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# Slattery Sidelines

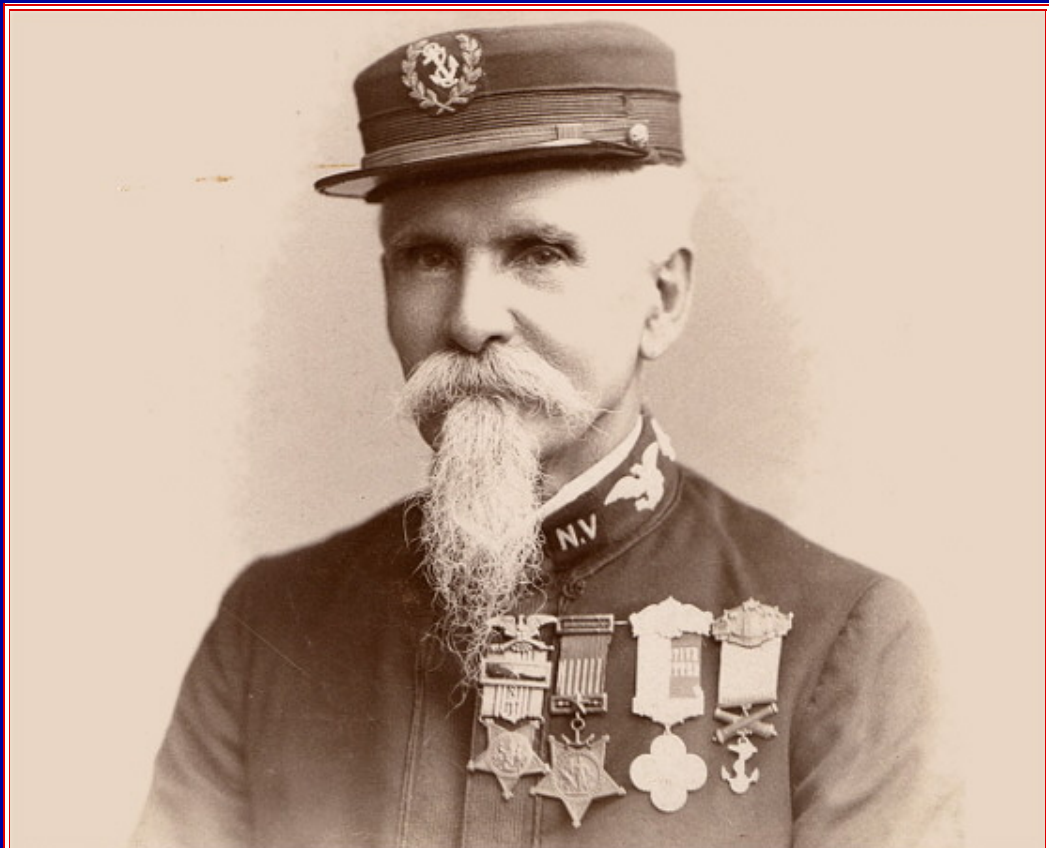
## Welcome To Your OnLine Newsletter - May 2018

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**Mackie, John F.,** First Sergeant U. S. M. Corps, serving on board U. S. S. Galena, 251 S. 8th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Corporal of marines on board of the U. S. S. Galena in the attack on Fort Darling, at Drury's Bluff, James River, May 15, 1862; particularly mentioned for his gallant conduct and services and signal acts of devotion to duty.

Medal awarded July 10, 1862, as Corporal John Mackie. **(Story on Page 4)**



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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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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

2018 Schedule

**May 12th** - hours 0900 - 1700 the first Marine Rose event of the year at the 5Th annual Lake Hopatcong Foundation Block Party Lake Hopatcong NJ meet event coordinators Bob Stalzer and Lee Moreau at the event at 0830 to help set up the Tent schedule.

**May 2nd** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp

**May 26th** - Flag placement at the Veterans grave sites meet at the Legion at 0800 we then car pool to the Gate of Heaven cemetery in East Hanover when the detail is complete we come back to the legion for light refreshments

**May 28th** - Memorial Day Parade full details on det. web site\*

\* Monday Memorial Day Parade info: meet for Breakfast at the Hanover Twp. Rec Center 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. followed by a Ceremony at the Veterans Monument at the Town Campus at 8:30:AM. at conclusion of the ceremony A bus will transport you to the Parade assembly area that forms up on East Fairchild by the High School at 9:00:AM. It begins at 9:30 AM and ends at Post 155 for the service. After the service, hot dogs, ice cream, beer and soda will be served. uniform MCL Cover detachment red shirt black pants, black high gloss shoes for those that can not march cars are available for you to ride in.

**Jun 6th** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp

**Jun 14th** - Flag day flag retirement ceremony at Legion post home starts at dusk we participate with the Legion, VFW, boy scouts and other service organizations in the very impressive brief ceremony light refreshments follow at the conclusion of the ceremony

**June 20th** - 0900/1600 Marine Rose Fund raiser event Shoprite West Caldwell event coordinators Bob Stalzer, Doug Huber

**July 4th** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp, also holiday

**Aug 1st** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp, nomination of officers

**Sept 5th** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp, election of officers

**Oct 3rd** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp, installation of officers

**Nov 7th** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp

**Nov 10th** - USMC Birthday

**Dec 5th** - meeting - 1930, Legion home Whippany, note regular meetings start at 1930 sharp

**Dec 7th** - 1900 - Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony we join with Legion & VFW members, guests at the legion for a very nice candle lighting ritual & taps with light refreshments to follow the conclusion of the ceremony

Chucky Blazures Lunch Bunch Skuttlebutt!

Chucky Blazure's Lunch Bunch Luncheons for 2018 3rd Thursdays of each month at 1200

**2018**

**17- May** at Black Horse Pub Rte. 24 Mendham

**21- June** at Charlotte's Web

Obituary Marine Joseph Patrick Moran



On April 6th 2018 a detachment Memorial Service was held for Marine Patrick Joseph Moran.

The service started at 5:30 pm at the Farmer Funeral Home Roseland NJ. The service was led by member Father Michael Hanly.

Also representing the Slattery detachment was Frank Gargano and his wife Cecelia, Michael Dougherty & Robert Stalzer.

## This Month in USMC History

### MAY

- **2 May 1946:** Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.
- **5 May 1983:** In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.
- **8 May 1995:** In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.
- **10 May 1945:** The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.
- **15 May 1862:** Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.
- **16 May 1945:** The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.
- **22 May 1912:** First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.
- **23 May 1988:** The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.
- **26 May 1969:** Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.
- **29 May 1991:** Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.

## Perpetual Memorial Site for our Deceased Members



Go to the detachment web site top bar det. 206 drop down link and click on guarding the gates link, have your sound on, wait a couple of seconds Don has created a well done perpetual Memorial page for our deceased members browse through the names posted say hi to some old friends.

### John F. Mackie, a Medal of Honor recipient

Black and white photographic portrait of John F. Mackie, a Medal of Honor recipient, wearing medal, for service during the Civil War.

This sitter is also wearing a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) membership badge with a one-star commander bar and a GAR Navy Veterans medal.

The inscription on the reverse states that Mackie served as a First Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps on board U.S.S. Galena and participated in the attack on Fort Darling, at Drury's Bluff, James River, May 15, 1862. Mackie was "particularly mentioned for his gallant conduct and services and signal acts of devotion to duty.

"Official Citation: MACKIE, JOHN F. Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps. Born: 1836, New York, N.Y. Accredited to: New York. G.O. No.: 17, 10 July 1863. Citation: On board the U.S.S. Galena in the attack on Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff, James River, on 15 May 1862. As enemy shellfire raked the deck of his ship, Corporal Mackie fearlessly maintained his musket fire against the rifle pits along the shore and, when ordered to fill vacancies at guns caused by men wounded and killed in action, manned the weapon with skill and courage".

### Security Class CMP 125



On Wednesday March 28th Marines Mario and Dom Monaco stopped by CCM County College of Morris and the Management of information and systems security class CMP 125.



We also stopped at the memorial site for Marine 2nd LT John J. Wroblewski who was KIA in Iraq. The Slattery detachment helped put together the Memorial site on the campus of CCM.

### "SPAM" in the little blue can that changed the world

During my tour of duty for the evening chow, I was monitoring the feeding of the 900 plus Marines in the 1st signal Battalion. In Korea. The last Marine in the chow line was the new Colonel. Fortunately there was plenty of chow for everyone and we passed his inspection the following day we had another visit from the Colonel. He gathered all the cooks together and ordered us to plan a menu for evening chow and we had to submit the menus to him. He would choose one menu to serve to the Marines for evening chow. I checked through the cooks manual and selected baked Spam Loaf with mustard sauce. As it turned out the Colonel selected my menu. A few days later when I had the duty we prepared the baked spam with mustard sauce, canned vegetables and fruit cocktail. We had in stock cases of cans containing large loaves of spam. I must say the meal was well received by the Marines. The Colonel was the last one to be served. He was happy with the meal.

Spam stands for shoulder Pork and more ! In Hawaii Spam is so popular that it is sometimes referred to as Hawaiian steak. Spam turned 80 in July of 2017. Spam was introduced on July 5th 1937 I still enjoy fried spam and eggs.

Pete Gallo

If you google spam you will be surprised by its history there is even a spam museum in Minnesota.

### Commandant's Corner



Well, May is finally here and hopefully we are in for some good weather. With all the snow and bad weather we had in March along with the rain and snow we had in April, hopefully the flowers will bloom in May. Hey, it's the northeast and it's the end of winter.

As we get ready to enjoy the Spring season and summer months ahead, there should be a few events that will need our Detachments participation from our Members. There is also the Flag Placement at the Gates of Heaven Cemetery on Friday the 26th. You can meet at the American Legion at 0800 and car pool to the Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial Day is Monday the 28th and the annual Whippany/Hanover Township Memorial Day Parade that is jointly run by the American Legion, VFW and of course the Marine Corps League. Breakfast is being served at the Hanover Town Recreation Center starting at 0700-0815. All of the pertinent information about this weekend is on page two of the Newsletter.

We also will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday May 13. Let's not forget our Mom and our Wives, as this is their Day.

Memorial Day is a day we honor and remember all those Men and Women who served in our Armed Forces and lost their lives in doing so. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and it was started to honor the dead following the Civil War. In 1971 it became a Federal Holiday. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo, NY was officially declared the birthplace by President Lyndon B Johnson in 1966, it is difficult to prove where it was first celebrated. The first state to recognize Memorial Day was New York and the year was 1873.

Don't forget to keep in your thoughts and prayers all those Men & Women who wear the uniform of our Military Services who are away from home in another state or some country around the globe; and don't forget those who are deployed all around the world protecting our Freedom for those countries that cannot do it alone.

Let's continue to support our Detachment and make it even better. Look to bring in new members so we can grow. We all should be thankful for what we have and to enjoy our Family, Friends and the Camaraderie of serving our Country and Corps.

Semper Fi, Neas Out

## *Semper Fi*

### Korea Marine Ralph Bridy



(L-R) Dominick Monaco and Ralph Bridy & Mario Monaco) A Coal Miners Son, raised in Shomokin, Pennsylvania, Ralph Bridy, Joined the Marine Corp, Served his Country, and then worked at Pepsi Cola Company in Teterboro N.J. before starting Bridy Sales and Leasing in 1973.

45 years later, this family Business is still going strong.

Semper Fidelis!

The Marines hit Wall Street!



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The Marines hit Wall Street! Story on next page.

### The Marines hit Wall Street!

Had a great night with the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, at Cipriani Wall Street in NY for their Gala. We had a military display for the people attending the gala.

- 1953 M38A1 jeep with 50 Cal
- Marines showcasing Marine Corps uniforms spanning different time periods (Master Sergeant Mark Peer, Sgt Dominick Monaco, Sgt Luis Gomez, LCpl Henry Zimmermann, LCpl Mike Magliacane, Mike Szymanski and Gunny Monaco)
- Weapons spanning different time periods
- Bulldog in uniform (PVT Caff)

Mission of MC-LEF. Thanks to our generous donors, MC-LEF currently establishes a \$30,000 educational account for every child who loses a parent serving in the United States Marine Corps or any Federal Law Enforcement Agency. Since our founding in 1995, MC-LEF has awarded over \$73 million in educational accounts and other humanitarian assistance to over 4000 recipients. We have only one paid employee and, therefore, the vast majority of our efforts are performed by a dedicated group of volunteers who run our various events. Additionally, all officers and board members are also volunteers and together, we are extremely efficient in running our organization so that donor funds are predominantly used to accomplish our mission of Educating the Children of Those Who Sacrificed All.

Semper Fi

Gunnery Sergeant (Ret) Mario Monaco

### Memorial Day Parade Monday May 28th

The Grand Marshall's for 2018 are VFW post 5351 members Michael Yesenko, John Urbanik and Anthony Lentine.

2019 is our detachments turn to pick the Grand Marshall's and lead the parade.

## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 2 West Orange, NJ Matthew P. Guedes

#### Rank Advancement

Arrow of Light: March 20, 2011  
Scout: May 5, 2011  
Tenderfoot: October 24, 2011  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class: March 19, 2012  
1<sup>st</sup> Class: September 17, 2012  
Star: March 24, 2013  
Life: December 16, 2013  
Eagle: November 29, 2017

#### Leadership Positions

Troop Guide 2017-2018

Instructor 2015-2017

Patrol Leader 2013-2015

Assistant Patrol Leader 2012-2013

#### Other

Order of the Arrow

National Youth Leadership Training

Varsity Co-Captain West Orange HS Hockey Team



## The Story of "TAPS"

Here's what has been thought of as true and what really is the story of "TAPS"

ORIGIN: It's hard to feel surprised when a melody as hauntingly beautiful as 'Taps' picks up a legend about how it came to be written — it's too mournfully direct a piece for the mere truth to suffice:

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he had enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.

'Taps' was composed in July 1862 at Harrison's Landing in Virginia, but aside from that basic fact, the fanciful piece quoted above in no way reflects the reality of that melody's origins. There was no dead son, Confederate or otherwise; no lone bugler sounding out the dead boy's last composition. How the call came into being was never anything more than one influential soldier's deciding his unit could use a bugle call for particular occasions and setting about to come up with one. If anyone can be said to have composed 'Taps,' it was Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, during the American Civil War. Dissatisfied with the customary firing of three rifle volleys at the conclusion of burials during battle and also wanting a less harsh bugle call for ceremonially signaling the end of a soldier's day, he likely altered an older piece known as "Tattoo," a French bugle call used to signal "lights out," into the call we now know as 'Taps.' Summoning his brigade's bugler, Private Oliver Willcox Norton, to his tent one evening in July 1862, Butterfield (whether he wrote 'Taps' straight from the cuff or improvised something new by rearranging an older work) worked with the bugler to transform the melody into its present form. As Private Norton later wrote of that occasion:

General Daniel Butterfield ... showing me some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope, asked me to sound them on my bugle. I did this several times, playing the music as written. He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for 'Taps' thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night, and was heard far beyond the limits of our brigade. The next day I was visited by several buglers from neighboring brigades, asking for copies of the music, which I gladly furnished. I think no general order was issued from army headquarters authorizing the substitution of this for the regulation call, but as each brigade commander exercised his own discretion in such minor matters, the call was gradually taken up through the Army of the Potomac.

'Taps' was quickly taken up by both sides of the conflict, and within months was being sounded by buglers in both Union and Confederate forces. Then as now, 'Taps' serves as a vital component in ceremonies honoring military dead. It is also understood by American servicemen as an end-of-day 'lights out' signal. When "Taps" is played at a military funeral, it is customary to salute if in uniform, or place your hand over your heart if not.

Semper Fi, Tom Miller