



OORAH NEWSLETTER

*Granite State Detachment #542
Marine Corps League*

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COMMANDANT'S CORNER



BJ Byers

Dear Detachment Members, Friends and Supporters,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer! GSD #542 has done some great things over the last few months, many of which are highlighted in this Newsletter. Please take some time to review it and share any ideas you may have for future issues with Editor Marge Romano.

Senior Vice Commandant, John Jenkins, shared the results of the fundraising efforts that the Detachment accomplished over the summer and it was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated. We could not do it without the donation of your time and energy! Thanks again!

I would like to share with the membership that the participation at the Airport Diner on the last Saturday of each month is a big hit. If you have not participated at the breakfast gathering in a while, or if you have never attended, I hope that that you will try to come to one of them. It's a great time to socialize, share stories and enjoy being around our Marine Corps Family.

In closing, I wish you all good health and I hope that you enjoy the cooler fall weather surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

Semper Fidelis,

SR. VICE COMMANDANT



John Jenkins

Fundraising for Veterans

GSD #542 has had a fairly successful fundraising season. Although the usual gun shows that we usually attend to raffle off a fine weapon were not available to us, we endured. During the Fourth of July time frame, volunteer members set up our tables at local supermarkets and we also tried our luck at a local sporting goods store.

Several of our members also had a wonderful time shooting clay pigeons during a fundraiser that was held for the benefit of the Detachment at a nearby gun club. Joe Duquette and I recently had the pleasure of attending the gun club's monthly meeting to receive a donation check. We gave the club members a presentation of who we are as a Detachment and explained how the funds will be used for the many programs that we support. A big thank you to Detachment member 'Doc' Freschi for conceiving and implementing this event.

**Thank you to all the Volunteers who made
this fundraising season happen!**

On the weekend before Veterans Day, we will be returning to the sporting goods store for a Saturday and Sunday fundraising event. I hope all members of the

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GSD #542 are looking forward to participating in this fundraiser and will sign up to fill the time slots.

Our mission is to help Veterans and the local community. Volunteering is something that we all should regard as our duty as members of the Marine Corps League.

*When the call goes out,
Please set aside some time to help out with this
endeavor and Step Up!*

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Chaplain Joe Duquette

An American Outlook

While fishing with my grandchildren, I tend to ponder on the peacefulness of the lake and I think of what it means to be an American.

Peace and Freedom do not come free.

We should thank our young soldiers who are out there every day as they put their lives on the line for us so that we can keep our freedom.

Our Flag is a symbol of freedom. Some people think it's a symbol of hate, but I totally reject that belief.

Our Nation is truly special and I hope the next generation can rally around the foundation of our freedom and make America truly exceptional once more.

I hope we can instill in our children and our grandchildren that if you work hard in this great country that they too can achieve their dreams. Our children must learn that America is a beacon of hope in a dark world.

We must not let politicians divide us. If we do, we are paving the way for a country dominated by communists.

Our freedom has come at a big price. New Hampshire has had twenty-six soldier's die in Afghanistan; nine of

them were Marines. Just recently, thirteen military personnel died by an EOD while protecting Afghan refugees – twelve of those who died in this attack were Marines - we should never forget them!

As a nation, we must also remind all generations of how precious our freedom of religion truly is - **America should always be free and all Americans should stand together as one country.**

God Bless You.

CHESTER NH ROD & GUN CLUB HOLDS SPORTING CLAYS 50 ROUND CHARITY SHOOT TO BENEFIT VETERANS

On Sunday, August 8, 2021, the Sporting Clay Committee of the Chester NH Rod & Gun Club held a Sporting Clays 50 Round Charity **Fundraiser Shoot**. The club donated all of the proceeds from this fundraiser to the GSD #542 to aid the Detachment in its commitment to help and support Veterans and their families.

Several Detachment members participated in this event along with many club members. The experienced shooters of the club enthusiastically provided instructions, guidance and expertise to the "newbies" who were clay shooting for the first time. A good time was had by all!

GSD "FIRST TIMERS" AT THE CLUB SHOOT



Nancy Gero



*John Petralito, Joe Duquette
and Jim Ambrose*

The club was established in 1932 to provide a family friendly environment to promote a variety of archery and shooting activities and offers shooting matches, family oriented competition and training opportunities.

Check the web site and calendar for more information at:

<https://chesterrodandgunclub.com>

**GRANITE STATE
DETACHMENT #542**

OFFICERS 2021

Commandant
BJ Byers
Sr. Vice Commandant
John Jenkins
Jr. Vice Commandant
Chris Peirce
Judge Advocate
Open Position
Adjutant
Open Position
Paymaster
Gary Gahan
Chaplain
Joe Duquette
Quartermaster
John Petralito
Sergeant at Arms
Greg Krill
Web Sergeant
Chris Alberding

**THIS MONTH IN
MARINE CORPS HISTORY**

July

*In 1950, the Korean War saw the Marine Corps expand from 75,000 regulars to a **peak strength of 261,000 Marines**, most of whom were reservists.....Between July 1950 and June 1953, about 122,000 reservists, both recruits and veterans, saw active duty with the Marine Corps.*

August 3, 1950

*On this day, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from the USS Sicily and carried out the **first Marine aviation mission of the Korean War**. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea*

September 20, 1950

Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River eight miles northeast of Seoul Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines attacked Seoul and, by the 27th, had captured it.

Officers Meeting

1800 – 1830

followed by the

Membership Meeting

1830 – 2000

on the

2nd Tuesday of the month

at the

Elks Lodge #146
290 Granite Street
Manchester, NH

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 3857
Manchester, NH 03105

Website:

www.granitestatemarines.com

Marine Corps Breakfast

08:00 Last Saturday of the Month

Airport Diner, Brown Avenue

Manchester, NH



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
4th QUARTER OF 2021**



William "Bill" Wentworth

Did you know ...?

***Miscellaneous
Marine Corps Acronyms***

- **AT:** Antiterrorism
- **BAH:** Basic Allowance for Housing
- **CAX:** Combined Arms Exercise
- **CID:** Combat Identification
- **CONUS:** Continental United States
- **CP:** Command Post
- **CT:** Counterterrorism
- **CY:** Calendar Year
- **DEP:** Delayed Entry Program
- **DoD:** Department of Defense
- **DoN:** Department of the Navy
- **DoS:** Department of State
- **EAS:** End of Active Service
- **FEX:** Field Exercise
- **FMF:** Fleet Marine Force
- **FOB:** Forward Operating Base
- **FY:** Fiscal Year
- **GWOT:** Global War on Terrorism
- **IED:** Improvised Explosive Device
- **ITB:** Infantry Training Battalion
- **INTEL:** Intelligence
- **LAR:** Light Armored Reconnaissance
- **LRC:** Learning Resource Center
- **MCMAP:** Marine Corps Martial Arts Program
- **MCT:** Marine Combat Training
- **MOS:** Military Occupational Specialty
- **MOUT:** Military Operations in Urban Terrain
- **OEF:** Operation Enduring Freedom
- **OIF:** Operation Iraqi Freedom
- **OPSEC:** Operational Security
- **PERSEC:** Personal Security
- **PME:** Professional Military Education
- **POW:** Prisoner of War
- **RBE:** Remain Behind Equipment
- **TAD:** Temporary Additional Duty



REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11th 20th Anniversary Program

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery,
Boscawen, NH

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Beginning at 6:30 pm on this solemn day, a large gathering of visitors and representatives of many military service organizations came together on the grounds of the NH State Veterans Cemetery to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks and to reflect on this terrible chapter in our nation's history.

At precisely 7:00 pm the program closed out the **"100 Nights of Remembrance" TAPS** tribute by the many bugler volunteers. The annual tradition of the **TAPS** program at the cemetery was established twenty years ago by Director, Noel Taylor. After being recognized for his dedication of many years of time and effort to this program, Noel announced his retirement from the leadership position of the bugler group and will pass the leadership baton on to volunteer Eric Schindler.

Beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021, the **"100 Nights" volunteers will sound "TAPS" at 1:00 PM on Sundays only.**

The nightly **"TAPS"** tribute will resume on May 30, 2022.



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

GSD #542 SPONSORS

BUILDING DREAMS FOR MARINES (BDFM) 2021 GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The GSD was a sponsor of the August 20th 2021 BDFM Golf Tournament with a \$1,000 donation. In addition to the donation, Cherie Monnell, Gary Gahan, Marge Romano and friends of the Detachment Lauri Beaulieu and Pujie Ganbold were volunteer monitors on the golf course.

GSD member, Paul Sorensen, was the guest speaker at the "after game" luncheon. Paul thanked the organization for recently modifying his home. BDFM recently installed a new walk-in shower, added an additional stair rail to his basement stairs and also added stair rails to his entry porch. In past years, several other GSD members have been the beneficiaries of BDFM home modifications. These remodel adaptations allow for the safe movement by the Veteran within his or her home. There is **no cost to the Veteran** for any of the quality of life home modifications.

For additional information, visit the Building Dreams for Marines website at: <http://bdfm.org>



Marine Paul Sorensen and BDFM President, Scott Baetz

GSD #542 DONATES \$1,000 TO HOMETOWN HERO OUTDOORS

At the May, 2021 meeting, the Detachment presented a donation of \$1,000 for the purchase of four Ladder Tree Stands to **David Gray, Director of the New England Chapter of Hometown Hero Outdoors (HHO)** for the utilization at the September bear hunt event week and for future upcoming hunts.

The New England Chapter of HHO, hosted a 7-day bear hunt on September 7th – September 14th, 2021, in northern New Hampshire. The group was comprised of three HHO staff members, four hunters and a cameraman.

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Ladder Tree Stands erected in the northern woods of New Hampshire.



HHO hunters patiently waiting for a bear to be sighted!

Hometown Hero Outdoors' is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit with the *mission* of providing law enforcement officers, military service members, and military veterans with outdoor opportunities to assist in healing and building healthy relationships within the community.

For more information visit their website at:
www.hometownherooutdoors.org

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Gary Gahan 7/1/99

AUGUST

Teresa Hamlin 8/4/20
 Ronald Sinclair 8/31/87

Marge Romano 8/4/20
 Paul Sorensen 8/24/20

SEPTEMBER

Ronald Jones 9/6/18

David Larrabee 9/15/18

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CONNECTION

Representing the GSD #542, member **Jim Ambrose** participated in the Honors Cordon and Firing Detail at the funeral service of Marine Frank Wisinski in Portsmouth, NH on July 8, 2001.

At the June 2021 meeting of the Quad State Division held in Hyannis, MA, **Kevin Brown**, the outgoing Paymaster of the DNH, was presented the "Distinguished Citizen Gold Award" (the highest award authorized by the Marine Corps League). The presentation was made by National Commandant Dennis Tobin.



PROUD TO FLY THE MARINE CORPS COLORS



At a "Celebration of Life" gathering in remembrance of Marine Kenneth Warner of Moultonborough, NH, "TAPS" was played with the American, Marine Corps and State of NH flags flying at half mast over the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. Ken's wife, Margit, along with several attendees, took the boat onto the lake to spread his ashes in tribute to Ken and his love of this beautiful lake.

MEMBERSHIP BIRTHDAYS



JULY

George Comtois
Ron Hayward
John Petralito

AUGUST

Chris Alberding
Frank Diekmann
Armand Lavoie
Raymond A. Lemay
Donald Schnare
Ronald Sinclair

SEPTEMBER

Woody Haskell
Vincent Iacopino
Gilfred Martel

BREAKFAST AND COMARADERIE AT THE AIRPORT DINER!



COFFEE AND MORE!

At the Detachment social breakfast gathering on Saturday, August 28, 2021, ten year old Max became an honorary member of the GSD #542. Max is the Godson and legal ward of Sue and Jay Sciascia.



Jay, Max and Gary

For many years, Sue has been the group's dedicated server at each monthly social breakfast gathering. Over this time period, Sue has established personal relationships with many of the folks that "break bread" together each month.

During the voluntary participation raffle drawing, there were four prizes - along with the 50/50 cash split. As each winning raffle number was drawn, each winner enthusiastically requested that Max collect their prize for himself – including the 50/50 cash.

A great day for Max and a great day for the "spirit of generosity" of the GSD #542 social breakfast attendees!

**ALL MARINES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND THE SOCIAL BREAKFAST**

The Granite State Detachment #542 social breakfast gathering is held at 0:800 Last Saturday of the Month, Airport Diner Brown Ave., Manchester, NH.

CELEBRATE THE USMC 246th BIRTHDAY AT THE MANCHESTER EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE LUNCHEON



★ For more information,
Email [manchexpbrigade@gmail](mailto:manchexpbrigade@gmail.com)
Or contact Marissa at (603) 296-0030.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARINE – ARTHUR ALLISON



I was brought up in the small town of Antrim, New Hampshire. I have three brothers and one sister; I am the youngest child in my family. Growing up, I had a very good relationship with my parents and my siblings as we were raised in a small town, family oriented setting. I was a bit shy as a youngster, but I enjoyed the typical childhood activities such as riding my bike, fishing and baseball. To make money during those formative years, I would mow lawns, rake leaves and shovel snow. My favorite area of study in school was math.

On my tenth birthday, I received a book titled “Marine Uniforms” and it sparked an interest for me about the Marine Corps. I also remember that there was one WWII Marine Veteran from Antrim who may have also influenced me, as I always felt there was something about Marines.

Upon graduating from high school, I did as many other young men did during this time period - I joined the military. I followed my three older brothers who were already serving in the military;

Ted was in the Navy, Bob was in the Army and Francis was in the Air Force. I had decided early in my youth to enlist in the Marine Corps and on October 2, 1953, I began active duty along with my friend from Antrim, Nelson Fuglestad.

I was in Platoon #382 – 5th Battalion at Parris Island. After a few days, I was sent to the Charlestown Naval Hospital because I had been in a serious accident nine years earlier. The doctor said, “Do you want out?” I said, “No, I wouldn’t have joined if I wanted out!”

After boot camp, I spent two or three months at Camp Pendleton Tent Camp 2. I was trained to use a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) which is a portable light machine gun and I had extra training during that time. From there, I was supposed to go to Korea, but I did not, because the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, and they were bringing the 1st Marine Division home. I was then assigned to Base Security for roughly a year. After that, I was placed to work in Base Supply because I had studied bookkeeping and typing in school. I served three years in the Marine Corps and I was released from active duty on October 1, 1956.

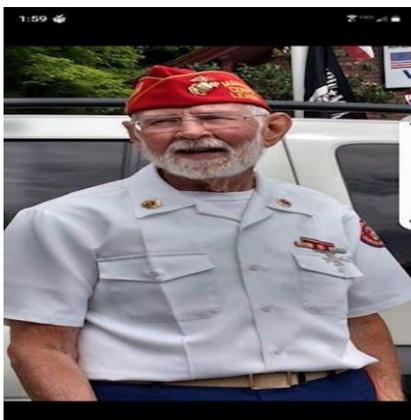
Thirty days later in October in 1956, I joined the Air Force. I had put in for Marine Air Wing, but changed my mind as I wanted to go overseas. I joined the Air Force under the condition that I would be sent to Europe. I did a three year tour of duty in England and extended the duty for another year – a total of four years.

While serving my tour in England, I met my wife Ann who is from the rural town of Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England. We were married on August 2, 1958.

I left the Air Force in October 1960 and I returned home to Antrim with my wife Ann and our daughter Yvonne.

Ann and I have three children; daughters Yvonne, Yvette and a son Dean. Dean served twelve years active duty in the Marine Corps and another twelve years in the Marine Corps Reserves. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

We have two granddaughters and seven grandsons. Each of our daughters has a son that served in the Marine Corps – I like to believe they joined the Marine Corps in honor of their grandfather, as I was always talking to them about my experiences when I was in the Marines.



I worked as a printer in Peterborough for thirty-six years as a shop foreman. When the company closed, I worked at another printing job until retiring at the age of seventy-six.

I am a Charter Member of the Granite State Detachment #542 as I joined the Marine Corps League in 1983. The first meeting I attended was at Porter’s Steak House in Hooksett, New Hampshire. I served two terms as Commandant of the Detachment. The Detachment gave me an award of a “Life Time Membership” in the Marine Corps League. I have fond memories of being a participating member in the GSD. I do miss attending the monthly Detachment meetings along with the accompanying camaraderie, but I am eighty-seven years old and I do not drive at night anymore.

I am most grateful for my family, my health and I am very happy with my life as it is now and as it has been in the past.

Semper Fidelis

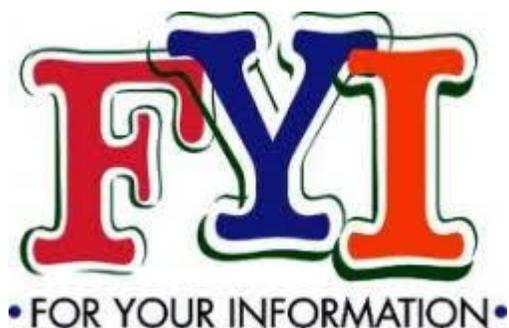
MILITARY POEMS

Editor's Note: The following poem was read at a "Celebration of Life" gathering at the Moultonborough, NH lakeside home of recently departed Marine Kenneth Warner. Ken served in Korea during the battle of the Chosin Reservoir. He was a very active member of the Marine Corps League, Lakes Region Detachment # 506 and he was a wonderful, faithful friend to me and my late husband.

"In Memory of Marine Sergeant Kenneth Warner"**KOREAN WAR**

Author Unknown

We didn't do much talking
We didn't raise a fuss
But Korea really happened
So please remember us
We all just did our duty
But we didn't win or lose
A victory was denied us
But we never got to choose
We roasted in the summer
In winter, we damn near froze
Walking back from near the Yalu
With our blackened frozen toes
Like the surf the Chinese kept coming
With their bugles in the night
And we fired into their masses
Praying for the morning light
All of us just had to be there
And so many of us died
But now we're all but half forgotten
We grow fewer with the years now
And we still don't raise a fuss
But Korea really happened
So please – remember us



**Attention
Veterans,
Veterans' Families,
Caregivers and Survivors.**

VA News

USPS IS HIRING NATIONWIDE VETERANS AND FAMILIES GET PREFERENCE

More than 100,000 positions across the nation are available at the United States Postal Service such as: City and rural postal carriers, city carrier assistants, tractor trailer operators, sales and support, mail processors and mail handler assistants.

These positions are available full time, or just on weekends and holidays. **Veterans, disabled Veterans, Reservists, spouses of disabled Veterans, widows or widowers of Veterans and mothers of Veterans all receive special preference for these USPS positions.**

For more detailed information and to view positions near you, or across the country, visit: **[USPS.com/Careers](https://www.usps.com/Careers)**

ENJOY THE FALL SEASON 2021, MARINES!



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