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To all Marines:

For the health and safety of our members during this coronavirus pandemic the July 2nd meeting at the Teaneck American Legion has been cancelled. We will have the July meeting via ZOOM.

Commandant's Message

Greetings Marines,

As this "New Normal" continues to control our lives, I hope all of you are being careful with distancing, using masks and being sensible when going out. Things do seem to be getting better, but let's not get careless. Be safe, stay healthy.

Once again, our Meeting will be via Zoom - Al Frater is coordinating as before - and will take place on July 2nd, 7:30 pm. Hopefully, this will be the last time we need to meet virtually.

By August 6 maybe we will be back at the American Legion Hall.

Our July 4th festivities are greatly limited. The Detachment has been asked by Ridgefield Park to once again fire the cannon for the Flag Raising, but we will not be marching behind our Color Guard. However, if any of you are interested in volunteering to be at the Flag Raising, please let us know.

And of course, if anyone needs anything - or knows of anyone who does - please contact Al, Carl or me, and we will do whatever we can.

Semper Fi

Pat Korczak
Commandant





Zoom Meeting

The Gooney Bird Detachment will be holding its July scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 2nd. At 7:30PM via Zoom. I will send a Zoom link to all members that have an email address. All you have to do is to click on the link and it will bring you to our meeting. We would like to see more participation.

Topic: Gooney Bird Detachment

Time: Jul 2, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74973639113?pwd=VEdrSnBTSmpCcWxSRW01YVd acFdQZz09>

Meeting ID: 749 7363 9113

Password: gooney

Al Frater

District 2 Vice Commandant

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Membership

Those members who pay annual dues should have received a renewal letter from the membership chairman. The letter states the amount due and payment requirements.

Please remember the dues payment is due by 8/31/2020. The annual dues are \$40.00

Thank you for your support .

Any questions, please contact me by email or phone. Do not hesitate to contact our Commandant or me should you have a problem paying the dues. The Commandant and I will discuss the individual's situation to decide if the Detachment will make the payment only for this year

Semper Fi

Jim Biringer

Paymaster/ Membership Chairman

Your annual dues have to be up to date for the year before you can pay for a life membership. Annual dues of \$40.00 for 2020-21 is due by 8/31/20. If you have already paid your 2019-2020

Marine Corps League Life Membership Dues	
0 - 35	\$500.00
36 - 50	\$400.00
51 - 64	\$300.00
65 - Over	\$200.00



dues, you can just pay the life membership amount until 8/31/20. After 8/31/20, anyone who wants to be a life member, needs to pay the 2020-21 \$40.00 annual payment first before paying for the life membership fee.

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Change of Personal Information

The Detachment Officers would appreciate that all members who move, change their phone number or change their email, please contact the Membership Chairman or any other officer. It helps us to keep our records updated, and we will be able to notify the MCL State and National of any changes. This procedure will ensure that all Marines will receive any correspondence and news that will be sent out to everyone from the Detachment, State and National MCL organizations.

Any member who knows about any member's change in status—it would be appreciated that the member could notify the Detachment officers,

Thank you

Semper Fi

Jim Biringer
Membership Chairman

Fourth of July



On Saturday, July 4th at 7:30AM in Ridgefield Park we will be firing our cannon to start their Fourth of July ceremony. We will meet at Euclid Avenue and Mt. Vernon Street between 7:00 to 7:15AM. The parade is very scaled down this year so

we won't be marching in it. Everyone is invited to join us for the canon firing.

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Flag Day

On June 14th at the Teaneck American Legion Al Frater and Alex Stoichkov attended the annual flag burning of worn out American Flags. Also present were members of the American Legion and the Teaneck Fire Department.

The U.S. Flag Code states that "The **flag**, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be **destroyed** in a dignified way, preferably by burning".





The Marine Notebook—1970

CHAPTER II: CLOSE ORDER DRILL

Drill for Foot Troops inspires the individual to be a member of a team working confidently together in unison and to a measured cadence. No team is any better than its weakest members. You learn to march in step, keep straight lines and execute the manual of arms precisely for your team.

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of drill is to:

- a. Move a unit from one place to another in an orderly manner.
- b. Teach discipline by instilling habits of precision and automatic response to orders.
- c. Better morale by developing team spirit.

Military Terminology

In the May newsletter a few Marine terminologies were left out:

1. **Pogey Bait:** That would be candy, ice cream, sweets, etc.
2. **Pogey Rope** That is the French Fouraggere (worm by members of the 5th & 6th Marine Regiments).
3. **Chancre Mechanic** That's a corpsman.

Thanks Paul

Old United States Marine Corps History

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| 2 July 1891: | Marines began protecting seal herds against poachers in the Bering Sea. |
| 3 July 1864: | Marines participated in a skirmish near White Point, South Carolina, during the Civil War. |
| 3 July 1899: | Battle of Santiago. |
| 4 July 1800: | The Marine Band played at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, in their first public appearance. |
| 4 July 1834: | President Andrew Jackson ordered green and buff as the Corps' uniform colors. |
| 11 July 1798: | The U. S. Marine Corps was re-established by an Act of Congress, succeeding the Continental Marines. |
| 12 July 1798: | Major William W. Burrows was appointed the 2nd Commandant of the Marine Corps by President John Adams. |
| 14 July 1853: | Commodore Matthew C. Perry, escorted by Marines and Sailors, landed at Uraga, Japan. Marine Major Jacob Zeilin was the second man to go ashore. |
| 16 July 1861: | Major J. G. Reynolds commanded 350 Marines in the first Battle of Bull Run in Virginia. |
| 18 July 1779: | Continental Marines attacked British forces in Maine. |
| 19 July 1779: | 300 Continental Marines attacked the British at Fort George, Penobscot Bay. |
| 21 July 1861: | First Battle of Bull Run. |
| 22 July 1823: | Marines attack Pirates near Cape Cruz, Cuba. |
| 25 July 1777: | Congress authorized a \$4 weekly subsistence for Marine officers. |
| 26 July 1779: | Battle of Banks Island. |
| 26 July 1861: | An Act of Congress increased the Marine Corps' authorized strength to 93 officers and 3,074 enlisted men. |
| 27 July 1898: | Marines from the USS Dixie were the first to raise the American flag over Puerto Rico. |
| 31 July 1813: | Marines landed at York, Lake Ontario, with soldiers to burn stores and barracks of the British. |

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Stay Safe - Stay Home - Stay healthy!

We are Marines and know how to fight this coronavirus



Semper Fidelis



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