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141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment 141 Meeting in September
January 9, 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!**



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Commandant's Corner....

Now that we've gotten through the December rat race we can start working on some very important issues that have been neglected.

#1. Our highest priority at the moment is our Membership. We must start paying more attention to our senior members. I just found one of our members who has been in the Holyoke Soldiers Home for over a year now and we haven't missed him and another who died over a year ago and we missed him.

Our Membership is down by 20% from last year & we have 29 delinquent members. I need ONE reliable person who's only job would be to maintain our membership roster and familiarize yourself with all our members. Call, write, text, email, visit, or whatever it takes to show our Esprit-de-Corps. Work in concert with our Paymaster and update roster information as he submits transmittals.

#2. Public Relations Officer & Historian. Two positions too long vacant and required by Bylaw.

- A Public Relations Officer would get our Detachment events publicized.
- An Historian would keep our Historical records in order. Great indoor winter job.

All of our December events were accomplished with great participation of that infallible 10%.

We remain one of the Best Detachments in the Department of Massachusetts.

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:***

January

***(2) Stephen Donoghue, (3) John Godfrey,
Travis Lalievre, (4) John Johnson, (16)
Richard Hardie, (17) Barbara Dymon, John
Torrone, (19) Barbara Bartosik, (21) Mor-
ris Cave, (24) Donald Liptak***

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Farewell, John Glenn

Last month, on December 8, we bid farewell to John Glenn, a Marine fighter pilot who flew combat missions during World War II and the Korean War. Later he was a test pilot who set a transcontinental speed record. We remember him especially as a pioneering astronaut who was a member of the original team of 7 Mercury Astronauts. Later, at age 77, he flew in the shuttle Discovery and became the oldest human to go into space. Finally, he served 24 years as a United States Senator. His life and achievements are an inspiration to the world. All Americans can admire his lifetime of service to our country. To the Marines we are proud to have him as a brother .

I have long felt a certain connection to John Glenn, not that he was aware of it. On February 20 1962 he was the first American to go into orbit around the Earth. As Glenn was making his journey I was in Grand Central Station with a buddy who was in my platoon at Parris Island. We were waiting for our connections, watching a television report of Glenn's progress. A man from a newspaper saw the two of us in our dress greens and took a picture of us watching the event.

It was my first day off base since reporting for active duty. It was also the first time I saw my family's new home in New Hampshire. John Glenn's flight makes it easy for me to remember the date.

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