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141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment 141 Meeting in March
March 14, 2016 @ 1900**

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

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

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

After seeing a large flock of Robins, warming temperatures, and longer days Spring is in the air giving us thoughts of warmer activities.

We had an extremely great turnout for our ice-skating party at Amelia Park. We were host to approximately 66 children, paying for their ice time and the rental of ice skates. Our fellow members help provide plenty of cookies, brownies, and other sweets to keep the kids at a high level of energy. Thanks to all who participated as you are the ones that made this possible.

Our scholarship dinner is just around the corner and we really need to sell tickets. At our March meeting we will have tickets at the barracks for all of us to sell. If you are not a great salesman at least buy one ticket for yourself. It's important that we give Jim Laverty and the scholarship committee all the help we can. The dinner is a great time for us to get together and help deserving scholars with the appurtenances they need.

As far as fundraising goes we have Mother's Day flag pin sales at Geissler's market, and Father's Day weekend at the Westfield Walmart. We will have sign-up sheets in the back, 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.

It is extremely important that our members attend our meetings. It's like any other habit, the more you attend the more informed you will be. It's important that we all participate in the ongoing activities of the detachment. We have had several new members join our detachment, but have yet to see them at meetings. If you know any of these new members, please reach out to them and help them get to the meeting.

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:**

March

**(10) Robert McRobbie, (11) Patricia Mat-
 thieu, (13) Aldo Mancini, (16) Samuel Ad-
 ams, Vincent Sulewski, (17) John Bartoluc-
 ci, (18) Joseph Oleskiewicz, (20) Douglas
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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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**March Dates in Marine Corps History**

From Jr Vice Commandant Marty DeVasier

8 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed DaNang, Vietnam as the first ground troops committed to that conflict. The 3500 troops arrived both across the beach with BLT 3/9 and at DaNang Airfield with BLT 1/3.

13 March 1943: The first group of Women Marine Officer Candidates arrived at the U. S. Midshipmen School at Mt Holyoke College, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share the training facility enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women Reserve Officers.

17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty in Bien Hoa. She and the other enlisted and officer Women Marines to follow were assigned to Military Assistant Command Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ.

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, a 300 man Japanese force launched a counter attack near Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines from the 5th Pioneer Battalion and the 28th Marines fought the Japanese force till morning suffering heavy casualties-more than 100 killed and 200 American wounded. Nearly all the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

27 March 1953: The 5th Marines, supported by the 2nd Battalion, 7 Marines counterattacked the Chinese to regain enemy-held positions lost the previous evening at Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front.

31 March 1801: President Jefferson accompanied his personal friend Commandant William Burrows on horseback to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on". They chose a square in southeast Washington at 8th and I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

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