



# Marine Corps League Suffolk County Detachment, Inc



## Gung Ho

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### Commandant's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

The winter has finally set in, but by the next newsletter we will be on our way to warmer weather. Due to the weather, the Christmas parade scheduled for December was rained out with no further date. Upcoming parade schedules are in the planning stage. St. Patrick's Parades are always enjoyable when you know the warm weather is just around the corner. This year we are working on transportation by bus to parades out of town (I just know the ride will be fun). Stay in touch with the parade chairman and frequently check the events page on the website for dates, times and uniform of the day. Speaking about uniforms, the topic of the khaki shirts is still heating up, and is another good reason to stay in touch with the parade chairman.

After many years of talking about the Saxon Avenue sign on Sunrise Highway, which was almost in our driveway, it has been moved 200 feet east of its original location and was made smaller. This gives our detachment sign greater visibility. Remember - nothing happens unless we make it happen.

Detachment nominations and elections are in February. If you are thinking

about getting involved, now is a great time to step up. Also, all regular members are encouraged to participate in the voting process.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members and officers for supporting the detachment projects and functions over the past year. The amount of volunteers was impressive. A lot of hard work and many hours went into the detachment clean up, Memorial Day ceremony, special events, parades and construction projects. A big OORAH goes out to everyone. Without members volunteering, the detachment accomplishes nothing. Come and attend the meetings on the first and third Fridays and get involved if you like. If you don't want to get involved, just stop in and say hello.

Check out the detachment's website often as we are always changing and adding to the look:  
[WWW.MCLSUFFOLKDETACHMENT.ORG](http://WWW.MCLSUFFOLKDETACHMENT.ORG)  
This month we are starting a newsletter sponsor page to offset the expense of our printing and mailing.

The Suffolk County detachment would like to express its gratitude to all who support us and to our members.

### **Support our Sponsors.**

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Ciro "chick" Ciccarelli

## **DID YOU KNOW!**

Leo Maese, Adjutant

### **MARINE CORPS SLOGANS**

**FIRST TO FIGHT-** The media in the United States began using this term to describe U.S. Marines during World War I. And, for once the media was right. Marines have served in the vanguard of every American war since the founding of the Corps in 1775. They have carried out over 300 assaults on foreign shores, from the arctic to the tropics. Historically, U. S. Marines are indeed the "First To Fight".

**GOOD NIGHT CHESTY, WHEREVER YOU ARE-** This is an often used tribute of supreme respect to the late and legendary LtGen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC Chesty, without a doubt was the most outspoken Marine, the most famous Marine, the Marine who really loved to fight, the most decorated Marine in the history of the Corps. Chesty, enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of LtGen. and through incredible tenacity and fortitude he became a living legend. He shouted battle orders in a bellow and stalked battlefields as though impervious to enemy fire. He displayed an abiding love for the Magnificent Grunts, especially the junior enlisted men who did the majority of the sacrificing and dying. During his four wars, he became the only Marine to be awarded the Navy Cross five times. The Marines' Marine. "Goodnight, Chesty, wherever you are!"

**A FEW GOOD MEN-** On March 20, 1779, in Boston, Capt. William Jones, USMC, advertised for " a few good men" to enlist in the Corps for naval duty. The termed seemed ideally suited for Marines, mainly because of the implication that "a few" good men would be enough. This term has survived for

over 200 years and has been synonymous with U.S. Marines ever since.

## **RIFLE TEAM**

The dates for the 2010 New York State Rifle/Pistol matches at Guilderland, NY are 12 & 13 June & 28 & 29 August. Please circle these dates as heads up for your planning. When more info becomes available I will be mailing out the package as I have done in previous years, even if you register directly with Rich Nadau through E-mail.

**NOW LISTEN UP.....**There are (6) members that are overdue on their dues at this time. The membership numbers are: 079148, 183752, X17660, X23553, X21851, and X22287. *PLEASE* check your membership cards & bring your memberships up to date. If you are not up to date by the time the packages are put in the mail, you will not receive one.

Anyone who wants to join the "Suffolk Cty. Detachment" Rifle & Pistol team & has not shot with us previously please see Tom Gilbride at any detachment meeting.

## **Carmine's Corner**

Happy Anniversary for the month of January goes out to:

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Flareau

Happy Birthday for the month of January goes to:

Frank DeGregorio  
Tom Kerwin

## **Important Dates**

**February 5th** is nominations and the election of officers.

**February 6th** we will be selling Marine Roses at the Stop & Shop in East Islip between 10-2pm.

**February 19th** is the installation of officers.

**March 13th** is the St. Patrick's Day parade, Bay Shore time to be announced

## **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."**

The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress in an Act approved on June 22, 1942. However, the pledge was first published in 1892 in the Youth's Companion magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, 1892.

In its original version, the pledge read "my flag" instead of "the flag of the United States." The change in the wording was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults who might have the flag of their native land in mind when reciting the pledge.

The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional Act approved on June 14, 1954. At that time President Eisenhower said:

*"in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which will forever be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."*

**Visit the detachment website**  
[www.mclsuffolkdetachment.org](http://www.mclsuffolkdetachment.org)  
(under construction)

## **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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