

Bett-Toomey Detachment

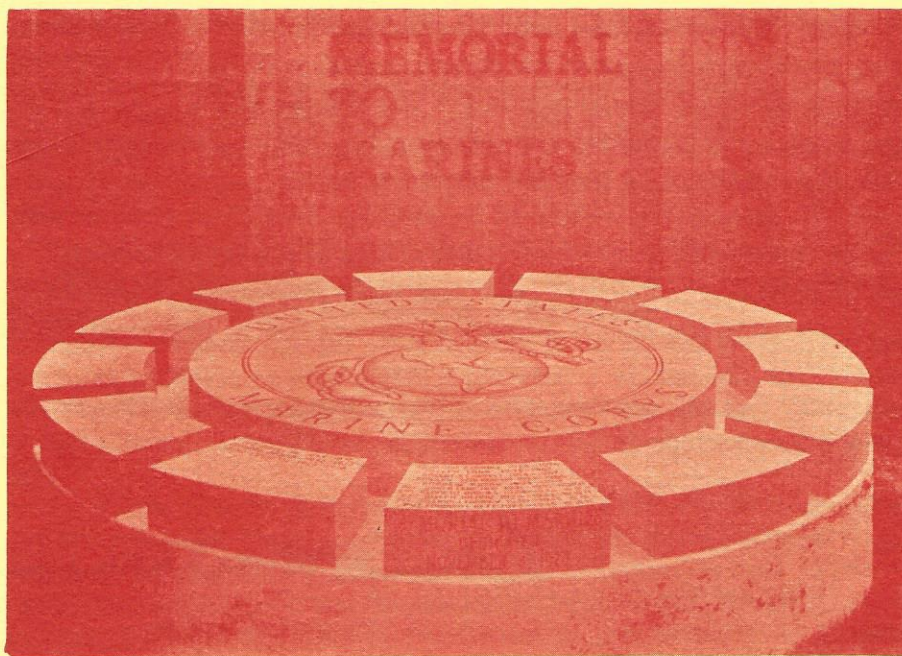
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29th


ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

AND DEDICATION OF

"THE MEMORIAL TO MARINES"



NOVEMBER 4, 1978



**A Message
From The
Commandant Of
The Marine Corps**



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The tenth of November this year marks the 203rd birthday anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. Whatever the need during more than two centuries, Marines have responded whenever the call came. We were ready to be the first to fight.

Since that November day in 1775 at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, well over three million Americans have worn the Marine uniform "from the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli". Thousands have been wounded and killed in actions against the foes of our country; and each generation has shown magnificently that courage, loyalty and sacrifice were, indeed, very special qualities of Marines. Because of them and what they did, we have today a certain legacy, a certain tradition, and an eternal spirit that friends and foes alike around the globe have come to know well.

As we gather once again to observe the anniversary of the founding of our Corps, we can, unquestionably, take pride in our past. May those generations of Marines who gather after us be able to do the same — because we, on our watch, were ready for today.

Happy birthday and my sincerest wish to every Marine for a 204th year that those who follow will view with pride.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louis H. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

LOUIS H. WILSON
General, U.S. Marine Corps

Our Guest of Honor



LEO J. LeBLANC, JR.

Brigadier General, USMC

*Director Aviation Plans, Policy and
Requirements Division, Headquarters
U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.*

General LeBlanc was born June 6, 1930, in Chazy, N.Y. After graduation from high school in 1948 he enlisted in the Navy as an airman and Naval Aviation Cadet. He underwent flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve and designated a Naval aviator November 1, 1951. He holds a B.A. degree in General Business (1967) and an M.S. degree in International Affairs (1972) from George Washington University.

Following his commissioning, General LeBlanc attended All-Weather Flight School, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. In January 1952 he was assigned as a pilot and Assistant Ordnance Officer, Marine Fighter Squadron-223, 2nd Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, N.C. He participated in the Korean Conflict as a squadron pilot with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and as a forward air controller with the 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was promoted to first lieutenant in May 1953.

General LeBlanc returned to the United States in August 1953 serving as a flight instructor at the Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas and Chase Field, Texas. He integrated into the Regular Marine Corps in May 1954 and was promoted to Captain in December, 1954.

He was transferred to the Marine Air Station, El Toro, California, in March, 1956, and served as Special Services Officer and later as Executive Officer with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. He took command of the squadron in September 1957 until April 1958 when he became S-1 Officer, Marine Fighter Squadron-334. In July 1958 he was reassigned as Aviation Safety Officer Squadron-251 and served in Atsugi, Japan.

He again returned home in January 1961 to serve at the Marine Air Station, Quantico, Va. He was promoted to Major in July 1962. Following a tour at HQ, and attending George Washington University he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in July 1967, and ordered to Vietnam as the Commanding Officer, Squadron-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and Attack Squadron-211.

After serving in Hawaii as Deputy Operations Officer, FMF, Pacific he attended the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. Upon graduation he joined the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and was promoted to Colonel in July 1973.

In May 1975, General LeBlanc was transferred to Japan as CO, Marine Aircraft Group-12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, until April 6, 1976 when he was advanced to Brigadier General, and assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. He then served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation at HQ before he assumed his current assignment.

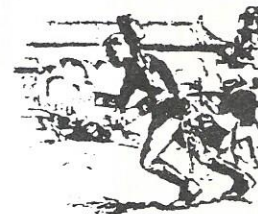
General LeBlanc's decorations and medals include the Legion of Merit with gold star and combat "V", the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with two gold stars and single mission Air Medal with No. 24, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation with star, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 3 stars, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars; Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, the United Nations Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

Brigadier General LeBlanc and his wife Betty have two sons, Michael J. and Gregory T.

THE MARINES' HYMN



*From the halls of Montezuma,
To the shores of Tripoli,
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
UNITED STATES MARINE.*



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Commandants of the Bett-Toomey Detachment

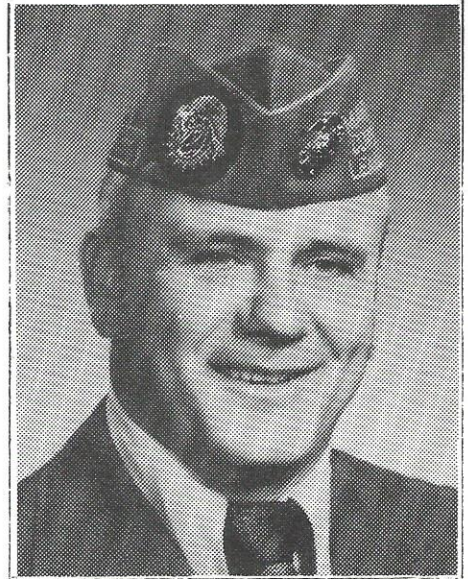
1. Ray J. Puchalski . . . '49, '52-'54, '73-'74	7. C. William Marts '57-'59	13. Edward S. Reed '67-'69
2. Frank Stulak '50-'51	8. LaVern DeForest '59-'60	14. James May '69-'70
3. Edward Szczygiel '51-'52	9. Leo Sendor '60-'61	15. Tom Evoy '70-'71, '77-'78
4. Carl Lohr '54, '56-'57	10. Richard S. Juda '61-'63, '74-'75	16. Matthew Radlowski '71-'73
5. Chet C. Catuzza '54-'55, '66-'67	11. Leo Myzel '63-'64	17. Kenneth Blachura '75-'76
6. Fred V. Catuzza, Jr. '55-'56	12. Jack Sheldon '65-'66	18. Edward Sabuda '76-'77
		19. Henry Klubek '78-'79

COMMANDANT HENRY KLUBEK

"Marine of the Year"

Hank served in the Marine Corps from 1958 - 1961, attaining the rank of Corporal. He served in Japan with the 3rd Marine Airwing. He is a 1957 graduate of Lackawanna High School and is a firefighter on the Lackawanna Fire Department.

Hank served as both Jr. and Sr. Vice Commandant before being elected as our Commandant in September. He received the Capt. A.S. Reynolds Award in 1977 and the Cpl. Kenneth Barnes Medal in 1976. He is a member of the detachment Board of Directors and on the Committee that assists the Marine Corps in sponsoring the Marine Corps Physical Fitness Competition held in Lackawanna each year.



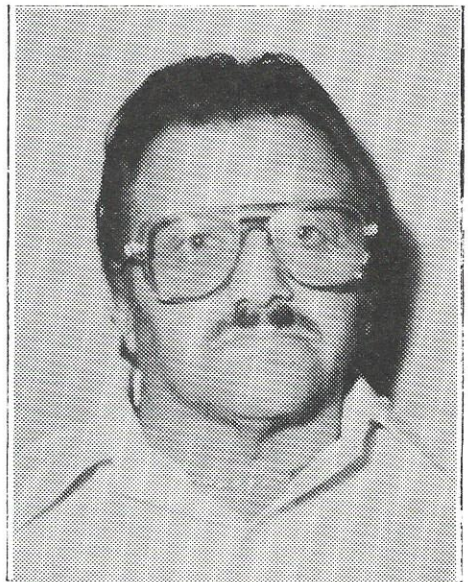
ROBERT AMADORI

"Civilian of the Year"

"Bob" left school in his third year at Lincoln Annex to go to work as a welder in the Naval Shipyards. He joined the Navy late in 1944 and served in the European Theater in 1945-46 as a cook in England to Rigen in Londonderry, Ireland.

He started in the construction business with his dad (Pappy) in 1948, and his brothers Jene and Joe. He owned the Park Theater and Park Grill in Bethlehem Park for some years.

Bob was born and raised in the Bethlehem Park area of Lackawanna and still uses 65 Jackson Street as his residential and business address.



Lt. Col. JAMES F. SCHMIDT, USMC (Ret.)

Toastmaster

Colonel Schmidt began his career in the Marine Corps Reserve in 1953, and was commissioned in December of 1959. He retired at his present rank — Lieutenant Colonel — in October of 1976.

He received a B.B.A. in Accounting from Canisius College in 1957 and is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking, receiving a degree in Commercial Banking in 1968. He served as a Bank Officer for Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company from 1960 - 1972. He was the Deputy Erie County Comptroller from 1972 - 1974 and since 1975 has been the Administrative Assistant to Congressman Henry J. Nowak. He is Treasurer of the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association.