

# Westfield River Valley Detachment 141 Scuttlebutt



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## Marine Corps League



### 141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment 141 Meetings  
Suspended until further notice  
Saturday breakfast also suspended**

### 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.....**



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Greetings and salutations members of the league. We are still in a no contact/no meeting environment. As such we will not be having a meeting this month(May) and we will not be able to do our flag pin program at Geissler's on mothers day weekend.

On May, 16<sup>th</sup>, I plan on re-flagging the old cemetery in Westfield at approximately 1300. email me if anyone is interested in assisting (kbuckhout@hotmail.com) I have recovered from covid so I'm not contagious but I will still be wearing a mask . There are only 48 flags so if there are a couple volunteers it doesn't take long. I'm also re-flagging the East Mtn road cemetery right after (24 flags)

Speaking of masks, is anyone in need of a mask. My wife and sister in law are making them and have distributed over 700 so far at no cost. They're 100% cotton with an approved filter material insert, and they're washable.

If you know of a member who can't get out or needs help, let us know. Maybe we can assist.

Other info; Your federal income tax due date has been moved to July 15, and state taxes as well. And, If your vehicle is due inspection, the state has given a 60 day extensions.

Westfield Memorial Day parade is canceled . An alternative event is the likely scenario for Westfield. Monday, May 25 10AM Small Ceremony at Parker Park – Wreath Laying, Firing Detail, and Taps. At this time we have been told, no more than 10 in the Park.

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**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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**From the Paymaster:**

Annual membership renewals come due on September 1 each year. There are some members that are in arrears for this year. Please remember to submit your dues to the Paymaster.

As Paymaster I must report that the current emergency will have an impact on our finances. Ordinarily this is the season that we build up our funds to carry us through the year. The flag pin donations and July raffle account for much of our annual income. I cannot project how this will play out in the coming weeks but we need to be prepared to find ways to recover from a financial setback when we are able to resume our usual activities.



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Please take a moment each day to remember and honor our fallen comrades. In the past 5 weeks, the soldier's home has lost over 83 veterans, 71 to the virus, and 2 were members of our Marine Corps League.

Be careful, be safe, and be smart. We're Marines, we stand together against all our enemies.

Semper Fidelis!

Semper Fidelis,  
*Keith Buckhout*  
Commandant



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