Clearly a good time was had By all.



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JaMS  
FITNESS  
CLUB



- DOUBLE ELIMINATION
- \$50 PER TEAM
- PRIZES FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

**SATURDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 5:00 PM**  
**1570 LAKE ST. ELMIRA NY.**

Each year at this time the US Coast Guard sector New York renders honors to their only medal of honor winner in their service, Seaman Douglas Munor, who risked his life to take wounded Marines off the beach during WWII. The Angel Mendez Detachment is always asked to fire a rifle salute at the close of the ceremony. This year was no different.



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## Around the State



Sgt. Angel Mendez detachment was honored by the Tunnel to Towers Foundation for their service to the community and veterans.



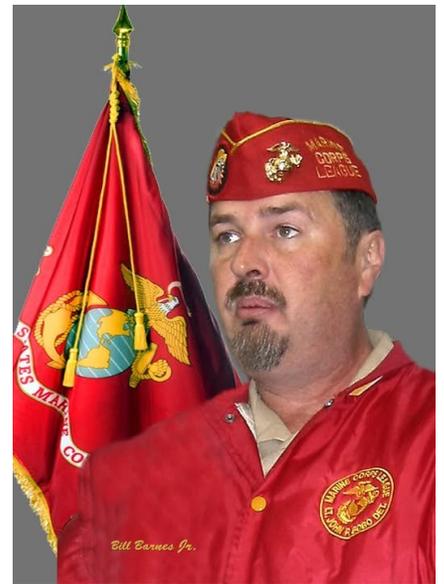
The Spring Staff meeting will be on  
March 21st, 2026  
in Beacon NY

### A Member Passes On



Sadly, we announce the passing of William Barnes Jr. Bill was a charter member and the first Commandant of the 2Lt. John Paul Bobo Detachment 1118. The Detachment officers and associates send their deepest condolences to Gail and the Barnes family. Semper Fi, and rest in peace Marine.

Kingsley Chandler GySgt. (ret.) Commandant



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## Around the State

In Queens the Fr. Capodanno Detachment had a great opportunity to talk with the youth about our varied experiences and how we are still helping our communities.



The Lockport Devil Dogs honored our Veterans with a service in the local cemetery. (below)



Fred DeAbreu attended the annual Veteran's recognition day at Our Lady of Hope Catholic School in Middle Village Queens NY,



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## Interesting Information

### Marine history your DI didn't know.

In the last issue of the Ground Pounder, I showed you a Marine Corps insignia from the Civil War. Now, here is the history of the emblem of the Marine Corps, our Eagle, Globe, and Anchor (EGA).

Did you know? The roots of this iconic symbol go all the way back to 1804, when early Marines donned brass eagles on square plates. By 1868, under Commandant Jacob Zeilin's leadership, the Corps officially adopted an emblem that distinguished Marines from other services, a globe showing the Western Hemisphere, a fouled anchor, and a spread eagle.

From handcrafted pre-war ornaments to mass-produced wartime versions, the EGA has evolved in style, but never in meaning. It is a timeless, unifying symbol—connecting every Marine across generations who has earned the title 'United States Marine'.

Look carefully and see if you can spot the differences between the EGAs on the below.



### Please note

To get full access to the emails and phone numbers of the staff, go to the Department of New York website and register.

Once granted (it takes a day or so as they check to see if you are really a member) you can then log into our database and many other documents as a registered member.

This was done because scammers were using that information and using it to scam our officers with false or phishing emails.



### Beirut Remembrance Day

On Oct. 23, 1983, two truck bombs, detonated by suicide bombers, struck buildings that housed U.S. and French military members of a multinational peacekeeping force. 220 U.S. Marines, 18 U.S. Navy sailors, and 3 U.S. Army soldiers lost their lives in the Marine Barracks terrorist attack at the Beirut Airport. You are not forgotten. It was the deadliest single-day attack against U.S. Marines since the battle over Iwo Jima in 1945.

Many Detachments nationwide honor this day in remembrance of the attack with some type of ceremony. Did yours? It is important that we do not forget attacks on our brothers and we honor their sacrifice. These service members truly gave all.



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## SEASONS GREETINGS



The staff of the Department of New York thanks you for your involvement and support over this past year.

Without our membership, we would not be here.

Semper Fidelis

*To all our members and associates,  
Have joyous and wonderful holidays and a very  
Happy New Year.*

