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## *Marine Corps League*



### **141 Upcoming Events**

**Detachment 141 Meeting in September  
February 13, 2017 @ 1900**

**Chapel of Four Chaplains Ceremony—February 5**

**Scholarship banquet—April 22**

### **Saturday Breakfast**

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

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



**Elected Officers:****Commandant:**

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

At this time I am typing up a NEW membership Roster for this Detachment thanks to the help of Sophie and Roger who advised me of a more efficient way of compiling spread sheets. Once this is accomplished I would like suggestions from the membership as to sub dividing the list among willing members with the end goal being contact with members we've lost contact with. Check on their well-being, see that their Roster information is current, etc.

Two years ago our membership was at 171, it is now at 135. Time to recruit.

**Keep trying.**

We have four new fire extinguishers aboard. One on the cellar staircase, Two on the main deck and One at the top of the second deck staircase. The Old ones were declared obsolete by W.F.D.

Still looking for a Public Relations Officer and Historian. These are not full time jobs.

**All members are invited and encouraged to attend;**

Mid-Winter National Conference in March; Fredericksburg, VA.

Quad-State Convention in April; Newport, R.I.

Department of Massachusetts Convention in June; Hyannis, MA.

Department of Connecticut Convention in June; location pending

National Convention in August; Overland Park, Kansas

**Our monthly attendance at Detachment meetings is the envy of other Vets organizations.**

John S. Rutovich, Commandant

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

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***February***

***(3) Glenn Brault, (7) Allan Ardito, (9)  
 George Kedzierski, Alfonse Piela, (10) Don-  
 ald Sauvageau, (11) Richard Rutowicz, (12)  
 Elizabeth Brewer, (14) Joseph Delaney,  
 (18) Warner Robinson, (26) Robert Tessier***

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**Need money for tuition?**

In addition to Detachment 141's outstanding scholarship committee, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation can help. It awards scholarships of up to \$10,000 a year to the children and grandchildren of Marines and Navy Corpsmen for post-high school, undergraduate and career and technical education. Applications are being accepted from Jan. 1 to March 1 for those who meet the eligibility standards. Find out more here: <https://www.mcsf.org/>

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**From the Paymaster:**

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We ask our members to remember their generosity by mentioning them to friends and family.

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**Edwin A. Buckhout (Ted)**

Where were you born and when? Holyoke, MA. 12 July 1927

When and where did you graduate from high school? 1955, Hopkins Academy Hadley, MA

Are you married? Yes to Merle Buckhout

Do you have children? Yes, five boys and one girl

When and where did you graduate from boot camp? June 1945 Parris Island, SC

Why did you enlist? Wanted to fight for my country, and a good friend joined the day after Pearl Harbor. 25% of eligible people in South Hadley joined during WWII.

What was your MOS? Rifleman/mortar man

What was your first duty station? Nagasaki, Japan

What was your last duty station? Active duty Camp Lejeune. Marine Corps Reserves, VMA 322 South Weymouth, MA

What was your favorite duty station? Boston Navy Yard

What is your current occupation? Retired

Do you have a hobby? If so, what? Tractor/trucks

What is your:

favorite meal? French toast, eggs over easy, & sausage

favorite president? George Washington

favorite military movie? Dawn Patrol

favorite actor? John Wayne

favorite book? 10 volume history of Civil War

favorite vacation destination? Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico

favorite restaurant? Tavern on the Hill, Easthampton, MA

favorite all-time Marine? LTC Charles Long

Would you do it (enlist) all over again? Yes, still be doing it if I could

What is your best memory of your time in the Corps? As a PFC participating on the four man rifle team of 4 in the Eastern Division rifle matches, representing Camp Lejeune in 1946

What is your worst memory of your time in the Corps? Having to retire



## Member Biographies

It has been quite a while since the Scuttlebutt offered member biographies. This month we have Ted Buckhout who came on board in April 2015. I hope that we can introduce more of our members in the coming months. It is a good way to get to know each other and find what we have in common.

## Veterans Day Photos

On Veterans Day 2016 our detachment participated in the Westfield parade and ceremonies. During the ceremony Junior Past Commandant Dan Bishop completed his tour as leader of the Westfield Veterans Council and turned command over to Cindy Lacoste.

Thanks to Donald Wielgus for the photos







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