



# Scuttlebutt

The Newsletter of Detachment 141, Westfield, Mass

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## Marine Corps League helps the Boys and Girls Club.



(Dec 26) The Marine Corps League Detachment helped the boys and girls club by donating time for the children to ice skate at Amelia Park in Westfield, MA. Over 50 young children and a few Marine Corps League members skated at the park. Following the ice skating, the children were given refreshment before returning to the Boys and Girls club. The event was a great success with a lot of happy smiles and no broken bones. Thanks to Kellie Brown at the Westfield Boys & Girls club for coordinating the event.

## Toys for Tots a great success

This past December, the Marine Corps supported the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for tots. The Westfield River Valley Detachment conducted one of many Toys for Tots pickups this year. Over 21,000 toys were collected in our area as reported by Rocky Snow. One was held at the Westfield Senior Center in Westfield, Massachusetts. The pictures below are from the event.





## Commandants' Corner

**Jan 23, 2007**

Happy New Year Marines. As I write these few words the Patriot's have just confirmed their status for 07... hard to catch footballs when you're wide open!!! More next season.. However we will still have a Super Bowl get together to cheer on the Bears and Colts. Come on down and join the festivities. The pool slots are rapidly filling up... NEWS FLASH... Hold 17 Feb. open for a fundraiser Dinner / Supper to be held at Alexander's in Feeding Hills.. planning on a good menu and we need a good showing. Raffles and prizes in the works.. Let's make this work. Plan on attending.. bring the family and help sell some tickets. If you know some one or business that can help with a prize or donation to the raffle sign'em up! New member Barry S. is stepping up to help, so let's all get on board with this one!! If you don't know by now we have surplus combat boots available cheap! Pick a pair only \$10.. while they last!! That's it!

Semper Fi,  
Fran Curnow

## Calendar of Events

**February 4.** Super Bowl Sunday- Come watch the game on our big screen TV. Join with members to enjoy the game. Please bring libations of your choosing and any food stuffs, hot or cold, for a Pot Luck type meal.

**February 12.** Regular Meeting. Social Hour at 1800. Meeting at 1900. Bring appetite.

**February 17.** Benefit Dinner Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, Ma. Stuffed Pork Buffet. Expanded menu includes Ziti and meatballs, mixed stir-fry veggies, salad, rolls/butter, coffee, tea, and dessert. Cost \$10 Adults, Children under 5 Free. 4 - 8 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Barracks on Saturdays or call Alexander's 786-1127 or MCLLeague 562-4850 or 786-0855. Benefit supports Veterans Activities, Scholarships and Community Activities. Valuable prizes offered as part of a raffle to be held at 7:00pm on the night of the dinner. Special thanks to Barry S., owner of Alexander's and MCL member for opening his doors to this effort.

**March 6.** Westover Young Marines Outback Buffet Style Dinner, Knights of Columbus, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, Ma. Doors open @ 5:30 PM. Buffet served 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$8 Children 10 and under. Tickets on sale Feb. 1 through Feb. 15. Limited amount of tickets available.

Don't Forget about Saturday Morning Breakfast, every Saturday at the Barracks

## Marine Corps League Christmas Party



A Young child has a meeting with Santa

Santa made another visit to the children of the Marine Corps League on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The children were given toys that were donated by the members and friends of the Marine Corps League.

## Marine Corps League Raises the flag.

On December 12, 2006 at the Wynnfield Condos, the Marines of Detachment raised the national flag as a sign of our patriotism. During the ceremony Commandant Curnow read a poem titled "I am the Flag".



Commandant Curnow  
Presents a certificate of  
appreciation to condo  
Assoc President



Commandant Curnow reads the poem  
"I am the Flag" while Jr. Vice Commandant  
Joe Dymon stands at attention



Joe Willis and J.R. raise the  
American Flag

## Good of the League

Marine Corps League Department of Massachusetts is raffling off a M1 Garand Rifle. Tickets are \$25 per each one. If you would like tickets email Joe Dymon or call the Detachment at 562-4850

Through the efforts of member Edwin Orwat, our Detachment has come into possession of approximately 31 pairs of brand new Government surplus black leather combat boots or various sizes, 6 through 12.5. The league is offering these \$160.00 boots for \$10.00. Contact Commandant Curnow, Vice Commandant Joe Dymon, or Adjutant Paymaster J. R. Rutovich for a pair of these great boots.

## **Sick Call**

Art Fisher & David Tirell – Holyoke Soldier's Home, Holyoke, MA  
Herbert L. Page – B Wing 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA;

Get wells may be sent to: Herbert Page

34 Julia Ave.

Chicopee, MA 01020-1036

Waldo Rankin – (The Admiral) – Broken Hip – Home under going therapy.

Frank Real- Admitted to hospital last week with chest pains and other medical issues. Now at home and will be under doctors care for some time. Send get wells to home address.

## **Final Roll Call**



Michael Fallon-December 2006

### **Scuttlebutt**

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