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We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers, for he to-day that sheds his blood with me,
Shall be my Brother

Rest In Peace, My Brother

Commandant's Corner...

This has been a difficult month with the loss of so many of our fellow Marines in such a short time. As always we will go on...that's what Marines do. While preparing and then participating in Memorial Day services, readying for the Department Convention and looking ahead to other activities we lost (5) Marines since the last meeting. I ask you all to consider them in your thoughts and prayers as we move on.

Godspeed to all....

- Joseph Summers-Dept. MA. Commandant
- Phil Sullivan-Detachment 955
- John A. "Jack" Vogel-Detachment 125
- Sgt. Josh Desforges
- Albert F. Williams, Sr.

The convention will be coming to a conclusion as you read this. For all that participated, I thank you for your contribution. Given the Air Force activation, the challenge to make it all work will have been met. To my knowledge, this is the first time the Department of Mass has had the opportunity to be on a active base for the convention and by now you have had a great time or you can find this chairman enroute to the unknown. I'm guessing my co-chair Bob DeLong (if necessary) will already be there.

To the activities guru, "Doc" Rivette...transportation Ted Buckhout and our liaison Lt. Col Dave McCulloh and especially hard working Capt. Chris Hermann (Detachment 955 member) multi thanks.

To Col. Swain, Wing commander and the entire team at the Sentry group, PAO and 439th whose cooperation and support were superb. Also to Erin and Vicki at the Club, Corie at the Flyers Inn, you were all great.

All Marines at Detachment 141, we still are having our Pig Roast on the 4th of July, so sign up and finish selling those tickets. Also, the sign up sheet for the Wal-Mart Flag Pin week-end on June 18-20 still needs some volunteers.

That's all for now.

Semper Fi!

Fran Curnow



Commandant Francis J. Curnow



Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900 hours. Social hour at 1800 hours.



Woof! Woof!

Dog Bites!

June 11: Grand Growl at Westover Air Base

Upcoming Detachment 141 Events

- June 10-13: Department Convention at Westover Air Base
Day trips to Smith & Wesson, Yankee Candle, Ct. River boat ride,
or see the Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield Armory or shop at the
Holyoke Mall at Ingleside on your own
- June 13: Flag Day @ Parker Park 12:55 with Tom Pirnie
- June 14: Detachment 141 meeting
- June 18-20: Flag Pin sales at Wal-Mart, Westfield
- June 18: Ct. Grand Growl
- July 4: Detachment 141 Pig Roast
- July 12: Detachment 141 meeting
- Aug. 9: Detachment 141 meeting
- Aug. 20-22: Westfield Fair & Westover Air Show

**** Don't forget Breakfast every Saturday ****

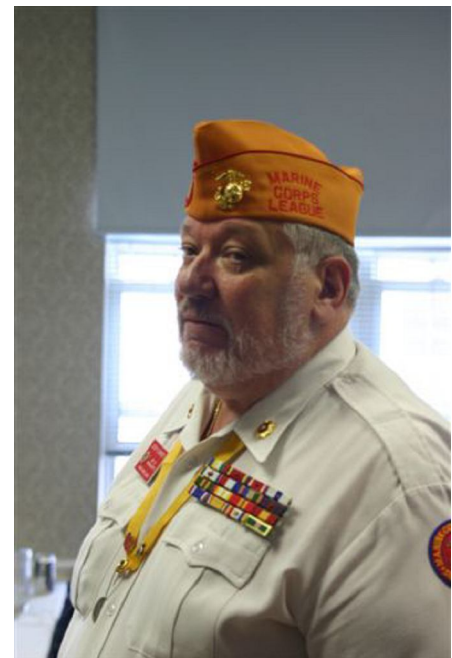
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Can You Name This Spotlight?

Where were you born?	Portland, Maine
Graduated from? (High School)	St. Mary's (Phoenix, Arizona)
Married? Children?	Donna, 3 sons, 1 daughter
Graduated from? (Boot Camp)	Parris Island, 3rd Battalion (59)
MOS	5811
First Duty Station?	USNS Trinidad, B.W. I.
Last Duty Station?	6th Marines, Camp LeJeune
What did you do after leaving the Corps?	Police Officer
Favorite meal?	Seafood Fra Diavolo
Current occupation?	Retired
Where were you on December 7, 1941?	In a cradle
Favorite President?	Ronald Reagan
Favorite military movie?	Sands of Iwo Jima
Favorite actor?	John Wayne
Favorite comedian?	Red Skelton
Favorite color?	Red & Black
Favorite vacation place?	Sicily
Favorite subject to talk about?	Marines
Favorite quote?	"God not subtract from Human life thou hours spent fishing"
What do you think of today's Marines?	Awesome
Most memorable lifetime event?	Meeting my wife
Did you make the Corps your career?	No
Would you do it all over again?	Would attend college first, then join Marines
Should politics be kept out of the military?	Absolutely
All time favorite Marine?	General William Patton



Joe Summers at work and at play, but ALWAYS A MARINE
Semper Fidelis!

Memorial Day Parade Color Guard Detail



A special thanks to the following Marines who helped make the Flag Pin Sales at Geisslers's in Agawam a huge success:

Dan Bishop, John "Jack" Ramsey
 Fran Curnow, Fred Shannon
 Edwin Orwat, Joe Willis
 Tom Pirnie, Brian Dupee
 Lynn Dupee, Mike Burke
 Boomer, J.B. Stern

I hope to see you all and a few more on the 18th, 19th and 20th of June at WalMart in Westfield. We only go out twice a year to bring in funds for our Detachment, so let's have fun. It's a good way to get to know your brother Marines. Semper Fi!

June Birthdays

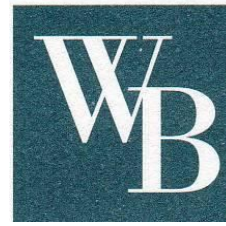
Lori Kaiser	1
Steven Christenson, Shirley Seip	5
Lorraine Dupee	6
Richard Montagna	8
Joseph Danek, Thomas Johnson, Steven Jones	10
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Rocky Snow	14
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James Berrelli	18
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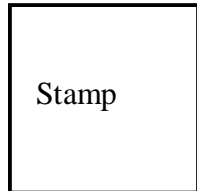
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