



JULY - AUGUST 2017

SEMPER FI

Newsletter of the Hardware City Detachment, Marine Corps League

From the Commandant & Worthy Pack Leader

Poet Elizabeth Browning wrote, "How do I love Thee, let me count "The days in May" or words to that effect. The days of May & June for Us in HCD are the busiest of the Year. My Calendar shows only two days without an event in May. Funeral Honors are at an all time high. Many of Us are out on Missions three times a week & some days have multiple events. We are honored to serve & no one is complaining. Wake activity has picked up. This is an area We could get better at. Attendance at some Wake Services is small. Remember, that We Are honoring one of Our own, A fellow Marine.

Our rose program events have been a Financial success. A huge OOHRAH to all who volunteer Their time. Kudos to Marine Kinsella And Marine Truhan who Captain these events. Our attendance at the Armed Forces Day Luncheon was great. HCD was well represented. We were joined by a few Marines from Other Detachments. We filled two tables. Attendance at Our Bingo events at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home Has been great. A Shout Out to all Our Volunteers. The Residents really appreciate Our efforts. May 25th & 30th stand out as huge Veteran Ceremony events For HCD. The 25th We held Our annual Tribute to our Deceased Brothers at the Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. We also had the privilege of Honoring with Certificates, Students Who participate in the JROTC program at New Britain High School We were impressed by the Character of these fine Young Men & Women. May 30th We had Our Marathon event saluting the Memory of Our Veterans at the many Monuments erected in Their Memory Throughout the City of New Britain. We are joined at these events By Members of Our Fellow Veterans Organizations in New Britain. This is a long day for Us. Starting at 0800 until 1400. After a short break We participated in the New Britain Memorial Day Parade at 1800.

June 2nd & 3rd We had the Annual Dept. of Ct. Convention and Pack Growl at the Radisson Cromwell Hotel Friday evening We held Our Pack Growl for Our "Devil Dogs" We were honored to have as Our Guest at all these events National Sr. Vice Commandant Wendell Webb. Marine Webb will Probably be voted Our next National Commandant in August at The National Convention in Kansas.

Marine Webb's speeches throughout the Convention centered on the progress that has been ongoing for over two Years to reposition the MCL back to prominence both financially & with Leadership that has the respect of the National Membership.

The change has been challenging And not without issues that still need to be resolved. Today the MCL is in a much better place and striving to maintain the excellence that Befits Our Beloved League Membership is still a "work in progress". This is an area in which We can all contribute. We have the duty & obligation to be Recruiters for Our League. New Members today are a vital & necessary key to Our survival. Our detachments are aging. This problem is not just local but nationwide & not limited to the MCL but to all Veteran Organizations in the United States. HCD has an active Recruiting program Headed by Marine Berube. Our efforts with this program yield results but more can done. We need to identify & engage those We see everyday wearing Marine Veteran Covers. We see cars with Marine stickers & Service Ribbons. Carry applications. If You have a MCL Business Card put one under Their Windshield Wiper. Invite potential Members to Our Monthly Meetings. On the MODD side of Our League. The Convention Growl held an Election Of Officers for 2017-2018. Their terms will run until the next MODD Growl in June 2018. I was honored to be re-elected as Worthy Pack Leader for a second term. The Fun & Honor Society initiated Pup Steve Kinsella to full Devil Dog (Red Collar). A LOUD Woof Woof to DD Steve. "Dawgs", come on out to the Growls. 6 Growls a Year. "FUN, FUN, FUN! It is a Honor to be a Devil Dog. Dates to remember. Sunday June 25th HCD will be hosting Our Annual Picnic at the VFW pavilion in New Britain. Come on Out! The Next Detachment Meeting will Wednesday, July 5th. The month of August is "Vacation Month" No Detachment Meeting is scheduled.

Semper Fi. & Woof Woof

Jack Savage

Commandant, HCD

Worthy Pack Leader





Ladies Auxiliary

We know that summer is finally coming because it has been Hazy, Hot and Humid. I hope that everyone has Air Conditioner or at least a fan. Of course if it's too hot the State does offer cooling locations. This past month was a busy month. The Ladies Auxiliary attended the Service at the Skinner Memorial where we had the American Flag & we placed a wreath. We also attended the ceremony that was planned for Fairview Cemetery but do to the weather it was held inside at the the St. Jeans French Club. In attendance were Jean, Mary Jane, and myself. A light lunch was given after the Service.

We didn't have a meeting this past month for several reasons. First of all I have a knee injury which causes me some pain. That being said I found out that our treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and our secretary was not able to attend either. Without Jean, & Millie a formal meeting could not be held. So I canceled the meeting.

At our Department Convention recently held in Cromwell I presented two of our members Tina Valentine & Jackie Hicks with the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains. In attendance was Larry Herrmann, not only a member of the Hardware City Detachment but also a voting member of the Board of Directors of the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

We still do our coffee & donuts at the Newington VA on the 3rd & 4th Wednesday of each month. We start serving at 8 and we are finished somewhere around 9. It is only an hour and you really meet so many Veterans' who appreciate what we do. Judy & Jean and myself are the ones that do it. We are looking for other ladies to volunteer.

At the time of this writing the Hardware City Picnic is being planned. It will be history by the time you read this but we know that a good time will have been had by all that attended. A reminder about the BINGO held on the 3rd Friday of every month hosted by the MCL or the MODD. Again only about an hour of your time is required. Although we don't have an August meeting we still do the BINGO.

At our September 6th meeting we are going to have Nomination of Officers for the 2017-2018 year. All positions are available. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our meetings, we would love to have you come to our meeting in September where you will be welcome with open arms. The meeting starts at 7:30 but refreshments are served from 6:30 until the time of the meeting. Please come & enjoy our company. Also I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you would like to attend. My phone number is 860-828-0718.

Our Hostess for September is Jean Lawrence. In July Birthdays are Laura Boehm whose Birthday is the 25 & Laura Battaglia on the 28. In August we have Irene Marine on the 13. I hope all you ladies have a wonderful Birthday.

Please have an Awesome Summer and make sure you stay safe so we can see you at our September meeting.

Semper Fidelis
Donna Rampone
President

Hardware City Detachment Elected Officers, 2016-2017

Commandant.....	Jack Savage 860-628-4827 sgt.savage@sbcglobal.net
Sr. Vice Cmdt.....	Stephen Kinsella 860-922-2685 sgk679@aol.com
Jr. Vice Cmdt.	James W. Morris 860-265-2260 mcl.ch46@gmail.com
Judge Advocate	Raymond L. Carrier 203-758-3865 ricsr1ald2@sbcglobal.net
Sgt. At Arms.....	Craig Orzel 860-810-1079 orzecraig@yahoo.com
Historian	
Paymaster.....	Jack Hubert 860-614-2469 kingjack2nd@aol.com
Newsletter Editor.....	Walt Benson 203-768-8435 walt.benson5@gmail.com
Adjutant.....	Joe Marrocco 860-224-3922 jxmarro@aol.com
Funeral Honors.....	Sal Sena Sr. 860-666-8634 4mermarine@sbcglobal.net
Chaplain.....	Brendan Boyle 860-948-0479 bpb Boyle572@gmail.com
Quartermaster	H. Gregory Forbush 860-872-0665
Veterans Service Officer	
Scout Liaison.....	Robert W. Smith 860-250-8551
Youth Activities	
Toys-For-Tots Chairman.....	Stephen Kinsella 860-922-2685 sgk679@aol.com
Scholarship Chairman.....	Ray Burrington rayuconn@cox.net 860-918-6880
Web Sgt	
Public Relations.....	Michael Hornyak 860-930-5792
Detachment Recruiter	Bernie Berube 860-951-2621 silverbjb@CS.com





Your Annual Dues is Changing

Right now we pay our dues on the anniversary of the date we joined the league. However, National has changed to one date for all. Everyone's dues will now be due **TO NATIONAL ON AUGUST 31st**. So for all of us we will need to get this dues into the detachment by the first week of August, since it has to be recorded by the JR. VICE and then given to the paymaster so that he can make out the check. **If you paid your dues this year, you will still owe dues again in August.** The dues you already paid will be pro-rated and the overpayment will be refunded to you. The pro-rated dues is approximately **\$2.67 for each month**. Also, National will no longer send out notices when your dues is due. The reason for this is that it saves them \$40,000.00 a year. So the burden becomes the problem of the JR. Vice and the detachment. We have a roster of over 200 members and we do not have the means to contact them all. An example being is that we have only 94 e-mail addresses for the Newsletter and a phone list that is ancient. Therefore, The detachment officers will be sending out a letter to the members with a post-card inside asking for information to update the roster records. What they are looking for is contact information. **PHONE, ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS AND MORE, SO THAT IN THE FUTURE THERE WILL BE A WAY TO SEND OUT REMINDERS TO THE MEMBERS.** If this is confusing or you are unsure please contact, Jim Morris, Steve Kinsella, Jack Savage, or John Lynch.

Listed below are all the dues notices that have been listed in the newsletter from January till now. If you made a payment you may be getting some money back if you didn't, you can take the \$2.67 Time the number of months you owe, and add that to your annual payment in August

Semper Fidelis
Walt Benson
News-letter editor

January Dues list: Dennis Tarciani, William Parsons, Joseph Miano, Robert Marchese, Forest Lejeune, Brian Dec, Maurice Collin

February Dues list: James Brasile, Brian Haggerty, Lawrence Herrmann, John Jennings, Brendan Kennedy, Charles Madigan, Nelson Nieves, Francis Russell, Lawrence Sekscenski

March Dues list: Leroy Glover, Michael Hornyak, Adam Krzynowek, Craig Orzel

April Dues list: Kevin Gilleran, Charles Kingsbury, Sean Lynch, Daniel Murphy, Carlos Sgro, Michael Spencer

May Dues list: Walter Benson, Mary Bunnell, Lou Graham, Jim Morris,

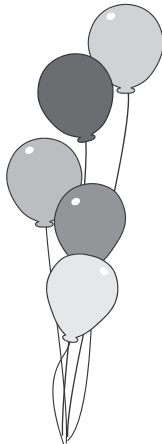
June Dues list: Ben Babij, Jorge Candalario, Richard Cop, James Fiori, Edward Lee, Francis Porter, John Walker, Arthur Yepes

July Dues list: Jim Alexander, Peter Galgano, Francis Kelly

August Dues list: Michael Ringrose, Orest Stepanczak

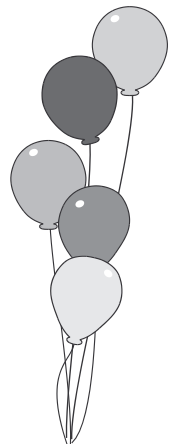
July Birthdays

Ronald R. Boehm	7/1
Patrick E Daly	7/1
Richard Formica	7/1
Howard M. Wilcox	7/4
Candice Jensen	7/5
Stanislaw Olejarz	7/6
Walter A. Benson	7/6
Peter J. Nevers	7/8
Scott R. Adams	7/9
Jorge M. Candelario	7/10
Stanley K. Danielak	7/12
Walter A. Czaja, Jr.	7/17
Lawrence F. Valletta	7/22
Mark S. Adams	7/22
Adrian Lavoie	7/22
William J. McLroy III	7/24
H. Gregory Forbush	7/25
Joseph J. Gustin	7/28
John J. Jennings	7/29
Otis H. McNutt, Jr.	7/29
Myron G. Eisenhaure	7/30
Robert Pasco	7/31



August Birthdays

William F. Hamilton	8/1
Kevin M. Gilleran	8/3
Salvatore V. Sena, Sr.	8/3
Donald Davis	8/7
Joseph A. Marine	8/7
Frederick J. McGoldrick	8/8
Arthur L. Yepes	8/8
Roman P. Kudrycki	8/9
Roy E. Bunnell	8/11
James W. Morris	8/14
Robert Pelegano	8/15
Michael A. Spencer	8/15
Kenneth F. O'Connell, Jr.	8/17
David Sena	8/19
Dennis E. Havelevitch	8/20
Michael T. Sztaba	8/21
David J. Maestrini, Sr	8/23
Joseph A. Miano	8/23
John E. Savage	8/25



In The Commandants Corner Jack Said These Are Our Busiest Months Well Here's The Proof



Here we have a few left over pics from the party. It was a hell of a night!! BINGO at the Vets Home till 8:00, then coffee at DD till 9: 30. You have to be up to date on your meds if you want to hang out with this crowd. Here we have the leadership giving me the benefit of his years, I would Have taken notes but I had no pen.

If you see these two lads coming your way, you need to run for your life and hide the women and children because they have the faces of angels but Satan lives in their hearts and minds. Look at the smiles and note the clock on the wall showing 20:00 and will be heading down to the DD for green coffee and sweets



Enough Of The Laughs Lets Move On To The Serious Matters



April bought the Awards Dinner at Nucchie's. The first time it was held here and for the first time it was an afternoon event. Here are the recipients of the Distinguished Citizen Award Silver, wow maybe the guy on the right the others are trouble especially that Lynch guy.

The Taskmaster never stops but he keeps us going and making us look sharp.

Bernie Berube, Our Recruiter, Auctioneer, Balloon Master, and great guy, keeping the Taskmaster in check.





2017

JULY

2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Mess Night 1900 Monroe CT
2	3	4 Independence Day	5 MCL/HCD meeting NB/VFW 41 Veterans Dr. New Britain 1930	6	7	8
9	10	11 VA Recruiting 08:30 Newington	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 VA recruiting, Activities Meeting Seymour, 1900	19	20	21 MODD BINGO VETS HOME 1900	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Hardware City Detachments website can be found on Dept. of CT's website: www.mcldeptct.org
Please visit this site first, then go to MCL Detachments on line.





2017

AUGUST

2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 NO MEETING	3	4 Dept Convention & pack growl	5 Dept Convention meeting and Banquet.
6	7	8 Membership Recruiting VA Newington 08:30	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 DEPT. Bingo Vets Home 19:00	19 1900
20	21	22	23	24	25 Balloon festival in Plainville, RECRUITING & ROSES	26 Balloon festival in Plainville, RECRUITING & ROSES ADELBROOK PICNIC
27 Department Meeting VFW # 9460 100 Veterans dr. Stratford	28	29 Membership Recruiting VA Newington 08:30	30	31		





Memorial Day
All Gave Some
but
Some Gave All
We Who Stay
Behind Remember
and
Pay Homage
Wherever You Lie



Time For The Parade
and Photo Op with the
Mayor. OOOH-RAH !!!



Flag Retirement on Flag Day
In Plainville CT. Our Biker
Escort for Our Retiring Flag



The Boys Are Back In Town
For This One

Thank You to
Sean Connolly for
Joining Us and
Showing Support
We Do Appreciate
your efforts

We Sure Do Get Around !!

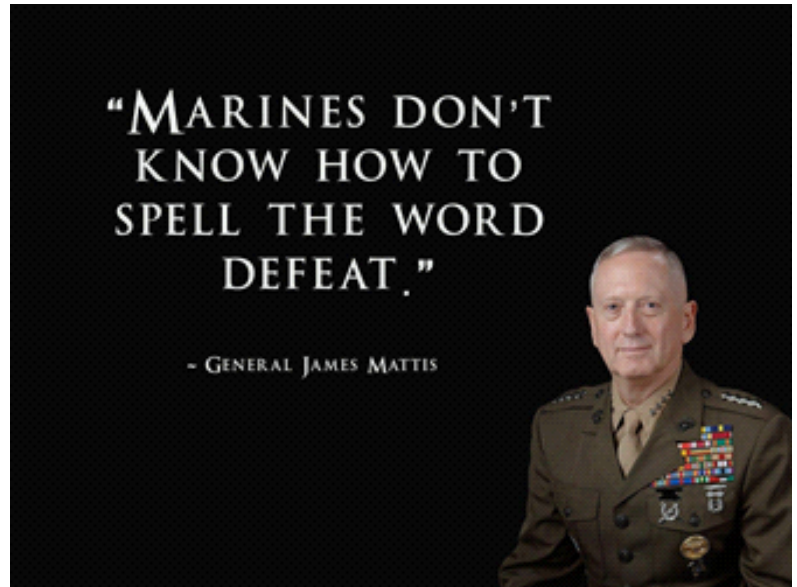


This will be my last Newsletter as June is my Anniversary month and I plan on applying to the Southington Detachment in July. I have done a lot of things here with a lot of great guys and I will miss you. But things have occurred here that makes it impossible for me to stay here. I feel Hardware City has made a horrible and irreversible mistake and I cannot live with or be silent about it, and since it involves so many people I would rather leave than look at those people every month. There are certain lines that people with principles cannot cross such as Honor, Integrity and morality and those lines were crossed by some I will not lower myself to that level.

Moving on Jack will need some help as there are many positions to be filled. Newsletter Editor, Awards Dinner Chair, Awards Dinner Ad Book (Everything), Budget Chairperson, Audit Chairperson and all around pain in the ass. I wish you all well and
Semper Fidelis
Walt Benson

Remembering When

The first gaze upon their naked innocence,
 The feel of joy so intense,
 The sweet whispers of assuring love,
 The little eyes searching for the voice above,
 The first steps without a fall,
 The running after a ball or playing with a doll,
 The day 'ma ma' and 'da da' were heard,
 The sentences streaming beyond one word,
 The mixed emotions on their first day of school,
 The interesting times with the car pool,
 The first football and baseball thrown,
 The dance recital with beauty shown,
 The growth spurt into a teen,
 The start of self-independence seen,
 The nervous excitement of their first date,
 The difficult conversations when they were late,
 The pride in their various skills,
 The shutter at paying some of those bills,
 The kisses and hugs regardless of their best,
 The tears that fell when they left the nest,
 The time is today,
 The path taken is the military way,**
 The love still strong, magnified by ten,
 The parents always there while remembering when!
 By David G. Bancroft, Founder
 USA Patriotism! Copyright © 2003
 All Rights Reserved



My Parting Message !!
OOOH_RAH !!

Attention To Orders!
 The next meeting of the Hardware City Detachment will be
Wednesday JULY 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm
VFW Post #511
41 Veterans Drive, New Britain, CT



**FOR THOSE OF
 US WHO
HAVE SERVED
 WE WILL ALWAYS
 BE VERY PROUD**