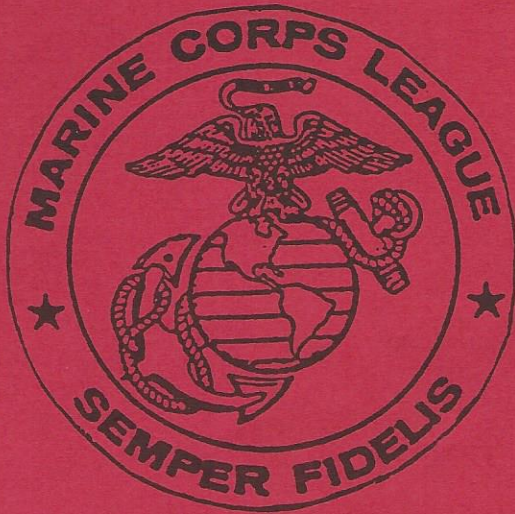


BETT-TOOMEY DETACHMENT

*Marine Corps League
United States Marine Corps
217th ANNIVERSARY*



*42nd Annual Dinner Dance
November 7, 1992*



MARINE'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails,

Make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will.

Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me,

To live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear.

Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm.

Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance.

Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me.

Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership.

Help me wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist;

If I miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen.



Private Edward L. Bett, USMCR
5 Dec. 1923 - KIA - Iwo Jima - Feb. 1945

Edward Bett was born in Buffalo on 5 December 1923. He enlisted in the Marines in December of 1942 immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor. He received his Boot Camp training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Following his initial training he was sent to Advanced Infantry Training at New River, North Carolina and Camp Pendleton, California. He was then assigned to duty with the Fleet Marine Invasion Forces.

Bett participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands for which he received the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with Bronze Battle Star. In June of 1944, he participated in the invasion of the Marianna Islands, Tinian and Saipan and was awarded two more Bronze Battle Stars.

In February of 1945, Bett again did battle in the landing on Iwo Jima. He was wounded by a Japanese mortar shell. Because of his serious wounds, he was taken aboard a hospital ship; it was here that he died of his wounds. He was buried at sea with Military Honors. His fatal battle gave him another Bronze Battle Star. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.



**Private First Class William Toomey, USMC
23 March 1920 - KIA - Iwo Jima - Feb. 1945**

William Toomey was born in Lackawanna on 23 March 1920. He enlisted in the Marines on 1 April 1942 and was sent to Parris Island, South Carolina for Boot Camp Training. From there, he went to Quantico, Virginia to attend communications school. Upon completion of his training he was sent to Camp Pendleton for Advanced Infantry Training. There, he joined the Third Marine Division Assault Battalion.

Toomey participated in the invasion of the Marianna Islands and was wounded in Guam 21 July 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with Battle Stars.

In February of 1945, he fought again in the battle of the invasion of Iwo Jima; he was killed in action. He received another Bronze Battle Star and a Star for his previously awarded Purple Heart.

In 1946, his body was sent back to Lackawanna for burial in Holy Cross Cemetery.

He was awarded a Gold Star posthumously in lieu of a Purple Heart, for being wounded a second time in battle.

**PFC. WILLIAM J. TOOMEY
MEMORIAL AWARD**

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**PVT. EDWARD L. BETT
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Leonard A. Danielewicz

Leonard Danielewicz was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He attended Seneca Vocational High School and spent 1/2 year at Erie Community Technical Institute before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps.

His Marine career started at Parris Island, South Carolina, then to Camp LeJuene for I.T.R. (Infantry Training Regiment). After his basics, he went to Communications School in San Diego, California to become a Radio Repairman.

Leonard Danielewicz was then sent overseas to Vietnam and was stationed with the 4th Marines 3rd Marine Division, Headquarters Company. His awards included National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal w/i, Navy Achievement Medal w/"v", Vietnamese Campaign Medal (1960-), Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/palm, M-14 Rifle Marksman, and Good Conduct Medal.

In October 1989 he joined the Marine Corps League and has served as the Adjutant Paymaster since April of 1991. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Lackawanna Marine Club as Treasurer, a position he has held since May 1991.

THE MARINE'S HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma,
To the Shores of Tripoli,
We will 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 MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun.
We have fought in every time and place
Where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job, the
UNITED STATES MARINES.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve.
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded by,
UNITED STATES MARINES.

