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Martin Johnson, Victor Rodrigues, Sr., Sherleen Alequin, Fiona Vo, Nicole Bertera, Thomas McDonough and Bill Penkala

## Commandant's Corner...

It is official, for those asleep at the last Detachment meeting or not in attendance, the February fundraiser will be at Alexander's on March 20, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. All tickets are available and the ones purchased already are still good (if you paid for them). Let's all get going in the time remaining. This is where the funds for scholarships and other activities are found. Any one may come and all are welcome. This can only work if we all get out there and make the effort. And in addition, it is always a great time. Raffle prizes are welcome also with gift certificates. More tickets are available from the Paymaster or come in Saturday morning....get breakfast and tickets in one trip.

Heads up on HBO this month. The series "Pacific" will premier on Sunday March 14 at 9:00 p.m. This is the Marine version of the Band of Brothers series. The DVD set will come out in June.

Joe Mucha has advised the chance to name the new bridges over the Westfield River is at hand. The Westfield schools will have a shot at the rebuilt bridge and we (Veterans) will name the new section. Put on your thinking caps and hand in your thoughts. Patriots Bridge, Pearl Harbor Bridge or Veterans Bridge have been discussed. The city already has one Veterans bridge although it is a poor example of a bridge with such an important memorial. Veterans, POW, MIA, Vietnam are all possibilities. Also there will be a small park attached which could be named Pearl Harbor Memorial Park. This will be a topic of discussion at the meeting. I would also suggest that the service and Veterans Association emblems be affixed permanently to the approaches of each bridge.

Bill Penkala will take over the firing details. Doc Rivette is the Detachment Quartermaster and Dan Bishop could use some volunteers on the Building staff. We are still looking for members to help out on the breakfast team. And finally, I am eager with anticipation to see all the members who will have uniforms and march or ride in this years Memorial Day Parade. We will be in the lead and just once I would like to see more members in the parade than any other unit....We do have 140+ members. Wouldn't that be a showing...right Joe?

Semper Fi  
Fran Curnow



Commandant Francis J. Curnow



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# Can You Name This Spotlight?

Where were you born?	Westfield, MA.
Graduated from? (High School)	Westfield High School (60)
Married? Children?	Joanne, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, S.C.
MOS	0369
First Duty Station?	Springfield, MA
Last Duty Station?	Westover, USMCR
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Teacher (39 years) Westfield Schools
Favorite meal?	Steak
Current occupation?	Retired
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	In the womb
Favorite President?	Ronald Reagan
Favorite military movie?	From Here to Eternity
Favorite actor?	Denzel Washington
Favorite comedian?	Jay Leno
Favorite book?	Souder
Favorite vacation place?	Sedona, Arizona
Favorite subject to talk about?	Conservatism
Favorite quote?	“Man was never meant to account for every cent”
What do you think of today’s Marines?	Over tasked
Most memorable lifetime event?	Parris Island Graduation
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Would have stayed longer
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Yes
All time favorite Marine?	John A. Lejeune



## March Birthdays

John Godfrey	1
Frank Real	6
Patricia Matthieu	11
Aldo Mancini	13
Sam Adams	16
Joseph Olesjiewicz	18
Mike Redfern	20
Douglas Link	20
Brian Tierney	22
Bennie Forester	26
Peter Pitoniak	28
Donna Magdycz	29
Edward Mitrook	31
Don Dorrington	31
Steven Sklarski	31

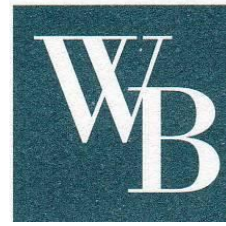
## Reminder

Please get your tickets for the Winter Fundraiser, this is an important fundraiser for the Detachment. The date has been re-scheduled for 20 March at Alexander’s Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Cost of ticket is \$16 and the time is 1700-2000 hours. This fundraiser helps defray the costs of the scholarships that the Detachment awards each year to deserving individuals. Raffle items are needed. Tickets will be available at all Saturday breakfasts or by calling Commandant Curnow (413 -786-0855) or the Adjutant Marc Dunne (413-250-5515). Let’s get Gung Ho!

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

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