

# Westchester County Detachment Marine Corps League

PO Box 505 • White Plains • NY • 10602-0505 Next Meeting: 6 November 2013 – First Wednesday Muster 7:30 PM, Meeting 8 PM

Legion Hall • Thornwood, NY 2d Floor

59 Kensico Rd (corner of Westchester Ave/Commerce St. Rear of Bank)

## MEMBERSHIP FY 2014 403 302 Life Members

Invite those Marines to associate with our detachment.

### **Welcome Aboard!**

**New Member: PFC Donald Wemer USMC** of Hastings on Hudson sponsored by Lu Caldara.

Renewal = \$26 New = \$31 Active Duty \$15 Think LIFE!

Life Member Dues:

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

#### Online dues payment

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www.mclwestchester.org/

### Sick & Distress? Contact:

chaplain@mclwestchester.org

#### **TAPS**

**Life Member George S. Gorman, Jr.** passed away on March 26, 2013 at his home In Somers, NY. See Obituary.

#### Calendar

Nov 3 – Marine Birthday Brunch: \$45 per Person. Public Invited. Stone Manor, 101 Saw Mill River Rd (9A), Hawthorne, NY 10532. 11am-3pm. Speaker / Guest of Honor LtCol Richard Bordonaro USMC ret.

#### **Member News**

Member **LCpl Joseph Peralta USMC** is at 29 Palms, CA with 1<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn. 2113 Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association Annual Conference, Andrews AFB, VA **Agostino "Omar" von Hassell** is a MCCA Foundation Director. Member **Gen John M. Paxton USMC ACMC** was their Guest of Honor and speaker. Member **GySgt Dan Valdes USMC** is now Radio Maint. Chief with 1<sup>st</sup> Radion Bn. 1st MEF.

Member **SSgt Michael Redmon USMC** is with 9<sup>th</sup> Comm Bn at Camp Pendleton, CA



Lend a hand to member SSgt Mike Redmon USMC and family. We do make the difference to assist our "Marine Family." Checks should be made to **Michael Redmon** and sent to GySgt Dan Valdes, 309 Boxwood St, N. Oceanside, CA 92058

#### **Detachment Activities**



**VAVS Donations Presentation** 

(L to R) **Paul Blose** MCL VAVS Rep VAMC Castle Point, Yvette Rodriguez VA Hudson Valley Director Voluntary Services; **Lu Caldara** MCL VAVS Dep Rep VAMC Montrose. Detachment donations, to the VA hospitals recreation programs, were presented at a recent VA Luncheon. **Sept 6:** NYC Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza. Retirement

Ceremonies for Capt Eric Tausch USMC Dep Dir PA, NYC. Members in attendance: Vince McGowan, Al Striffler, Lu Caldara, Dan McSweeney.

**Sept 7:** Hastings on Hudson. Welcome Home celebration at the Firehouse for new member **PFC Donald Wemer USMC** upon his graduation from recruit training. Don was one of our Young Marines.

**Sept 8:** Chester, NY VMGR 452 / MALS 10 "Family Day" event. Lu Caldara provided an information table for the troops. **Sept 11:** 9/11 Ceremonies. Members participated in the many ceremonies throughout our County.

**Sept 14:** Yonkers. MAMA (McLane Av Merchants Assn) Street Fair. Lu Caldara manned the MCL information/recruiting booth.

**Sept 17:** New Rochelle. Constitution Day. **Jim Maisano** was Guest speaker, as a Constitution lawyer, at Spectators Restaurant.

**Sept 27:** N. White Plains. Street naming for Gulf War KIA SPC Kevin Cummins USA. Frank Morganthaler represented our detachment

**Sept 29:** Yonkers. Gold Star Mothers Day, Larkin Plaza. Lu Caldara represented our detachment.

### Flag Disposal Drop Point

To our volunteers who work in the Flag Disposal Project, the **Location** to leave the "retired" flags is:

JC's Auto 989 Broadway, Thornwood 10594 See John

## 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 6/15/2013=\$5,972.09

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

LCpl Craig Wyche USMC
Ossining HS

2013 Awardee Joffre Portilla
Cpl James J. Jackowski USMC
John Jay HS

2013 Awardee Zachary Shearer
Electrical Engineering
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Carnegie Mellon University
As of 6/15/2013=\$17,954.39

## **Young Marines of White Plains**

**Sept 6:** Fall session began. Recruit Training class began October 4. **MCL Eagle Scout Award** was presented to **YM PFC Max Gonzalez** for his Boy Scout's achievement.

**Sept 7:** Hastings FD put on a "Welcome Home" party for **PFC Donald Wemer USMC** (former YM) upon his graduation from MCRD Parris Island Recruit Training.

**Sept 11:** 9/11 ceremonies at the Rising, Kensico Dam Plaza. **PFC Max Gonzalez** represented our organization.

Sept 20-22: YM Battalion Encampment , Niantic, CT YM Annual Fundraising Drive: September Donations: MCL Members:

\$25 Mark Rollins; \$10 Andrew Forti; \$1000 Joe Murphy (Country Bank); \$25 Markham Rollins; \$50 Thomas Tully; \$25 Robert Carolan;

#### Friends:

\$100 Post 112 American Legion Hawthorne; \$200 Post 2285 VFW Eastchester; \$250 VFW Post 1156 Larchmont; \$200 AL Post 90 Mamaroneck; \$60 Art Peterson, Croton; \$25 Pat Whalen, Succasuna, NJ

#### **OBITUARY**

George S. Gorman, Jr. passed away on March 26, 2013 at his home In Somers, NY. He was 81. George was born in Yonkers, NY, the son of the late George S. Gorman Sr. and Helen G. Gorman. He owned and operated an independent insurance agency in Yonkers and Bronxville, NY for more than 40-years and was very active in the local community. George was a member of the Board of Trustees for St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers and previously served on the Board for The Peoples Westchester Savings Bank. A member of the Ardsley Country Club for nearly 50-years he was an avid golfer and later in his life became a licensed pilot. George was a graduate of Villanova University, a Marine Corps Veteran, a Rotarian, and a past president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westchester County.

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USMC Recruiting Service Westchester 682-4785 - White Plains 737-7887 – Peekskill

> Westchester County Veterans Service Agency 914-995-2145 / 2146

**Yonkers Veterans Agency** 

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