

JARHEAD SCOOP



RIVERVIEW DETACHMENT 1226

Jack Skelding selected Marine of the Year for 2014



Jack Skelding was the Detachment's unanimous selection for the 2014 Marine of the Year Award. Jack is the key person in keeping our Detachment actively involved. There are no activities within the Detachment that does not have Jack's finger print on them. In his primary role as Adjutant he keeps the files in order and the membership apprised of all activities within the Marine Corps League.

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He has also been the key to a very successful Fall Conference along with actively participating in numerous activities including but not limited to Rose Fund drives, semi-weekly yard sales, Honor Guard events, etc.

Congratulations, Jack Skelding, for an outstanding job.

Pictured above is Jack & the Detachment's first Commandant John Baine

Others receiving awards are listed on page 2 (Award Ceremony).

Good of the Detachment

Dept. Commandant Cona presented the Detachment a Meritorious Unit Commendation for making the Fall Conference a complete success and for our support of the Departments Injured Warrior Fund.

District 7 Vice CMDT Fontane presented the Detachment the "National Jr. Vice Commendation" in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in the interest of the National objectives of the Marine Corps League.

Great American Teach in



The Detachment was well represented at Sheilds Middle School for the Great American Teach In. Shown from left to right are: Sal DoFonzo, Larry Westcott, Ed Becker, Walt Raysick, Rafaul Morffi, and Houston Tucker.

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OFFICERS

- Commandant - Bernie Kotrady
- Sr.Vice -Sal DiFonzo
- Jr. Vice - Ed Becker
- Adj—Jack Skelding
- Judge Advocate— Walt Ryan
- Paymaster - Houston Tucker
- Chaplain —Dave Blizzard
- Sgt. At Arms -Larry Westcott

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Commandants Message



As I sat down to compose this issues message I planned on mentioning numerous events that the detachment participated this quarter. However, when I glanced at my calendar for some reminders, I quickly realized that we are rapidly approaching a new year and Christmas is just around the corner. So rather than bore you all with past events I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated throughout the past year and to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

PS: As we sit back to enjoy the season let us not forget our Brothers & Sisters that are currently serving and will be not be able to be with their love ones and families this holiday season.

Award Ceremony



Following the cake cutting ceremony at our annual MC Birthday celebration awards were presented to the following members:

Certificate of Appreciation & Distinguished Service Awards given to the following Auxiliary members for their unending support of Detachment activities. Pat Skelding, Barbara Wolons, Kamela Ryan, and Tracy Miller.

Meritorious Commendation (Individual) presented to: Dan Watson, John Bain, Jim Johnson, Lee Hemerich. Joyce Stilwell, and Melvin Stilwell.

Distinguished Service award: Walt Ryan, Walt Raysick, Jack Skelding, Houston Tucker, Hank Wolons, Sal DiFonzo. Larry Westcott, Peter White, Ed Becker, and Bernie Kotrady.

Recruiter of Year: Bernie Kotrady

Marine of the Year: Jack Skelding

In addition a Special Certificate of Appreciation & plaque was presented to Larry Westcott.

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Auxiliary Present Message

This is our busy time of the year and my favorite. We celebrated the 239th Birthday of the Marine Corps in November. I want to thank Larry Westcott for all his hard work in putting together our celebration. I am proud to announce that we selected Mary Jane "M J" Cobb Member of the Year 2014.

Congratulations M J Also Barbara Wolons, Kamela Ryan, Tracey Miller and myself were awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" and Certificates of Appreciation for our work at the Fall Conference in October by Commandant Bernie. Everyone worked so hard on it

to make the Conference a success.

This is also our Toys for Tots season. Thanks to Mary Cormier for collecting toys at Hacienda Heights and Rice Creek. Also thanks to Mechilco Young and Sharon Hemmerich for assisting at the Lightning hockey game, We also assisted at the Post Offices where Barb Wolons, Judie White, Kamela Ryan and Sharon Hemmerich helped unload the collected toys from the mailmen.

I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Semper Fi

Pat

Officer Nominations

It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like as your leaders in the upcoming 2015-2016 years. There is no nomination committee within the

Detachment, nominations are made by any member in good standing. The first nomination of officers will take place at the March business meeting (March 03). The second nomination will be at the April meeting followed by the election. Elected positions include: Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate; only regular members in good standing are eligible for elected office.

Yard Sale

Volunteers and donations are needed to keep this project going, salable items only. Items can be dropped off during the sales on Sunday or brought to the membership meeting. We need at least two people for each 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Jack Skelding or Walt Ryan for further details.

VFW Breakfast

Come join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the VFW 8108 building for breakfast cooked and served by your Detachment. For just \$7 per person you and your family can enjoy all you can eat breakfast. Breakfast Served 0900-1200. Mark your calendar:

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15.

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Birthday celebration

Col. Jarosz & wife Bernadette



Larry receiving special award



Brendon Henry receiving
Eagle Scout from
Walt Raysick.



Registration



Counting Profits

Fall Conference



Preparation for Ruskin Vet Day Parade



JROTC



Veterans Park



Serenity Meadows
Two Bell Ceremony



Major McClam with Jack & Pat Skelding



Family Day 4th AA Bn



Commandant
Snapping In



Rob finally passes PT test