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## Annual Pig Roast & Family Picnic Set For July 5

### Calendar Raffle Tickets Available at Barracks To Be Drawn at Roast

Detachment 141's 3rd annual pig roast, family picnic and fund raiser raffle will be held July 5 at the Westfield Fair Grounds beginning at 1300 (1pm).

Det. Commandant Francis J. Curnow said this years event will be the "best ever." Tickets are \$16.00 and available at the barracks or any league member. Children under 10 and adults 95 or older will be admitted free.

"We need a count for the caterer so they can prepare the right amount of chow," he said.

Curnow said the menu will include the pit roasted pig, chicken and desert. Deadline for tickets and count will be June 27.

Curnow said a Flag color guard will post the Flag and entertainment is planned. Also "welcome" and ceremonies will be held.

"And don't forget the table raffle with some unusual donated items," he said.

Veterans from the VA Hospital at Leeds, Northampton, and the Holyoke Soldier's Home will be guests of honor again this year.



### Chow Line

Detachment volunteers serve attendees at last year's Pig Roast and Family Picnic at the Westfield Fair Grounds. This year's event will start at 1300 (1pm). Tickets are available at the barracks and from members. (Photo by Frank Real)

### Devildogs Hold Cookout For Soldiers Home Veterans



Veteran's at Holyoke Soldiers Home were recently treated to a cookout by Devildogs from the Quabbin Valley Pound 276. In left photo, from left to right, Joe Mucha, Brian Dupee, Dan Bishop and Fran Curnow ready the food. In right photo, Dan Bishop and Brian Dupee grill the hotdogs and hamburgers. (Photos by Matt Knas)

# Commandant's Corner . . . . .

Just in the finish up mode from Memorial Day and getting ready to head to Hyannis for the Dept Convention and Grand Growl for those who are Growlers.

For all who participated on Memorial Day a very Well Done. Many members are supporting their local parades and observances around the area and thus it is sometimes difficult to get a full color guard everywhere it is requested. This year Chicopee, West Springfield, Agawam and of course Westfield were looking for us.

The Young Marines were in fine form with 45 members marching along with SgtMaj Mitrook and Bob Dittrich. Many thanks to Fred Hoekstra for getting the color guards detailed and standing by at the Det to help with the after parade lunch.

Tom Pirnie was again manning the POW display with Mike Redfern and wife Sue helping on the inside. Bill Chandler started the day on the grill followed by Peggy Gary and Gail C. Pulling guard duty on the main hatch was J.R.

It was good to see Bill Fisher, Earl Cooley and Al St Jean being chauffeured by Don Rivette and Bob Dittrich. How about that tricked out Hummer?

The colors were carried smartly by Brian Dupee, Fred Shannon, Fred Sherman and Marc Dunne.

Of course Don Dorrington and Joe Mucha joined yours truly with Justin Gelgut in from Eighth & I. Not a bad day altogether.

A little less time in the sun listening to some of our politicos from Washington etc would be nice...right Joe M? Even Don D



Commandant Francis J. Curnow

liked my white undress uniform shirt ..wow!

It would be nice if we could get some more members marching in future parades. Remember, if we don't step up no one else will.

June will bring Flag Day. Remember ceremonies at Parker park 6-14 @13:00.also need some help with the Flag Pin drives at Wal-Mart (6-12/13/14)and Geissler's (6-19/20/21).This is where we really need your support..sign up in the Barracks..ASAP..and finally if you haven't bought your Pig roast tickets and or calendar raffle cards get to it ..or find some willing souls to make it happen. Everybody's a winner on the 5th of July. See you there and don't forget next meeting 6-08.. Will be reporting on the convention , barracks and fair projects. Come on down!

Semper Fidelis, Fran C.



## In Memory Of The Fallen

Detachment 141's Banner carried by Young Marines leads the League's contingent in Westfield's Memorial Day Parade. More than 60 Young Marines from Westover and League members marched to Parker Park for memorial ceremonies for those who fell in all of this country wars.

**Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900 Hours. Social Hour at 1800 Hours.**

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# USMC Battle Color Ceremony June 24 At Orleans (Cape Cod)

Cape & Islands Marine Corps League Detachment 955 is sponsoring a USMC Battle Color Ceremony June 24 at 6:30 pm Nauset Middle on Route 28 in Orleans.



### Quiz

Where is this Iwo Jima Memorial located? Answer next month.

The ceremony, performed by the Eighth and Eye Color Guard, will be preceded by a flyover (no time given), a parade at 6 pm and an artillery salute at 7:30 pm. For further information contact the detachment at 508-240-1555.

### Old Flag Cremation At Flag Day Ceremony

The Flag Day observance at Parker Park on June 14 at 1300 (1 pm) will include the Flag cremation ceremony for worn out Flags collected throughout the year.

Junior Vice Commandant JB Stern and Flag Day Chairman Tom Pirnie will preside at the ceremony. A Color Guard will post the Colors.

### Flag Pin Sale

As part of the Flag Day observance the Detachment will be selling Flag Pins at two local business as part of the fund raising effort.

Volunteers are needed to man the stations at the Westfield Wal-Mart store on June 12,13, and 14 and on June 19, 20, and 21 at Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam.

"We need to fill several time slots for this important fund raising event," Detachment Commandant Francis J. Curnow said.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Flag pin sale should call the barracks at 413-562-4850. Please leave your name and phone number.

## April & May Birthdays

A belated Happy Birthday to the following Detachment members:

### April

April 1	Terry Paige
April 2	William Lacey
April 3	Michael Schieb
April 7	Kevin Leary
April 9	James Ross
April 13	Earl Brick
April 17	Joseph Mucha
April 24	Brian Dupee
April 28	Arthur Riordan
April 30	Donald Gadoua

### May

May 1	Matt Knas, George DeBarge
May 7	John Rhodes
May 17	Patricia Taylor
May 20	Waldo Rankin, William Chandler
May 23	David Bishop
May 25	John Knapik
May 30	Roland Boissonnault, James Laverty.

## June Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Detachment members:

June 4	Lester Newton
June 5	Shirley Seip; Linda Mitrook
June 6	Bob Vallier
June 8	Richard Montagna
June 10	Joseph Danek; Thomas Johnson; Steven Jones
June 16	Joseph Tatro
June 18	James Berrelli

## Working Party Needed To Refurbish Fairgrounds Booth

Detachment Commandant Francis J. Curnow is calling for volunteers to help to repair the booth at the Westfield Fairgrounds.

"The booth needs extensive repairs to make it usable and safe for our Fair crew, he said.

Workers are needed for June 9, 10 and 11. Anyone willing to help please call Dan Bishop at 413-527-2212.

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14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Flag Pin Sales	20 Flag Pin Sales
21 Flag Pin Sales	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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