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Message From The Commandant:

June scoop in a capsule:

- 6-6-12 Holyoke Soldiers Home Awards Dinner
- 6-7,8,9-12 Dept. of MA Convention, Boxborough, Mass.
- 6-11-12 Detachment 141 meeting
- 6-14-12 Flag program @ Clark School in Agawam
- 6-15,16,17-12 Flag pin sales @ Wal-Mart, Westfield, Mass.
- 7-1-12 Pig Roast @ Westfield Fair Grounds
- 7-4-12 Hampton Ponds Parade

If this is not enough to keep us busy let me know! Some requests have been necessarily denied. Let's focus on selling those July calendar raffle tickets and the Pig Roast tickets (we have 5 weeks left).

Remember: It is imperative to solicit funds to keep our Detachment viable.

Once again; I want to encourage our newer and/or younger members to Uniform Up and participate in your Marine Corps League Detachment events.

(Thanks Vinny & Aldo)

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

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle"
General Pershing, U.S. Army



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 4 scholarships totaling (\$1200.00) every year. Our motorcycle run is entering its fifth year, and this year we donated 100% of the proceeds (\$5700.00) 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 (2011)
- Certificate of Participation, National Newsletter (2011)

Detachment 141 Marines of the Year:

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

1998	Arthur Fisher
1999	Don Dorrington
2005	John S. Rutovich
2008	Thomas D. Pirnie
2009	Frederic R. Hoekstra
2010	Daniel J. Bishop
2011	Brian Dupee

Detachment 141 Associate of the Year:

2010	William Chandler
2012	Matt Knas

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




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Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

- Thurs. June 7: Dept. MA. Convention in Boxborough, MA.**
Thurs. June 7: Burger Burn on Terrace @ 1700-2000
Friday June 8: Clam Bake on Terrace @ 1700-1900
Friday June 8: Grand Growl @ 1900-2300
Sat. June 9: Banquet Dinner @ 1900-2300
 Monday June 11: Detachment 141 meeting
 Thurs. June 14: Flag Day ceremony at Parker Park
 Friday June 15: Flag pin sales at Wal Mart (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
 Saturday July 1: Pig Roast @ Westfield Fair Grounds
 Wed. July 4: Hampton Ponds Parade

***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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Upcoming Dues:

June Dues

Richard Adams, Ella Balchunas, James Bouchard, Wayne Cartwright, Geoff Croteau, Javish Garcia, Richard Greene, Robert Hertz, John Kern, Michael Kunz, Rick Ortiz, Alphonse Piela, Robert Potito, Steven Sklarski, Stanley Strempek, Bill Chandler, Robert Tessier

July Dues

Santiago Bustos Jr., Thomas Daly, William Dion, Wayne Fisher, Harry Mulliken, Karl Ozga, Peter Szarkowski, Elizabeth Brewer, Bill Garen, Lou Johnson, Richard Macsisak, Vernon Morris, Michael Schieb, John Torrone

Dues Reminder

Remember, if you are delinquent for more than 1 year, you can and will be dropped from the Detachment roster. You will need to pay ALL dues in arrears in order to be considered a member in good standing, or you can become a NEW member again and pay the initiation fee.

Life Membership Dues

Members age 35 and younger.....	\$500
Members age 36-50.....	\$400
Members age 51-60.....	\$300
Members age 61 and over.....	\$150

Membership—184

Marines/Corpsmen—	91
Associates—	31
Paid Life Members—	60
Honorary—	2

Happy Birthday to the following members:

(1st) Lori Kaiser, (5th) Steve Christenson, Shirley Seip PLM, (6th) Lorraine Dupee, (8th) Richard Montagna, (10th) Joseph Danek PLM, Tom Johnson, Steven Jones, (13th) John Foley, (14th) Rocky Snow PLM, (18th) James Berrelli, (20th) Stanley Strempek, (27th) John Haley

Congratulations to our 2012 New Life Members:

J.B. Stern, William Federman

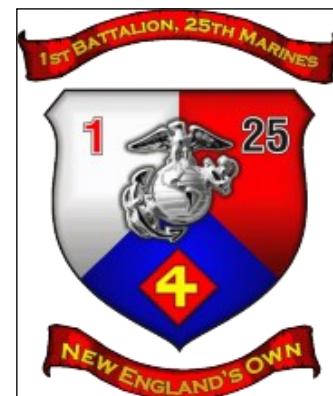
Welcome Aboard to our New Members:

Robert Wargo, Karl Rexer, Fred King

Warriors by Day, Lovers by Night, Professionals by Choice and Marines by the Grace of God.

Marine Spotlight Sophie Bartosik

Where were you born?	Heilbronn, Germany
Graduated from? (High School)	Holyoke High School, Class of "67"
Married? Children?	Single
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, Co. 12B, 1968
MOS	3421
First Duty Station?	MCRD, San Diego, California
Last Duty Station?	Henderson Hall, Washington, D.C.
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Enjoyed sunny California
Favorite meal?	Breakfast
Current occupation?	Retired
Where were you on 7 December 1941?	Not born yet
Favorite President?	Harry S. Truman
Favorite movie?	Taking Chance
Favorite actor?	Clint Eastwood
Favorite comedian?	Red Skelton
Favorite book?	Anything written by Stephen King
Favorite vacation place?	Oahu, Hawaii
Favorite subject to talk about?	The environment
Favorite quote?	"Spare the rod, Spoil the child"
What do you think of today's Marines?	They're getting the job done
Most memorable lifetime event?	Becoming a U.S. citizen, June 1982
Did you make the Corps your career?	Yes, 6 1/2 active, then reserves
Would you do it all over again?	Yes
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Yes
All time favorite Marine?	SgtMaj. John Bradley



The lineage of the 1st MLG dates back to 1 July 1947 when it was activated as the 1st Combat Service Group (1st CSG) Service Command, Fleet Marine Force at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Later that month the 1st CSG was relocated to Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. 1st Battalion, 25th Marines is a reserve infantry battalion throughout New England. They fall under the 25th Marine Regiment in the 4th Marine Division. Henderson Hall is located in Arlington, Virginia next to the Pentagon, on the southern edge of Arlington National Cemetery and next to Fort Myers. Henderson Hall hosts the USMC Barracks and associated educational facilities and sits on 22.3 acres of land.

Did you Know.....

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- June 1 The Superman comic is published in 1938. Ed Sullivan's final show in 1971. Snows falls in Buffalo and Rochester, NY and Cleveland, Ohio in 1843.
- June 1 Marilyn Monroe is born in 1926. Founder of Utah and the Mormon Church, Brigham Young is born in 1801.
- June 2 P.T. Barnum's circus begins first tour of US in 1835. Congress grants U.S. citizenship to Native Americans in 1924.
- June 2 Baseball's Babe Ruth plays his final game in 1935, and Lou Gehrig dies in 1941.
- June 3 The Rolling Stones begin their first US tour in 1964. Confederate president Jefferson Davis is born in 1808.
- June 4 The Battle of Midway starts in 1942. The Chinese government orders its troops to fire on unarmed protesters at Tiananmen Square in 1989.
- June 6 Robert Kennedy is assassinated in Los Angeles, CA in 1968. The first drive-in theater opened in Camden, NJ. in 1933. The Chrysler Corporation is founded in 1925.
- June 6 D-Day, the largest amphibious invasion in history began. Operation Overlord involved 1,527,000 soldiers, 47 allied divisions, 4,400 ships and 11,000 aircraft.
- June 7 The United Colonies make a name change and becomes the United States in 1775.
- June 8 The Milton Berle show premieres on NBC in 1948. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright was born in 1867.
- June 9 Disney's Donald Duck makes his debut in 1934.
- June 10 Benjamin Franklin flies a kite in a lightning storm and discovers electricity in 1752.
- June 11 The movie E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial was released in 1982. John Wayne dies at age 72 in 1979.
- June 12 John Lee Richmond pitches baseball's first "Perfect Game" in 1880.
- June 13 Landmark Supreme Court Case, Miranda vs. Arizona was established in 1966.
- June 14 The U.S. Army is formed in 1775. The Stars & Stripes was adopted as the American Flag in 1777.
- June 14 President William Harding became the first President heard on radio, Baltimore's WEAR in 1922.
- June 15 George Washington is appointed Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army in 1775.
- June 15 Secretary of War Edwin Stanton established a military burial ground which becomes known as Arlington National Cemetery in 1864.
- June 16 Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" is published in 1876. Stan Laurel was born in England in 1890.
- June 17 The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York City in 1885.
- June 17 Five men are arrested at the Democratic National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in 1972. It will become known as "Watergate" and lead to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon.
- June 18 Women's rights advocate Susan B. Anthony is arrested for voting in Rochester, NY. in 1861.
- June 19 After an 83 day filibuster, The Civil Rights Act is approved in 1964.
- June 20 The Great Seal of the United States is adopted in 1782.
- June 21 Cyrus McCormick patents the reaping machine in 1834.
- June 22 Doughnuts are created in 1847.
- June 23 The US Secret Service is created in 1860.
- June 24 The National Minimum Wage Law is enacted in 1938. Jack Dempsey was born in 1895.
- June 25 George Custer and the 7th Cavalry are wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne at Little Big Horn in 1876. North Korean troops cross the 38th parallel and invade South Korea in 1950.
- June 26 The Saint Lawrence Seaway is opened in 1959. Mildred "Babe" Didrikson was born in 1924.
- June 26 The United Nations Charter is signed by 50 nations in San Francisco in 1945.
- June 27 The song "Happy Birthday" is first sung in 1859.
- June 28 The Treaty of Versailles is signed, ending World War I in 1919.
- June 29 The Interstate Highway System is established in 1956.
- June 30 Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone with the Wind" is published in 1936. The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is enacted in 1971.

Detachment 141 Scholarship Night

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Every May, Detachment 141 hands out its scholarship awards to deserving individuals. Pictured from left are John Knapik scholarship committee, Adam Dunne (attending Western New England College, majoring in mechanical engineering), Tyler Clemens (accepted at Wentworth Institute of Technology, in computer science) Nancy Butler and Amanda Bailey (attending Point Park University, majoring in Dance and Photography). Great job by the committee and the students.



Many thanks to JR, Vinnie (pictured above) and to Dan, Tom, Barbara, Don, Fran, Lynn & Brian, Edwin, Fred, Matt, Aldo and Mike for standing post at our annual Mother's Day flag pin sales at Geissler's.

Korea

June 25 will mark the 62nd anniversary of the day when eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army, equipped with Soviet tanks, mobile artillery and supporting aircraft, crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. On June 27, the United Nations Security Council proclaimed the North Korean attack a breach of world peace, and requested member nations to assist the Republic of Korea.

1950s

Decade began with 85,965 Marines (78,715 enlisted; 7,250 officers)
Decade ended with 175,571 Marines (159,506 enlisted; 16,065 officers)

19th Commandant: General Clifton B. Cates (1948-1951)
20th Commandant: General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. (1952-1955)
21st Commandant: General Randolph McCall Pate (1956-1959)

Some of the aircraft used in Korea were:

AD-4 Skyraiders
 F7F Tigercats
 F3D-2 Skynights
 F9F Panthers
 F2H-2P Banshees
 HRS-1 Cargo Helicopters
 F4U Corsairs

Some of the weapons used in Korea were:

M-26 Pershing Tank with 90mm gun
 M-24 Reconnaissance vehicle with 75mm gun
 M-46 tank with 90mm gun
 M4A3E8 Sherman tank with 76mm gun
 The Quad .50 caliber (AAA)
 The Dual .40 caliber (AAA)
 105mm, 155 mm & 8 inch howitzers
 60mm, 81mm & 4.2 mortars
 57mm, 75mm & 105mm recoilless rifles
 2.36 inch bazookas
 .50 caliber Browning machine guns
 Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR)
 U.S. .30 caliber M-1 Garand rifles
 .30 caliber M-1919 A4 light machine guns
 .30 caliber M-1917 A-1 heavy machine guns

From 1950-1953, 424,000 Marines served in Korea. Of these, 4,500 gave their lives for their country and 26,000 more were wounded. By the end of the war, 42 Marines and 7 Corpsman received the Congressional Medal of Honor, of which 33 were awarded posthumously.



Corpsman Receives Silver Star For Heroism In Afghanistan

Petty Officer 3rd Class Todd Angell received one of the nation's highest military awards for valor, the Silver Star, for his heroism in Afghanistan as a corpsman with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division. Corporal Brandon Rumbaugh, a close friend of Angell's and a Marine whose life he helped save in Afghanistan, pinned the medal on the Bethel, Conn., native during a ceremony on April 27.

Rumbaugh, a Uniontown, PA. native, became a double amputee after stepping on an improvised explosive device. Angell was one of the service members who rushed to his aid and started him on intravenous fluids and medication.

“One of the hardest (casualties) I worked on was Rumbaugh; he was one of the most unstable casualties I had. He was actually less stable than a kid I treated with a gunshot wound to the head,” said Angell. “I did everything I could, but I didn't know if it was enough. Having him pin me meant the world to me. Just to have Rumbaugh alive to pin me, that's more than any Silver Star or any medal.”

Rumbaugh wasn't the only one Angell saved during his tour in Afghanistan. Angell risked his life on many occasions to save others because he said, “If that means being hurt on the way, so be it.”

On October 12, 2010, Angell took a Marine fire team and unknowingly ran through 500 meters of an IED hotspot to provide immediate care to Marines injured by IED's rather than wait for vehicles to navigate the difficult terrain. “I just grabbed my gear and ran, it was probably the longest run of my life.”

Another incident on November 8, 2010, involved the treatment of an Afghan National Army soldier who stepped on a IED. Angell was following a Marine handling a minesweeper to get to the wounded soldier when the Marine struck an IED. Angell assessed the Marine's injury before moving toward the soldier, where he applied tourniquets to both amputated legs, administered intravenous fluids and stabilized the soldier. As he was treating the soldier, an explosive ordinance disposal Marine working onsite also struck an IED, receiving minor blast injuries. After treating the three injured men, and ensuring the safe evacuation of the soldier, a firefight broke out, resulting in a local resident being shot in the head. Angell treated the civilian promptly and saved his life. Angell wasn't done yet.

On December 20, 2010, it was his combat skills that shined. During a firefight, Angell killed two insurgents at distances up to 400 meters. As the firefight continued, Angell also acted as the assistant mortar gunner. By the end of the day, Angell had fired 17 mortar rounds at enemy positions.

Marines in Angell's squad describe him as confident in his medical abilities, a people person, and most importantly, someone who made them feel safe on patrol.

“This is not an individual award,” said Angell. “Even though it was awarded to me, this is for all of my Marines; because they did their jobs, I was able to do mine.”



*Military Order of the Devil Dogs
Pound #276, MA Pack
Pound Keeper: Mike "Speedy" Burke*

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, the Grand Growl on 8 June @ 1900 in Boxborough, MA



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