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141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment 141 Meeting in September
December 12, 2016 @ 1900**

December 7—Westfield Pearl Harbor Ceremony

December 15—Holyoke Soldiers Home Christmas

December 17—Agawam Wreaths Across America

December 18—Children's Christmas Party

December 30—Holiday Skating Party at Amelia Park

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....

I trust your bird was cooked and gizzard full. Thank goodness Pilgrims because we have much work in December.

12-07-16 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day; 10:00

12-10-16 Det. Breaky; 07:00 ~ Noon

12-12-16 Regular Monthly Meeting; 19:00

12-15-16 Holyoke Soldiers Home Christmas Party; 18:00

12-18-16 Det. 141 Children's Christmas Party: 12:Noon (Santa arrival: 13:00)

12-30-16 Skate Time; Amelia Park; 14:00 - 15:30

Det.141 was well represented at the Hampshire College U.S.FLAG Patriotic assembly. Our Thanks go out to the Amherst VFW and Brian Willette with his Purple Heart Troops. **Well Done.**

As you should all know, each August at National Convention there are several proposed Bylaw changes made. Changes are voted on, some rejected and some adopted. This year (2016) four proposals were adopted. Two of these changes were directly related to cost savings for the MCL.

Change #6 (adopted) changes the staggered dues renewal date system to a singular renewal date. Thus all members, nationwide, will renew on September 01 each year. Fortunately we have a very competent Paymaster who is making all necessary adjustments and rest assured you will not be incurring any additional cost for your membership renewals. Change #6 (adopted) is posted on our bulletin board. Approximate MCL savings \$40,000. Per year. Change #8 (adopted) will increase our Life membership distribution by \$170,000.

Don't forget to checkout our new stair case. Thanks to Westfield Tech. Academy.

John S. Rutovich, 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:**

December

(3) Thomas Daly, (6) Carter Buxton, Frederick Shannon, (7) Aaron Bauer, Stanley Lachtara, (10) Joel Nelson, (11) Lynn Dupee, (12) Francis Curnow, William Kana, (13) Joseph Hart, (14) Chris Cekovsky, (18) Klaus Maurer, (23) John Rutovich, (24) Martin DeVasier, (27) Gary Janulewicz, (28) Christopher Rice

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The National Marine Corps League adopts a new policy for annual renewals

As mentioned by our Commandant, the National Marine Corps League adopted an bylaw change that modifies the way that annual member renewals will operate in the future. The staggered expirations are being phased out. In the future, all annual memberships will expire on August 31 each year. That means after August 2017 all memberships will be in effect until the end of the following August.

This year is a transitional year. Beginning in January, renewals will be reduced by \$10 to reflect the shorter term to your next expiration date. You will need to renew again next August.

After August 31, 2017 everyone will again renew for a full year and expire at the end of August the following year.

Of course this has no effect on life memberships. They are in force for your lifetime. If you are not already a life member you may want to consider becoming one. It will eliminate the need for keeping your membership paid up.

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