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## *Marine Corps League*



### **141 September Events**

#### **Detachment 141 Annual Motorcycle Run**

Sunday, September 22-Registration at 0830

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Food and raffles to follow ride

#### **Detachment Meeting**

Monday, September 9, 1800 chow is served

1900 meeting starts

#### **Saturday Breakfast**

Join us every Saturday for breakfast, 0600-1100

Menu includes eggs, sausage, home fries, SOS, hash, toast,  
pancakes, donuts, juice & coffee

### **Reminder: Nomination of Officers**



**Elected Officers:****Commandant:**

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**Commandant's Corner.....**

*Commandant  
 John S. Rutovich*

The 141 was well represented at the Marine Corps League National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Make sure you hear all the good stories about the trip.

If you haven't been to one, West Virginia next August would be a good start. You will not go hungry.

We've got four busy months ahead of us which will be reviewed at our September 9th meeting. Nominations of 4

Elected Officers will be accepted on September 9th as well. You may anticipate a longer than usual business meeting.

I've been informed that the Westfield Fair had 2.5 excellent days this year, no wild weather, but some wild competition.

Remember, there are 3 members of our Detachment in the Holyoke Soldiers Home and YOU are allowed to visit.

Please express your opinion regarding the August shutdown this year. Good or bad?

My personal thanks to those Marines who stayed behind and held the fort in August.

May God continue to bless our Great Nation, the USMC, the Marine Corps League and Detachment 141.

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*Happy Birthday  
to our following  
members:*

**Fred Scholpp 9/1**

**Karl Ozga 9/2**

**Neil Smith, Carriann  
Dymon-Bailey 9/8**

**Kevin Scarborough 9/11**

**Lawrence Latour, Wendell Thomas 9/19**

**Bill Penkala 9/20**

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**Lowell Lloveras 9/23**

**Edwin Orwat, Phil Martin, David Benway  
9/24**

**Richard Adams 9/26**

**Joseph Deleo 9/29**

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## September Dues

**David McCulloh, Warner Robinson, Donald  
Wielgus, James Berrilli, Earl Brick**

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**Congrats to Donald "Doc" Rivette on  
getting his gold collar at the  
National Convention in  
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## The Marine Corps As of August 23, 2013

**Active Duty: 194,656**

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**Reservists: 2,349**

- About 7,200 Marines of II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) are in Afghanistan.
- Members of Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 conduct search-and-rescue winch training with the Royal Australian Air Force, part of Exercise Southern Frontier 2013.
- Members of Marine Forces South Security Cooperation Team combine with U.S. Navy personnel to provide joint riverine training to units of Guatemala's and Honduras' special naval and Marine forces to improve the military's ability to counter illicit drug trafficking.
- Members with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Africa conduct combat engineer training with the Burundi National Defense Force.
- About 2,400 Marines with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked with the Boxer Amphibious Ready Group, for a deployment to Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, where they will serve as a crisis-response force in the Navy's 5th Fleet area.
- About 2,200 Marines and sailors with 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked with the Kearsage Amphibious Ready Group to the Gulf of Aden.
- About 87 Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response provide security at the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli.
- Marines with Special-Purpose MAGTF Africa conduct logistics training with the Ugandan military.
- Marines with MAGTF Africa conduct military training with the Senegalese armed forces.
- Marine reservists with 6th Communications Battalion train with reservists from other services and troops from 38 African countries in the 10-day communications exercise Africa Endeavor 2013.
- Units Deployed to Okinawa and Iwakuni are as follows: 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines; 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines; 1st Battalion, 5th Marines; Charley Battalion, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines; Fox Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines; India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines; Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 10th Marines; Bravo Co., 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion; 1st Platoon, Alpha Co., 2nd AABN; Delta Co., 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; Det., Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772; Det., Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167; Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 and Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2.



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## National MCL News

### National Commandant: Jim Tuohy

All National Officers were re-elected to a 2nd term. National Commandant, James Tuohy, Sr. Vice Commandant, John Kovalcik, Jr. Vice Commandant, Rich Gore, Judge Advocate, Ben Cero, New England Division Vice Chief Commandant, Rich Harrington, New England Division Assistant Vice Chief Commandant, Mike Chouinard. Congratulations to all our National Officers.

New By-laws that were adopted at the 90th National Convention were:

**Article 6, Membership, Section 600 (a) Regular Membership: Add U.S. Navy Chaplains, having earned the FMF Badge, serving with Marines are eligible for regular membership.**

**Section 645, Life Members: New age category and dues to go into effect 1 January 2014. Age 51-64- \$300, Age 64-over \$200.**

**Chapter 8, Section 840- The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League: The Marine Corps League recognizes the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League as an official subsidiary of the Marine Corps League which shall be ever subject to the authority, supervision, direction, control and discipline of the Marine Corps League at the National level. (Article 7, National By-laws applies.) Such authority and control does not extend to Divisions, Departments or Detachments. The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League operates as a separate entity under its own by-laws, as amended, Marines Corps League are encouraged to work with and support the local units. No member, Division, Department or Detachment of the Marine Corps League, unless registered member of the Young Marines staff, shall interfere with the day-to-day operations of the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League**

Massachusetts was well represented at the National Convention with 31 members out of a national total of 729. There were 219 Detachments nationally represented. Caddy, Honorable Few, Metrowest, Shutt and Westfield River Valley represented Massachusetts. Membership and retention was a major topic of discussion during the Convention.

The 2014 National Convention will be held in Charleston, West Virginia from August 3-10. Book your room (s) now. Next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of Devil Dogs and a special tag will be presented **only** to those dogs in attendance at the Supreme Growl. It is expected that attendance will be very high at this convention. The 2015 National Convention will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Westfield River Valley Scuttlebutt received 2nd place award for best newsletter in the country.

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## September History

- 1 September 1983:** Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter jet while on route from New York to Seoul, killing all 269 persons on board.
- 2 September 1789:** The third Presidential Cabinet Department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.
- 3 September 1939:** Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.
- 4 September 1781:** Los Angeles was founded by the Spanish Governor of California, Felipe de Neve, near the site of the Native American village of Yang-na. The original name was El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (The town of the Queen of the Angels).
- 7 September 1940:** The German Luftwaffe began its Blitz Bombing campaign against London during WWII.
- 8 September 1883:** The Northern Pacific Railroad across the U.S. was completed.
- 9 September 1776:** The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.
- 11 September 2001:** The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger planes were hijacked and crashed in separate attacks, killing nearly 3,000 persons.
- 12 September 1953:** John F. Kennedy, 36, married Jacqueline Bouvier, 24, in a ceremony before 750 invited guests at St. Mary's Church in Newport, Rhode Island.
- 14 September 1982:** Princess Grace of Monaco died following an accident in which her car plunged off a mountain road in Monte Carlo. Her daughter Stephanie, also in the car survived and was treated for shock and bruises.
- 16 September 1908:** General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.
- 18 September 1947:** The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military branch.
- 17 September 1862:** The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as Gen. Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by Gen. George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded or missing.
- 19 September 1893:** New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.
- 23 September:** Autumn (Sept. 23-Dec. 21) begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the autumnal equinox at 1:37 a.m. EDT, In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of Spring.
- 24 September 1957:** President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 25 September 1690:** The first American newspaper was published. A single edition of *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* appeared in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 26 September 1984:** Britain agreed to allow Hong Kong to revert to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.
- 27 September 1964:** After a 10-month investigation, the Warren Commission Report was issued stating a lone gunman had been responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
- 28 September 1978:** Pope John Paul I died after only 33 days in office. He was succeeded by John Paul II.
- 29 September 1789:** Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.
- 30 September 1955:** Actor James Dean was killed in a car crash in California at age 24. Although he made just three major films, *Rebel Without A Cause*, *East of Eden* and *Giant*, he remains one of the most influential actors.

### Westfield Fair

Raising the flag at the Fair are Dan & Marty. This year was rain free. Thanks to all who volunteered their time.



The calm before the storm

Preparing the baked potatoes is Auxiliary member Betty Boisseau, aka Sis. We ran out and sold over 400 baked potatoes for the weekend.





## National Convention Road Trip

Crossing the border, half-way to Michigan. Time to stretch the legs and change drivers.....get your passports out.

View of our hotel from the President Ford Museum across the bridge. Dan & I were on the 18th floor. Great view of the 13 bridges that span the Grand River, 6 traffic, 2 expressway, 3 footbridges and 2 railroad bridges.



The boys at ease, we finally made it. 743 miles with a stop in Flint, Michigan. (Thank God for GPS) Now its time to explore Grand Rapids. It took awhile for our legs to work again, and what's the first thing we do, sit down for a picture. This was JR's favorite spot the whole week. His cigars were hidden in the bushes.



One of the highlights of the week, a short walk from the hotel and a great walk back in time with the 35th President of the United States. The MCL had a wreath laying ceremony on the first day.



Doc is in his MODD garb and a familiar pose. That's apple cider in his glass (not). Congrats again on making PDD. Ask Doc about his scooter time in the hotel, he's dying to tell somebody. I think there should be a class on driving that scooter.

The Department of Mass. was well represented at the 90th National Convention. We all had a great dinner at The Chop House across the street from our hotel. They even had a smoking room downstairs. It was a great time with everyone from the Detachment, Department and New England Division in Grand Rapids, MI.





*Military Order of the Devil Dogs*  
*Pound #276, MA Pack*  
*Pound Keeper: PDD Dan "Mr. Honor Platoon" Bishop*

#### **WHAT IT IS**

The Military Order of Devil Dogs is the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League.

#### **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 MA Pack Growl, September 8**  
**Next Pound 276 Growl TBA**  
**Woof Woof**

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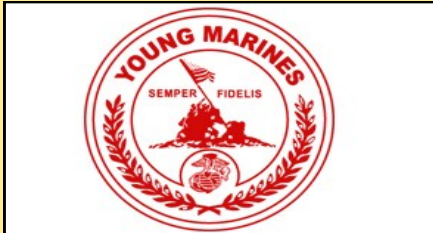
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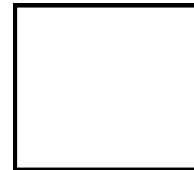
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