

## Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

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Next Meeting: 1 September 2010 – First Wednesday Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY

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### MEMBERSHIP FY 2011 362

Ask that Marine to associate with our detachment.

#### Welcome Aboard!

Renewal = **\$26** New = **\$31** 

We are now at 316 Life Members

Think LIFE!

Life Member Dues:

To age 35=\$500; 36-50=\$400; 51-60=\$300; 61+=\$150

#### Online dues payment

Visit our website and save a stamp, envelope and that check writing time. Try it, you'll like it! www.mclwestchester.org/

### Sick & Distress? Contact: Chaplain Kurt Michaelson

914-438-6926

ktmichaelson@yahoo.com

#### Sick Call

**Donald Shelton** is still in the Nursing / Rehab facility of the Bronx VA. **MG Vincent Lanna NYG** is in Intensive Care at St John's Hospital.

#### Calendar

Oct. 7: Job Fair, VA Montrose. Nov 7: USMC Anniversary Brunch at Antun's. 11-3. \$35 per person. Reservations being accepted. Nov. 20: New Rochelle Thanksgiving Day Parade.

#### Member News

LtCol Al Ridenhour USMC returned home from Iraq.

Detachment Activities
July 21: Westchester County Parks.
Mount Kisco. Sgt Tintu Parameswar
USMC made an awards presentation
to Joseph A. Stout Commissioner of
Parks for his long and continued
support of the Marine Corps, Marine
Corps League and Young Marines.

Toys for Tots
July 24-25: :Melting Pot"White
Plains. Sgt Tintu Parameswar USMC
coordinated the "Christmas in July"
Toys for Tots event, at the restaurant.
T4T Literacy Program: Bookkeeping
Brilliance of Ossining donated over
200 children's books that were used
for the Urban League's Summer
Reading Program.

Back to School: Over 100 backpacks and 50 lunch boxes were donated to a Yonkers children's organization as part their schools supplies support program for children in need.

**Annual Kickoff Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday September 16 10am at the Andrus Childrens Center.

### Marine Memorial Scholarship Funds "Lest We Forget"

In memory of former Marine and fellow Detachment member

#### SGT Anthony Kalladeen NYARNG

KIA Iraq 8 Aug 2005 Andrus Childrens Home, Yonkers As of 7/31/2010=\$5,802.49

In memory of Westchester County Marines who were killed in the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983.

## LCpl Craig Wyche USMC Ossining HS

#### 2010 Awardee Rafael Rodriguez

Lu Caldara presented the award at Ossining HS Awards Night.

#### Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC John Jav HS

#### 2010 Awardee Skylar Harris

University of Maryland
Engineering
Chaplain Kurt Michaelson presented
the award at John Jay HS Awards
Night

As of 7/31/2010=\$18,762.79

#### **Project We Care**

Our troops are still serving in many far of lands and are looking for gifts and letters from the folks at home. Show "We Care." With continual rotations, please get us the names and addresses of those military personnel, serving in the conflicts who would like to receive mail.

#### **VAVS**

#### July 25: FDR VA Hospital Picnic.

Our detachment, in partnership with Rockland County detachment, held its annual veterans picnic for about 50 patients.

Donations: \$100 BG Mike McBride NYG; \$100 Gold Star Mothers of Yonkers; \$25 Frank Morganthaler; \$20 Paul Annetts of Fishkill;, Soda & Chips, goods for VA Staff by Lou lannucci; Watermelons Lu Caldara. What a great crew of volunteers. Almost as many as the veteran patients. Top shelf service for our veterans. Thanks to CAPT Hubert Gibbons NYNM, BG Mike McBride NYG and his daughter for joining the volunteers as helping hands.

**Aug. 5:** Over \$5,000 worth of calling cards was donated for the use of needy VA patients at Montrose and Castle Point.

#### **Young Marines of White Plains**

## February 2010 our 45th Anniversary

of our Unit.

Our Unit received the "2010 Unit of the Year" for the Northeast Region. July 25: Regimental & Battalion meeting at Hampton, CT. Aug 3: Yonkers: National "Night Out" conducted with the Yonkers PD. YM Sgt Kyle Avery completed the

YM Sgt Kyle Avery completed the Aviation School in Virginia. He even got some flight time in.

#### LPD 21 USS New York Shipboard Marines Project

Sr. Vice Cmdt **Drew McFadden** and **LtCol Glenn Sadowski USMCR** are coordinating this project.

\$3,386 received

Donations for needs of shipboard Marines' projects.

#### **Member Service Project**

The Pillowcase Project came about when I asked a friend for a unit that was deploying to Afghanistan in late February.

I was assigned the 3-187th INFANTRY REGIMENT of the 101st Airborne, Ft. Campbell, KY. There are 800 men and women in this outfit. The response from troops, in theatre, has been awesome. Lots of notes and letters of thank you for this little piece of home. One soldier wrote that he was so touched because his pillowcase was a gift from someone whom he had never met. I guess we can all take a lesson from Scarlett O'Hara and rely on the kindness of strangers. I have been joined by two friends in California and several Canadian friends who have helped me work on this project, 545 stitched and sent with another 255 to go. Please contact me if you are interested in creating pillowcases. Semper Fi Rev. Liz Wold lizdcw@earthlink.net

#### FYI

DOD has opened a Wounded Warrior Rehab Center in Goshen, NY.

## USMC Uniform Support Center 800-368-4088

# Wounded Warrior Regiment

Financial donations can be accepted by the Regiment.
Checks should be made payable and sent to:

Department of Navy Gift Fund 3025 John Quick Road MCB Quantico, VA 22134 C/O: Charitable Donations Coordinator

in Memo line: Wounded Warrior Regiment Got an Email?
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http://members.aol.com/forvets/dd214.htm www.VeteransAlert.com Helping Veterans with the important things in life.

Westchester County Veterans Service Agency 914-995-2145,6

#### **Yonkers Veterans Agency**

Member Al Ramsey, Director Member Geno Egiziaco, Counselor 914-377-6700

USMC Recruiting Service Westchester 682-4785 - White Plains 969-0550 - Yonkers 213-3951 - Ossining 737-7887 - Peekskill