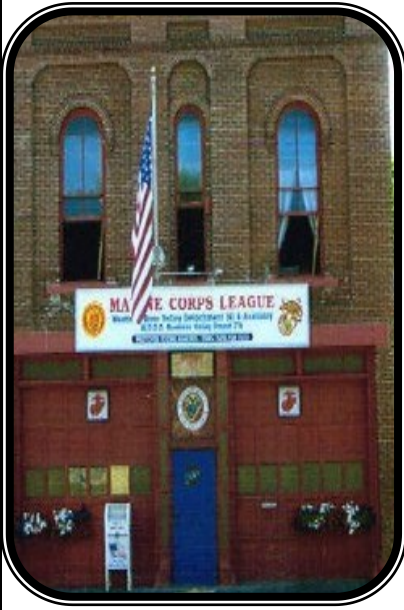


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Message From The Commandant:

(Happy Thanksgiving)

I trust that everyone had digested their glutinous meal prior to the game and gave thanks regarding same.

(Merry Christmas to all who wish to have a Merry Christmas)
Please keep yourself under control for Christmas!

Let's try something new. Call your Commandant prior to Christmas and I'll give you one Marine to visit. You won't have to spend the night or even more than one hour. Just pay respects to a Brother Marine in convalescence.

My one wish for Christmas is a fulltime Chaplain. Come on Santa, do your thing.

Roger Beer is just about ready to shift into third gear as our new paymaster extraordinaire. Thank you Roger.

We've got a busy December ahead of us, so rest-up & Uniform-Up so you can participate with your Detachment.

General Order #001: Say a little prayer for our troops at Christmas time.

May God be with the Warriors of yesterday and today as they serve the United States of America.

Semper Fi,

John S. Rutovich
Commandant



Commandant
John S Rutovich



About Us:

The Westfield River Valley, Detachment 141 and Auxiliary are located in Westfield, Massachusetts. The Detachment's Charter was signed on November 28, 1945. The Auxiliary unit received its Charter on May 23, 1949, but was misplaced and on October 25, 1979 received their new Charter.

Fundraisers:

The Detachment and Auxiliary work close together in support of the principles of the Marine Corps League. We hold several annual fundraising events including: a scholarship dinner, flag pin sales on Mother's Day and Father's Day, July 4th pig roast, a baked potato and chili booth at the Westfield Fair, a motorcycle run and a July 4th and Christmas calendar raffle. The Detachment hands out 3 scholarships totaling (\$1500.00) every year. Our motorcycle run is entering its fifth year, and last year we donated 100% of the proceeds (\$5700.00) in 2011 to the Marines Helping Marines/Wounded Warriors Fund.

Financial Support:

The Detachment provides and has provided financial support to the following:

- Captain John Maloney Fund
- Sgt. Joshua Desforges Fund
- The Chapel of Four Chaplains
- Tree of Lights
- Marines Helping Marines
- Wounded Warriors
- Holyoke Soldiers Home
- Veterans Hospital—Leeds
- Westover Young Marines
- Marine Corps League Youth Fitness Program
- Korean War Memorial
- Local Boy's and Girl's Clubs
- Westfield Veterans Council
- Americanism Program

In December, we host a Children's Christmas Party at the barracks and a Kid's Skate Party at Amelia Skate Park during school vacation, along with serving breakfast for all veterans every Saturday morning from 0600-1200.

Meetings:

Detachment meetings are held at 1900 on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Marine Barracks located at 71 North Elm Street, Westfield, MA. Social hour is at 1800.

Community Involvement:

Our members are actively involved in the Greater Springfield area. We provide:

- Color Guards for Memorial Day and Veterans Day services, parades and other patriotic occasions.
- Honor Guards for funerals of military veterans.
- Care packages to deployed Marines and FMF Corpsmen.
- Speakers for local and area schools for patriotic occasions.
- Certificates of Appreciation to leaders of community organizations and private citizens who demonstrate patriotism.
- Good Citizenship Awards to Boy Scouts who attain the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Flag Retirement Ceremonies.
- Marine Corps Birthday Ceremonies.
- Assistance to Marines, families and Marine Units.

The Detachment also sponsored the 2010 Department of Massachusetts Convention at Westover Air Reserve Base.

Detachment Awards:

- Distinguished Detachment Award (2006)
- National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for 100% Membership (2007, 2009)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (2009)
- Honorable Mention for Americanism Book (2010, 2011, 2012)
- Certificate of Participation, National Newsletter (2011)
- National Newsletter, 3rd Place (2012)

Detachment 141 Marines of the Year:

The following members have been honored as Detachment Marines of the Year:

1969, 77	Fred Scholpp
1998	Arthur Fisher
1999	Don Dorrington
2005	John S. Rutovich
2007	Francis Curnow
2008	Thomas D. Pirnie
2009	Frederic R. Hoekstra
2010	Daniel J. Bishop
2011	Brian Dupee
2012	Marc S. Dunne

Detachment 141 Associate of the Year:

2010	William Chandler
2011	Matt Knas
2012	Lynn Dupee

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Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

Fri. Dec. 7:	Pearl Harbor Ceremony
Sat. Dec. 8:	Breakfast at the Barracks (0700-1200) Bring the kids for cookies & juice.
Mon. Dec. 10:	Detachment 141 meeting
Sat. Dec. 15:	Breakfast at the Barracks (0700-1200)
Sun. Dec. 16:	Children's Christmas Party at the barracks, 12-2 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 17:	Christmas Party at the Holyoke Soldiers Home, 6-7 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 22:	Breakfast at the Barracks (0700-1200)
Thurs. Dec. 27:	Kid's Skate Party at Amelia Skate Park, 3-4 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 29:	Breakfast at the Barracks (0700-1200)

Saturday Breakfast Come on down

Come see us every Saturday for breakfast, hours are from 0600-1200. (depending on food) Our menu includes eggs, sausage, toast, SOS, home fries, hash, juice, milk, coffee, (regular and decaf), donuts, pastry, and breakfast bars. 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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Dec. 1, 1925: The Locarno Treaties were signed by France, Belgium and Germany, as a preventive measure to avoid another war, in the aftermath of World War I. Terms of the Locarno Pact were guaranteed by Britain and Italy.

Dec. 2, 1859: Abolitionist leader John Brown was executed for treason in Charles Town, West Virginia, following his raid on the U.S. arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

Dec. 4, 1943: During World War II, the second Cairo Conference took place attended by Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and President Inonu of Turkey.

Dec. 7, 1941: The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Japanese in a raid that lasted just over an hour and killed 3,000 Americans.

Dec. 8, 1941: A day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States and Britain declared war on Japan.

Dec. 10, 1941: During World War II, British battleships Repulse and Prince of Wales were sunk by Japanese warplanes in the South China Sea, killing nearly 800 crewmen.

Dec. 11, 1941: A major turning point in World War II occurred as Japan's Axis partners, Italy and Germany both declared war on the United States. The U.S. Congress immediately declared war on them. President Roosevelt then made the defeat of Hitler the top priority, devoting nearly 90 percent of U.S. military resources to the war in Europe.

Dec. 13, 1937: The beginning of one of the worst atrocities of World War II as the Chinese city of Nanking was captured by the Japanese. During the next six weeks, The Rape of Nanking occurred in which Japanese soldiers randomly attacked, raped and indiscriminately killed an estimated 200,000 Chinese.

Dec. 15, 1961: Nazi SS-Colonel Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death in Jerusalem for his role in the Holocaust. Eichmann had organized the deportation of Jews from all over occupied Europe to Nazi death camps.

Dec. 16, 1944: The Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking American troops by surprise. Aided by foggy, snowy weather, the Germans penetrated 65 miles into Allied lines by the end of December. The German advance was finally halted by General Montgomery at the Meuse and General Patton at Bastogne.

Dec. 18, 1916: During World War I, the Battle of Verdun concluded after 10 months of fighting in which 543,000 French and 434,000 German soldiers were killed.

Dec. 18, 1940: Adolph Hitler ordered the German General Staff to begin planning Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of Soviet Russia.

Dec. 19, 1946: War broke out in French Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacked the French seeking to oust them from Vietnam. This marked the beginning of a 30-year conflict which eventually led to heavy U.S. involvement and ended with a Communist victory in April 1975 after U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam.

Dec. 21, 1945: General George Patton died in Germany following a car accident. Nicknamed "Old Blood and Guts" he once stated during the war, "We shall attack and attack until we are exhausted, and then we shall attack again."

Dec. 23, 1948: Japanese Prime Minister Hideki Tojo was hanged for war crimes. He was hanged along with six other Japanese wartime military leaders at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo, with the sentence carried out by the U.S. 8th Army.

Dec. 24, 1942: The first surface-to-surface guided missile, later known as the V-1 Flying Bomb was launched by German rocket engineer Wernher Von Braun.

Dec. 29, 1940: During the Blitz, Germans dropped thousands of incendiary bombs on the center of London, causing the worst fire damage since the great fire of 1666.

Department News
Dept. Commandant: Warren Griffin



VAVS Representative Brian Dupee, JR, the new Division Adjutant/Paymaster, National Jr. Vice Commandant Richard Gore. Below, everybody mingling before the gavel falls in Natick.



Upcoming Dues:

December Dues

Steve Jones, Joel Nelson, Bill Penkala, Mike Redfern, Donald Savageau, Lisa Smith, Vinnie Torone,
Barbara Dymon, Carrieann Dymon-Bailey

January Dues

Karl Rexer, Bob Dittrich

Membership—171

Marines/Corpsmen—77

Associates—28

Paid Life Members—63

Honorary—3

Happy Birthday to our following members:

(3rd) Thomas Walsh PLM, (6th) Isabel Paulsen, (10th) Joel Nelson, Carroll Arnold PLM, (11th) Lynn Dupee, (12th) William Kana PLM, Francis Curnow PLM, (13th) Joseph Hart PLM, (18th) Klaus Maurer PLM, (23rd) John Rutovich PLM, (30th) Fred Shannon PLM



And may you have many more....

Congratulations to our new Life Members:

J.B. Stern, Bill Federman, John Johnson, Sophie Bartosik

Welcome Aboard to our New Members:

Karl Rexer, Robert Wargo, Fred King, Jeff Pickett, Rene Cote, Daniel Johnson

Marine Spotlight

Associate Tom Johnson

Where were you born?	Springfield, Mass.
Graduated from? High School?	St. Mary's High School, Class of "73"
Married? Children?	No, none.
Graduated from? Boot Camp?	Fort Polk, Louisiana
MOS?/Career?	11B, Infantry
First Duty Station?/Job?	Fort Carson, Colorado
Last Duty Station?/Job?	Barnes Air Base, Westfield, Mass
What did you do after leaving the Army?	Went to school
Current occupation?	Captain, Westfield Fire Dept.
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	Non existent
Favorite meal?	Steak
Favorite restaurant?	
Favorite President?	Abraham Lincoln
Favorite movie?	Thin Red Line
Favorite actor?	Gregory Peck
Favorite comedian?	Jay Leno
Favorite book?	Collapse of Burning Buildings, Safety & Survival on the Fireground, by Vincent Dunn
Favorite vacation place?	United States
Favorite subject to talk about?	Motorcycles
What do you think of today's Marines?	
Most memorable lifetime event?	My time in Iraq, 2004
Did you make the Corps your career?	No, made the Air National Guard a career
Would you do it all over again?	Not sure
Should politics be kept out of the military?	No, but a harmonic balance would work
Favorite all time Marine?	Ted Williams



Westfield Day at the Big E



The Detachment 141 color guard of Roger Beer, Marc Dunne, Commandant Rutovich and Vinnie Sulewski had the honor of marching with the 2nd Division Marine Corps Band on Westfield Day at the Big E.



Dr. Thomas Pirnie



Pictures from the Detachment 141 Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Forty-eight members showed up for the monthly meeting. Pictured above are Jr. Vice Dan Bishop with Judge Advocate Donald Rivette. Detachment emcee Tom Pirnie gave a brief history of the Marine Corps Birthday and after a rousing chorus of the Marine Corps Hymn, the cake was cut with pieces going to the oldest (Don Dorrington) and youngest Marine (Phillip Paradis). Hot dogs, chili and soup were on hand for those showing up early.



Tom Pirnie cutting the Birthday cake





Military Order of the Devil Dogs

Pound #276, MA Pack

Pound Keeper: PDD Dan "Mr. Honor Platoon" Bishop

WHAT IT IS

The Military Order of Devil Dogs is the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

1. WHAT IT DOES

It promotes good fellowship amongst the members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable. It assists in the accomplishment of all programs and objectives of the League, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League, and maintains true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies whatsoever. The Order is also VERY active in raising funds for different charities.

WHO BELONGS

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is made up of only members of the Marine Corps League. The Order accepts only the most worthy of League members.

HOW TO JOIN

You must be a paid-up member and in good standing in the Marine Corps League with at least one year's membership. The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League, and must request membership in the Order. He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two Devil Dogs or Pedigreed Devil Dogs. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at the Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and swearing-in ceremony. Then he or she becomes a Pup in the Order.

ORGANIZATION

The Pound is on a local level and is usually made up of members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. On the State level there is the Pack, and on the National level there is a Kennel. There are three different degrees in the Order. The lowest degree is that of Pup. The next degree is that of Devil Dog. The highest degree is that of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The Pup wears a black ribbon, the Devil Dog wears a red ribbon, and the Pedigreed Devil Dog wears a gold ribbon. The ribbon is worn around the neck and a Dog Tag is attached to it.

The head of the Pound is called the Pound Keeper. The head of the pack is the Pack Leader. The head of the Kennel is also the head of all Devil Dogs and is called Chief Devil Dog.

The Order's many charitable donations not only help people in need, but also build good public relations for the Order, the League, and the United States Marine Corps.

Next Pound Growl is TBA
Next Pack Growl is TBA
Worcester Detachment
Woof! Woof!

Detachment 141 would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors from the community and our membership for their continued dedication and support of this monthly newsletter.



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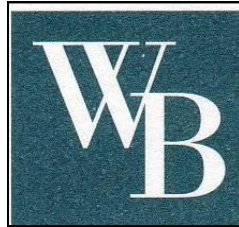
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