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Christmas Choir at the Soldiers' Home



Kid's Skate Party at Amelia Skate Park

Commandant's Corner...

Wow! What a busy few months it's been. The Toy's for Tots was in full swing with several members making sure that the children were taking care of throughout the community. Another successful year for this program.

Christmas parties at the Veterans Hospitals in the area where a whole lot of fun...Everyone pitched in to ensure that both Leeds and the Holyoke Soldiers Home visits were a big success as it always has been in the past. Thank you Joe Mucha and Don Rivette for all your help in making both hospitals have wonderful holidays.

The children's Christmas party at the Detachment went well also with so much cheer and happiness aglow, not only in the children but also the adults. It is great to see our families all having a grand old time together. Thank you once again to the children's Christmas party committee for all your hard work.

Let's not forget about our skating party that took place on the 30th of December. What a great way to end the year. So many kids and adults enjoying themselves in this wonderful winter activity. It was a very thoughtful thing to see the young adults helping the others who have never been on the ice before. Communities are great when they get together especially, for the feast afterwards. Gail and everyone, thank you.

Our year was a success and here we are with another one starting quickly. The Bike show at the Big E looked like it was a lot of fun by the pictures sent to me. Good to see our newest members involved. This is what we are all about, it looks like we made a big contribution to the Girl Scouts while we were there also.

Our next event is coming up quick, the February Fundraiser which we all know is the one and only contributor to being able to hand out the scholarships. So let's get out there and sell or buy these tickets. Don't forget the raffle for the NCO sword. I'm really looking forward to seeing who gets to take this home.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on the second Monday in February. Come early and enjoy a small meal with all your fellow members and bring a potential new member with you.

Semper Fi!

Brian P. Dupee



Commandant Brian P. Dupee



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

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

February 14:	Detachment 141 meeting
February 27:	Fundraiser at Ichabod's Chicopee, 1200-1600
March 14:	Detachment 141 meeting
April 11:	Detachment 141 meeting
May 6-8:	Flag pin sales @ Geissler's in Agawam
May 9:	Detachment 141 meeting

See Tom Pirnie for the NCO sword raffle tickets. Get your fundraiser tickets at the Barracks on Saturday's or call Commandant Brian Dupee. Don't delay, all monies collected go for the scholarships we hand out in May. Don't forget to sign up for the Color Guard details we have coming up this year. It's a new year, get your uniform and participate in the League activities, you won't regret it. If you changed your email address, see Fred Shannon. 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).

**** Drop in for breakfast every Saturday morning ****

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Can You Name This Spotlight?

Where were you born?	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
Graduated from? (High School)	Springfield Central High—Class of 1995
Married? Children?	Walleška, 3 daughters, 1 son
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, 1st Battalion, Platoon 1033
MOS	0311, 0331
First Duty Station?	Camp Geiger
Last Duty Station?	Camp LeJeune
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Grew a beard, slept in, complained about civvies
Favorite meal?	Any meat roasted over an open flame
Current occupation?	Security guard
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	Not on the OP plan
Favorite President?	George W. Bush
Favorite military movie?	Heartbreak Ridge
Favorite actor?	Clint Eastwood
Favorite comedian?	Barrack Obama
Favorite book?	Jarhead
Favorite vacation place?	On a paintball field
Favorite subject to talk about?	Bravo Sierra
Favorite quote?	“To err is human, to forgive is divine, neither of which are Marine Corp policy”
What do you think of today’s Marines?	More lethal, same meanness, same bad-asses
Most memorable lifetime event?	Walking the DMZ with ROK Marines
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Hell yeah!
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Absolutely!!
All time favorite Marine?	Colonel Julian Ortiz



2011 Bike Show at the Big E



An oldie but goodie, the bike that is!



Aldo Mancini



Shelly Perry

February Birthdays

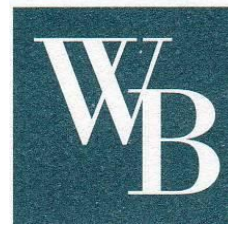
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