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141 July Events

Detachment 141 Annual Pig Roast
Sunday, July 7 @ the Westfield Fair Grounds
12:30-1600, Menu: pig, chicken, corn, potatoes, drinks and dessert
50/50, Chinese raffle and Calendar Card raffle

Detachment Meeting
Monday, July 8, 1800 chow is served
1900 meeting starts
Elected Officers-Uniform Up

Saturday Breakfast
Join us every Saturday for breakfast, 0600-1100
Menu includes eggs, sausage, home fries, SOS, hash, toast,
pancakes, donuts, juice & coffee

National Convention
August 4-9, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Reminder: No Meeting in August



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*Commandant
 John S. Rutovich*

Commandant's Corner.....

We've got a new freezer at the Fair Booth thanks to a donation from George & Marci Daley. Mike Kunze, Marc Dunne & I picked it up on 11 June and transported it in the pouring rain. Also donated was a beautiful USMC bar table with matching stool. The new Marine Corps League Highway signs have been posted in Dalton & Goshen. Another will be posted soon by the VA Hospital in Leeds. Mass. DOT did a great job producing the signs. I think you'll like them. Sr. Vice Dunne & I attended the Dept. of Connecticut Convention for the first

time, very educational. On June 25, Detachment 141 members performed the MCL Ritual at the wake of Marine Pendergast in Agawam. On June 27, Detachment 141 members performed the Rifle Firing Detail at the funeral of Marine Mandeville in Northampton. Now it's time to get all those July raffle & pig roast tickets into the Paymaster for a final count. If you need a ticket you can call JR at 222-2684. I will hold your ticket at will for your arrival at the Fair Grounds. We will be needing Chinese raffle items. There are many merchants that are willing to donate something for our worthy cause, give it a try. We are going to need some warm bodies at sun up on Sunday July 7 to help set up the Pig Roast festivities at the Fair Grounds. We got a lot done in June and we might have a busy July. Remember the 4th of July parade at Hampton Ponds. May God continue to bless our Great Nation, the USMC, the Marine Corps League and Detachment 141.

Semper Fi;

John Rutovich

Commandant

James E. Haberern



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Happy Birthday to our following members:

- George Daly (7/2)**
- Richard Stone (7/4)**
- Robert Duffy (7/7)**
- Leila Connolly, Roger Beer (7/11)**

Santiago Bustos, Jr. (7/14)

Tom Walsh (7/15)

Mary Sankolewicz (7/16)

John Kern (7/19)

Ella Balchunas (7/20)

Paul Rubera (7/23)

James Hibert (7/31)

July Dues

Ella Balchunas, James Bouchard, Wayne Cartwright, Geoff Croteau, Javish Garcia, Richard Greene, Robert Hertz, Larry Holbrook, John Kern, Fred King, Mike Kunze, Alphonse Piela, Robert Potito, Steven Sklarski, Stanley Strempek, Bill Chandler, Robert Tessier

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Minutes from the June 10 Meeting

The meeting was started at 1900 by Commandant Rutovich. Sgt. At Arms Mancini posted the Colors and Chaplain Holbrook led the membership in prayer. There were 30 members present as well as 4 Past Commandants, Fran Curnow, Brian Dupee, Joe Knapik and Roger Beer.

All elected Officers were present. All appointed Officers were present except Historian Matt Knas, Web Sgt. Carrieann Bailey, and Public Relations Dan Johnson who were absent.

Barbara Bartosik, sister of Sophie Bartosik was made an Honorary member of Detachment 141. John Bartolucci was sworn in as a new member of the Detachment.

The Detachment is looking for enough members to have an color guard for the annual 4th of July Parade at the Hampton Ponds. Call Vinnie Sulewski if interested.

Jack Ramsey is not doing well with his radiation treatments and has been moved to a Nursing Home in Easthampton, send cards or stop in and visit Jack. Member Bill Lacey has passed away as well as PLM Bernard Mandeville.

Aldo Mancini reports that 29 of the 72 new detachment t-shirts have been sold, get your before they sell out. The Victory 4 Veterans Bike Ride had a reported 1,500 bikes show up.

The Detachment voted to donate \$141 to the William Caddy Detachment in memory of our deceased members for their annual golf tournament. The 141 also donated \$100 to the Relay for Life Walk at the Belchertown High School track.

A new chest freezer was donated to the Westfield Fair Booth from George & Marcy Daly. A beautiful Marine Corps table and bar stool was donated to the barracks also from George & Marcy. Thank you both!

The Christmas Party at the Holyoke Soldiers Home is going to be on Wednesday December 11th this year.

There will be a Family Day aboard the Westover Air Reserve Base on Sunday, August 11th.

Geoff Croteau won the 50/50, winning \$29.50. The meeting was closed at 2030 by Commandant Rutovich. Remember, **NO MEETING IN AUGUST.**

Reminder:

The Westfield Fair runs from August 14-16 this year.

See Dan Bishop if you can help out at the Fair



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Department News

Dept. Commandant: Warren Griffin

James Laskey nominated Warren Griffin for a second term as Department of MA Commandant. Mike Chouinard nominated Tony Garro as Sr. Vice, John McEntegart nominated Mike Chouinard for Jr. Vice and Tony Garro nominated Carlos Viera for Judge Advocate. All nominations were unanimous. Warren Griffin nominated Fran Curnow for Financial Chairman, Gerard Boutin was nominated by Dave Epps, Donald Rivette was nominated by Mike Ancora and Joe Messina was nominated by Gerard Boutin. All four will serve as the Financial Officers.

Forty-two members showed up for the Department elections. Our guests this year at the Convention were National Judge Advocate Ben Cero, National Vice Commandant, New England Division Rich Harrington, Asst. Vice Commandant New England Division Mike Chouinard, Past National Commandant James Laskey, 45th Past Chief Devil Dog Bill Taylor, 49th Past Chief Devil Dog Doug Fisk, New England Division Vice Chief Devil Dog Frank Diekmann, Past Department Commandants James Laskey, Joe Caterina and Bernie Heaney and Gerard Boutin.

Worcester Detachment Commandant Jon Zwirblia stepped down as Commandant effective immediately after the Convention. Jon is moving to Oklahoma.

Paymaster Laskey proposed the new budget to the members and it was approved by unanimous vote.

All National Officers are running for re-election. National Vice Commandant New England Division Rich Harrington is running for re-election and our own Jim Laskey is running for Chief Devil Dog. Get out and support our officers.

All elected officers were present for the convention. Eighteen of the Detachments were represented by their respective Commandants. Four of the eight District Vice Commandants were present.

Richard Broadnax won the booze wagon, and then gladly started giving most of it away. Worcester did a hell of a job in putting this years convention on. The rain couldn't even put a damper on this weekend. Next year the convention will be held in Hyannis, and they are also working on keeping it there for the year 2015. I look forward to seeing some new faces at the Convention on the Cape.

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July History

4 July 1918: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1st MAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The *USS Iwo Jima* was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The *Iwo Jima* was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Marianna Islands. The following morning, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

Marine Spotlight Michael Kunze

Place of Birth?	Easthampton, Mass.
Graduated from? (High School)	Hampshire Regional High
Married? How many children?	Divorced
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, First Battalion, Platoon 1074
MOS?	0341
First Duty Station?	Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Last Duty Station?	Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Worked for a residential program for kids
Current Occupation?	Manager of buildings and grounds
Favorite meal?	S.O.S.
Favorite restaurant?	Five Guys
Where were you on 7 December 1941?	Non existent
Favorite President?	Teddy Roosevelt
Favorite movie?	The Town
Favorite actor?	None
Favorite comedian?	Dave Chappelle
Favorite book?	I don't read
Favorite vacation place?	Martha's Vineyard
Favorite subject to talk about?	Camping/Hiking
What do you think of today's Marines?	Easier today than the past
Most memorable lifetime event?	9/11, trying to get out of school early so I can enlist
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	In a heart beat
Should politics be kept out of the military?	No
Favorite all time Marine?	Carlos Hathcock





Top left, 45 Dogs from across New England trotted into Worcester for the Grand Growl. On the left, The Mad Dog Jon Zwirblia gets ready to initiate the five Pups into Devil Dogs. At top, is the Clam Bake at the Worcester Detachment, everyone was moved inside because of the rain. The menu included lobster, corn, chicken, rolls and salad. Thursday night was the free Burger Burn at the Detachment that included burgers, hotdogs, salads, chips and soft drinks. A boat ride was given to anyone who wanted to go out on the lake and check out the beautiful homes on Lake Quinsigamond. It was a great time before the rains came for the rest of the week.

Five new Devil Dogs were sworn in at the Grand Growl by the MA Pack Leader PDD Brian Dupee



Waiting for the shuttle bus, JR, John McEntegart, Jon Zwirblia and Brian Dupee



Caught in the act again, Don Rivette. Below left are Dept. Commandant Warren Griffin and Brian Dupee receiving their awards for their work with the veterans, with James Hastings and Tony Garro. Below are SgtMaj. Alfredo Franco the guest speaker at the Dept. Convention and SgtMaj. Pierce Gilman, Dept. of MA Young Marine of the Year.



Department Chaplain Roger Hoffman reading the names of our deceased brothers from all Detachments





*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.

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 MA Pack Growl TBA
Next Pound 276 Growl TBA
Woof Woof**

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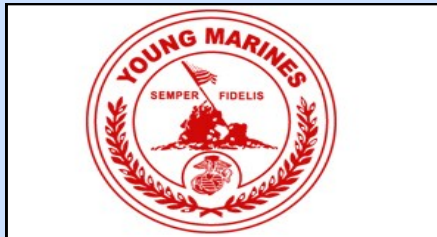
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