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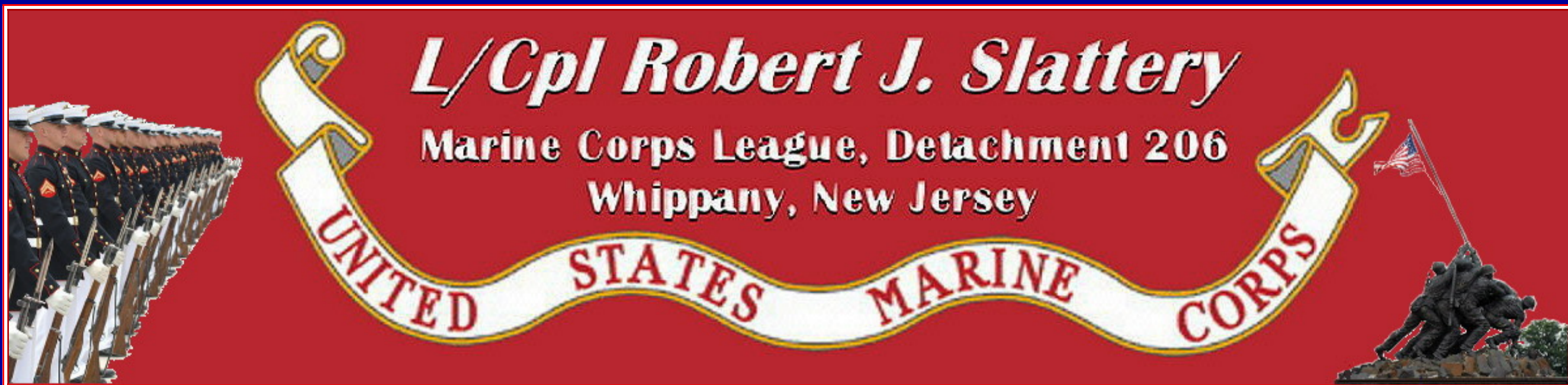
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Meet Again



SCHEDULE EVENTS 2024

Please see below schedule of events. If you have any events please send to me and I will update.

Please include: Date of event ~ Type of event ~ Cost if any ~ Contact info if needed

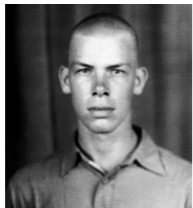
- **June 5th, 2024 - Live meeting will be held**



**SEMPER FI**

**Subject: Lee Marvin**

In Arlington Cemetery there is the Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier, nearby is the tomb of heavyweight champion Joe Louis. Beside Joe lie the remains of a well known actor who made top movies but wanted to be known for what he considered his greatest role in life, a Marine. The actor is Lee Marvin. A tough guy in real life, not just the movies. He said that an important lesson he learned as a Marine was, "Life is every man for himself. You can't ever let your guard down, and the most useless word in the world is help. The military life was in his blood, his father Lamont had fought with distinction in WW1 and had taught Lee and his brother Robert how to use firearms. When war broke out Lee didn't hesitate and wanted to join the best. I believed I was going to be killed. I just wanted to die in the very best outfit. There are ordinary corpses, and Marine corpses. I figured on the first-class kind and joined up." Lamont and Robert also joined up. Lee showed himself to be proficient with his rifle and became a sniper. He saw action at The Marshall Islands and later The Marianas. It was here that he received a serious wound. A round from a machine gun ripped through his lower back, narrowly missing the spinal cord, and severing his sciatic nerve, it tore a nine-by-three-inch hole in Lee's buttocks. For him the war was over.



He spent the next 13 months in military hospital. He was awarded a Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation, a letter of commendation with a ribbon and campaign medals. The three family members were lucky to have survived, all returned home but all suffered from depression. Lamont suffered a complete breakdown. Lee tried to rejoin but found himself disqualified due to his wounds. He became a plumber but missed the camaraderie of the Marines. One day while working on a blocked toilet of a theatre his attention was drawn to the camaraderie of the players and he realised then that this would be a substitute for the corps. He decided to become an actor.

Semper Fi,  
Tom Miller

**Federal Veteran Access Point Opening**

New Federal Veteran Access Point Opening in Morris County. Published on April 23, 2024

One of Two Outreach Service Operations Announced by VA Under Secretary ?

UPDATE: Morris County's new federal Veteran Center Community Access Point (CAP) is scheduled to open on May 2 at the Morris County Veteran Services Office (VSO) located at 540 West Morris Avenue in Morris Township.

Services will be provided within two rooms that will be staffed with two VA counselors who will be available every Thursday. Veterans in need of an appointment should call the Bloomfield Veterans Center at 973-748-0980.

A new federal Veteran Center Community Access Point is being established in Morris County; the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) announced today during a visit by the VA Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal to the Morris County Veteran Services Office in Morris Township.



**This Month in USMC History**

**MAY**

- **2 May 1946:** Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.
- **5 May 1983:** In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.
- **8 May 1995:** In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.
- **10 May 1945:** The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.
- **15 May 1862:** Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.
- **16 May 1945:** The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.
- **22 May 1912:** First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.
- **23 May 1988:** The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.
- **26 May 1969:** Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.
- **29 May 1991:** Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.

**Garden State Mustang Club - All Ford Car Show**



We had a very successful Rose Outing this past Sunday. We were welcomed by members of The Garden State Mustang Club members and All Ford Car Show attendees. I want to give a big OOHRAH to our volunteers:



Slattery Paymaster - Jonathan Winaker

Karen - Jonathan's wife and Associate member

Quartermaster - Steve Ferman

Adjutant - Michael Dougherty

Fundraising Committee Chairman - Jim Koons

Member - Anthony Fiorentino

They all did a terrific job supporting the Mustang Club and representing our Detachment!

We are extremely pleased with the Partnership with President Michael Deliberto and the GSRMC. They put in a lot of work and produce a great Car Show.



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### Letter to Flora

Letter to Flora to show her the depth and breath of support for her beloved Sal-- a Marine's Marine (& Sgt)  
May this gift provide timeless memories of Sal's faithful service and also symbolize the long chain of military that links all of us.

TIMELESS MEMORIES FROM A LONG CHAIN OF BROTHERS IN ARMS

DEAR FLORA,

PLEASE ACCEPT MY GOLDEN POCKET WATCH AS A PERPETUAL REMINDER OF THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MARINE CORPS AND ALL BROTHERS IN ARMS FOR THE SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED MILITARY SERVICE OF OUR BELOVED SAL. IT MAY BE WORN AS A NECKLACE CLOSE TO YOUR HEART KNOWING THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS GONE AHEAD, HE REMAINS IN PART OF EACH OF OUR HEARTS FOR HIS LOYALTY AND COMPASSION.

I EXTEND THIS GIFT ON BEHALF OF ALL IN THE BAND OF BROTHERS INCLUDING, E.G.:

--CAPT. JAMES KIRSCHKE, USMC, WHO IS A LASALLE UNIVERSITY CLASSMATE OF 1964 WHO GAVE HIS LIMBS IN VIETNAM FOR US. HE WENT ON TO GET A DOUBLE MASTERS IN ENGLISH & TEACH AT VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY. HE RECEIVED THE UNSUNG MILITARY HERO AWARD FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

--CHARLES JURGENSEN, USMC AND COL. PETER O'HAGAN, JR., USMC FRIENDS WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM AND ALSO RECEIVED AN UNSUNG MILITARY HEROES AWARD FROM NJ ALONG WITH DRILL SGT. JACK MCGREEVEY, USMC.

--FRIENDS OF MCLF (THE MARINE CORPS—LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION) SUCH AS: PETE & ROSEMARY HAAS, ED BORAN, JIM KALLSTROM, & COL. LOU PIANTADOSI, USMC.

--GEN. AL GRAY, USMC AND HIS COMPASSIONATE WIFE JAN FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO THE ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN.

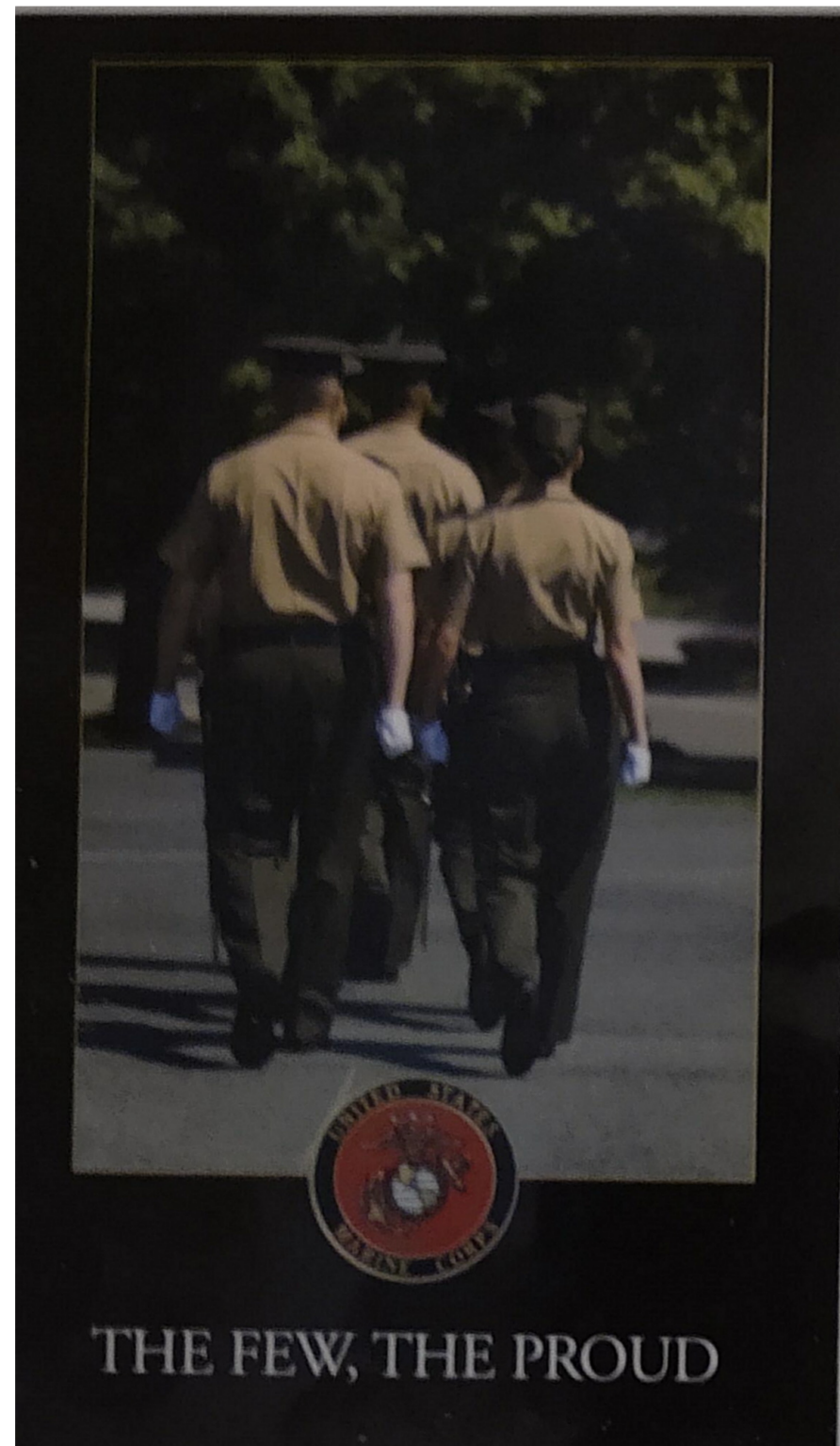
--OTHERS LIKE MIKE WALUK, USMC WHO REPRESENTS NJ, PA, AND NY AND TOM WELSH WHO REPRESENTS SEMPER FI ODYSSEY.

--LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, MY OLDER BROTHER WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR AGENT ORANGE AND OTHER DISABLING EFFECTS OF HIS VIETNAM TOUR WHILE IN THE FIRST CAVALRY.

KNOW THAT AS SAL MOVES FORWARD, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. FIDELIS AD MORTEM.

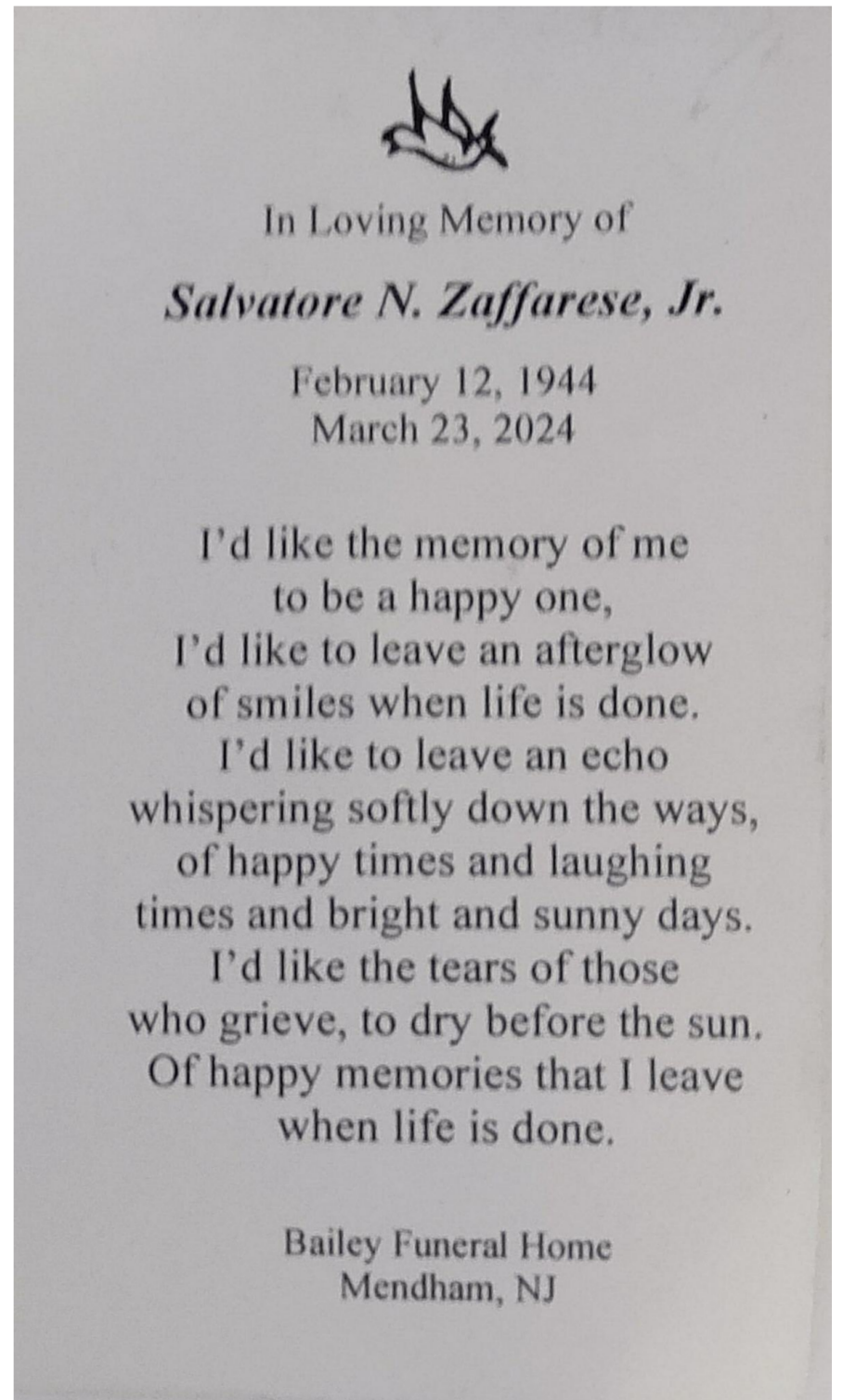
SEMPER FI ! AND CONDOLENCES WITH RESPECT, *Jim*

JIM CAVANAUGH, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER AND CHAPLAIN FOR MCL SLATTERY DET. #206,  
CHAPLAIN , AMERICAN LEGION POST 59 AND WELCOME HOME VETS OF NEW JERSEY



A gold pocket watch necklace I gave her as a reminder of their love and mutual years of service particularly during his 6 years of military service.

Memorial card noting Birth & DOD.



"Our Community salutes NJ"

All Hands



Yesterday I had the honor at Fairleigh Dickinson University Florham campus, to welcome aboard the new recruits into the US Marines and the US Army. FDU had a ceremony called "Our Community salutes NJ" enlistee recognition ceremony for the recruits and their families.

Gunny Monacoc



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### NCO Mess Night



Last night I had the honor of helping out with a NCO Mess Night to raise money for Cooking for Long Islands HOMEBOUND Veterans!



Tucked away in a series of three brownstones on MacDougal is the Tiro A Segno of New York. Nondescript other than a proud Italian flag waving above its door and a red awning with its signature seal marking the entrance, this Manhattan social club has no qualms about keeping itself quiet. Quiet, that is, except for those in the know.

Insiders of this institution would be able to tell you that the members-only club, which was established in 1888 by an exclusive group of Italian sportsmen, feels more like an extended family than an elite cult. Fondly referred to simply as Tiro, the Greenwich Village clubhouse has survived both World Wars and the Depression. And although members now spend weekends fine-dining rather than jaunting off to Staten Island for pheasant shooting and speak more English than Italian,

Tiro hasn't lost any of its old-school charm. We're talking sumptuous lounge décor, truly authentic Italian cuisine, fashion shows, golf outings, and...a black tie rifle range in the basement?!

Click through to see why this club is really worth playing up the Italian side of your family, no matter how distant!



Gunny Monaco

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