



John Basilone Detachment  
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**MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST (1ST) MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 25, MILLTOWN, NEW JERSEY @1930**

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## ***National Museum of the Marine Corps***

A great overnight trip to Quantico Virginia yields a trip into our history. The National Museum of the Marine Corps opened in 2006 and is located by the Main Gate of MCB Quantico (1/4 mile south of main gate on Jefferson Davis Highway). Every year since it's opening they have added new exhibits revealing our past and present as Marines.

The Museum is made up of many period exhibits, starting with the early days and forming of the Marine Corps at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia and our rolls in protecting this great country. The Museum echo's of our core values Honor, Courage and Commitment, a Gleaming mast rises 220 feet high as a Curtiss Jenny, two Corsairs and a Harrier Jet fly overhead as you enter the great rotunda of the Museum.

As you start your trip through our history you will follow recruits through boot camp from the recruiting station to the yellow foot prints, first buzz cut and onto graduation as a United States Marine. Along the way you can try on one of the new style packs, fire an M-16 Laser Rifle on the range, every Marine is a rifleman.

Follow Marines from the early conflicts and wars through a landing in a Higgins Boat onto the sands of Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal and Peleliu. Gaze on the flag that was raised over Mt Suribachi. Visit the "Forgotten War" land on Inchon and brave the cold at Chosin Reservoir of the Korean War. Proceed into Vietnam onboard a CH-46 you will be inserted onto hill 881 South at Khe Sanh—Hot landing Zone.

The Global war on Terrorism: The United States Marine Corps in today's fight, from the events of September 11, 2001 to Iraq and Afghanistan. A special photo display captures the powerful images that add personality and emotion to the battlefield. Continue on and follow the Music of our Corps founded in 1798 and the traditions of pomp and circumstance of John Philip Sousa music. The Presidents Own, The Commandants Own Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Marine Ceremonial units based in Washington DC. Have a bite to eat at Tun Tavern on the second deck served the old fashioned way and follow that up with a visit to the gift shop on the main deck area.

No visit to Quantico would be complete till you visit "The Globe & Laurel Restaurant for dinner. The Globe & Laurel was established in 1968 by Maj. Rick Spooner USMC (Ret) and his wife Gloria (located just south from the Marine Museum). The food is excellent and the atmosphere and service is one of a perpetuation of the proud history of the United States Marine Corps. Maj. Spooner has gathered a collection of Marine Corps memorabilia that staggers the mind. On my last visit I presented the Maj. with a John Basilone Challenge Coin to add to his enormous collection that adorns a wall in the main dining room. To say the least he was very surprised and great full and invited us back for a special end of summer affair they have in late August.

Doug Rattazzi

**Officers and Staff**  
November 2010 - November 2011

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***Paymaster***

Our bank has requested that **ALL CHECKS** to be deposited in the John Basilone Detachments checking account be made payable to the following:

**John Basilone Detachment #190**

*We can no longer accept checks made payable to Marine Corps League or John Basilone Det. MCL,*

**John Basilone Challenge Coin**



John Basilone Detachment Challenge Coins are for sale to our members at \$5.00 each. See Quartermaster for coins.

The coins are available at regular meetings. These coins are a great way to show your pride in Our Marine Corps, Marine Corps League and the John Basilone Detachment.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nyles Thorne May 4	Ray Quesnel May 23
John Zilinski May 5	Andrew Domanski May 24
Gary Wistuba May 6	Ralph Meade May 30
Ruth McArthur May 7	Mike Caprio June 3
Jerry Pizzillo May 11	John Donnelly June 8
Ralph Lauro May 13	Wes Beers June 22
Martin Kaslavage May 15	Robert Weiss June 28
Kermit Levine May 18	

**ANNIVERSARY**

Mike & Sue Gianetti May 1	Robert & Lynn McCall June 1
Donald Murphy May 7	Robert & Terry Gardiner June 14
Jerry & Susan Pizzillo May 16	Tom & Michele Farrell June 16
Charles & Eileen Behme May 18	Stan & Joy Szumel June 25
Joe & Lucille Duh May 21	John & Mickey Pfeiffer June 26
Joseph & Rosanne Perrone May 24	
John & Irene Nemetz May 31	

## **REGULAR DUES**

### **REMINDER**

*The following members dues are past due!*

If special circumstances occur, let us know; and we can help work with you to adjust the situation.

Joseph Abraham  
Donald Bailey  
Charles Behme  
Ralph DeCosimo  
David Hall  
Robert Kelly  
Dennis Lopez  
John Martinez  
Gerard Pizzillo  
Stanley Richardson  
Victor Sada  
Larry Slaski  
Robert Weiss  
Eugene Weresow  
S. Gray Whetstone

If you have questions about your membership dues, contact our Membership Chairman John (Juan) Heacock at 609-924-0074.

Our annual dues are \$31.00 and everyone has a separate anniversary date as to when the dues are paid. Checks are made payable to the John Basilone Detachment #190.

## **Menlo Park Veterans Home**

Mark your calendar Friday July 29th. The John Basilone Detachment will be hosting a Wine & Cheese party at Menlo Park (Non-Alcoholic Wine). Detachment members are invited to come out and help serve our guests and make some new friends at Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. Dress will be casual and it starts at 1930.



## **Department of New Jersey**

### **83rd Annual Convention**

The 2011 State Convention will be held on June 17th & 18th at the Hampton Inn in Woodbridge, NJ. Our detachment is allowed 17 Delegates (Voting Members) for this year's convention. If you would like to attend the convention as a delegate contact Doug Rattazzi at 732-690-7100 to be placed on the Delegate list.

Information is attached on the pages 4, 5 & 6 of this newsletter



## Marine Corps League

Department of New Jersey

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### 83rd DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 17 & 18, 2011

Hampton Inn  
370 Route 9 North  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
732-855-6900

Room rate for the convention is \$99.00 per night, which includes breakfast. This is the convention rate and does not include any taxes. To get this rate you must do the following before June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

1. Call the hotel and make the reservation for the dates you want, be sure to tell them you are attending the Marine Corps League convention.
2. You must give them a credit card number, however the room will not be charged to your account. Be sure and get a confirmation number.
3. Send a check for \$99.00 for each night you reserved to:  
Bernie Scott, Sr.  
17 Allaire Drive  
Toms River, NJ 08753-1615  
Put your confirmation number on the memo line of your check.
4. All checks must be in Paymaster Scott's possession by June 1, 2011, if you have any questions call him at 732-255-5552.

The Department will submit a check to the hotel to cover the rooms that were reserved by the members. Because the Department is tax exempt your room will not be taxed. If you do not pre register with the hotel you will still be able to reserve a room but you will pay the full price of \$ 115.00 per night payable to the hotel.

Check in time is 3:00 PM  
Check out time is 12 Noon

Enclosed is the hotels pamphlet including directions



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## 2011 CONVENTION DINNER

June 17th and 18th

*Change this year.....there will be no Awards Nite or dinner, the Banquet Buffet will still be on Saturday nite.*

If your detachment would like a table and you can fill it, please let RoseMary Fleming know when you send in your money and also if you require a special meal. We will try to accommodate your request for seating's but sometimes this is not possible.

- **Banquet Buffet** on Saturday the price will be \$40.00 per person.

If you have any questions please call RoseMary Fleming at 908-526-9089

All reservations must be made by May 28, 2011

**NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE THE NIGHT OF THE  
BANQUET DINNER**

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Make dinner checks out to the: **Dept. of NJ, Marine Corps League**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Detachment Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
or **Detachment** you would like to sit with \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Night \_\_\_\_\_ How many persons? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ \* Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **RoseMary Fleming, 12 Pine Ave. Somerville, NJ 08876** (include check and tear-off)

## 2011 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 1430-1700 Convention and MODD registration.  
1430 Hospitality Room opening and closing times will be posted on door.  
1700 Budget Committee meeting if necessary.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 0800-1200 Convention and MODD registration.  
0900-1200 MCL/MCLA joint opening and work sessions. (undress uniform or civilian attire). MCL Officers and Committee Chairman reports will be given at this session, also written reports should be on rear table. Pack DOY Committee meeting will be announced. Department MOY Committee meeting will be announced.  
1200-1300 Lunch  
1300-1600 Convention and MODD registration.  
1300-1600 MCL/MCLA work session, conclusion of reports, awards will be presented at this session. Hospitality Room TBA  
1800-1900 MODD/MODDF initiations  
1900 Grand Growl  
Flea Scratch  
Hospitality Room TBA

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 0800-0845 Past Department Commandant's Breakfast meeting, location TBA  
Detachment Commandant's Council in convention meeting room  
0800-1000 Final convention registration.  
0900-1200 MCL convention work session  
(1) unfinished reports  
(2) budget  
(3) proposed by-law changes  
(4) resolutions  
(5) any other business as may be necessary  
(6) election of department officers and district vice commandants  
1200-1300 Lunch  
1300 MCLA Chinese Auction  
1300-1400 MCL work session if necessary to complete convention business  
1400-1430 Chapel of Four Chaplains ceremony  
1430-1500 MCL/MCLA Memorial service  
1500 MCL/MCLA Installation of officers  
Hospitality Room TBA  
1700 Cocktail hour  
1800 Banquet Hall open  
1820 Banquet opening ceremony  
1830 Banquet (formal attire or red blazers)  
Hospitality Room TBA

Note: MOY, DOY, Tillie Lanner, Commandant of the Year, District Vice Commandant of the Year and Commandants Awards will be presented at the banquet.

# JOHN BASILONE DETACHMENT # 190

## 2011 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC FORM

FOR MEMBERS WANTING TO ATTEND THE PICNIC OF

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST # 12, SOMERVILLE, NJ**

**JULY 16, 2011 AT 12:00 PM**

**(NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATE)**

**(CUT OFF DATE IS JULY 1, 2011)**

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**Location:** Bridgewater Eagles Club, Picnic Grounds

350 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater NJ (off Rte. 28/Union Ave.)

(Across the street from Post 12)

**Cost:** \$12.00 (Adults) Ages 13 and below are FREE

**Food:** Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage Peppers & Onions, Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, and all the sides (tomatoes, onions, mustard, ketchup, Lettuce rolls) Italian Ice: ALL YOU CAN EAT!

**Beverages:** Beer, Soda, Bottled Water

**Music:** Provided by D.J. in Pavilion

**Games;** Pony Rides for Children and Games with D.J.

Horse Shoes and more!

**Prizes:** 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes by Ticket Numbers

**For tickets:**

Submit **filled out form with check or cash** to John Centofanti **at meeting**, or **mail form & check** To -12 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ 08876 **before cutoff date.** (Phone 908-725-9022)

**OR-** Submit to PAYMASTER (John Heacock).

**Make checks payable to – John Basilone Det #190**

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Return Bottom Part of Form with Payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 ea. = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Attendee's Age 13 and less are FREE)

How many age 13 or less will be attending with you? \_\_\_\_\_

(For Purpose of Purchasing Supplies)

Member Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Member Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Corporate Sponsors for John Basilone Detachment MCL

### **SCHIAVONE CONSTRUCTION CO.**

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150 MEADOWLANDS PARKWAY  
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(201) 867-5070

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**FAX (201) 864-3196**



### **Ironworkers Local 373**



### **Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club, So. Amboy**

#### **Docs Corner**

**We have 1 Corpsman in our detachment, you can contact**

**Doc Dimitriou at**

**Phone: 917-447-6257**

**email: navydoc\_marine@yahoo.com**



Our Current strength is 188 members.

**REMEMBER:** We are always looking for a Few Good Marines to join our ranks.

If you would like information about helping in our recruiting program, contact

**Ed Sphatt (Sr. Vice Commandant) at :**

**732-407-1503**



Does anyone know the location of this street?