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Commandant's Corner...

Welcome to Spring,

Looks like we're getting the warm weather before Florida types are up to speed....Go ahead snowbirds, leave us in the winter, see if we care.

Another month closer to the Department Convention. Get your paper work in to the State if you intend to go. Also you must fill out the security info for you and any guest or you will not get on the base. Doc is ready for everyone who is going on the boat trip and Smith & Wesson tour. Should be a great time. The Pack Leader promises much howling for all Dogs at the Grand Growl.

Last Saturday, April 3, a huge welcome home was given to Joshua Bouchard, courtesy of the Holyoke Fire Dept. Our color guard was joined by several members of Metro West Detachment, a Pipe Band, and many bikers some of whom stopped by our Detachment breakfast before going to the parade.

At this writing Joshua may be with us at our Monday evening meeting to be sworn in as a new member. Several members from other Detachments may join us, so come on down and greet a warrior returned. You will recall that Josh's dad James (FMF Corpsman) joined us at the March meeting.

We are headed into a busy time. Patriots Day, Memorial Day and the Westfield School Memorial Week Assemblies. Make plans to attend....Joe Mucha will have more on this. Bill Penkala has also had a busy month with the color guard and rifle detail....Bill, how do those 03's fire? Ha! Ha!

More work expected on the Detachment Barracks....the Mayor informs me that we will not be going anywhere as long as he is Mayor. Westfield members keep that in mind!

Breakfast continues to attract folks on Saturdays...Marines wake up and join the fun. We still need help in the chow line especially to keep new short order cook Tom Pirnie under control. He's having way too much fun all by himself..

That's all for now...

Semper Fi,
Fran Curnow



Commandant Francis J. Curnow



Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900 hours. Social hour at 1800 hours.

Can You Name This Spot I ight?

Where were you born?	Montague, Mass
Graduated from? (High School)	GED after leaving the Corps
Married? Children?	Helen, 2 daughters, 2 sons
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, S.C. 1951 (2nd Battalion)
MOS	0341
First Duty Station?	Korea
Last Duty Station?	Korea
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Became a Police Officer
Favorite meal?	Fisherman's Platter
Current occupation?	Easthampton Police (Retired)
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	Home
Favorite President?	George Washington
Favorite military movie?	Sands of Iwo Jima
Favorite actor?	The "Duke" John Wayne
Favorite comedian?	Rodney Dangerfield
Favorite book?	The Coldest War—James Brady
Favorite vacation place?	Cape Cod
Favorite subject to talk about?	The past
Favorite Actress?	Myrna Loy
What do you think of today's Marines?	It's the same Corps as always
Most memorable lifetime event?	Going to Korea
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Yes
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Yes, but it's not
All time favorite Marine?	Chesty Puller



April Birthdays

Boomer	1
William Lacey III	2
Michael Schieb	3
James Ross	9
Barbara Rivette	12
Earl Brick	13
Joseph Mucha	17
Brian Dupee	24
Donald Wielgus	27
Arthur Riordan	28
Donald Gadoua	30





Barking Dog

Dog Bites!

- April 11: Growl at Southbridge
 May 2: Growl at Westfield River Valley
 June 11: Grand Growl at Westover Air Base

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

- May 10: Detachment 141 meeting
 May 21-23: Flag Pin sales at Geisslers Market, Agawam
 May 24: Westfield School Memorial Day Assemblies
 May 31: Memorial Day Parade
 June 10-13: Department Convention at Westover Air Base
 Day trips to Smith & Wesson, Yankee Candle, Ct. River boat ride,
 or see the Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield Armory or shop at the
 Holyoke Mall at Ingleside on your own
 June 14: Detachment 141 meeting
 June 18-20: Flag Pin sales at Wal-Mart, Westfield
 June 18: Ct. Grand Growl

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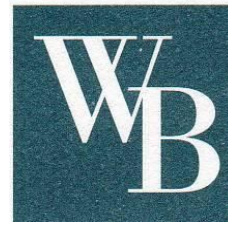
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