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- **Jim Wisecup** *
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- **Anthony**
Fiorentino *
Junior Vice
Commandant
- **Bob Stalzer** *
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• **Steve Bliss**
Adjutant/Paymaster

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• **Artie Williams**
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2016 Schedule

Detachment monthly meetings 1st Wednesday of the month - starts 1930 ***UPSTAIRS HALL*** at Post #155 American Legion Home 13-23 Legion Place Whippany 07981 phone# 973- 884- 2494

Feb 3rd - 1930 meeting up stairs hall at Legion Home

Mar 2nd - 1930 meeting, up stairs hall at Legion Home

Apr 6th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

May 4th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

May 28th - Flag placement at Veterans grave sites Gate of Heaven Cemetery East Hanover Meet 0730
Legion Home May 30th - Memorial Day Parade - watch newsletter and your emails for full details .

Jun 1st - 1930 meeting Legion Home

Jun 14th - at dusk Flag retirement ceremony meet at Legion Home 1/2hr before dusk

Jul 6th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

Aug 3rd - 1930 meeting Legion Home - Nomination Committee

Sep 7th - 1930 meeting Legion Home - Election of officers.

Oct 5th - 1900 Installation of officers Legion home - light refreshments served

Nov 2nd - 1930 meeting Legion Home Whippany

Nov 10th - Marine Corps Birthday

Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Ceremony Legion Home Detachment meeting rescheduled to December 14

Dec 14th - Detachment meeting 1930 Legion Home.

"Newsletter Contributors"

Thank you to contributors to this issue: Kim Goulding, Keith Butler & James Salerno, Sr.

"Marine Corps League-National Facebook page"

For those Marine Corps League members on Facebook, please go to the below link for the Marine Corps League-National Facebook page. "Like" the page and receive updates from National and Detachments from around the country. Please forward this email to all of your members

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Marine-Corps-League-National-Headquarters-652709571495845/>

Brian Gillespie
National MCL Public Relations
Jersey Shore Marines #1319

"SLATTERY DETACHMENT 206 2015 MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARDED TO MARINE DOMENICK MONACO"

January 6, 2016 during the Detachment Winter Holiday Social Awards Dinner, Commandant Bob Beck presented Marine Domenick Monaco with the Detachment MOY plaque and Marine Corps League Detachment MOY Medallion for his continuous , support, commitment and dedication to the principals, and high standards of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League. Domenick, without hesitation, would volunteer to help fellow Marines and veterans in need. He gives of his time at many of our detachment functions and programs.



"Monthly Check Commitment"

(L-R) Marine Eddie Neas, Kathy & Bob Sturla

Sgt. Major (ret) Eddie Neas presents a \$24,000 commitment for 2016 to Kathy & Bob Sturla of the Family & Friends for Freedom Fund. To be made in Monthly \$2,000 donations, \$500 from the Slattery Marine Rose Fund and \$1,500 from Marines Care.



"Slattery Detachment Awards \$36,000 in Grants on January 6, 2016"

****Financial grants Presented at the Slattery Annual Winter Holiday Social dinner****

\$24,000 Family & Friends for Freedom Fund

\$10,000 Heart of a Marine Fund

\$1,000 Operation Jersey Cares

\$500 Department New Jersey Marine Corps League

\$250 National MCL Marines Helping Marines program

\$250 IMWRF Picatinny Arsenal

These grants made possible by our many dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and supporters!!! OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND VETERANS THANK ALL OF YOU!!!

"Certificate of Appreciation"



Henry Zimmerman accepts Detachment Certificate of appreciation from the Monaco brothers. (L-R) Domenick Monaco, Henry Zimmerman, Mario Monaco

"NEW FEATURE WHO'S WHO..... "WHO AM I" ?"

NEW FEATURE WHO'S WHO..... "WHO AM I" ? If you think you know send name to [Pete Gallo](#). Dust off your scrapbook pick out a photo from the past scan & send to [Pete Gallo](#) We will publish photo in newsletter -----

WILL THEY RECOGNIZE YOU ? We would like to have a different member participate every month.

Last month was Pete Gallo. Who is this >>>>>



"DD-214's are NOW On-line"

Please Note The Current Information Regarding DD-214. Please pass on to other vets.

It's official; DD-214's are NOW On-line. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's on-line:

www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

"Detachment 2015 Toys for Tots Campaign Summary"

Toys For Tots Collected by members of the Slattery Detachment.

Collection locations = 66 (some locations were visited multiple times)

Total toys Collected = 7,173

Submitted by Keith Butler

Total from 20 other locations 15,100

Submitted by Mario & Domenick Monaco

Grand Total of toys collected *** 22,273***

\$10,500 in donations (2 checks) were also made out to Toys for Tots Dover.

"Marine Corps Leaguers and All Veterans"

Vietnam 50th. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald has designated March 29, 2016, as the date for our nation's Vietnam War Commemoration.

Tony Modzelewski



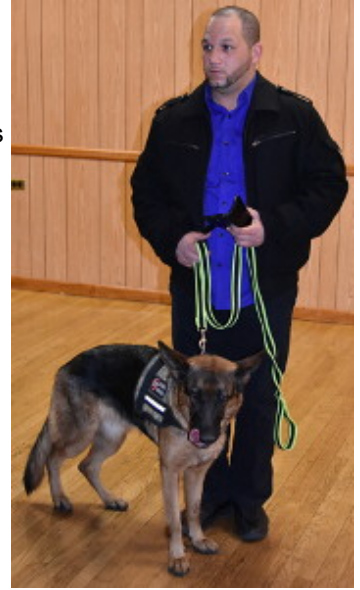
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"Army Staff Sergeant Alexander Nieves Recipient of ADA approved service dog"

January 6, 2016: At the Slattery Detachment 2016 Winter Holiday Social Awards dinner in collaboration with Slattery detachments, Marines Care Foundation. JT Gabriel, of K9Soldiers Inc. Frenchtown NJ, presents Staff Sgt Nieves with Layla a ADA approved service dog. The official leashing ceremony date and location to be determined. Alec joined the Marine Corps in July of 2000, he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003 and Operation Enduring Freedom 2004, he ended his Marine Corps career in August of 2008. He then enlisted in the US Army in December of 2008.

His awards and decorations include Navy Marine Corps Achievement award (2Stars), ARCOM(2OLC), AAM (3OLC), GCM (2nd award), AFRAM (2nd award), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal w/campaign star, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces reserve Medal w M device, Navy Unit Commendation, USMC Meritorious Mast, Certificate of Achievement 3 Awards, and Certificate of Appreciation 4 Awards.

****Alec thank you for your service to our Country****



"Detachments 2016 Annual Winter Social Awards Dinner a huge Success"

Kudos and thanks to John Andrews Chairman and his hard working committee members Kim Goulding and Jim Loizides. Kim's special home made desserts complimented the main course. The social was well attended by members, their spouses, and guests.

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"Sgt James Salerno Sr."

Uncommon valor in one of the bloodiest campaigns in Marine Corps history. It was the defining thirty-six days of honor, courage and commitment. It was the taking of Iwo Jima. In fact, from February 19th to March 19th 1945 Sgt. James Salerno Sr. fought on those beaches just below Mt. Suribachi. Shoulder to shoulder with his Marine brothers he engaged the enemy most likely to the point of exhaustion never giving in! After all, he was a Carlson's Raider, "ethically indoctrinated," spending thirty one month's overseas. He participated in battles at Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, to Bougainville. On February 24th, 2016 Sgt. James Salerno Sr. will be ninety eight years young. He is one of the "greatest generation." A true hero of Iwo Jima.

On January 12th 2016 upon entering the home in Cedar Knolls you knew immediately it was a Marine Corps dwelling. Everywhere the eye would gaze, looked upon the accomplishments of a greatly decorated Marine. Angela, his wife, welcomed me lovingly and introduced me to Jim who smiled as we gathered around the kitchen table. We were joined by all three of his sons, Mike, Jim and Greg. We reviewed the impressive album displaying his citations, commendations and photographs of his time as a raider. It appeared to reignite the memories of those days for Jim with the assistance of his family.

Yet truth be told, who would care to recall those gruesome events on that volcanic island. To bear witness to your battalion and company buddies being blow apart by shells as they stood beside you. The horror of watching your platoon leader being killed and having the resilience to assume command. Sgt. Salerno did, and for nineteen days he led the attack rallying the remaining men to continue the offensive against the Japanese. Despite his company sustaining heavy casualties, his coolness and bravery assisted in attaining their objective.

Jim vividly recalled seeing the first flag raised up on February 23rd, 1945 a day before his birthday. He was right at the base of the mountain in the thick of the battle. It perhaps gave him the strength and the "gung-ho" needed to carry out his gallant encounter awaiting him six days later. Jim stated, "We were fighting right below Suribachi when the guy next to me said look, look up, our flag! I was so happy to see it. Later the admiral wanted it when they replaced it with the larger one but we wouldn't let him have it!" On March 19th, 1945 Sgt. Salerno was shot through the arm and received a Purple Heart along with the Silver Star Medal for his heroism. He was honorably discharged on November 19th 1946. After World War II he became a carpenter and married Angela Stavole. They have three sons and five grandchildren. Although none have served in the military they all agreed they grew up "Marine." Mike stated "Dad instilled in us the Marine Corps values and we appreciated what it meant to be Marine because of him." Jim chimed in and said, "We were afraid not to be good!" It was overwhelmingly apparent the loving respect and Marine pride that runs deep within the family and rightfully so. No matter the Marine there always is a sense of kindred spirit amongst them. It sets them apart from the rest. They have earned that right in the battle scars they quietly, yet so proudly carry upon their shoulders each and every day. As his son Mike so perfectly explained, "I always say when the man upstairs made him he really broke the mold!" And his words ring true, for heroes such as Sgt. James Salerno are a special class of Marine, the kind other Marines aspire to be.

Written By: Kim Goulding





THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT JAMES A. SALERNO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 1 to 19 March 1945. Assuming command after his Platoon Leader was killed during a hostile night attack on 1 March, Sergeant Salerno immediately rallied his men to repulse the enemy and, on the following day, courageously led his platoon in an attack on a strong hostile position composed of many machine gun emplacements cut into solid rock. Although his group suffered severe casualties, Sergeant Salerno ably directed them in attaining their objective for the day and in holding it during the night against repeated enemy counterattacks. By his coolness, initiative and personal bravery, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

John L. Sullivan
Secretary of the Navy.

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