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Department Commandant Paul Porter swears in Brian Dupee as the new Commandant of Detachment 141.



Commandant Brian Dupee, Sr. Vice Dan Bishop, Jr. Vice Bill Penkala, Adjutant Mike Burke, Judge Advocate Donald "Doc" Rivette, Paymaster Marc Dunne and Sgt. at Arms Aldo Mancini taking their oath.

Commandant's Corner...

I want to thank everyone for trusting in me to be their Commandant for the upcoming year, and I would also like to thank all the State Officers and members who came from all over to help with this event. It was quite an honor to see all of them at the election along with all of this Detachment's members. I would also like to thank our Past Commandant Fran Curnow for all you have done in the past few years for this Detachment and throughout the state.

I will serve proudly and represent each and every member of this Detachment.

I am glad to see several new faces in the crowd and many of them stepping up to the plate and volunteering. This is a home run for all of us. We must remember that we are a service oriented organization, and this is what it's all about.

Several events are coming up soon including the Toys for Tots, which has already begun. We also will be participating in the 104th ceremony and of course Veterans Day parade. And of course, we all will be celebrating the 235th Marine Corps Birthday at several places within the next week including our own celebration for all members at our Detachment meeting.

The Kids Christmas party is well past the planning stage and is just around the corner along with the Kids Skate party at Amelia Skate Park during the Christmas vacation. Several volunteers will be needed for these events. Sign up sheets are at the barracks. Both events are a whole lot of fun. One of the ways we pay for these events are with the calendar cards that are now on sale. If you haven't bought one or sold any, please see our Paymaster Marc Dunne.

Our Winter fundraiser is also set for February 27. Several hands will also be needed for this event. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting and Happy Birthday to all Marines, past and present.

Semper Fi!

Brian Dupee



Commandant Brian P. Dupee



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

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

November 7:	104th Ceremony at Barnes Airport
November 8:	Detachment 141 meeting
November 10:	235th Marine Corp Birthday
November 11:	Veterans Day Parade in Westfield
December 12:	Annual Kid's Christmas Party
December 13:	Detachment 141 meeting
December 27:	Skate Party at Amelia Skate Park

Calendar cards are now on sale, see Paymaster Marc Dunne. The Kids Christmas Party is Sunday, December 12 at 1300 hours. The sign up sheets are at the Barracks, please put your name down and how many children you are bringing on the lists for Boys or Girls and what age they are. Adjutant Mike Burke would like to update the elected Officers photos, so please wear your uniform for the November meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to bring in the meals for the next several Detachment meetings let Commandant Dupee know. It's always nice to have a meal when we meet. We are still looking for volunteers to help set-up or prepare our Saturday breakfasts.

**** Drop in for breakfast every Saturday morning ****

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Can You Name This Spotlight?

Where were you born?	Springfield, MA
Graduated from? (High School)	GED, after leaving the Corps
Married? Children?	Donna, 2 sons
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, "69"
MOS	6011
First Duty Station?	MCAS, Yuma
Last Duty Station?	MCAS, Yuma
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Tree work, Columbia Bike
Favorite meal?	Italian anything
Current occupation?	Mechanic, DPW
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	Not born yet
Favorite President?	Ronald Reagan
Favorite military movie?	Flying Leathernecks
Favorite actor?	John Wayne
Favorite comedian?	Phyllis Diller
Favorite book?	
Favorite vacation place?	Hampton Beach, N.H.
Favorite subject to talk about?	Baseball and Motorcycles
Favorite quote?	
What do you think of today's Marines?	Different than when I went through
Most memorable lifetime event?	Getting married to my wife
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Yes
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Yes
All time favorite Marine?	Not a Marine, but John Wayne





General James F. Amos
35th Commandant

Sixty years ago, the United States Marine Corps—as it has throughout our history—demonstrated its vital role as America’s Expeditionary Force in Readiness. Just weeks after North Korean Communist forces crossed the 38th Parallel, the First Marine Provisional Brigade landed in South Korea, forming the backbone of the perimeter around the city of Pusan. The efforts of the “Fire Brigade” at Pusan allowed for the daring amphibious landing at Inchon and set the stage for one of the most savage campaigns in our Corps’ history—The Chosin Reservoir. As we pause to celebrate our 235th birthday we pay special tribute to the Marines of the Korean War and recognize their contributions to our enduring legacy.

This past year marked the end of Marine Corps combat operations in Iraq. Beginning with the invasion in March 2003 and through the next seven years of fighting, our Corps acquitted itself valiantly in the Anbar province and throughout the country. Locations such as Fallujah and Ramadi have taken their place in the illustrious battle history of our Corps. Our efforts in defeating the insurgency helped to build a brighter future for all Iraqis.

To the Marines and Sailors deployed overseas, to those training and preparing for their next deployment and to the warriors who no longer wear our uniform...we honor your selfless service to the Nation. To our loved ones who endure the many difficulties that come with being part of the Marine Family, I want to extend my sincerest thanks for all you have done and all you continue to do. Happy 235th Birthday, Marines!
Semper Fidelis.

November Birthdays

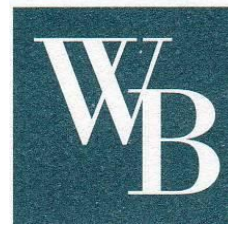
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