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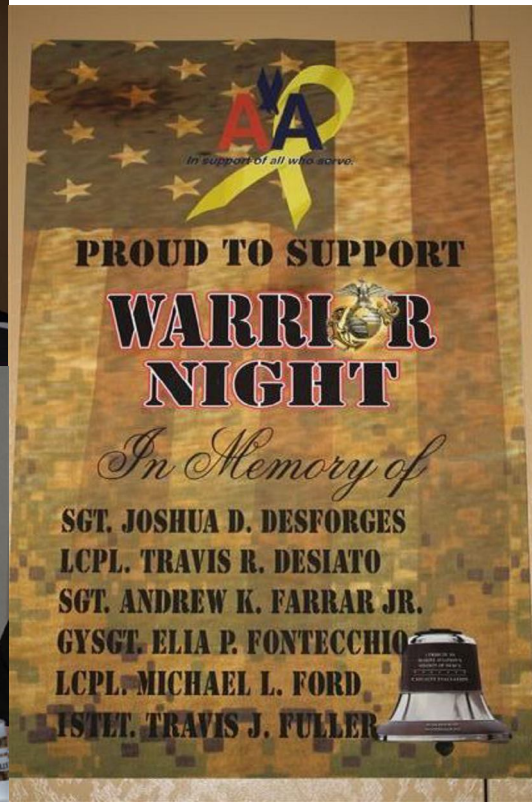
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Pictures taken at the Warrior Night Ceremony in Boxborough, on 5 March. Over 80 members from across the state attended. Proceeds from this event are going to help build the new Marine Aviator Memorial Tower in North Carolina. A special tribute was paid to Capt. Jennifer Harris of Swampscott, who was shot down and killed becoming the first service woman from Massachusetts killed in the Iraq war.

"Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweiler's and Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties, big and mean or skinny and mean. They are aggressive on the attack and tenacious on the defense. They've got really short hair and they always go for the throat."

RAdm. "Jay" R. Stark, USN; 10 November 1995

The Commandant's Corner

By the time you have read this, Spring will have sprung upon us all. Enjoy the outdoor Spring cleaning, but ensure to take all the safety precautions as well. Make sure you have a cool refreshing beverage in your favorite spot on your hacienda.

One of the best ideas that came up at the last meeting was the Falcons hockey game. It should be a lot of fun and don't forget to bring your cameras. I'm buying my ticket and will enjoy the game with all my fellow veterans and family members.

For all the Dogs, we are finally going to have some delicious kibbles and bits on the 2nd. I'm hungry already, if you're not a Dog come and enjoy the great breakfast we have every Saturday morning. I'm usually the first in line. For all that are presently helping with breakfast, thank you so much. It is appreciated by all.

Flag pins sales are coming up fast, let's all do our fair share. Remember we have two different weekends that we do this on. July 4th calendar tickets will be on sale soon.

We also have the Memorial Day parade coming up. I would love to see more people marching this year or if you want to ride instead, let us know so we can have the appropriate amount of vehicles. We are still looking for cooks or if anyone is interested in bringing dishes to the parade, let someone know.

Semper Fidelis,

Brian P. Dupee



Commandant Brian P. Dupee



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

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

April 2:	Pack Growl @ Detachment 141 (after breakfast)
April 11:	Detachment 141 meeting
May 1:	Pound #276 Growl (Tentative) @ Southbridge
May 6-8:	Flag pin sales @ Geissler's in Agawam
May 9:	Detachment 141 meeting
May 30:	Memorial Day parade in Westfield
June 2-4:	Department Convention, Tewksbury, MA.
June 13:	Detachment 141 meeting
June 17-19:	Flag pin sales @ Wal-Mart
July 3:	Detachment 141 pig roast @ Westfield Fair Grounds
July 11:	Detachment 141 meeting
August 8:	Detachment 141 meeting
August 19-21:	84th Westfield Fair @ Westfield Fair Grounds

If you changed your email address, see Fred Shannon for updates. If you know of any potential sponsors, see Dan Bishop. We are still looking for kitchen help on Fridays (preparing) or Saturdays (serving & clean up). Sign up sheets are in the back for all upcoming activities, so get your uniforms ready and participate in your Detachment. Matt Knas is our official photographer, but we need more pictures from the events, Matt can't be everywhere. If you have a camera keep it close, we may need you. I welcome any ideas on how to better our monthly newsletter, submit your ideas to MarcDunne@comcast.net.

Come see us every Saturday for breakfast, hours are from 0700-1000. For a small donation our menu includes eggs, sausage, biscuits, toast, SOS, hash, grits, juices, milk, coffee, and donuts. Enjoy the company of your fellow members, watch the news on the big screen TV or mingle with the vets from the Soldiers Home or Leeds. Why watch history on TV when you can sit right next to it at the barracks.

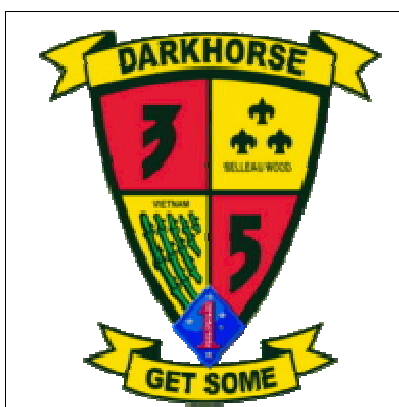
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Scuttlebutt Spotlight

Where were you born?	Hazardville, CT.
Graduated from? (High School)	GED
Married? Children?	Yes, 1 son, 1 daughter
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, Platoon 325 (Class of 61)
MOS	0311
First Duty Station?	Camp Pendleton, California
Last Duty Station?	Quantico, Virginia
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Worked in a wire mill
Favorite meal?	SOS
Current occupation?	Heavy motor equipment operator
Where were you on 7 December 1941?	Wasn't thought of yet
Favorite President?	John F. Kennedy
Favorite movie?	Midway
Favorite actor?	Glen Ford
Favorite comedian?	Jerry Lewis
Favorite book?	The Bible
Favorite vacation place?	Maine
Favorite subject to talk about?	Chess
Favorite quote?	Semper Fi
What do you think of today's Marines?	Very good
Most memorable lifetime event?	Joining the Marines
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
All time favorite Marine?	Chesty Puller



The Marine Corps has just been called by the New York Times, "The elite of this country". I say "They are the elite of the world." Adm. William "Bull" Halsey, U.S. Navy

April Dues

George DeBarge, Lawrence Latour, Barbara Rivette and Benjamin Surprise

May Dues

William Daley, Stephen Jemiolo, John Johnson, Richard Montagna, Richard Tyrell, Daniel Walsh III, Francisco Duncan, John Foley, Joshua Bouchard, Walter Rankin

Delinquent Dues

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Rick Adams, Jeffrey Hall, Donna Magdycz, Ronson Sherman, Joseph Wise, Sam Adams, Isabel Paulsen, John Godfrey, Lisa Smith, Harry Mifflin

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Barry Szymojko, Sophia Bartosik, Leila Connolly, James Laverty, Thomas DelNegro, Robert Duffy, Donald Whitehead

Life Membership Dues

Members age 35 and younger.....\$500

Members age 36-50.....\$400

Members age 51-60....\$300

Members age 61 and over....\$150

April Birthdays

1st	Boomer Paige
2nd	William Lacey
3rd	Michael Schieb, Shelly Perry
9th	James Ross
13th	Earl Brick
15th	Peter Szarkowski
17th	Joseph Mucha
24th	Brian Dupee
27th	Barbara Rivette, Donald Wielgus
28th	Arthur Riordan
30th	Donald Gadoua



This Month In History....

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2) III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China.

10 April 1959: Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col. Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade, suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorski UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. L/Cpl Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. L/Cpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Capt. Phillip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lt. Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnanpo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: 1st Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Deme, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

28 April 1993: The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina.

**There are only two kinds of people who understand Marines: Marines and the enemy.
Everyone else has a second-hand opinion. General William Thornson, U.S. Army**

Funny BONES



A young Marine officer was in a serious car accident, but the only visible permanent injury was to both of his ears, which were amputated. Since he wasn't physically impaired, he remained in the Marines and eventually rose to the rank of General and became very sensitive about his appearance. One day the General was interviewing three Marines for his personal aide. The first was an aviator, and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the General asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" The young officer answered, "Why yes sir. I couldn't help but notice you have no ears." The General got angry and threw him out.

The second interview was with a female 2nd Lt., and she was even better. The General asked her the same question, "Do you notice anything different about me?" She replied, "Well sir, You have no ears." The General threw her out also.

The third interview was with a Gunny. He was articulate, dressed extremely sharp and seemed to know more than the two officers (surprise, surprise). The General wanted this guy and went ahead and asked the same question, "Do you notice anything different about me?" To his surprise, the Gunny said, "Yes sir, you wear contact lenses." The General was very impressed and thought, what an incredibly observant Gunny, and he didn't even mention my ears. The General asked, "And how do you know that I wear contact lenses?" The Gunny replied, "Well sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with no freaking ears."

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