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## *Marine Corps League*



### **141 Upcoming Events**

**Detachment 141 Meeting in April  
April 11, 2016 @ 1900**

**Annual Scholarship Banquet  
Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm**

**Westfield Patriot's Day Ceremony April 16 @1300**

**Flag Pin Donations  
May 6, 7 & 8 at Geisslers in Agawam  
June 17, 18 & 19 at Walmart in Westfield**

**Westfield Memorial Day Parade—May 30**

### **Saturday Breakfast**

Since September 2015 the Saturday breakfast is offered on the second and fourth  
Saturday of the month

**Get Involved, Volunteer!!  
Uniform Up!**



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**Commandant's Corner.....**

Commandant  
 Dan Bishop

My wife Bev and I have just returned from our trip to San Diego. While on the West Coast we were able to visit the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, (home of the Hollywood Marines) and several trips to Camp Pendleton. I have to admit the young Marines look like they are in great shape and are ready if the country needs them.

While out there I had the opportunity to read the biography of Lieut. Gen. Victor (Brute) Krulak. It was truly an interesting read and was very informative on Marine Corps history from prior to the Second

World war until the end of the Vietnam conflict. Unfortunately, his outspoken ways caused him not to be named Commandant of the Marine Corps. I will have a copy of this book at the barracks for anyone that would like to borrow it.

We have Mother's Day flag pin sales at Geissler's market May 6,7, & 8, and Father's Day weekend at the Westfield Walmart June 17,18, &19. We will have sign-up sheets on the counter as you enter the barracks, so please sign up early and often. These are our two biggest fundraisers of the year, and the more people that gets involved the easier and more fun it is. While doing a shift at either one of these events it gives you a chance to personally know more of our fellow members.

Let's all try to attend our scholarship fund raising event at the American Legion Post in Easthampton on April 9. I hope to see you there.

Please contact Marine Martin (413-563-5873) of our detachment about participating in the Patriots day celebration at Parker Memorial Park.

May God protect all our Marines in harm's way.

Semper Fi!

Daniel J Bishop, Commandant

**Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900. Social hour at 1800. Detachment phone number is 413-562-4850.**

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***Happy Birthday  
to our following  
members:***

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***April***

***(1) Terry Paige, (3) Michael Scheib, (9) James Ross, (13) Earle Brick, (14) Peter Szarkowski, (17) Joseph Mucha, (24) Brian Dupee, (27) Barbara Rivette, Donald Wielgus, (28) Arthur Riordan, (30) Donald Gadoua,***

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**From the Editor:**

Do you have photographs or a possible article about the detachment? Contact the editor with your ideas.

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**April Dates in Marine Corps History****From Jr Vice Commandant Marty DeVasier**

**3 April 1945:** On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps by this date (d+2) made progress clearing the island effectively cutting it in two. They reached their objective originally thought to require 11 days to take.

**10 April 1959:** Lt. Col. John Glenn, Jr. was named one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. Three years later Col. Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

**12-13 April 1918:** Marines of the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade suffered their first gas attack when the Germans bombarded the 74<sup>th</sup> Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Three hundred Marines were gassed and evacuated. Thirty Marines died from the shelling that hit while they were asleep.

**15 April 1962:** Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began HMM 362 arrived at Soc Trang south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

**18 April 1983:** One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven wounded by a car bomb outside the Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans.

**21 April 1951:** Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes in Korea. Three YAK Fighters were shot down and another damaged in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. The pilots were with VMF 312 flying from the USS Bataan.

**28 April 1993:** Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida and prepared for the transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

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