

**NJ 206
OFFICERS**
2014 ~ 2015

- **Bob Beck** *
Commandant
- **Jim Wisecup** *
Senior Vice
Commandant
- **Jimmy Heien** *
Junior Vice
Commandant
- **Bob Stalzer** *
Judge Advocate
- **Steve Bliss**
Adjutant/Paymaster
- **Dan Danzi**
Chaplain
- **Anthony
Oszmianski**
Sergeant at Arms
- **Artie Williams**
Quartermaster
- **Gloria Beck**
Recording Officer
- **Keith Butler**
Past Commandant

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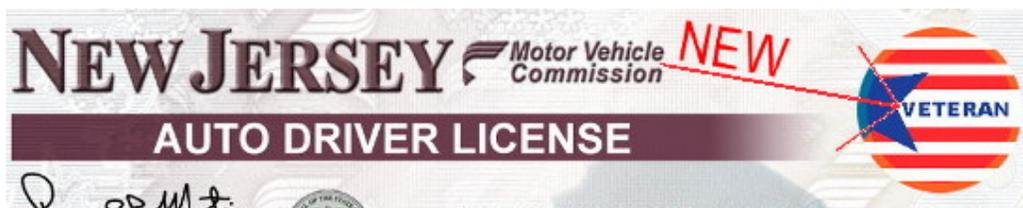
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New Jersey Motor Vehicles web page:

www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/vet.htm

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L/CPL Robert J. Slattery

Marine Corps League, Detachment #206
Marines Care Foundation, Inc., In Memory of L/CPL Chris Cosgrove, III
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This newsletter is interactive while online, all links will work & sometimes open a new screen. To print in full color, set your printer for "Print Backgrounds". To print in B & W, just print page. You can print each page separately, the page number is at top right of page. Officers & members wishing to post in the newsletter, please send info to [Pete Gallo](mailto:Pete.Gallo).

2015 Schedule

- Apr 2nd** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 home Whippany
- Apr 17th** - Lunch Bunch meets Billy's Red room, Whippany
- May 7th** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 home, Whippany
- May 15th** - Lunch bunch meets Charlotte's Web West Clinton street Dover
- May 23rd** - Flag placement Veteran's grave sites Gate Heaven cemetery East Hanover Meet Post 155 Legion Home 0800
- May 25th** - Memorial Day full details will be posted on detachment web site front page
- Jun 4th** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 Legion home
- Jun 14th** - Flag retirement ceremony (at dusk) American Legion Post home Whippany
- Jun 19th** - Lunch Bunch meets at Billy's Red Room Whippany
- Jul 2nd** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 Legion home Whippany Nomination det. officers
- Aug 6th** - Meeting starts 1900 Summer social details to follow
- Sep 3rd** - Meeting starts 1930 - Election of officers
- Oct 1st** - Meeting starts 1900 - Installation of officers.
- Nov 5th** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 Legion home Whippany
- Nov 10th** - 239th Birthday Marine Corps.
- Nov 11th** - Veterans Day ceremony meet 1030 Post 155 Legion home
- Dec 3rd** - Meeting starts 1930 Post 155 Legion home Whippany

Lunch Bunch Luncheons for 2015

"Chucky" Blazure's Lunch Bunch Luncheons for 2015 3rd Thursday of each month at 1200

Can't make the meeting to visit with your friends maybe you can make the luncheons for some scuttlebutt sessions. The tab is divided among the attendees, make plans to stop by renew old friendships and make new ones.

Apr 16th - Charlotte's Web

May 21st - Billy & Madeline's Red Room

Jun 18th - Charlotte's Web

"EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TROOP 155 WHIPPANY NJ"

Sunday March 1, 2015., at American Legion Post 155 home., before honored guests, scouts, family members, friends, Mayor and other dignitaries. Detachment Eagle Scout Chairman Mario Monaco presents the Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Certificate and Department NJ Eagle Scout patch to Eagle Scouts Tim Gallo and Branden Dennis



"Ceremonial Flag Set given to Walter Reed National Military Hospital"



LTC Jennifer Anthis and Mia Nam accept the indoor ceremonial Flag Set with stands provided by Slattery Detachment for the Marine Detachment Wounded Warrior Bn- East, Walter Reed NMMC.

**"ATTENTION ON DECK
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUESTED TWO VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS"**

1. SATURDAY MAY 23, 2015: FLAG PLACEMENT VETERAN'S GRAVE SITES GATE HEAVEN CEMETERY RIDGEDALE AVE. EAST HANOVER MEET AT 0745 POST 155 HOME

2. HANOVER TOWNSHIP VETERANS ALLIANCE 2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SCHEDULE

Memorial Day May 25, 2015:

0700 - 0815 : Breakfast for parade participants --- at Community Recreation Center Municipal Complex Route 10 West at North Jefferson Road WE Meet at recreation center:

0830 :0845 Memorial Services Veteran's Monument at Town Hall - adjacent to Recreation Center at conclusion of the Memorial Service. Buses will then transport us to Parade starting location

0930: Parade starts at Whippany Park High School East Fairchild Place & Whippany Road we then march to American Legion Post 155 Home for Memorial Services followed by refreshments. Shuttle Buses will be available after the ceremonies at the Legion Post Home to return to all parking areas.

Parking will be at the Recreation Center, VFW, Pine Plaza, and Whippany Park High School parking lots.

THERE WILL BE "NO PARKING AT AMERICAN LEGION HOME"

"Ref. Camp Lejeune Veterans"

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Chief Business Office Purchased Care
Camp Lejeune Family Member Program

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Financial Services Center
PO Box 149200
Austin, TX 78714-9200

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced publication of the regulations providing care for Camp Lejeune Veterans and reimbursement for care for their family members potentially affected by chemically tainted drinking water at U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. You are receiving this letter after indicating an interest in the matter.

On August 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the "Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012." Since this law was passed, VA has been providing health care to Veterans who served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987. We are pleased to inform you that regulations were recently published that now allow VA to provide qualified Camp Lejeune family members reimbursement for health care costs related **only to the 15 medical conditions listed in the law** (*bladder cancer, breast cancer, esophageal cancer, female infertility, hepatic steatosis, kidney cancer, leukemia, lung cancer, miscarriage, multiple myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes, neurobehavioral effects, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, renal toxicity, and scleroderma*).

For Family Members of Veterans: The Camp Lejeune Family Member Program (CLFMP) is active and you may submit an application for health benefits by applying online at <https://www.cfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov>. Submitted applications and supporting documentation will be reviewed to determine family member eligibility for the program. For more information about applying for CLFMP benefits, claims payment, appeals, or other related matters, call toll-free at 866-372-1144 or visit the website listed above.

When submitting completed forms, medical bills related to treatment of covered medical conditions, or any other correspondence, please include your name and phone number on each document. Send documents by fax to 512-460-5536 or mail to: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Financial Services Center, PO Box 149200, Austin, TX 78714-9200.

For Veterans: If you have questions about VA's benefits for Camp Lejeune Veterans, please contact your local VA medical facility, call us toll free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387), or visit the VHA Office of Public Health's website on Camp Lejeune at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune.

Sincerely,

Brady L.S. White, REHS

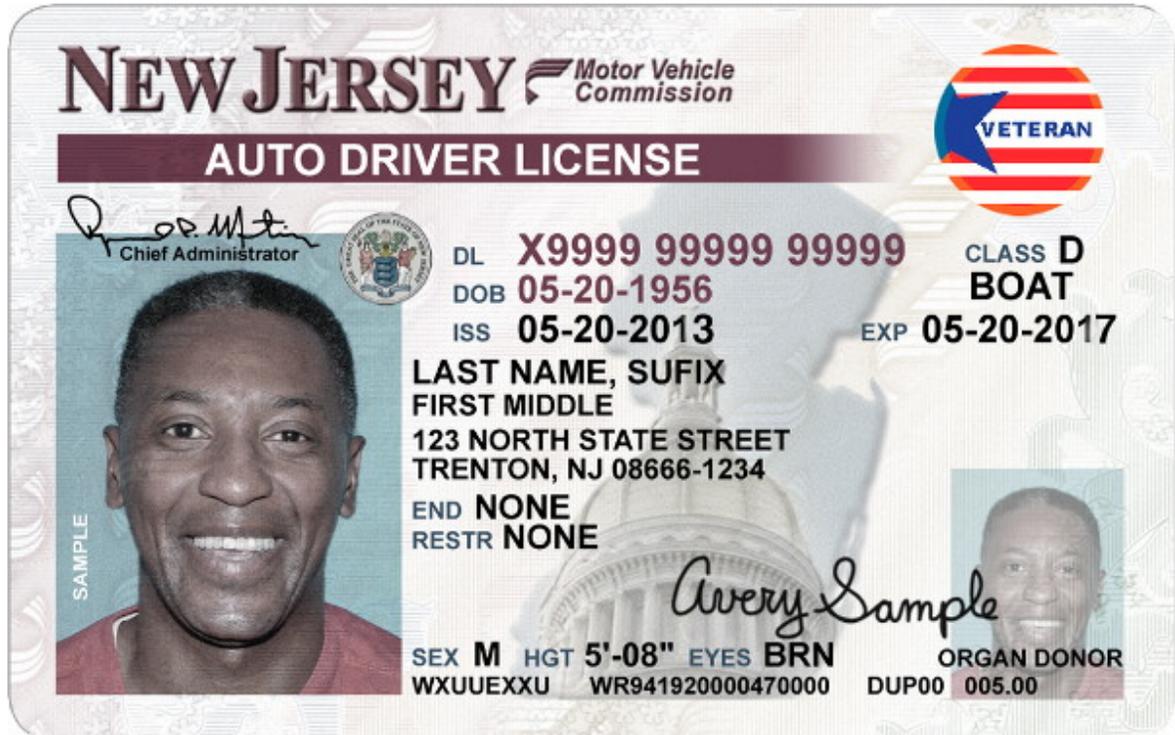
"Walter Reed Hospital"

I wish to thank everyone who has donated to our wounded at Walter Reed. I am not going to name you here do to space limitations, but I/we know who you are and really appreciate everything you do. I have made 4 or more trips with a full truck load of gifts including last Saturday. I delivered another box or two of jackets, and 7 boxes of pillows that included chocolate & audio books.

I also visited with a Marine on the 4th floor who had just arrived. I gave him a coin, blanket & flag, plus some pillows & a jacket.

Semper Fi, Don

Please read this very important message from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission so that you can assist your members in obtaining and using this well-deserved designation. Veteran92s Honorary Designation New Jersey thanks our military veterans who proudly served to protect our freedom. To honor you, a special designation has been created for display on your driver92s license or non-driver ID card.



On March 1, 2015, in an effort to provide this recognition to you as quickly as possible, the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) will begin issuing custom-designed stickers to those veterans who wish to display them on their driver92s licenses or non-driver ID cards. The MVC will notify those of you who requested these stickers at a later date when a permanently imprinted veteran92s designation is available.

Beginning March 1, you may request your honorary veteran92s recognition sticker in person or by mail.

In Person Visit any MVC agency and bring both of the following documents to receive your veteran92s recognition sticker. The sticker will come with instructions for attaching it properly to your driver92s license or non-driver ID card.

1. Your current NJ driver92s license or non-driver ID card AND 20 2. Original or photocopy of your military discharge document to show satisfactory proof of your veteran92s status: Original or photocopy of DD-214, DD-215 OR Original or photocopy of federal activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301 of the United States Code OR Original or photocopy of report of Separation of Active Duty (discharged prior to 1950).

By Mail

Send all three of the following documents to receive your honorary veteran92s recognition sticker. The sticker will come with instructions for attaching it properly to your driver92s license or non-driver ID card. 20 1. Photocopy of your current NJ driver92s license or non-driver ID card AND 20 2. Photocopy of your military discharge document to show satisfactory proof of your veteran92s status: Photocopy of DD-214, DD-215 OR Photocopy of federal activation orders showing service under Title 10, section 672 or section 12301 of the United States Code OR 20 Photocopy of report of Separation of Active Duty (discharged prior to 1950) AND 3. A self-addressed stamped envelope (must be included).

Mail all three items to: NJMVC 225 E. State Street PO Box 129 96 Veterans Trenton, NJ 08610



New Jersey Motor Vehicles web page: www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/vet.htm

"Gunny Minix Retirement"



Don Patterson and I attended the retirement ceremony for the Gunny today. Before I presented him with the \$1,000 check I thanked him for all that he did for us and the wounded and injured men & women who came thru Andrews, Walter Reed and Bethesda. I gave him the check and told him hopefully we could pay for one of the sandwiches and a coke. He eyes got real big when it saw the amount. Thanks to all who made this possible.



(Left Photo) Major Richard Barbon pins the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal on Gunnery Sergeant Paul E. Minix.



(Right Photo) 1st Sgt Victor M. Melendez presents a shadow box from the Marines at Walter Reed Liaison office.

Photos from retirement ceremony at: www.oohrah.net/minix

View & Get 2015 Social Photos: www.oohrahsemperfi.net/archives/slattery/yr2015/social/

"Member Don Patterson makes special delivery
to Walter Reed National Military Hospital"



Friday March 6, 2015: Don delivered the following items to LTC Jennifer Anthis, Marine Detachment OIC , Wounded Warrior BN East Walter Reed NMMC Bethesda and Mia Nam Family Support Coordinator building 62, room 2092 50+ denim jackets, a full case of golf shirts with Semper Emblem, a couple of cases of slippers with EGA emblem these items were provided by the Heart of a Marine Fund founded by Georgette & Roy Frank in memory of their son LCPL Philip Frank, KIA Iraq.They also provide the canes that Don passes out at Walter Reed.

"THREE MEMBERS GRADUATE DEPARTMENT NJ LEADERSHIP SCHOOL"



Saturday March 7, 2015,
at Sea Girt NJ the following members graduated from leadership school, Commandant Robert Beck. SVR James Wisecup and PDC Keith Butler presented by Rosemary Fleming, Commandant, Dept. of New Jersey

"BI-MONTHLY COFFEE SOCIAL VISIT FOR PATIENTS AT VA HOSPITAL LYONS CAMPUS"

March 14, 2015 1000: the following members, Dan Danzi, Al Bischoff, Jimmy Heien, Tony Oszmianski and Tom Miller served the ever popular sausage/eggs, turkey/sausage/eggs sandwiches, coffee, orange juice, bagels/cream cheese, bagels/butter, Portuguese rolls/butter/cream/cheese. crumb cake, assorted donuts, sugar free cake, bananas, they served 55/60 Patients.

Chairman Dan Danzi selects a wide variety of items, for our veterans to enjoy to go along with the most important item we provide that is the PRESENCE of all our volunteers who spend personal one on one time with our fellow veterans, just to let them know they are not forgotten. These visits can not be accomplished with out the support of all our donors & volunteers:

THE NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL AT LYONS IS MAY 9TH Put this date on your calendar plan to join us. We meet at Post 155 Legion home at 0915 we leave the Legion at 0930 & car pool to Lyons. Volunteer a couple of hours on a Saturday morning spending quality time with your fellow veterans. It's worth seeing the joy on their faces and how their spirits are lifted and how happy they are to see you. Yes it does make you feel good when they thank you it also gives them something positive looking forward to our next visit

****THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & DONORS ****

"FIRE ARMS SAFTY COURSE"



Fourteen detachment members along with four family members attended the NRA Safety Course at FSS (firearms Support and Storage located in Pine Plaza Whippany. The class on March 8th had 10 members and on the evenings of the 11th and 12th 8 members attended. The course consisted of information on safe gun handling, ammunition, and shooting fundamentals. They also received the following printed material a NRA Gun Safety Rules Brochure, Basics of Pistol Shooting handbook and Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet at completion a NRA First Steps Orientation Certificate. Everybody also spent time on the simulator screen shooting at many different scenarios, learning how to hold a pistol and being able see where you hit your target on the screen. The women gave the men a run for their money. I think all enjoyed this part of the program the most. All believed the program was very information and they would like to learn more. Thanks to Jimmy Heien for setting up and organizing the safety course. I believe Jimmy would set up another advance class if the interest is there Jimmy Heien Junior Vice Commandant

"Associate Member of the Slattery Detachment
Monika Flaherty takes to the air"



Fly Along with Monika Flaherty as she departs from Joint Base McQuire-Dix- Lakehurst NJ to San Antonio Texas aboard an Air Force KC-10 Extender advanced tanker and cargo aircraft **** "WHAT AN AMAZING TWO DAY EXPERIENCE" ****

Hello Pete/Don/everyone: I have been asked to share my extraordinary experience of attending a "Bosslift" to San Antonio, Texas, also known as the Capital City of the Military for it's citizen's love of it. I did not know what to expect, but was nonetheless thrilled for this opportunity. An added plus was that my one and only nephew, Deputy Chief Steven Weippert, AF, is stationed at Randolph AFB. I did get an opportunity to visit him and his new bride Samantha...

Colonel Michael J. Underkofler is the Commander and Senior Air Force Reserve Technician of the 514th Air Mobility Wing, Joint Base McQuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. The 514th Air Mobility Wing is an associate reserve wing comprised of 24 subordinate units that support airlift, air re-fueling and aeromedical evacuation missions using KC-10 Extender and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. Colonel Underkofler is responsible for training and equipping more than 2800 personnel, including air reserve technicians (ART) and traditional reservists. As an ART, the colonel holds dual status as a civil service employee and Air Force reservist. The Colonel is highly decorated and I consider him a respected and admired friend of mine.

"Monica Continued"

The 514th Air Mobility Wing's Bosslift purpose is to inform key civilian education, business, and community leaders about the United States Air Force Reserve. The co-sponsor for the trip was the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, ESGR. There was approximately 32 Civilian, AF Officers and Airmen on this mission.

We had a very full itinerary in the two day trip which originated at Joint Base McQuire-Dix-Lakehurst. I had the extreme privilege of flying out IN the cockpit of a KC-10 Extender, which is an advanced tanker and cargo aircraft. The pilot was Lieutenant Colonel Grant Christianson. In addition to witnessing a take off, we also were made privy to sitting in the rear of the plane and observing the Boom Operator Technician who is responsible for refueling other aircraft. Upon arrival, we had a windshield tour of Fort Sam Houston and proceeded directly to Brooke Army Medical Center. Unlike, my hospital visits with the Slattery Detachment/Marines Cares, we visited the facility received briefing and an overview of it, and the ISR/Burn Center as well. It is a State of the Art facility. The tour did not include interaction with any patients. We visited a Fisher House and also a Warrior Family Support Center. It is critical that our wounded heroes have family at hand to help them through their journey of getting acclimated to their "new norm". Needless to say, having a place to stay for the families is critical as they have financial burdens to consider, which at times is devastating to say the least.



The following day, we visited JBSA-Lackland and received a tour of their Basic Military Training program, the dorms and also a tour of the Defense Language Institute which has a lengthy list of Alumni from Militaries around the world. There, the students learn English and the "American Way" of life. It was fascinating to say the least. Needless to say, I met a wide array of extraordinary people, some of which I now consider friends. We all were assigned a "Wingman" on the trip, so as no one would be left behind at our frequent stops. I had the extreme privilege of calling Colonel Paulette Shank my "Wingman". She was featured on a 60 Minutes story, "A Fighting Chance". Before retiring in 2013, Colonel Shank was a medical squadron commander. I learned such valuable information from her every step of the trip. She is an incredible, caring woman. I recommend you watch the 60 Minutes story and you see a small piece of what these heroes do to save our severely injured troops.

On our journey back, we were on board a C/17 aircraft piloted by Captain Justin Paulson. The flight back included a Aeromedical evacuation training mission, overseen by Commander Lin Stokes-Crowe, 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, JBM-D-L. We had the opportunity to not only witness, but interact with the Unit. I can say my blood pressure was where it should be, as one of the Flight Nurses chose this exuberant passenger, yours truly, to be a simulation patient in their training mission.

I met many Heroes along this 2 day experience, an experience I shall cherish. I have an even greater appreciation and respect for the men and woman, who serve in our Air Force & AF Reserve. Most of the reservists have civilian careers that they must juggle along with their Military duties and obligations. They have family, which I have learned is the backbone to a healthy airman/sailor/soldier. Many have had several deployments, which as you know comes with great sacrifice. It was apparent that they all possess love of country, careers, family and their fellow citizen. Not one I have met, considers themselves a Hero. However, I shall not be swayed from that line of thought.

"Monica Continued"



I, as an associate member of the Slattery Detachment Marine Corps League had the privilege of distributing our Challenge Coin. In addition, I gifted the artwork prints of our talented artist Marine Tom Miller. I cannot convey the delight and appreciation on the faces of those who received one of his magnificent creations. All recipients were past and present Air Force reservists/active members. Dually, as a member of Operation Jersey Cares, 2 large cartons of Hershey Bars and m & m's etc, accompanied me on this journey. They remained in San Antonio where they are sure to be enjoyed by many, courtesy of OJC.

Since retiring from my career as a florist 6 years ago, I have had the privilege of volunteer work in many facets with Operation Jersey Cares, the Slattery Detachment and the Chester Lion's Club, I have met many incredible people who share the same fiber, "wanting to give back". Many are heroes in their own right, such as my friends from the Slattery

Detachment, some of which served in Viet Nam, one in particular I must mention, Sergeant Major Eddie Neas in addition to Past Commandant Keith Butler, who have mentored me and in my personal mission for our Military. I continue to learn much through this journey of mine, be it packing care packages alongside the many volunteers who are all passionate about supporting our deployed or wounded troops.

Or, visiting our elderly and sadly enough forgotten Hero's at local VA Hospitals, to spreading the word about all the worthwhile causes, or to venturing down to Walter Reed to visit our severely wounded. I shall conclude with a heartfelt "Thank You!" To Colonel Underkofler for allowing me to add this chapter to my story....I am a lucky girl!!!

Monika Flaherty

