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Welcome Aboard New Members

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Commandant's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

The summer is over so let's think about getting all those indoor projects finished over the winter. September motorcycle rally at the detachment went well. A big thanks goes out to the 20 plus volunteers who gave up their Saturday. This was a great learning experience and next year it will be bigger and better.

The two Raffle sales mornings at our local Stop and Shop stores went extremely well this year. Volunteering were Verlin Worlow, Leo Maese, Lewis Sanchez, Carmine Raineri, Jim McCann, Brian Mayer, Bob Shaw, Tom Gilbride and Frank Dunn. A special OORAH to Tony Demaio for securing the printing of the tickets and prize money. Nice job done by all.

On November 7, the USS New York was commissioned. This ceremony was attended by detachment members Carmine Ranieri, Mike Steiner, and I. This was a very impressive ceremony, with many speakers and most important to us marines, the CMC delivered a very impressive speech. With a lot of military protocol, the ship came to life. Good luck to the Sailors and Marines that will man her for the next 40 years.

The Marine Corps 234th birthday at the hall was a great occasion attended by members and non-members. Raffle winners were picked, door prizes given away, and a Chinese auction took place. Your detachment officers are working on a new

format for next year's birthday. As soon as a plan comes together the information will be passed along.

Raffle winners included 1st Rich Kinane, 2nd Barbara Zirpoli, 3rd Tom McRedmond.

Our detachment participated in a Veterans Day ceremony held at Islip town hall.

Thanks to our rifle team volunteers Tom Gilbride, Frank Dunn, Lou Sanchez, Jim McCann, Victor Monteiro and Chic Ciccarelli. The shots rang out perfect.

This year's elections will start December 18, January 15 with elections and ceremony February 5. All regular members should seriously think of stepping up into office.

SEMPER FI

Ciro "chick" Ciccarelli

DID YOU KNOW!

Leo Maese, Adjutant

THE HISTORY OF TUN TAVERN

I found the following information on a web site for the 2007 USMC Birthday Celebration. I thought you may find it interesting. Most Marines know of the relevance of Tun Tavern as the birthplace of the Marine Corps, but they may not know the history of Tun Tavern.

In the year 1685, Samuel Carpenter built a huge "brew house" in Philadelphia. He located the tavern on the waterfront on the corner of Water Street and Tun Alley. The old English word tun means a cask, barrel, or keg of beer. So, with this new beer tavern on Tun Alley, Carpenter elected to christen the new waterfront brewery with a logical name, Tun Tavern.

Tun Tavern quickly gained a reputation for serving fine beer. Beginning 47 years later in 1732, the first meetings of the St. John's

No.1 Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Temple were held in the tavern. An American of note, Benjamin Franklin, was its third Grand Master. Even today the Masonic Temple of Philadelphia recognizes Tun Tavern as the birthplace of Masonic teachings in America. Roughly ten years later in the early 1740's, the new proprietor expanded Tun Tavern and gave the addition a new name, "Peggy Mullin's Red Hot Beef Steak Club at Tun Tavern." The new restaurant was a smashing commercial success and was patronized by notable Americans. In 1747, the St. Andrews Society, a charitable group dedicated to assisting poor immigrants from Scotland was founded in the tavern. Nine years later, then Col. Benjamin Franklin organized the Pennsylvania Militia. He used Tun Tavern as a gathering place to recruit a regiment of soldiers to go into battle against the Indian uprisings that were plaguing the American colonies. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and the Continental Congress later met in Tun Tavern as the American colonies prepared for Independence from the English crown. On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress commissioned Samuel Nichols to raise two battalions of Marines. That very day, Nichols set up shop in Tun Tavern and appointed its proprietor Robert Mullan, as chief recruiter. Prospective recruits flocked to the tavern, lured by 1) cold beer and 2) the opportunity to serve in the new Corps of Marines. Thus the United States Marine Corps was founded on November 10, 1775.

Children's Christmas Party

There will be a Children Christmas Party at the detachment on December 20th at 2:00 PM. All children and grandchildren up to 14 years old are invited to a party where coffee (adults), deserts and juice will be served. Santa will arrive with toys for the kids. Anyone interested in helping or would like to have their child get a toy from Santa please call Bob Shaw at (631) 338-1434. Only those who contact me by no later than December 16th will get a toy from Santa. Thanks, Bob "Bear" Shaw

RIFLE TEAM

Anyone wishing to shoot on the rifle team for 2010 please note your membership expiration date. There are some, no names

mentioned here, who have shot with us in the past & are now expired. If you are not on our current mailing list you will not be mailed a package this spring. Please get up-to-date now & avoid the hassle.

Any new members who wish to join the rifle/pistol team are welcome. See Tom Gilbride at any detachment meeting for info.

This picture was taken at the Commissioning of the USS New York in New York City.



L-R AMVET Frank DeMarco, Chic Ciccarelli, Carmine Raineri, John Gaeta NYS AMVET Commander.

USS New York.



Marine Corps Birthday



Picture of the Oldest and youngest Marine about to cut the cake



Oldest Marine cutting the cake Jim Donnell



Youngest Marine cutting the cake Dave Flareau.

Carmine's Corner

On the following dates the club will be closed: November 27th, December 25th, and January 1st.

Happy Anniversary for the month of November goes out to:

- Mr. & Mrs. John Antoine
- Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Capps
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dunn
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kindberg
- Mr. & Mrs. Victor Monteiro

Happy Anniversary for the month of December goes out to:

- Mr. & Mrs. Victor Noes
- Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Young

Happy Birthday for the month of November goes out to:
 Kevin Capps
 Frank Dunn
 Ed Rohrbacher
 Tony DeMaio

Happy Birthday for the month of December goes out to:
 Kathleen Hasting
 Jim McCann
 Anthony Siano

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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**
- Louis Sanchez – Sgt. at Arms**
- Robert "Mike" Coffey - Past Commandant**
- Judy McNiff-Editor Newsletter**

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