



Marine Corps League Suffolk County Detachment, Inc



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Commandant's Message



Dear Friends and Fellow Members,
I hope everyone had a great, enjoyable and safe summer. The rain finally did stop for a few weeks. But if you ever need rain, the detachment will plan an outdoor event (we could make a fortune on selling umbrellas).
Good weather or not the detachment was busy. The wounded Warriors project had two events in September-on the 24th, Babylon to beaches and on the 25th the soldiers ride, in the Hampton's, both were very successful. One of our members, Mike Steiner, was very instrumental in having the Marine Corps band from Cherry Point come to the "Babylon to beaches" event. Nice going Mike. The band arrived on Long Island Thursday. Thursday night, volunteers from our detachment barbecued at the hotel where the band was staying. Thanks to Jim McCann, Frank Dunn, Carmine Raineri, Tom Gilbride, and Chick for spending the evening cooking. And yes it did rain. Special thanks go out to the **Bobby's forever in our hearts foundation** for supplying the food for the barbecue.
Early the next morning the same volunteers worked at the registration desk in Babylon distributing T-shirts to the participants. The military order of the devil dogs BBQ went off great as usual. Dominick Pensante would like to thank all dogs and volunteers from the detachment and our friends and volunteers from Stop and Shop all across Suffolk County for serving our veterans at the Northport VA nursing home. And a tremendous thanks to Stop and Shop district manager Bob Hampson for supplying all the food for the event. Torrential rain again. Nice going to the house chairman for organizing the three cleanup dates and getting a ton of work done around the building and grounds. **The detachment looks great.** We received a phone call from one of the neighbors commenting on the look.

Thunder in Bay Shore September 19th event at our detachment is still in progress as I am writing this note. I would like to thank the 20 volunteers, members and nonmembers, for putting in a long day. Everyone worked well together setting up and breakdown went very smoothly. OORAH!!
On a sad note, there was the passing of our brother Al Navaro. Anyone who met Al knows he was one of a kind, always extremely funny with a quick joke or an amusing story. As a Korean War Marine he served with the first Battalion ninth Marines. Joining in 1977 Al held many positions in the detachment, commandant, senior vice, chaplain, delegate for Suffolk detachment at the Marine Corps league convention, bar chairman, ran Bingo night, the detachment Lotto and for the military order of the devil dogs pound he was keeper(Commandant) and dog robber (Adjutant\Paymaster). Suffolk County detachment would like to send its condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Al Navaro. He will sorely be missed.

SEMPER FI
Ciro "chick" Ciccarelli

50/50

The Detachment has begun holding a 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings since mid-July. The average payout over the (4) drawings so far is \$40.00. At the 4 Sept. meeting a guest from the Leathernecks MC club, Stew Rubin, won & donated his 50% back to the detachment. I wish to thank him SEMPER FI!

So come on down to the meetings & maybe make some bling at the same time.

Pots: 7/17 - \$38.00, 8/10 - \$36.00, 8/21 - \$34.00, 9/4 - \$55.00
Thank You Bob Shaw for "stem winding" the drawing.

Newsletter Sponsorship

Anyone that is in business, or knows someone in business please read: We are looking for sponsors

to advertise in our newsletter. The newsletter is published (6) times a year & directly reaches about 155 homes in the predominantly southwest Suffolk & directly north to Huntington - Coram areas. We are putting together page/pages with business card sized ads to fill out a page for \$50.00/ year. If you are in a position to help us out & want to advertise in our venue please sent a CURRENT business card & check for \$50.00 to:

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Bay Shore, NY 11706

MEMBERSHIP: Please patronize & tell all your friends, neighbors, relatives & people you can't stand to patronize our sponsors. This is a two way street & make it known where you saw the ad.

We presently have 6 ads and need 16 for a two sided page.

Carmine's Corner

Happy Birthday to our September and October Members

September

Victor Noce, John Antoine, Jr. Tom Gilbride and Robert Coffey

October

Dave Flareau, Mike Hirt

Happy Anniversary to our October Members

Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeGregorio
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gilbride
Mr. & Mrs. Dan O'Hagan

From the Jr. Vice Commandant Dave Flareau

With the summer now come and gone it is time to look forward to our fall schedule which includes our birthday celebration. Due to the great work done by our volunteers during our three cleanups the outside of the detachment looks absolutely great. Our latest contributors are Luis Sanchez, Carmine Raineri, Dan O'Haggen, Tom Gilbride, Bob Shaw, Frank Dunn, Jim McCann, Ed Rohrbacher, Worlow and Commandant Ciccarelli who were at our September 12th cleanup. The next cleanup is undated as of now, but will take place in late October in time for our Marine Corps Birthday. The primary task will be an inside cleanup. Any and all volunteers are welcome. All of our cleanups thus far have been completed around noon. Keep an eye out for the date and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,
Dave
Rifle Team

The 2009 season is over. We had our final match in Albany on 29 Aug. Of course it rained a ton & enough to cancel the M1 Garand match. Everyone signed up for this match will be given a credit toward next season for this match only & it will be reflected in the 2010 registration.

I do not yet know team results but the individual score for 1st place went to our member, Mark Bookbinder, with an aggregate score (NMC rifle & pistol match) of 1001 -11x.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK!

AND.....Congratulations to all those that are not dried out yet from the monsoon. Anyone wishing to participate on the team for 2010 see me at a detachment meeting for info.

VA Picnic Northport VA Hospital August 2, 2009



Group of Volunteers



Luis Sanchez and Chic Ciccarelli



L side of table - Leo, Sue and Marlene R side of table - Anthony, Dominick and Cathy

**Wounded Warrior Ride
July 29, 2009**



L-R Carmine Raineri, Chic Ciccarelli, Matthew Modine, Tom Gilbride and Jim McCann



L-R Tom Gilbride, Wounded Warrior, Jim McCann and Chic



Back - Jim McCann, Tom Gilbride, Frank Dunn and Chic Ciccarelli

Front - Dawn Esposito and Gina Pope

**Soldier's Ride
"The Hamptons"
July 25, 2009**



Center-Joann Lyles Jordan's Mom
Left-Chick Ciccarelli Right -Fred Hillmann

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www.mclsuffolkdetachment.org
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Officers

Ciro "Chick" Ciccarelli - Commandant
Jim McCann - Sr.Vice Commandant
David Flareau - Jr.Vice Commandant
Robert Shaw - Judge Advocate
Tom Gilbride - Paymaster
Leo Maese - Adjutant
Brian Mayer - Chaplain
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Robert "Mike" Coffey - Past Commandant
Judy McNiff-Editor Newsletter

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