



NATIONAL SOUTHERN DIVISION
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

VICTOR T. FISHER AWARD

PRESENTED TO

BERNIE O'DELL

APRIL 9, 2016

Victor Theodore Fisher notes:

Sgt WW II Purple Heart

Marines Marine in appearance and Military Bearing.

Sgt at Arms for Marine Corps League National for many years.

A Gentleman in all that he said or did.

Did sword salute for each deceased member at National Memorial Service
s as only a Sgt. Fisher could.

1992 National Marine of the Year

Honorary Commandant Department of New York.

Penny Weston was a close friend.

PNC Bob Becker good source for info.

PNC Paul Hastings source.

Uniform was always worn to perfection.

Long time Sgt at Arms for Dept. of NY

Never a Devil Dog

Focused on doing his job as Sgt at Arms never political.

Buried at Arlington on a Tuesday 7/25/1995

Had New York MCL License Plate #10

Made sure all Memorials were done with Dignity & Respect

A Marine to be respected

Focused the same attention to detail to Business and Staff Meetings.

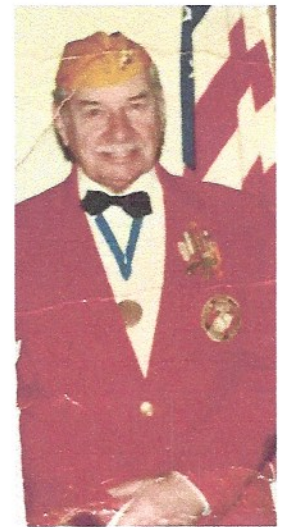
Penny Weston still carries this picture in her uniform coat today.

The Victor T Fisher award was originally the Northeast Division Marine of the Year award. That was before the League had a Division Marine of the Year Award. The three Northeast Department Commandant chose the recipient and later a Society of previous recipients chose the next recipient.

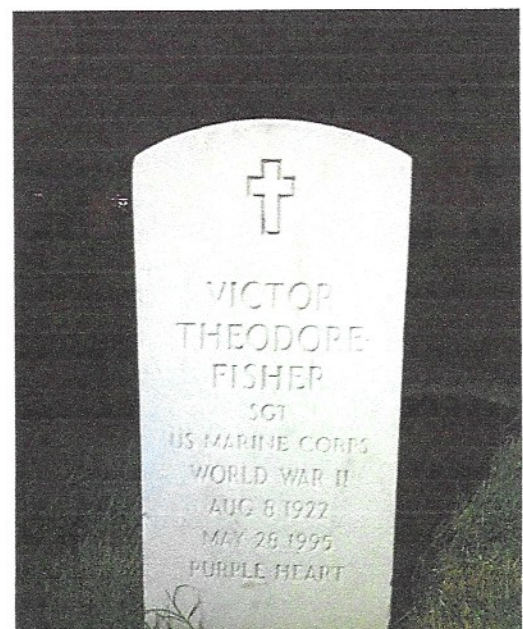
Victor is wearing a blue tux because back in the day formal dress was the uniform of the day. Not everyone had dress mess uniforms.

Later National adopted this award. It still hold the prestige of being one of the highest award you can receive in our League. Many hold it in the same regard as they do Marine of the Year. A smaller group of Marines are eligible to receive this award than MOY.

24. Victor received an Commendation from the State of New York for his service to our country and the league.



25. PNC Paul Hastings receive one of the first of these awards from Penny Weston. After receiving it he told her that she was not yet authorize to present the award because it had not been approved but he was not going to give it back.
26. Victor also received many awards from our league for his service including the distinguished citizen's gold which is the highest award in our league.
27. Contact Meg at national she may have a photo of Victor.
28. Victor was always sharp and precise.
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FISHER, VICTOR T

Section: 70

Grave: 1989

Branch of Service: US MARINE CORPS

Birth Date: 08/08/1922

Death Date: 05/28/1995

Interment Date: 07/25/1995



The Victor T Fisher Award

Board of Trustees Commendation (Victor T. Fisher Award) (National\Department)

Ribbon: Red, White, Blue

Awarded by: National Division Vice\ (Department Commandant

Presented to: National\Department Board of Trustees member

Recommended by: National\Division Vice' (Department Detachment Commandant

Department Award Approval: Department Commandant

Division Award approval: Division Vice Commandant

National Award approval: National Commandant

This can be awarded by ANY National, Division Vice or Department Commandant to a member of their Board of Trustees who best exemplifies the principles of the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps League and Marine Fisher.

The above is what is written in Enclosure 4 of the National Bylaws.

The question comes to mind, who was Victor T. Fisher and why was this award named after him. This information is what I have discovered in the past few months. I interview several Marines and received many stories all positive. Time has passed there are still many blanks to be filled in. Here is what I know to be true.

Marine Fisher was a long time Sgt at Arms for both the Department of New York and Marine Corps League National. Victor was a Marines, Marine and totally squared away. He was totally dedicated to being the best Sgt. at Arms that he could be. He was never political and never ran for any other office and was totally dedicated to position of Sgt. at Arms. Victor was a always a true Gentleman and could get Marines to comply with regulations and like it. He was never a Devil Dog as that would take away from the job he loved. He did his job so well that he received many awards, National Marine of the Year 1992, Honorary Commandant Department of New York, A commendation from the State of New York for his service to our Country and the League. Department of New York Marine of the Year. Distinguished Citizen Gold.

Marine Fisher is remembered for his sword salute which he rendered for each fallen Marine at the Memorial Service at the National Memorial Services that he organized and so proudly took part in. Victor was also a mentor to many but was a special mentor to Marine Penny Weston. When the Marine Corps League New York got license plates Victor got plate number 10, June Fisher, Victor's Wife gave that plate to Penny when Victor Passed. Penny still keep a picture of Victor inside her red jacket to always remember Victor. They were very close friends. She and

Paul Hastings attend Victor's Service at Arlington National Cemetery. Victor Theodore Fisher was a WWII Marine Sgt. He received a Purple Heart.

How did the award come about? Before about 2010 there was no Division Marine of the Year award so the Department of New York came up with the first Victor T. Fisher award for the Northeast Division Marine of the Year. The Commandants of the Departments in the Northeast Division selected the first recipients and later a society was formed to select next recipient.

Sometime later National took note of this award and adopted it as we know it today. On the Plaque Victor is wearing a blue Tuxedo, I really don't know why for sure but I do know that in those days sometimes Tuxedos they were wearing to banquets or it could be because he looked so good in it.

Thanks to Penny Weston, Helen Hicks, Paul Hastings and Bob Becker for your input and story's that you shared about Marine Victor T. Fisher.

When I began this search for information about Marine Fisher I had no idea I would receive this award at the Southern Division Conference. I am very proud to have received this honor and thank all those who have help to make the Southern Division a success I could not have done it without your help and support. It is truly a we thing not a me thing.