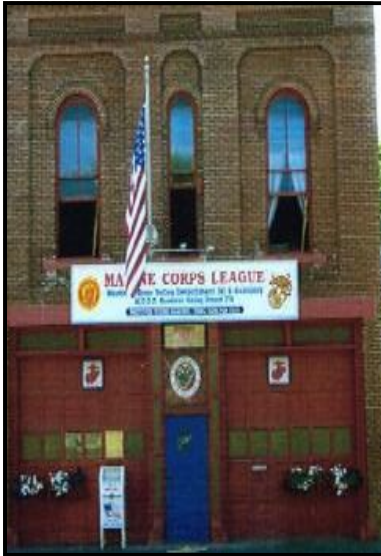


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Message From The Commandant:

Here it is the end of September again and so much has gone on. One of our most important events, the Toys For Tots Bike Run was completed this month, and I cannot say enough thanks and gratitude to all those involved. We are already working on next years event. Some great contributions will be going out, the truck had an abundance of toys and I will be honored to sign and send the check out to Marines Helping Marines.

Congratulations to Samuel Adams on his Volunteer of the Year Award. It is an honor to have you as a member, keep up the great work.

We also had Marine James Dowd honored as the Parade Marshall on Westfield Day at the Big E. We thank you for all your years of dedicated service to the veterans and the city of Westfield.

Fall is here and we are still going strong. Tis the season to start thinking about the Children's Christmas Party and the Skate Party for the Boys and Girls Club plus the Veterans Hospitals. They are fast approaching. We also have the Marine Corps breakfast at the Elmcrest Country Club in early December. Please get your tickets to this great event. Don't forget that breakfast is back on Saturday's at the barracks. Our members work hard to make this happen.

This next meeting will be the election of new officers for the coming year. There are still a few positions to be filled. I was very honored to serve you throughout this last year as Commandant, and I will still help wherever I can. I wish the next Commandant and his staff the best and I want to thank all of you for your help and commitment through this year. In closing, let's remember our men and women in harms way. We shall keep faith with them and their families and ask God to watch over them in their everyday duties.

Semper Fi,
Brian P. Dupee

Commandant



Commandant Brian P. Dupee



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 third year, and last year we donated 100% of the proceeds (\$1500.00) 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
- Toys for Tots
- 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 0700-1100.

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.
- Toys for Tots programs.
- 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:

1998-99	Arthur Fisher
2006-07	John S. Rutovich
2007-08	Thomas D. Pirnie
2008-09	Frederic R. Hoekstra
2009-10	Daniel J. Bishop

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.

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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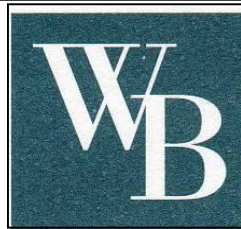
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Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

Sun. Oct 2:	Pack Growl at Peabody
Sun. Oct 9:	Pulaski Park Memorial Ceremony
Mon. Oct 10:	Detachment 141 meeting, nominations of Officers
Sun. Oct 16:	Pound 276 Annual Fundraising Dinner at Headquarters Bar
Sun. Nov. 6:	Veterans' Day Ceremony at 104th Regiment Memorial Park
Thur. Nov 10:	236th Marine Corps Birthday
Mon. Nov 14:	Detachment 141 meeting, election of Officers
Sun. Dec 11:	Kids Christmas Party at Barracks
Mon. Dec 12:	Detachment 141 meeting
TBA:	Kids Skate Party at Amelia Skate Park
Mon. Jan 9:	Detachment 141 meeting

Saturday Breakfast is back

Come see us every Saturday for breakfast, hours are from 0700-1000. (depending on food) Donations are greatly appreciated to offset the costs of operating the kitchen and feeding our Veterans from the hospitals. Our menu includes eggs, sausage, biscuits, toast, SOS, hash, grits, juices, 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: October Dues

Morris Cave, Neil Smith, Richard Rutowicz, John Haley

November Dues

Alan Bonifaz, Shelly Perry, Donald Liptak, Lowell Lloveras, Isabel Paulsen, Fredy Palacio, Patrick Pompei, James Ross, Ernestine Stowell, Lynn Dupee

December Dues

Steven Jones, Joel Nelson, Bill Penkala, Mike Redfern, Donald Savageau, Lisa Smith, J.B. Stern, Vincent Torrone, Barbara Dymon, Carriann Dymon-Bailey

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.

2010

Jeffrey Hall, Donna Magdycz, Ronson Sherman, John Godfrey, Harry Mifflin

2011

Thomas DelNegro, George DeBarge, Francisco Duncan, Robert Potito, Thomas Daly, Lou Johnson, Earl Brick, Thomas Johnson

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

Happy Birthday to the following members:

William Garen (1), James Dowd (3), Vincent Torrone (6), Richard Macsisak, Lou Johnson (13), Robert Hertz (15), Ernestine Stowell, Joe Wise, James Bouchard (20), Bill Fisher (23), Joshua Bouchard (30)

Congratulations to our 2011 New Life Members:

Vincent Sulewski, Stephen Donoghue, Joshua Bouchard, Phillip Martin, Joseph Hart, Paul Tessier and Samuel Adams

Welcome Aboard to our New Members:

Dennis Ostrander, Paul Rubera

Marine Spotlight Roger Beers

Where were you born?	Plymouth, Mass.
Graduated from? (High School)	University of Nebraska-Extension
Married? Children?	Yes, 1 son, Thomas
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, Class of 62, 1st Battalion
MOS	2841, Ground Radio Repairman
First Duty Station?	Camp Pendleton, California
Last Duty Station?	Camp Pendleton, California, 1st Marines
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Attended college
Favorite meal?	Wide variety
Current occupation?	Retired
Where were you on 7 December 1941?	Not born yet
Favorite President?	JFK
Favorite movie?	George Washington
Favorite actor?	Don't have one
Favorite comedian?	None
Favorite book?	Team of Rivals-Doris Kearns Goodwin
Favorite vacation place?	Anywhere to travel
Favorite subject to talk about?	Traveling, Hiking, History
Favorite quote?	"Ask not what your country can do for you, Ask what you can do for your country"
What do you think of today's Marines?	I would like to see their radios
Most memorable lifetime event?	My son's birth
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Assuming the same circumstances, sure
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Yes
All time favorite Marine?	None



History of 1st Marine Regiment-The 1st Marine Regiment is an Infantry Unit of the USMC based at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. The Regiment, sometimes known as "Inchon" falls under the Command of the 1st Marine Division and the I Marine Expeditionary Force. The Regiment comprises four Infantry Battalions and one Headquarters Company. Some of the notable Commanders of the Regiment are, Clifton Cates, Chesty Puller, Paul Kelley and Cliff Stanley. Their motto is, "No better friend, No worse enemy". Eighteen Marines from the regiment have been awarded the Medal of Honor, WWII (6), Korea (10) Vietnam (2)

This Month In History....

1 October 1997: The first African-American female Colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of Colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

5 October 1775: Meeting In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2nd Continental Congress used the word “Marines” on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on “Continental risqué and pay”, and to give orders for the “proper encouragement to the Marines and seaman” to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans—including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peraite, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

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Agawam Police & Fire Departments

Westfield Marine Recruiter

SSgt. Jessica Smith

Detachment 141 Members

Ed Orwat, Lou Johnson, Mike Redfern, Mike Burke, Brian Dupee, Lynn Dupee, Jack Ramsey, Aldo Mancini, Frank Real, Matt Knas, Mary Sankolewicz, Roger Beers, Fred Shannon, Robert McRobbie and Bill Garen

Detachment 141 Receives Honorable Mention At National Convention for Americanism Program



L to R are Commandant Brian Dupee, Paymaster Marc Dunne, Chaplain John (J.R.) Rutovich and Historian/Photographer Matt Knas



L to R are Dept. Sgt. at Arms Robert Gore, Dept. Adjutant Marty Tessier, Det. 141 Paymaster Marc Dunne, Capt. Upward, Sgt. Phillips, Dept. Commandant Bernie Heaney, MSgt. Garcia, SSgt. Dunlap and Det. 141 Commandant Brian Dupee



Sgt. Frank Phillips with his many awards.



*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.

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