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Welcome Aboard



Division Vice Commandant Richard Gore, Department Commandant Joe Summers, James Bouchard, Detachment 141 Commandant Fran Curnow and Joshua Bouchard.



Francisco Duncan, John Foley and Joshua Bouchard

Commandant's Corner...

Warm weather.....and the activity level is going up. May will give a full calendar with the flag pin duty at Geissler's, Memorial Day Parade and the school events based on Memorial Day presentations. This is a time when everyone is needed. Joe Mucha will have the school calendar available so you can set your time accordingly.

If anyone needs a ride to participate in the parade let me or the Adjutant know. If you would like to provide a vehicle let us know also. Peter Pitoniak will have his PC in the line up for us and Don Rivette will have some seats also.

Bill Penkala has the Color Guard duty and welcomes anyone additional to participate. Once again...the Detachment is the lead in the parade, it would be great if all 150 regular members made it...I know I'm having a dream again!

Also need some volunteers to help with food at the Detachment after the parade. At least 2 grill guys/girls, some servers 2plus would be helpful. Anyone who would like to bring in some desserts would be welcome...maybe some of you guys can make a deal with your better half! Coordinate with Gail Curnow.

The Young Marines will be with us again for added support. Joe Knapik has some scouts coming in next meeting for recognition for their work with flags at the cemeteries. Also the scholarship winners are scheduled in to receive their awards. They will be with us at 18:30-19:00...so come down and welcome them all for their hard work. Marc Dunne and Lori will be serving up the chow next meeting....which reminds me we will need a volunteer foodie for June. Thanks again to Javish and his wife for last months supper.

Still need some more regular help in the kitchen for breakfast.

On a sad note, we have just received word that Phil Sullivan, our Department Financial Officer on Cape Cod has passed away. For those that knew him, he was a fine gentleman and a great Marine. He will be missed.

Matt Knas also reports that his Dad is in the Baystate Hospital recovering from a stroke. Please remember him in your prayers.

That's all for now....

Semper Fi!

Fran Curnow



Commandant Francis J. Curnow



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

Can You Name This Spotlight?

Where were you born?	Boston, Mass
Graduated from? (High School)	No
Married? Children?	None
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, S.C. 1959
MOS	1842, 0369 and 5811
First Duty Station?	CLNC (guess)
Last Duty Station?	MCB, Quantico, VA
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	U.S. Postal Service
Favorite meal?	S.O.S
Current occupation?	Retired
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	In the eye of my father
Favorite President?	Ronald Reagan
Favorite military movie?	Apocalypse Now
Favorite actor?	Tom Hanks
Favorite comedian?	Steve Martin
Favorite book?	Anything by W.E.B. Griffin
Favorite vacation place?	Anywhere the National Convention is held
Favorite subject to talk about?	MODD
Favorite quote?	Lead, follow or get the hell out of the way
What do you think of today's Marines?	Outstanding
Most memorable lifetime event?	Being elected Chief Devil Dog
Did you make the Corps your career?	Yes
Would you do it all over again?	Yes
Should politics be kept out of the military?	No
All time favorite Marine?	Alfred Gray



May Birthdays

Matt Knas	1
George DeBarge	1
Paul Tessier	3
John Rhodes	7
Bill Chandler	20
Waldo Rankin	20
Daniel Bishop	23
John Knapik	25
Benjamin Surprise	28
James Laverty	30
Roland Boissonault	30





Woof! Woof!

Dog Bites!

May 2: Growl at Westfield River Valley

June 11: Grand Growl at Westover Air Base

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

May 10: Detachment 141 meeting

May 21: Westfield Schools Memorial Day Assemblies

May 21-23: Flag Pin sales at Geisslers Market, Agawam

May 23: Longmeadow Days—Color Guard Detail

May 31: Memorial Day Parade

June 10-13: Department Convention at Westover Air Base
Day trips to Smith & Wesson, Yankee Candle, Ct. River boat ride,
or see the Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield Armory or shop at the
Holyoke Mall at Ingleside on your own

June 14: Detachment 141 meeting

June 18-20: Flag Pin sales at Wal-Mart, Westfield

June 18: Ct. Grand Growl

**** Don't forget Breakfast every Saturday ****

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Detachment News

Last Sunday, April 25th, the yearly recognition dinner was at the Northampton Country Club. Joe Mucha and his wife Doris and Brian Dupee and his wife Lynn were invited. Lynn was not able to attend but received a certificate of appreciation along with Joe, Doris and Brian. Also, Doris was awarded a 100 hour pin, Joe received a 500 hour pin and Brian received a 1000 hour pin. All 4 attended a training session in Maine last November and were awarded a certificate of completion of training also. Congratulations on your dedication and hard work. Semper Fi!

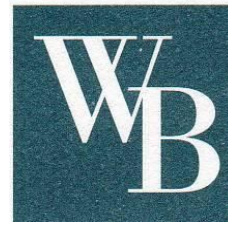
MODD Birthday Bash



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