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# **GOONEY BIRD NEWS**

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### **To all Marines:**

**Our April meeting will be on the 4th at 7:00PM. Pizza will be available at 6:30PM.**

**Our meeting will be held at the Teaneck American Legion Post 128, 650 American Legion Dr., Teaneck, NJ 07666**

### **Commandant's Message**

Hello Marines,

Well, we just moved our clocks ahead and the Spring season is officially here! Spring has been described as a season when the world seems to come back to life, and a time to reassess, recommit, and recharge. Not to mention that we now get an extra hour of daylight in the evenings. Maybe this is a time for some of you to rekindle your connection with the Marine Corps through our detachment!! We'd all love to see more of you come out to our meetings, events, etc.

With that, one of things talked about in our last meeting was to incorporate 'social' meetings a few times during the year, which would be in lieu of our standard business meeting (in the American Legion in Teaneck) for that month. The first of these is being planned for our May meeting. Stay tuned for details of the location and time of that. Please also know that another Rose program is also being planned, and again stay tuned for those details.

The following events outside of our immediate area are also happening as Spring is upon us.

- Department of NJ sponsored Leadership School, Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> in Seagirt, NJ. If you haven't been, this is a great opportunity to learn everything you ever wanted to know about the Marine Corps League in one day;
- The MCL Northeast Convention (NY, NJ, and Penn) is being held



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in Princeton, NJ April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Department of NJ Annual Conference is again being held in Princeton NJ May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be attending this conference and hope some of you can join me. Again, it is being held in Princeton, NJ, close enough to drive down for one day. Let's try to get a Gooney Bird table together for the banquet dinner on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>!

So, I started this column by talking about the seasons. Thus, it is appropriate to mention that as the weather becomes warmer, this gives us that pleasant feeling that summer isn't too far away. If you haven't been coming to meetings regularly, please consider coming back during this beautiful season. I really hope to see you at our next meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Semper Fidelis,

Rhonda Pekow  
Commandant

## Vietnam War Veterans Day

Vietnam War Veterans Day was held on March 29th to pay homage to our Vietnam Veterans who served both in Southeast Asia and other duty stations at home and abroad during the Vietnam War. The function was held at VFW Post 2342 in Fort Lee. Attending was Al Frater, Pat Korczak and Gene Iaconetti.



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