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## Marine Corps League



### 141 Upcoming Events

**Detachment 141 Meetings**  
**Subject to COVID-19 conditions until further notice**  
**Saturday breakfast also suspended**

**Department convention is June 04—07 at HYANNIS, MA**

**THE 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION IS IN SPRINGFIELD, IL**  
**Monday, August 9th through Friday, August 13, 2021**

### 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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2020 is now in the rear view mirror. We were unable to host/attend/participate in many of our annual events, so we had minimal income and a lot of out-go. It was a very tough year, but we're ready to get back on track this year.

Fran Curnow, Aldo Mancini, and I participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Agawam Veterans cemetery. It was a cold day but the turnout was extremely enthusiastic. This was the fifth year I was involved in this event and the turnout was limited to invitation only due to covid-19, but all the graves were covered.

We had a trustee meeting the week after our regular meeting and pulled the winners of the July calendar card raffle. Many will already have received their checks from our diligent paymaster, Thank you Roger Beer. Also, we discussed the scholarship program. Instead of cancelling the year, with so many students doing home schooling, we decided to move the dates to this fall. We still need more funding, and we have to solidify the dates. We'll be working with our head honcho Elizabeth to work out the details.

The St Patricks' Day parade and run have been cancelled for this year.

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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. Please remember to submit your dues to the Paymaster.

As Paymaster I must report that our financial position continues to go down. We managed to bring in some money with the delayed raffle and we received a number of generous donations in memory of Ted Buckhout. At the same time we continue to pay off the emergency water removal related to the flooding we experienced in 2020. When conditions improve we need to be prepared to find ways to recover from our financial setback.



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**Commandant's Corner** (continued from Page 2)

The bylaws submitted to the department have been accepted and they are using them as a template for other detachments. Well done.

Later this month the detachment will be having a trustee meeting to schedule upcoming events for February, March and April. If anyone has any questions, or ideas wishing to be presented to the trustees please contact me or any of the trustees and let us know.

At this time there is a department convention in June 04-07 HYANNIS, MA 02601. If you're interested in seeing what's happening at the department level check out this webpage:

[Marine Corps League of Massachusetts \(mcldeptofmassachusetts.com\)](http://mcldeptofmassachusetts.com)

Also note that information about the national convention is posted on Page 1.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Keith Buckhout*  
Commandant



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