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2016 ~ 2017

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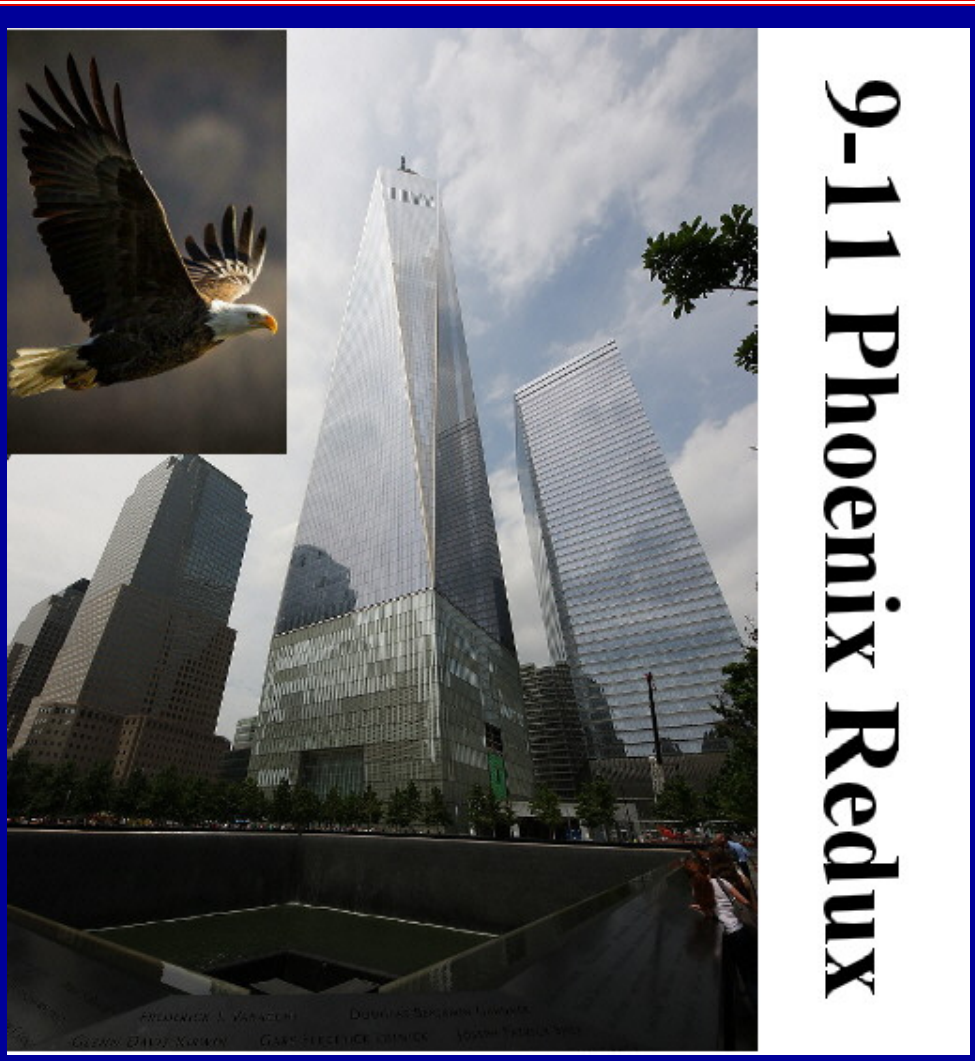

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2017 Schedule

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

*Uniform of Day = MCL, cover, red detachment shirt (tucked in), black, trousers, belt, shoes.

Sept 6th - meeting - 1930, election of officers - Legion home Whippany

Sept 10th - 0900-1500, Marine Rose event rain date is 17th at the Corvette Car Show - Anthony Fiorentino event Sgt.

Sept 23rd - Meet at legion 0900 to car pool depart legion 0930. *Uniform of Day

Sept 24th - 1300-1530, John Basilone Parade, Raritan NJ

Sept 24th - 0900-1500, Marine Rose event at the North Jersey Corvette Club car show (National Glass - Anthony Fiorentino event Sgt.

Oct 4th - Installation of officers - start 1930 refreshments served following the conclusion of the installation conducted by the Dept NJ installing team! stop by support your new officers

Oct 28th - 10 am-4 - Marine Rose Outing at Shop Route 206, Chester.

Oct 28th - (5:30 PM) Mass - Marine Rose Outing Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Verona

Oct 29th - 0730, 0900, 1030, 1200: Masses - Marine Rose Outing Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Verona

Nov 1st - meeting - 1930, Nominations for Detachment Marine of the Year - Legion home Whippany

Nov 4th - 2017 MARINE CORPS 242nd BIRTHDAY

Nov 11th - Veterans day ceremony - 1100 Veterans day ceremony meet at the Legion at 1030 am. *Uniform of Day At the conclusion of the ceremony refreshments will be served

Dec 6th - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany

Dec 7th - 1900 - Pearl Harbor day ceremony Legion Home muster at Legion refreshments served after the ceremony *Uniform of Day

Chucky Blazures Lunch Bunch Skuttlebutt!

21 Sep Charlotte's Web West Clinton St. Dover NJ

19 Oct 1 Billy's Red Room Parsippany Rd, Whippany NJ

16 Nov Charlotte" Web West Clinton Street Dover NJ

21 Dec Black Horse Pub Rt 24 Mendham NJ

Department Meeting dates

Mark your calendars for the following Department Meeting dates at the Marine Reserve Center in Red Bank.

Sunday September 17, 2017 MODD Growl at 1000 and Full General meeting at 1200

Sunday November 19, 2017 MODD Growl at 1000 and Full General meeting at 1200

Sunday January 14, 2018 Sr. Vice Detachment Meeting at 1000 and Full General meeting at 1200

Sunday March 18, 2018 MODD Growl at 1000 and Full General meeting at 1200

This Month in USMC History

SEPTEMBER

- **2 September 1945:** The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.
- **5 September 1956:** Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.
- **6 September 1983:** Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.
- **8 September 1942:** On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.
- **11 September 1992:** Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.
- **15 September 1950:** The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.
- **16 September 1814:** A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.
- **18 September 1990:** A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- **20 September 1950:** Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.
- **24 September 1873:** One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.
- **27 September 1944:** The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.
- **30 September 1945:** Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

WE CONTINUE OUR MONTHLY DONATIONS TO FAMILY and FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM FUND!

Your detachment Supports our wounded veterans. And lives up to its commitment and mission.

- 8 months of $1,500 donations from Marines Care $12000.
- 8 months of $500 from Slattery Marine Rose Fund $4,000
- Total for both $16,000 to date in 2017.

Made directly to our wounded And their Families! who have requested assistance.

Services for Marine James D. Jim Smith

Sgt. James D. Smith (91) passed away on July 26th, 2017. Jim was a WWII Iwo Jima veteran with a Purple Heart.

The funeral memorial service for him went well. The local Bernays Apgar American Legion Post #342, where he was past Commander, they started it off with about 15 of its members participating. We immediately followed them with our ceremony. Commandant Freeman was the lead and Tom Miller picked up the Chaplain's position.

The Slattery Detachment had 11 of its members participating in the ritual. Members were Al Bischoff, Jim Crupi, Jimmy Heien, Ed Moscariello, Mike Dougherty, Jim Papaganeres, Jim Loizides, Keith Butler, Monica Flaherty, as well as Commandant Freeman and Tom Miller. The Commandant passed out the Slattery Coins to the family. It was a good showing for a Great Marine

Tom

2017-18 Officer Nominees

- Eddie Neas Sr. Commandant
- Norman Nutt, Senior Vice Commandant
- John Andrews, Junior Vice Commandant
- Bob Stalzer, Judge Advocate
- Jim Loizides Adjutant/ Paymaster
- Dan Danzi Chaplain
- Tony Oszmianski Sgt/Arms

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2017/ 2018 Election of officers at the September 6th Meeting starts 1930.your participation is welcomed!

Installation of officers at the October 4th meeting starts 1930 light refreshments served at the conclusion of the installation conducted by the installation team from the dept. NJ

2016 MCL National Newsletter Contest Winners Battalion Size

1st place - John Basilone detachment # 190 NJ

2nd place - Lance Corporal Robert J. Slattery detachment #206, NJ

3rd place - Anne Arunel County detachment #1049, MD

Services for Marine Edward J. Daly

Outstanding turnout with about 25+ Marines from Slattery, Sussex and Patterson Detachment in attendance.

Detachment Memorial Ceremony: for Marine: Edward J. Daly at the Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, Landing NJ on Saturday August 5th, 2017.

Detachment member Edward J. Daly (70) passed away on July 25th, 2017. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1966-1970. Survivors include wife, Barbara, two daughters, Alison Miller and Courtney Bescherer, a brother Daniel Daly (who is also a Slattery member), and two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Ed retired from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.). Interment of cremated remains will be held at a later date at Quantico National Cemetery, Quantico, VA.

The funeral memorial service for him went well with Gunny Monaco leading the way. The Slattery Detachment was represented by Bill Freemen, Jim Crupi, Ed Moscariello, Jim Papaganeres, Keith Butler, Mario Monaco, Dominic Monaco, (Norman Nutt, Bob Beck, Art Bowie and Tom Miller. Sussex's MCL Patterson Detachment assisted with 12 of its members participating. We filed into the room with the Patterson Detachment# 747 on one side lead by Hector Schorno (and the Slattery Detachment#206 on the other lead by the Commandant.

The ceremony began with a bag piper playing "Amazing Grace" followed by a 9- gun salute lead by Dominic Monaco, then Commandant Freeman began the ritual and Tom Miller picked up the Chaplain's position. It ended with the piper playing the "Marine Corps Hymn" as we marched out. One of the nicest services we could present for a good Marine.

The Gunny gave the family members a gold Eagle, Globe and Anchor and the Commandant passed out the Slattery Coins to the family.
Tom Miller

View photos at: www.mclslatterydet.org/photos/yr2017/eddaly/

11th Annual Chris Cosgrove III Golf Outing for 2017

This year's golf outing was held on Thursday, July 27th. Once again, we were blessed with fair weather and cooler temperature, making the day more enjoyable. As in the past the event was at Picatinny Golf Course on Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, NJ. A Marine Color Guard presented the colors prior to the shotgun start of the outing. Participating in the event were over 130 golfers, including one foursome consisting of three Marines and a Navy Corpsman from the I&I staff at the L/Cpl Chris Cosgrove III Marine Corps Reserve Center located on Picatinny. In addition to our golfers, more than 25 additional people attended the dinner following golf. Available at dinner were chances to win door prizes, Silent Auction items, Tricky Tray Prizes and two bicycles.

Our thanks to Gunny Sgt. (Ret.) Mario Monaco, his brother Sgt. Domenic Monaco and their friend Michael Szymanski for bringing the weapons display, which everyone seems to enjoy browsing. We thank everyone who helped make this outing a success, including our volunteers, sponsors, and golfers. We also thank Dog Tag Brewing, which is distributed by Pabst, for a donating five cases of their beer which the golfers were able to enjoy and John Johnson Automotive Group of Budd Lake, NJ for supplying the 2017 Jeep Renegade as a Hole-In-One prize.

View photos at: www.mclslatterydet.org/photos/yr2017/11thgolf/

Awards Night At Slattery Detachment 8-2-2017

View photos at: www.mclslatterydet.org/photos/yr2017/206awards/

Semper Fidelis

LOST DOG TAG OF A MARINE KIA IN VIETNAM

LOST DOG TAG OF A MARINE KIA in Vietnam in 1968 found and presented to his brother in Texas almost 49 years later.
Story by Marine Eddie Neas

L/Cpl Robert J Slattery Detachment member and Vietnam Veteran, Eddie Neas picked up a dog tag while in Viet Nam last March of 2016 at Khe Sanh. He presented it to the brother of the Marine last week in Magnolia, Texas almost 49 years after the Marine was KIA on 19 September 1968. L/Cpl David B Freed was a member of Fox Company 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

POINT LOOKOUT, MO. — Vietnam Veteran Sgt. Maj. Eddie Neas (USMCR/RET) traveled back to Vietnam in March 2016 as part of the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Education Travel Program – only to discover a single dog tag at Khe Sanh of a Marine who was KIA 48 years ago. Forty-nine years after it was lost, Neas will deliver the dog tag to the family of the fallen.

The Group picture is of Grant Talburt, Eddie Neas, Brian Freed, Dr Jerry C Davis, College President and Bryan Cizek, Director of the Patriotic Education Program.

In a ceremony on Tuesday, August 8, in Magnolia, Texas, Neas will present the dog tag to the family members of Vietnam Veteran Lance Cpl. David Bruce Freed who was killed in action September 19, 1968.

Finding the Tags

Neas knew returning to the battlefields where he fought wasn't going to be easy, but he was willing to go because he knew sharing his story with the next generation was important. Paired with College of the Ozarks student Grant Talburt, along with 11 other Veterans and 11 students, the group traversed cities like Can Tho, Saigon, Chu Chi, Da Nang, Hue City, Dong Ha and Hanoi learning firsthand what the Vietnam War was really like.

While in Khe Sanh, Neas made a discovery that was the start of, in his own words, a life-changing 'quest'.

Neas tells the story with a preciseness that demonstrates the importance of the moment – vividly recalling his interaction with a Vietnamese street peddler outside the museum. He says he observed a variety of items on a peddler's tray one day during their travels and something special caught his eye.

I saw many interesting artifacts on this tray. Things like pieces of shrapnel and bullet shell casings, even the Red Star the NVA wore on their helmets, but I noticed a single USMC dog tag on his tray. I knew I had to bring it back home."

After deeming it, 'the real thing' and bartering with the peddler, Neas purchased the dog tag for approximately 568,000 VND, (Vietnamese Dong) which is equivalent to about $25 U.S. dollars.

And it was then that the story of Lance Cpl. David Bruce Freed began to unfold.

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LOST DOG TAG OF A MARINE KIA IN VIETNAM

The Quest

Neas would spend the next 17 months chasing leads for the location of Lance Cpl. Freed's family. He would first make the startling discovery that Freed grew up in Montclair, New Jersey – a mere 20 miles from Neas' current home town of Rahway, NJ. A fact that only propelled Neas' investigation as he imagined this fellow young Marine, just down the road, heading off to Vietnam almost at the same time he was.

Neas spoke to various Veterans groups, sharing the story of his trip of a lifetime through the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Education Travel Program and always ended with the story of the dog tag that he had hanging around his neck, next to his. He remained hopeful that his efforts would lead him to Freed's family.

Picture of David's Name on the NJ Viet Nam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. Neas was speaking at a Marine Corps League Mess Night event in Connecticut when a Marine named, Ray Baldwin who was sitting next to him said he would share this story with a friend who loved to research "this type of stuff".

Two days later, he was given a lead on four family members living out of state. After receiving no response from his inquiries, Neas began to wonder if he would ever be able to return the dog tag he had found – would he ever catch a break and find closure on this important quest?

And then one day, he did.

Neas, as a final effort, contacted the Police Department in Magnolia, Texas – where L/Cpl Freed's brother, Brian might live in, based off a tip he had received.

With the initial help of Martha Mueller and the Chief of Police Terry Enloe, they found and identified some of Freed's siblings. The Chief of Police connected with the brother of Freed, Brian Dale Freed. After taking some time to decide, Brian agreed and arrangements were then made for Neas and the family to finally meet.

This is incredible," Neas said. "I cannot even find the words. I was so worried about visiting old war memories from almost 50 years ago, but now I see the purpose in all of this. I've passed my story onto the next generation and I will now return the dog tag to the family that it belongs to. I am overwhelmed and honored that I am able to do this.

The Presentation

Eddie Neas and the College of the Ozarks student who traveled back with him to Vietnam, Grant Talburt, were in Texas this past Tuesday and presented the dog tag to Brian, the brother of David. Almost forty-nine years later and thousands of miles away from where it was lost, the dog tag will finally be where it belongs.

REVEREND MICHAEL A. HANLY

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017 ★ 12:00 PM
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH
32 LAKESIDE AVENUE, VERONA, NEW JERSEY

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OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION 2-5:00 PM

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215 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE, LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY

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For questions, please contact the ladies below. Please do not call the rectory. Thank you.

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Family & Friends For Freedom Fund's 13th Annual Beefsteak Dinner

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

6:30-10:30pm

Includes Beer & Soda

The Brownstone

351 W Broadway

Paterson, NJ

Ticket Donation $65.00

Raffle, Silent Auction, 50/50, Guest Speakers

All proceeds go to support our Combat Wounded Military and their families! www.injuredmarinesfund.org

"ATTENTION ON DECK"

Slattery detachments bimonthly visit & coffee social at VA hospital community care center Lyons Campus! Volunteers are welcomed !

Sept. 23rd. We Muster at the Legion 0900 to car pool depart the Legion at 0930 if you can't make the legion go to Lyons by 1000 we return to the Legion around 1200.

Social & visit chairman Dan Danzi is inviting you to join your fellow Marines visiting and serving the approx 55-45 inpatient male and female veterans this is a feel good event for the volunteers as much as it is for the veteran patients some who unfortunately get few visitors. Your time does make a difference in someones life. Put this date on your to do list: uniform of day: MCL cover, detachment red shirt, blk. trousers blk. belt, blk high gloss shoes if you don't have a MCL cover yet the detachment red baseball cap cover is good.

Dan

Memorial for Local Marine

On Friday, August 18th, a memorial was held for Laurel R. Chasmar at the Lenfell Hall on the Fairleigh Dickinson University campus. Laurel was a graduate of Fairleigh and was currently attending FDU for her Senior Executive Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and Management. She was also a combat US Marine.

She proudly served in the Corps from 2007 to 2011. In 2010, she was deployed to Afghanistan where she searched vehicles for explosives at Camp Leather Neck. She lived in Morris Plains where she was murdered on August 5th.

The memorial was well attended by more than 200 people with Tom Miller representing the detachment. Golf Company had an Honor Guard that stood guard and then folded the American flag. The flag was then presented to the family. It was a very nice tribute to a beautiful, intelligent and caring Marine.

Semper Fidelis

Marine rose event high priority!

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Dates , times, & location Volunteers needed. Dates & times have been confirmed.

On Oct 28 and 29 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 32 Lakeside Ave, Verona.NJ

28 Sat (5:30:PM)Mass
29 Sun-0730.0900,1030,1200 Masses meet Bob Stalzer events coordinator at the church

Bob is looking for volunteers to help collect donations after the masses.

Welcome to the world!! Kennedy Danielle O'Neill

Kennedy Danielle O'Neill
8/14/2017, 18.5" long, 7.1 lbs, 9:35 a.m...
Welcome to the world!!

See more photos: Kennedy Danielle O'Neill

FYI: SgtMaj Eddie Neas' grandaughter!

Family Days Picnic

Golf 2/25 held a Family Day on Saturday, August 19 at the recreational field at Picatinny Arsenal. Lots of Marines naturally with their families. Altogether there were approximately 250 people. Basket ball seemed to be the favorite sport but due to the temperature, the tent and chairs was the favorite place to be.

Slattery was represented by Bill Freeman, Eddie Moscariello and wife Judy, Don Campbell and wife Nancy, Tom Miller and wife Rose and Nick Tedeschi and his wife Delores. We got to know some Marines and their families. Coins and artwork were handed out on behalf on the detachment to some Marines and the cooking staff.

Food was good with hot dogs and Hamburgers, salads, corn on the cob, pork and beans cake, cookies, They had iced down water, soda, tea to drink but the biggest surprise of all was the pig roast. It was super and much enjoyed by all except the pig.

The Mrs. O'Hagan made a donation for the Marines of Golf 2/25 so that they can have bagels and muffins on family day. The Mrs. O'Hagan also gave a USMC coffee table with a lamp for the Marines of Golf 2/25. We put up info on Col O'Hagan so that the Marines would know more about Col O'Hagan. The table is next to the Slattery Det. memorial library (Sgt Bruce Jensen)that has over 200 - 300 books that's are on the USMC Commandant's professional reading list.

Editors Special thank you!

To all of you that submit articles, photos and the many volunteers that support the detachment events, without you we would have no newsletter. OUR HEARTFELT THANKS
Don & Pete