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# **“The Ground Pounder”**

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**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

### **National 2018 Convention Updates**

The Department has a dedicated web site for the National 2018 Convention. Please Visit our site at [www.2018mclnationalconvention.com](http://www.2018mclnationalconvention.com).

I would like to take this time to update you all on the progress of the 2018 Convention. Please pass this information on to your Divisions, Departments and Detachments and all other Marines that may be interested in attending the 2018 Convention to be held in Buffalo, New York.

The main hotel has been sold out and two more hotels have been added to accommodate additional reservations. We suggest that you get those reservations in early to avoid the July and August rush in 2018. Don't forget your passport for those who would like to go across the border to Canada. We have added some quick steps to our home page to help you assist to get your passport.

Check out the Tour Guide link on our home page for activities you may want to visit. We are planning many activities for your enjoyment and daily trips to the local Casino for those who want to play. The trips information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

Campers will be happy to know that there are many places close to Buffalo for your camping enjoyment, planning should be easy with our Camping page, just click the camping link from the Hotels /Events/Convention /Ads/Camping tab.

We have added another Mobility company to our list along with their web site for those that require services for your mobility or health needs.

We have a display of historical Marine Corps uniforms, check out the photos on our Display Page. The good news is that we will have these displays for the Convention.

Plans are in the works to get our Ads page up for those who would like to participate and to sponsor ads, the page will be active soon.

Golfers! Your attention please. we working very hard to provide you with great tournament this next year. More information will be available when the course is chosen.

*“From the Staff of the Department of New York,  
We wish you the very best the Season can bring.*”

## Ball Pictures

November 10th, our beloved birthday and I know there were celebrations all over the state. Sadly we asked but not many sent pictures of the Ball festivities. I attended the Bear Mountain ball which went off great. Below right you can see Mike Piscioti, AVC, running the ball as detachment commandant and the other picture is of their cake cutting ceremony of which your truly was the 'senior', (not oldest), marine present.



Meanwhile at Westchester County's Ball, retired Major General Robert L. Wolf (NYNM, ret) was their guest speaker. (right) The youngest and the oldest tradition continues with Jr Past Commandant O'Keefe as the youngest and WWII Marine Sol Briezer as the oldest. (below) Detachment Commandant Wilfredo Muniz Jr, pre-



sents Gen Wolf, his gift from the Detachment.

(Lower right) is the cake that was served at Westchester's Ball. One has to wonder who got to eat the statue?

*Next year, why not share your Ball pictures with the rest of the Department? We'd love to see them.*



## Because we didn't have room.

In the last issue we ran out of room for pictures accompanying two stories. One was the article on Yankee 452 and the other was Bill Read story about his son and boot camp. Here are the missing pictures below.

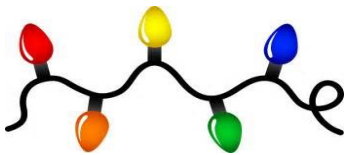


Marines from Newburgh reserve refueling unit attending the memorial service for their fallen brothers.

A number of Leagues were present as well.

And Sunrise detachment Commandant Bill Read's son being sworn in by his father to both the Marine Corps one day and the Marine Corps League while on boot leave.

A very rare occurrence indeed.



## DETACHMENT HAPPENINGS



Detachment 1201 Tioga County, is one of many Veteran groups that stand a 24 hour vigil at the MIA/POW table come rain or shine. This is an annual event in September that runs from 1500 on Saturday to 1300 on Sunday. This event coincides with the National POW/MIA Vigil. This detachment volunteered for 2 hour shifts. Due to a lesser turnout 5 members changed the watch every 15 minutes. The detachments shift was from 2100 to 2300 with thankfully no rain and temps in the low 70's.

Veterans groups working together keeps us strong. Photo and text by AVC Dean Lawton Sr,

## Around the Department

Attached is a photo from the Wyche memorial service, held at Ossining High School, Ossining, NY. LCpl Craig Wyche was one of 241 Marines killed in the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut Lebanon on 23 October 1983. A tree and memorial stone was set up in his memory. LCpl Wyche was a member of the Ossining High School class of 1982. Westchester County Detachment Jr. Vice Commandant Donald O'Keefe (pictured) and Detachment Judge Advocate Drew McFadden attended the ceremony.



The bombing took the lives of 241 members of the U.S. military, including Lance Cpl. Craig Wyche, who graduated Ossining High School in 1982.

Members of Mr. Wyche's family, veterans, and OHS students and staff gathered on the front lawn this morning to commemorate Mr. Wyche and his ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to Glenn Wyche, Craig's brother; Glenn's daughter,

Kijafa Alston; and cousin Shayla Wyche for traveling to Ossining to participate in the ceremony.

The Westchester County Detachment maintains a scholarship in LCpl Wyche's memory. <https://www.mclwestchester.org/programs/marine-memorial-scholarship-fund.asp>

## STANDING TALL

Last week The Westchester County Detachment was contacted by Kerry Donovan (Aid to NY State Assemblyman David Buchwald). It seems that there was a Highway Dedication for Cpl. James J. Jackowski USMC is South Salem, NY. Westchester County.

Cpl. Jackowski was one of many Marines who lost his life in Beirut. Everything was planned except for a Marine Corps Color Guard. Steve Topilnycky (Department Adjutant) took the lead and called Michael Piscioti (South East Area Vice) because of his connections with the Marines at Stewart ANGB. AVC Piscioti contact GySgt. DeAlva. Gunny DeAlva informed Piscioti that it was short notice. However since it was for a Memorial Highway Dedication for a Beirut Marine he would see what he could do.

Gunny DeAlva brought this information to the 1stSgt. and he gave his blessing. He told Gunny DeAlva to inform the Marine Corps League to keep up the great job. Mike Piscioti then contacted Kerry Donovan

and informed him of the news. Both the Senator and Assemblyman thanked the Marine Corps League. In attendance to this dedication was:

The Jackowski Family

John Jay High School Veterans Club (Lead the Pledge of Allegiance)

NY State Senator - Terrance Murphy

NY State Assemblyman - David Buchwald

NY DOT Assistant Commissioner - Thomas McIntyre

Lewisboro Supervisor - Peter Parsons

Members of the Vista & South Salem Fire Depts.

Members of the Lewisboro Police Dept.

Michael A. Piscioti - South East Area Vice

Kevin P. Demarest - Assoc. Member Bear Mountain Det.

Peter O'Keefe from Westchester County Detachment

and other Veterans and Guests.

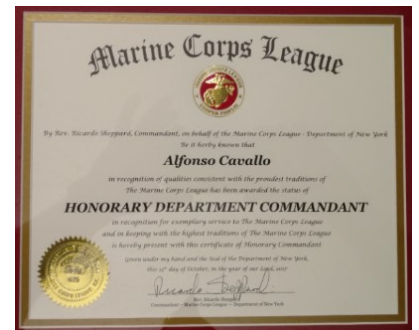


# One of our Own



Marine Al Cavallo, a long time active member of the league has wore many hats, served in many positions and is known by many was honored by the Department of New York, being given the honorary title of Honorary Pack Leader of the Pack of New York and also honored by being named Honorary Department Commandant.

Titles well deserved.



Any member who is a Devil Dog should know of or at least heard of Al. He was the Mad Dog of the Department for years and taught me how to be a good Mad Dog. Al and his bag of tricks always insured a fun elevation of a Dog.



## We left something out in our last issue.

### Please see the correct wording is below

“Please send your Commandants Quarterly reports, Installation reports and 990’s reports to the new Adjutant at MCL, Department of New York PO Box 360 Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Installation reports can be emailed if scanned with a signature. Please understand that improperly filled out forms will be returned. Installing officer must complete, sign and submit this form. That officer has 15 days from date of installation to submit the form to the Department Adjutant. It must have your EIN#, Corporate number and the date on it.”

Staten Island Detachment Marines are shown here sitting the Rose program this past Fall, The Rose Program is a huge fund raiser for any detachment.

Roses can be obtained from [www.marinerose.org](http://www.marinerose.org)



Its that time of year again Marines, make a difference in a child’s life, Give to a good cause..



## Showing Respect



AVC Heyde while on Vacation paid a visit to the President Regan library. While there He rendered proper honors to his grave.

And speaking of respect, I was honored to be selected as one of the 125 readers of a the names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall this past Veterans day in Washington DC, marking the 35th Anniversary of the wall..



## DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

January 12-13th, 2018 Department Membership Meeting. The Desmond, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12211

April 13-14th, 2018 Northeast Conference, Holiday Inn, 2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901 .

April 20-21st, 2018 Department Membership Meeting, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, 873 STRT 37, Hogansburg, NY

June 7, 8 & 9th 2018 Department of NY Convention, Embassy Suites 6646 Old Collamer Rd S. East Syracuse, NY 13057

August 12-18th 2018 Buffalo NY, Marine Corps League National Convention

*The department reserves the right to select what is inputted into the newsletter. There will be times when we cannot print everything right away due to space limitations. We thank you for your submission.*