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To all Marines:

The November meeting will be on the 5th at 7:30PM
Meetings are held at the Teaneck American Legion
Post 128, 650 American Legion Dr., Teaneck, NJ 07666
Please wear your mask.

During the American Revolution a committee of the Continental Congress met at Tun Tavern to draft a resolution calling for two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. On November 10, 1775 a resolution was approved to form the Continental Marines. So started the legacy and traditions of the United States Marine Corps. This year we celebrate 245 years of the brave spirit which compelled many men and women to defend our country as United States Marines.

Happy Birthday Marines!

Commandant's Message

I hope this Commandant's Message finds you all doing as well as you can. It has been a most unusual year - to say the least!

Given all the restrictions we have had to live with, there have not been many opportunities to get together, but we do have a couple I would like to mention.

Our scheduled November meeting - to be held 5 November 2020 - will also be our Marine Corps Ball celebration. After a brief-as-I-can-make-it regular business meeting, there will be a recognition of the anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, followed by a light meal.

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Commandant's Message

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Also, the Township of Teaneck is having it's regular observance of Veterans Day on 11 November 2020, at 11:00 a.m. on the Municipal Green. Please join us for that, if you are able.

Ample parking is available..

Take care - be safe - wear a mask!

Semper Fi

Pat Korczak
Commandant

Election of Officers for 2021

Pursuant to our bylaws this announcement must be posted and available to all Detachment members three (3) months prior to the nomination of our elected officers for the year of 2021

At our regular meetings of August 6, 2020, September 3, 2020, and October 1, 2020 we will be nominating our officers for the year 2021. Voting is open to all paid-

up members.

Pursuant to our bylaws (Section 520 (G)) if any nominee is unopposed at the meeting of October 1, 2020 then that nominee will be the elected officer for the year 2021 and no further nominations for the office will be accepted. However, should the attending members nominate two or more nominees for a particu-

lar office a runoff vote among the attending members will take place (without further nominations) at the meeting of November 5, 2020.

Installation of our new officers will take place at the December 3, 2020 meeting.

Semper Fi,
Carl Peter
Adjutant

Membership

All Members

Those members who renew annually, I want to Thank those who have renewed for the 2020-21 year. There are still 5-7 who have not renewed. Two letters along with an email/call were sent as reminders.

The Detachment has

cached all checks sent in for renewal dues. The proper forms and money are sent weekly to the MCL State which forwarded the items to the National for process. I am informed that the National is two (2) months behind on processing of renewals. Thus, those members

who are waiting for renewal cards or life member cards, please have patience.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email or phone

Semper Fi
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Old United States Marine Corps History-November

- 6 November 1827: Marines prepared to fight pirates at Andros, Greece.
- 6 November 1854: The morning report showed the Marine Corps totaled 63 officers and 1,389 enlisted men.
- 8 November 1861: Battle of Port Royal, South Carolina.
- 10 November 1775: The Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Marine Corps. 245 years and still counting.
- 11 November 1918: Armistice Day. WW I ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year. -Veteran's Day
- 12 November 1824: Marines landed at Fajardo, Puerto Rico to protect Americans.
- 16 November 1856: Marines participated in the Battle of Barrier Forts in China.
- 16 November 1899: Marines from the USS Castine and the USS Manila captured Zamboanga, Philippines.
- 17 November 1859: Melody utilized in "The Marines' Hymn" premiered in Offenbach's operetta.
- 19 November 1847: Marines repulse an Indian attack - San Jose, Lower California.
- 19 November 1879: The Argentine Marine Corps was founded.
- 21 November 1836: Marines and Soldiers took action against the Seminole Indians at Wahoo Swamp, Florida.
- 22 November 1776: Marines raid Canso Harbor.
- 24 November 1775: Marines of Washington's fleet board British brig in Boston Bay.
- 25 November 1855: American interests in Uruguay protected by seagoing Marines.
- 28 November 1812: Marines participated in the "Battle of Red House" in Canada.
- 29 November 1804: Lt Presley O'Bannon and seven Marines landed in Alexandria, Egypt.

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The deadline for submission of articles for the December 2020 Gooney Bird News is November 18, 2020

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let us know so we can keep

you up-to-date about the Detachment's activities.

If anyone has something to put in the newsletter, including pictures,

please send it to me.

Semper Fi

Carl Peter
Newsletter Editor

Semper Fidelis

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

If there were a watchword for 2020, the shortlist would certainly include ‘change,’ ‘uncertainty,’ and ‘adaptation.’ This new dynamic and uncertain environment has impacted how we recruit and train Marines, deploy aboard ship, and even how we honor our Corps’ hallowed traditions. But adapting to change and uncertainty is nothing new for Marines. It is what we have done for 245 years and what is expected of us as the Nation’s force-in readiness. Where others see challenges, Marines see opportunities. We don’t take a knee. We will always be ready to answer the nation’s call, no matter the crisis.

In a world of seemingly relentless change and uncertainty, some things remain constant—our core values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment. These values are at the very heart of our ability to be, “most ready when the Nation is least ready.” It’s honor that gives us an uncompromising sense of personal integrity and accountability; courage that allows us to face any circumstance with an ironclad resolve to do what’s right; and commitment that binds us together as a family and drives us toward excellence. And while our core values might never change, the way we give life to them requires constant vigilance. This year’s national conversations about race remind us that we must all do better to embody our service’s values.

Commemorating the 245th birthday of our Corps offers us a chance to reflect on our history. We who serve today stand upon the shoulders of giants. While this year’s many challenges are significant and unique, they are not unprecedented, and it is important to remember that our Nation and Corps have endured difficult times in our past. This year, for example, marks the 75th anniversary of brutal battles in the Pacific; when soldiers of the sea defined the term “uncommon valor” on the black sands of Iwo Jima; the 70th anniversary of bitter fighting at Inchon and Chosin Reservoir; 55 years since Marines landed at Da Nang; and a decade since our struggle with the Taliban in the Helmand River Valley. We remember the service and sacrifice of all Marines, and honor the legacy passed down through generations. Our continuing obligation is to honor their legacy by making meaningful contributions to what they started.

From the past, we draw strength, pride, and a responsibility to carry on the warfighting heritage our predecessors built. We must also recognize our tradition of continuous adaptation—one that should inspire our current force modernization and innovation efforts. As has been the case in the past, today’s threats require us to fight as a cohesive team, and our ability to succeed will depend on the Honor, Courage, and Commitment of each individual Marine. From recruiting individuals of great intelligence, strength, spirit, and diversity, to evolving how we train, educate, and mentor Marines throughout their careers, we remain dedicated to developing the world’s finest warfighters, guided by our core values.

In a year of significant change and uncertainty, I am reminded of the words of American novelist, John Dos Passos, “In times of change and danger when there is a quicksand of fear under men’s reasoning, a sense of continuity with generations gone before can stretch like a lifeline across the scary present...” Never forget, what you do today becomes the foundation for the generations of Marines that will follow. There is no challenge we cannot overcome, together, by holding fast to our core values. Happy 245th Birthday Marines.

Semper Fidelis,

DAVID H. BERGER
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps