

Marine Corps League

INCOMING NEWS



October Newsletter 2024
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DETACHMENT OFFICERS

Commandant Robert "Doc" Hockenbury
Jr Vice comdt Bill Kropa
Adjutant Buddy Yeager
Chaplain Joe Pokojni Sr
A/Cjaplaion Frank Schanenberger

SrVice comdt John Mitzak
Judge Advocate Dick Kondash
Paymaster Jim Mineo
Sgt-At-Arms Ken Harding
A/Sgt-At-Arms Bruce Brown



Greetings from the Detachment Commandant – Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 5th starting at 1100 at our detachment headquarters. Please make every effort to attend if possible. Under new business we will be conducting the first round of nominations for our 2025 officers, followed by a 2nd round of nominations in November with elections in December. Installation will follow at the January 2025 meeting. If seeking a nomination for an office please make an effort to play a role in the nomination & election process on the 5th or the second round of nominations on the 12th

GO NAVY

Following the meeting we will be celebrating the 249 birthday of the U.S. Navy with a cake cutting ceremony. It's an honor for the Navy to celebrate the heritage and to promote pride and prosperity among it's members. The birthday falls on the 13th of October but it works better for us to celebrate following our monthly meeting (probably around noon) Please consider bringing along a shipmate, they are invited as a guest, and will enjoy the fellowship we share with the Navy.



After the birthday Pound #067 Military Order of the Devil Dogs will conduct a Growl, nominations and election of 2024/2025 officers will be held, please plan on participating.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the attachment on the Northampton County festival that will be held at Louise Moore Park Palmer Twsp on October 12th. Under events the County Executive Lamont McClure will be honoring some area veterans with the Counties “Outstanding Veterans Award” We’ve had seven of our members receive this award – this will be the 5th annual festival.



Attention delegates from the Joint Veterans Council – our next meeting is scheduled for October 15th at the Hellertown American Legion Post starting at 1900, please mark your calendar.

The Joint Veterans Council Veteran of the Year banquet is just around the corner, we look forward to you attending and honoring the 2024 Veteran of the Year. The Brown & Lynch American Legion Post #9 on 2260 Corriere Road Palmer Twsp, will be hosting Saturday November 9th tickets will be available soon at \$25.00 - baked ham, roast beef and all the trimmings. We also have a DJ and the Swing Time Dolls will be entertaining, doors open at 1700 with a cash bar – Dinner at 1745 .



FYI EVENTS - DETAILS TO FOLLOW



10 November the 249 birthday of the Marine Corps – party TBA,

Veterans Day Monday November 11th Memorial Grove Upper Hackett Park Easton, ceremonies to start at 10:30 – followed by a parade in Wilson Boro with American Legion Post #9 and the Wilson HS band at 1300 - more to follow. Color guard needed for both events.

Fund Raiser at Redners on 22 & 23 November 2024 – a call will go out next month for volunteers.

DATES OF INTEREST



October 2nd Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
October 7th 2001 Start of Operation Enduring Freedom



October 14 Columbus Day

October 18th 2001 VMFA – 251 becomes first Marine unit to engaged in combat in Afghanistan

October 23rd 1983 BLT 1/8 Marine Headquarters barracks bombed in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 241 personnel

October 25th 1983 Operation Urgent Fury commences in Grenada

October 31st HALLOWEEN

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 12, 2024 • 11AM – 5PM

Louise W. Moore Park

151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA 18045

FREE ADMISSION!

FOOD • BEVERAGES • LIVE MUSIC • CRAFTERS • AWARDS



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STAY IN TOUCH – When you have a change of address, phone #, or email address we need to know that information, please contact the paymaster at jimmineousmc@rcn.com.



TOYS FOR TOTS is just around the corner, our chairman “Pocono Joe” Pokojni will be identifying the toy pick up sites, followed by a sign up sheet seeking volunteers. All toys are stowed at the Palmer twsp U-Haul off of Rt 22 and 25th street, until time to make delivery to the USMCR for distribution.



PHOTOS NOW AND THEN

THEN 2003

**Rifle shoot Fort
Indiantown Gap**

**Joe Pokojni
Jim Mineo
Ken Keer**



THEN 2003

**Rifle Shoot
Fort Indiantown Gap**

**Jim Mineo &
Pete Cochran
on the firing line**



PHOTOS NOW AND THEN

THEN 2018

National Convention

Military Order
of the Devil Dogs
registration line



THEN 2019

Easton Heritage
day

Doc – Jim & John



PHOTOS NOW AND THEN

NOW 2024

**JA Dick Kondash
in deep thought**



NOW 2024

**SE Vice John
Mitzak
ready to
address the
students at
Avona elementary
school for
veterans day**



PHOTOS NOW AND THEN

NOW 2024

Jr Vice Bill Kropa with Eagle Scout Court of Honor awards



NOW 2024

**Posting the colors at the Phillipsburg AARP meeting
Doug Dick Joe Pokojni, Tom Hess & Jim Mineo**

