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Newsletter of The Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League



Department of Connecticut Commandant's Corner



Mentors –

Find one; Be one!

Greetings fellow Dept of CT MCLeaguers. I hope the publication of this newsletter finds you and yours well. For this edition, I will focus the majority of my time and effort on the importance of mentoring. However, before I get into that let me just take a moment for a SHOUT OUT to the ENTIRE membership of the Peter P Monaco Detachment #40 for their recent VERY successful 10 th annual Hike to Remember which was held on September 10 th . This was my first year participating, and from beginning to end it was both an exceptional and inspirational event. Hopefully we can see MANY more Dept of CT MCLeaguers at the 2023 hike.

Mentor; being one or finding one. That is the question? I have been blessed my entire life to have been mentored by some exceptional individuals. In the beginning were my parents, who by their acts and deeds mentored my siblings and I as to the importance of being self-sufficient, being responsible for one's actions, to work hard, arrive early to work and leave when the job is done not when the whistle goes off. Adding to this was the significance of Honor, Courage and Commitment demonstrated by my drill instructors; SSgt Hawks and Sgts Cummings, Bowling and Cunningham. During my twenty-eight plus years in law enforcement, it was cops like retired Chief Lynn Baldoni, retired Capt. Thomas



Pedersen and retired Sgt "Pops" LaCross. From them I learned the significance of spacial awareness, always having my "head on a swivel", and not every case was a nail so I shouldn't treat every case with a hammer. For the Marine Corps League and the MODD it has been Marines like PCDD Fisk, PCDD Taylor, PDC Verette, PDC Hodges, PDD Peters and PDD Montminy. From these Marines I have been reminded about the significance of traditions as well as Marines not forgetting where we have come from.

In closing let me just say, what has worked for me,

and I hope could work for you in either being a mentor or finding one is; LISTEN intently; LEARN passionately; and TEACH enthusiastically. So, come to a department business meeting {Next one OCT 2 nd 2022 1300 Rocky Hill VA 287 West St bldg. #50}. Bring a fellow member. As a bit of enticement to attend, as if anyone needs enticing, there will be two door prizes given away during the Good of the League portion of our meeting. You MUST be present to win and NO purchase of any kind is required.

Semper Fi
Patrick T. McMahon
Commandant
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League

IMPORTANT DATES

Department of Connecticut Officers 2021-2022

Department Meetings

**Oct. 2, 13:00 Rocky Hill, Peter P. Monaco Jr.
Will bring the food.**

Dec. 4th TBD

**Feb. 5th 13:00 Valley, Valley will bring the
food**

**APR. 2nd 13:00 Rocky Hill, Thames River will
bring the food.**

June 10th CONV. TBD

GLAWACKUS & PACK GROWLS

**Nov.6 Pound 11:00 Pack 13:00
at Rocky Hill**

**Jan. 8 Pound 11:00 Pack 13:00
at Rocky Hill**

Mar. 5 Pack Only 13:00 Valley

**May 7 Pound 11:00 Pack 13:00
at Rocky Hill**

JUNE ? Grand Growl TBD

HOOCH POOCH GROWLS

TBD

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I WANT YOU!



FOR THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

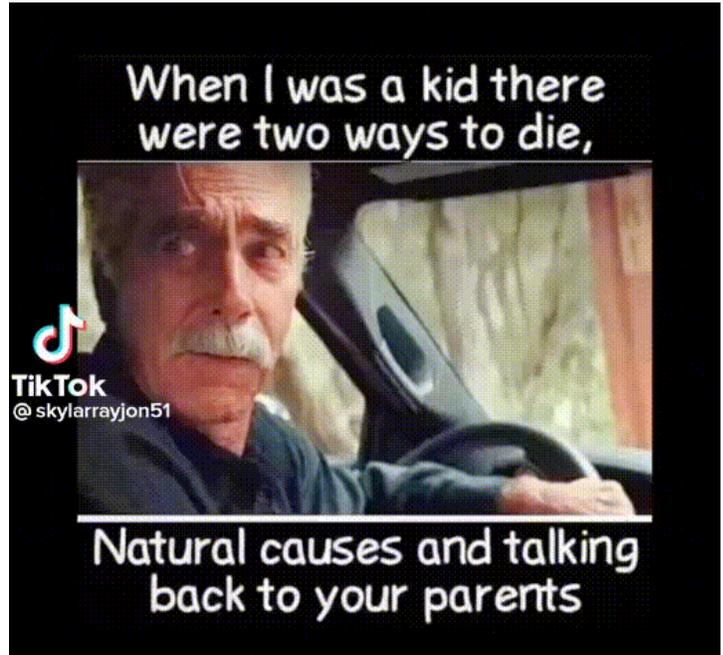
The Department of Connecticut is looking for a new Paymaster. If you read the article on recruiting you may want to consider this as a stepping stone to taking a leadership position in the

League. This would be an ideal time to do it as I have committed to staying on for this year and if anyone is interested I would be happy to train you for the entire year. That's more training than anyone ever got, and since you would be in training I would be happy to split my pay with you. LOL. I would like to give a nudge to some Marines out there that I think would make excellent paymasters, Geoff Ricciadelli from Peter P. Monaco, Tim Cox from Housatonic, Susie Lee from Paul C. Houghton. There are others even those who are not paymasters, that would make good ones. These are the people who come to mind who are on top of their Detachment at all times. Right now National is making changes such as the database to edit and print your own reports and very soon they are looking for a way to convert us to digital and eliminate some of the mailing of checks from the detachment to the department and from the department to National. You could be a big part of bringing that along. We all work and have outside commitments but we also have made a commitment here, and what we do here is just as if not more important than what we do elsewhere. This is the perfect time you could train in every part of this before you take it over.

Marine Corps Humor

I know sex, how to sex, keep a sex, dumb ass sex, like you sex, busy for sex, 15 second sex.

Read again without sex!



Dolly Parton and Queen Elizabeth both die on the same day. When they get to the gates of heaven St. Peter says we only have room for one. You will have to present your case to see who will get in. The one who wins gets to go into heaven and the loser will go to hell. So Dolly said I'll go first. She takes off her top and says, the lord gave me these beautiful natural pair of Breasts and I am sure he will want to look at these all day. St. Peter turns to the queen and say you are next your majesty. The queen gets a bottle of water out of her purse and drinks it and goes to the toilet where she pees in the toilet and then flushes. St. Peter says, you win your majesty to which Dolly screams how does she win. St. Peter says a Royal Flush beats a pair no matter how big a pair it is.

CONVENTION TIDBITS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At the Convention our Newsletter took second Place at the Department Level and I accepted the award on our behalf.



Avery Special Birthday for Joe Balint, Happy Birthday Joe. Without giving away his age, let's just say if Willard Scott were alive today Joe would be on the jelly jar. Sorry Joe I always like saying that. Happy Birthday.



Alexander	James	R.	10	26	10/26/42
Andersen	Hans	J.	10	19	10/19/39
Blair	Terry	E.	10	8	10/08/35
Bolduc, Sr.	Ronald	J.	10	16	10/16/32
Burrington	Ray		10	26	10/26/45
Ciezyński, Sr.	Ronald	L.	10	26	10/26/36
Derosier	Robert	R.	10	19	10/19/46
Gioia	Gilbert	J.	10	24	10/24/40
Kowaleski, Sr.	Steven	S.	10	24	10/24/49
Lynch	Sean	P.	10	16	10/16/91
Minard	Patricia		10	20	10/20/48
Occhi	Edison	C.	10	21	10/21/27
Quarti	Robert	J.	10	17	10/17/36
Sehrt	Marc		10	14	10/14/63
Stokes	Terrence		10	19	10/19/65
Williams, Sr.	David	H.	10	11	10/11/49
Archambault	Lawrence	F.	11	4	11/04/35
Chupron, Jr.	Leo		11	12	11/12/42
Dinardi	Frederick		11	30	11/30/41
Gates	Donald	B.	11	16	11/16/38
Goodale	Rodney		11	23	11/23/47
Hunt	William	E.	11	27	11/27/33
Jurczak	Joseph	G.	11	3	11/03/39
Kingsbury	Charles	H.	11	4	11/04/32
Newell	H. Rick		11	6	11/06/48
Norton	Paul		11	6	11/06/73
Orzel, Sr.	Craig	D.	11	25	11/25/71
Pawlikowski	Richard	J.	11	7	11/07/44
Pietras	Chester	S.	11	8	11/08/25
Ringrose	Michael		11	1	11/01/65
Roy	Gary		11	21	11/21/62
Tweeddale	Russell	E.	11	27	11/27/35



MORNING COLORS AT DAYTONA BEACH

There could not have been a more beautiful sight as Colors with the sun across the water and behind the Flag on the warm sunny beach at Daytona. All Marines at attention awaiting the command, with the anticipation of another great day.



THE YOUNG MARINES



The Woodstock Fair

Over Labor day weekend there is an agricultural fair in Woodstock Connecticut. The Natchaug River Young Marines park cars in a cow field outside of the fair. We ask a lot of our Young Marines over the course of the four days and they always accomplish amazingly. This year we had multiple bumps in the road that my unit of Young Marines had to navigate around. On Friday we arrive at the fair around 10:30. We had a new chain of command for the first time in a while and many new Young Marines that didn't know what they got themselves into. The farm family, the Millers, came down to our



base camp and gave us the normal morning talk. They told us that we have sticky notes for handicap parking and those that are leaving. They told us VIPs will wave papers out the window. We lined up for the first time with so many new people and explained to the new ones what to do. I was up front telling the cars when to stop. They moved the cinder blocks and the cars came in. It was busy there were many cars but the Young Marines did amazing. Friday went smoothly and we had many compliments from customers. Saturday morning at 7:30 we were back at the fair. We policed the fields, had our morning talk, and lined up for cars. The blocks were moved and we were at it again. Saturday was much busier. We had people from far places like Ohio. The young marines began to be tired by the end of the day. Many needed bathroom breaks

when it was busy and we didn't have replacements. We had many adult volunteers from the kitchen come out and park to allow food and bathroom breaks. Sunday came around and we were tired. It had been a long weekend, some Young Marines were there all day every day. We did the morning things and went into the parking lot. Sunday was much slower than the other days so it was easier for breaking the Young Marines. Monday however we arrived at 7:30 am and cleaned up. Then we got ready to park. It was cold out and everyone had a jacket on. It started raining. We were walking in puddles and it was getting muddy. Cars got stuck in the mud and the Young Marines were miserable. We mentioned to the kitchen staff that hot chocolate would be really nice. They brought us out hot chocolate and it made it better for a little. Soon the cups were empty and we were cold and miserable again. We started pulling people in so they can dry off a little. Only higher ranks were left out along with some adults. We heard news that the



fair entrance was closed. They were not letting people in. We closed parking but it had stopped raining. We policed the fields for the final time and decided the Young Marines needed something nice. We took them through the cow barn and let them see the cows. Then we went home early. The weekend was successful overall and we got many cars into the fields. I'm immensely proud of my Young Marines and how well they improvised, adapted, and overcame all challenges throughout the weekend.



Rose Barnes



Who Let The Dogs Out ?



Woof, Woof fellow Dogs, summer is over but the work has just begun. We just got back from national and the Supreme Growl where we gave 80,000 big bones to the Children's hospital. We retired the 50th Chief Devil Dog and welcomed in the new 60th. Also our very own Bill Lamb was advanced to PDD, As well as the Division Sgt at Arms, Mike Hinds.

Pat McMahan was awarded Pound Dog of The Year for 2020.



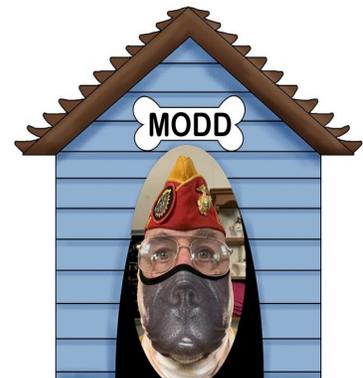
Rich Michaud was awarded Pound Dog of the Year 2021.



Lastly Walt Benson was awarded Pound Dog of The Year for 2022



Back at home in the Glawackus Pound we had elections and elected Jim Soder as the New Pound Keeper and a new staff to support him. We also caught up on some awards that were delayed by COVID.



**Thames River Detachment #1334
Marine Corps League**



**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

Norwich VFW

30 Connecticut Ave
Norwich, CT

Tickets: \$8 adults, \$5 children under 5
Children under 2 – free

In partnership with Daughters of the American Revolution – Abigail Hinman Chapter



U.S. MARINE CORPS 247th BIRTHDAY BALL

presented by

The Brass City Memorial Detachment - Marine Corps League

Saturday, November 5th 2022

Elks Lodge #265

283 West Main Street

Waterbury, CT

In the Banquet Hall (Ground Floor)

\$50.00 per person

*******Raffle Prizes, DJ music and dancing*******

Guest Speaker: First Sergeant Ben Grainger (USMC Retired)

6 pm to 7 pm: *Open Bar with Hors d'oeuvres, followed by a Cash Bar*

Buffet Style Dinner: Salad, Pasta, Meatballs, Chicken,

Sausage & Peppers, Baked Scrod w/Ritz Cracker & Crab Meat

Potato, Vegetable, Bread & Butter, Coffee & Tea

(Dress is formal attire)

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						International Coffee Day 1 
2 Department of Connecticut Meeting 13:00	3 Peter P. Monaco 19:00	4 Bridgeport 19:00 Northwest 19:00	5 Mahackemo Det. 20:00 Brass City Det. 19:30 Hardware City	6	7	8
9 Valley Detachment 19:00	10 Housatonic Det. Meeting 19:30	11 Thames River Detachment 19:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Hat City 19:00 Silver City 19:00 Southington	19 Lock City 19:00 Ridgefield 19:00	20 Paul C. Houghton 19:00	21	22
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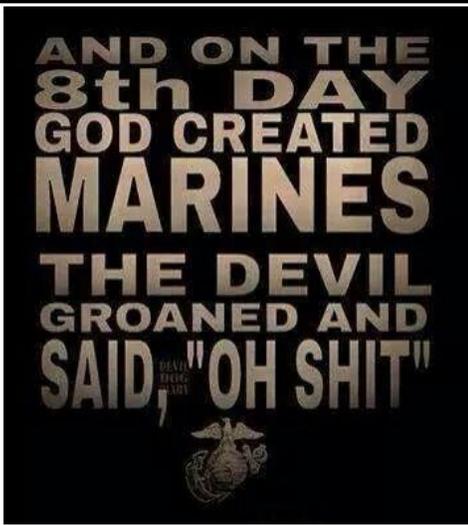
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		1 NW Det. 19:00 BPT Det. 19:00	2 Brass City 19:00 Hardware City. 19:00 Mahackemo	3	4	5 Brass City 247 Birthday Ball Elks Club
6	7 Peter P. Monaco 19:00	8 Thames River 19:00	9 	10 	11 	12
13 Valley Det. Meeting	14 Housatonic Det. Meeting 19:30	15 Hat City Det. 20:00 Silver City 19:00 Southington 19:00	16 Lock City Det. 19:30 Ridgefield	17 Paul C Houghton 19:00	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

**Marine Corps League National Convention 2023
100th Anniversary MCL, Oklahoma City**

August 14th through August 19th
Banquet is Friday August 19th
OMNI HOTEL
100 West Oklahoma City Blvd.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73109
Phone: (405) 438-6500

NOW RECRUITING

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

Attention To Orders

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT MEETING

October 2, 2022 13:00

Rocky Hill
Building 50

