

The VALOOKIE

Lake Delaware Alumni Association, Inc.

Spring 2018

BREAKING NEWS: MESS HALL and ARMORY TO BE REPLACED!

After 106 years of service, a new Mess Hall will be built at Lake Delaware Boys Camp!

It has been said that “an army travels on its stomach.” So does a camp with 100 active, hungry boys and staff. The Mess Hall is the second most important building to Camp’s operation, following only St. Joseph’s Chapel, and is vital to our ongoing success.

The Mess Hall is showing signs of structural failure that will require extensive rebuilding or outright replacement. In addition, the Armory has aged so badly that the NYS Department of Health has prohibited its use by campers in recent years due to its precarious condition.

After careful and considered deliberation, the LDBC Board has decided to replace both of the existing buildings – some of the earliest buildings built for campers’ use – with one single multi-purpose building to address Camp’s dining, programming, and storage needs.

We believe a new multi-purpose building will meet Camp’s need for the next century.

Constructing a new Mess Hall is more cost effective than undertaking extensive rehabilitation of the older buildings, and will meet the following goals:

- Allow for a larger dining facility and additional programming space

- Move away from the Company Road to improve camper safety

- Will be the same length as the existing Mess Hall, but wider and will include a lower level to replace lost Armory storage space and can also be used as an emergency shelter during extreme weather scenarios

- Will include a secure, permanent LDBC history and archival section

- Will be in the same simple, open air rustic style of other Camp architecture

- Most important to many Camp Alumni, Grad Names currently painted on the Armory and Mess Hall ceilings will be meticulously removed prior to demolition and reinstalled in the new building for future campers to see

Demolition is expected to begin at the end of the 2018 season with construction beginning shortly afterwards. The new Mess Hall will be ready for use by the 2019 season.

This will be our largest building project to date and will only be possible with everyone’s generous support. The Gerry Family has already endorsed this project, and many of their extended family members have already committed significant funds. However, building anything in the Catskill Mountains, especially in the New York City Watershed where Camp is located, is not cheap and we are counting on generous contributions from all members of the LDBC Family: grads, parents, TACs, and friends of Camp. We are also in contact with charitable foundations and corporations that Camp does business with for corporate donations.

A Fundraising Committee comprised of members of the Gerry family and the LDAA has been formed and you will hear soon about the building’s design and our fundraising needs.

We hope you share our excitement in preparing Camp for the 21st Century and for the next generation of boys whose lives will be changed by LDBC!

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As with the generous grads named below, we hope you will reflect on the impact LDBC has had on your life and consider leaving a bequest for Camp in your will. Your generosity will help make the Camp experience possible for future generations. If you have made this commitment and your name does not appear on this list, please contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at 607-832-4451 or ldbc@delhitel.net so we can recognize your generosity.

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From The Editor

Thank you to all who contribute to the Valookie. Special thanks to Geoff Dunham and Frank Enders. If anyone has articles, old pictures, old editions of the Valookie, stories of camp Old and New, please mail or e-mail them to me at the above contact information. I welcome any and all contributions.

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From your President...

I am constantly amazed at how many people give selflessly to benefit Lake Delaware Boys' Camp. They may be grads, spouses of grads, parents or friends who never attended LDBC. Why do over 175 people donate to Camp each year and over 150 show up every year at Grads Weekend picnic? Why do at least 30 people come each year to spend a weekend fixing up our buildings? I think it is those formative LDBC moments that are embedded in our memory and are triggered anew when we visit: walking down the company street and watching the campers fall out and stand at attention trying not to twitch; Evensong in St. Joseph's Chapel, including when the major calls the battalion to attention before the National Anthem is sung; everything about Parade, especially lowering the flag by bugle, the Crack Platoon and the Mess Hall cheers that follow; listening to the Adjutant yelling out the battalion name by name from memory; echo taps on Sunday night. We each have our own special moments to remember. Take a moment to consider why LDBC is special to you and how you can help ensure these formative moments live on for today's campers. If you haven't connected with LDBC in a while, make this the year you come visit or donate to our annual appeal or in support of the new Mess Hall. It is never too late to reconnect with your old summer camp!

Geoff Dunham '79

Quarterly LDAA gathering in NYC

Lizzy Adams, Nick Frigenti and Harold Turner are organizing an informal LDAA get together in NYC, please contact Lizzy at 315-521-2989 or Nick at 631-455-3505 if you are interested in getting together.



Help Recruit New Campers

Help keep LDBC strong by recruiting campers...we especially welcome ALL grad kids or grand-kids to attend LDBC...and their friends! Refer any potential camper family to the new camp website where they can find the camper application www.lakedelawareboyscamp.com. For new camp brochures to hand out to potential camper families, please contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at ldbc@delhitel.net or (607) 832-4451.

Grads Names in the Armory



Grads names in the Armory



These are just a few of the names still in the Armory. There are many more still there.

Camp Director's Report

Greetings to the LDBC family!

The preparations for the 2018 camp season at Lake Delaware Boys' Camp have been underway since last August, and we are looking forward to another wonderful year at camp. We have high hopes and expectations for the leadership at camp this summer from a strong class of graduating campers, and a talented staff. We are very pleased that our excellent nurse and head chef will be returning.

This summer there will be two remarkable events at LDBC.

One is a banquet to be held on Friday, July 20th to honor **Fr. Ray Donahue** for his 50 years of service to LDBC as Camp Chaplain. Countless lives have been blessed at LDBC by the wisdom and holiness of Fr. D! It will truly be a time to be thankful for this shining Priest of God.

The other amazing event at LDBC this summer will be the construction of a **new Mess Hall**. This project will transform the experience of our campers. We hope that all whose lives have been touched by Lake Delaware Boys' Camp will support the future of LDBC through support of this project.

We hope to see you at camp this summer!

All the best, Jim and Sue Adams



Jim and Sue Adams Recognized by Boys & Girls Club

At the annual dinner of the Boys and Girls Club in Western New York Jim and Sue Adams were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the common life of Western New York, including their work at LDBC. Over 400 hundred attended the celebration, including several campers, one of whom, 12 year old Zach Perez, spoke to the crowd. Congratulations to Jim&Sue Adams!

"Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Zack Peraza. I am Mexican American, and today, I want to tell you about a trip that I took in the summer and how it changed my young life. To be selected to Lake Delaware Camp for Boys was the greatest honor that I have been given. Never have I ever been given an opportunity in my entire life to go to something this big, and to be so far away from my home. When I got to Lake Delaware, and saw new people, everyone was friendly, I felt at home. I was impressed by the tents, because I never actually saw, or slept in a tent. But you know what? I loved the idea that sleeping in a tent was fun, and it actually was! Going to chapel every morning (and sometimes in the afternoon) brought me one step closer to God. Swimming, and hiking in the woods, exercising, eating like a big family, and spending time with other kids of different cultures, and spending more time outdoors, was the best thing ever. I could spend hours and hours talking about my experience, but the last thing I want to say is, thank you, Boys & Girls club, and to the General and the Colonel, for giving me the biggest experience. And thank you, Lake Delaware Camp for Boys, for treating me as if it was my second home."



Honorary Alumni Voted in

At the Annual Meeting of Lake Delaware Alumni Association we voted to admit new Honorary Grads: Jodi and Brian Commanzo and Christopher Grummons. The Commanzos were recognized for their leadership of Lake Delaware Parents Association for the last several years. They organize multiple events over Parents weekend which raise funds for Camp and they help keep the parents informed. Chris would have graduated in 1998 but Camp was closed. Through Camp connections, Chris was placed with Boys Town in Nebraska. After graduating he received a full scholarship at University of Nebraska and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. Chris recently connected with Jim and Sue thanking them for all they did to support him and give him a new lease on life. He credits the Adams and LDBC with giving him the tools to help him get to where he is today.

To honor Chris and the Commanzos and their love for and dedication to Lake Delaware Boys' Camp, we are glad to welcome them into the Lake Delaware Alumni Association.

GRADS WEEKEND PICNIC THANK YOU

A special THANK YOU to all those who volunteer to assemble baskets and other items for sale at the Grads Weekend picnic, especially Barbara Holzkamp, Anne Lamberson, Richard & Anne Burdett, Kathy Fedan, Carol Dunham and Kitty Gerry. Their efforts, along with others, have enabled LDAA to raise over \$1,000 each picnic for the last several years.

Amazon Smiles

Thank you to Richard Burdett for arranging for donations to LDBC under the Amazon Smiles program. Please REMEMBER LDBC when purchasing items on Amazon.com Every donation helps us meet our annual expenses, no matter how small!

CAMP PRAYER

O God Who hast made and preserved this camp and sent us here to learn Thy Will: accept and sanctify our prayers by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.

Teach us to live together in comradeship, joy and peace.

In our camp life, give us the spirit of honor, understanding and perseverance; in our prayers, the power to draw nigh to Thee; and in our games true sportsmanship.

Bless the founders and benefactors of our camp, Robert and Cornelia Gerry, for all that they have given us, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting Kingdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: RONALD FRIGENTI

Ron comes from a family with a long line of LDBC connections. His stepfather, Martin Johnsen, who received a Founders Medal Silver a few years ago, graduated in 1946. He was tipped off to LDBC by the famed Andersen clan. Martin's brother William was a camper until 1944 and they both were regulars at the LDBC Clubhouse at St. Edward the Martyr on 109th Street off Fifth Avenue. Each of their sons, Billy and Johnnie, along with their sister's son, Steve Hawkins, were campers in the late 1960s through 1972. Ron attended from 1971 through 1979 (his brother Ken was also a camper) and in 2005 the third generation, Nick, graduated from Camp. One common theme has been their rank: Martin, Ron and Nick were all major of the battalion! Ron's commitment to Camp continued in 1997 when he joined the LDAA board and he has faithfully served since then, assuming leadership of work weekends several years ago. One Sunday, circa 1971, after church at St. Lawrence of Canterbury Episcopal Church (Dix Hills, Long Island), the Johnsens were approached by fellow parishioners Edward and Gladys Dunham, who asked if they were going to coffee hour. The Johnsens said they couldn't as they were leaving to take the boys up to camp. Ed asked which camp and Marty answered, "Lake Delaware Boys' Camp", to which Ed replied "I went to that camp! It still exists?" And that explains how Geoff and Jim Dunham came to attend LDBC! Ron has owned RF Custom Flooring since 1985 and Camp has benefitted from his hard work and talents with new carpets installed in the cottages and St. Joseph's Chapel. Ron still lives in Huntington and is a long time parishioner at St. John's Church, Cold Spring Harbor. He fondly remembers many hikes with Fr. D, and especially one of the first when he was 8 years old and camping out at Lost Village. A thunderstorm was approaching and Fr. D got everyone settled in and then disappeared...only to emerge from the woods, as the clouds parted and the sun shone, with scooter pies for all!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the early days, many campers learned about LDBC from the Big Brother organization. This is an excerpt from a 1912 issue of Working Boys Magazine.

Again we are indebted to Robert Livingston Gerry for giving 30 Little Brothers a vacation of 34 days at his splendidly equipped camp in the Catskills. Before they left for camp each boy was furnished with an outfit consisting of khaki coat, knickers, running pants, cap, athletic shirt, stockings, sneakers, tooth brush, towels and comb.

LDBC 1916

1916 – 8th Season

Number of boys: 75

Number of days in Camp: 92 (~12 weeks)

Memorandum sent to parents in August 1916

Owing to the continued epidemic of Infantile Paralysis in New York City and in view of the decision of the Board of Education not to open any public schools until October 1 the management of LDBC has decided to continue camp until the end of September. Your boy will therefore remain in Camp until it closes, unless we are specifically notified by you that he is to return to New York at an earlier date.

James L. Whitcomb, Governor

From the Photo Archives

Pictured Right– Not sure if this is referring to seeing Larry work or something else.



Photos Left donated by Harold Bertram G'79. Notice how different camp looks today compared to this aerial photo taken in the 1970's.



Work Weekend photos:



A Rare Opportunity:

If you are like me, your life has become a bit more complicated since our years at camp. I find myself watching the years go by at a sometimes bewildering pace.

Every now and then something like the Valookie comes along and throws your thoughts back to experiences that are no longer part of your everyday life. For us the experiences of LDBC are a major part of our youth and for better or worse a large portion of what we have become. It is a rare opportunity when you or I can relive experiences that have become only infrequent memories.

Every summer, you and I are offered the chance to revive not only the memories of camp but to experience the emotions of being a part of it again. Unfortunately very few of us take advantage of this rare opportunity.

For one weekend a year the camp is turned over to the grads in exchange for a good days work. I have been fortunate to attend work weekends and will make every effort to do so in the future.

I remember the first day of camp and how after only a few hours I would feel as though I had never left. Spend the weekend in camp with us, be one of the campers again, and don't be surprised if Sunday morning you wake up with those same feelings.



RETIREMENT CEREMONY
IN HONOR OF

**Lieutenant Commander
Hector J. Delgado**

18 JUNE 2016

NATIONAL NAVY UDT/SEAL MUSEUM



Sequence of Events

Master of Ceremonies
Master Chief Ret Ken Corona

Arrival of Official Party
Bos'n/Sideboys

Parading of Colors/National Anthem
Boca Raton NJROTC Color Guard

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Master Chief Ret Rick Kaiser

Guest Speaker
CDR Ret Mark Hileman

Presentation of Award
CDR Ret Mark Hileman

Remarks
LCDR Hector Delgado

Shadow Box Presentation
Master Chief Ret Rick Kaiser

Reading of "The Watch"
Master Chief Ret Rick Kaiser

LCDR Delgado Ret is piped ashore
Bos'n/Sideboys

Museum Tour
National Navy UDT/SEAL Museum



United States Navy Biography

Lieutenant Commander Hector J. Delgado (SEAL)



Lieutenant Commander Delgado is a United States Navy SEAL serving for twenty-nine years in both active and reserve components. In 2006, he was mobilized and served a combat tour in Ramadi, Iraq with SEAL Team THREE receiving a Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V". He has served with SEAL Teams TWO, THREE, FOUR, EIGHTEEN and Special Operations Command Central and South. He has participated in tours of duty in the Middle East,

Europe, Africa and South America. Hector has trained thousands of students in the use of weapons, demolition, physical security and executive protection. He has served as an adjunct instructor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy teaching maritime security and conducting International Ship Security Code (ISPS) training.

Hector has also served as a Deputy U.S. Marshal and is currently a Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations working in the southern districts of New York and Florida. He has conducted numerous criminal investigations, search and arrest warrants and is a recipient of the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the year.

Additionally, Hector is a successful entrepreneur, having started, managed, and sold numerous enterprises. He is also on the Board of Directors for the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, North Hutchinson Island, Florida.

Congratulations on your retirement Hector! We hope to see you back at LDBC this summer for Grads weekend.

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TOTALS: 155 donors gave \$96,050

List of donors from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Does not include members of the Gerry family.

CAMPING WITH THE STARS 2018

Lake Delaware Alumni Association members have supported LDBC through donations of time, treasure, and talents, especially through the Work Weekends. Most of the Work Weekend projects occur when the camp is still 'packed up'. The tents are down, the Field House, Armory and Chapel are filled with storage. Even the Mess Hall has Picnic Tables and other items stored for the off season. These Work Weekends are important in order to get the BIG building projects accomplished.

But, 7 years ago -- "Camping with the Stars" was born!

An extra Work Weekend with Benefits!

A totally different event happening at Lake Delaware Boys Camp.

Those who have attended continue to rave about it.

Hard to believe that this will be its seventh year!

The first year, we had 10 folks join us and last year - we had 50 guests!

We hope that you join us this year.

CAMPING WITH THE STARS 2018!

~ YOU are the STARS.

Festivities formally begin with Dinner on Friday, June 22nd,
Saturday, June 23rd and end after lunch Sunday, June 24th.

The concept for this weekend is to bring Alumni and their families together to participate in some last minute Camp Craft Projects and also enjoy some of the LDBC experience!

Our staff will have emptied and set up the buildings for the camp season.

The boys tents will be set up. Some of you might choose to sleep in the boys tents 1 - 8....Aco or Bco and some of you might pitch a tent up in the Parking Lot. We will have a schedule which includes waking up to the Canon, Meals served in the Mess Hall, (Friday-Dinner, Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and Sunday-Breakfast & Lunch) Camp Grace said at all meals, Announcements with the Day's schedule, Camp Craft Projects, Open Swim, Hikes, Evening Games, Sunday morning Chapel with Fr. D, an evening campfire. The evening will become quiet with the playing of Taps.

Suggested donation for the six meals = \$30 per single adult or \$50 per family.

RESERVATIONS must be made in advance and no later than June 8, 2018.

Email me (Sue Adams) at jimandsueadams@gmail.com

No one under the age of 18 will be allowed without a parent.

(Alcohol will be restricted to designated times and places throughout the weekend.
Absolutely no underage drinking. Please do not bring pets.)



50th Anniversary Celebration for Fr. D

CELEBRATING FR. D'S 50 YEARS AS LDBC CHAPLAIN
SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018
at the ANDES HOTEL

On July 20, the Gerry Family, Lake Delaware Alumni Association and the wider LDBC community will celebrate Fr. D's 50 years as Camp Chaplain. Since 1969, Fr. D has inspired thousands of campers to be their better selves, to be the person God wants them to be. His particular domain has been St. Joseph's Chapel, the company street where he lived in a tent for decades and the annual Slide Hike which he lead for many years. Fr. D is still going strong as Camp Chaplain and we hope you will be able to join with us on JULY 20 at the Andes Hotel to celebrate his amazing ministry these last fifty years. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Mess Hall Building Fund. Details to follow.



Grad Class of 1983 –35th Reunion

Rumor has it that the class of 1983 is coming back this summer for their 35th Reunion. I hear there might be a Clair, Smith, Sargent, Kaplan, Licata, Scalero and possibly more, road tripping to LDBC this summer. I may have also heard of a possible stop in Baltimore to grab Jeff McGee! We would love to see all of you this summer! Come show your families LDBC.



Alumni News and Photos



Grads Bonfire 2017

Artie Shaver and Mike Cole watching a Clemson/Wake Forest Game. Artie is still a little shaken from the beat down

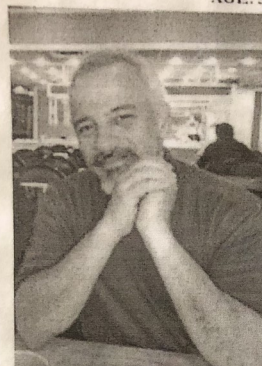
In Memory of Patrick Gardella G'80



The Gardella Boys, July 23, 1977. From Left to Right, Patrick, Raph, Anthony and Tom, with their father John.



PATRICK M. GARDELLA AGE: 53 • EDISON



will be greatly missed by his family who love him for his dedication to his country and his devotion to them.

He was predeceased by his father John J. Gardella. Surviving are his beloved children Nicole Gardella of Raleigh, NC, Evan Gardella of Cherryville, NC, and Lily Rayne of Louisiana. His mother Patricia Ann Reilly; siblings John E. Gardella, Venice C. Rohde, Michelle K. Gardella, Peter D. Gardella and wife Kim, Stephanie M. Bardsley, Thomas J. Gardella, Raphael M. Gardella and significant other Holly, Anthony T. Gardella, and Dantel A. Gardella; his uncle Thomas Reilly and wife Lucy, his aunt Madeleine Gardella Henley, his significant other Kimberly Y. Johannes; and his beloved American Eskimo Kodi.

Patrick M. Gardella, 53, formerly of Edison, passed away Sunday, June 25, 2017. Born in Perth Amboy, he was raised in Edison.

He spent his summers at Lake Delaware Boy's Camp in Delhi, NY, graduating at 16 as a First Lieutenant. Mr. Gardella served in the Coast Guard for 10 years, and then entered the Reserves at which time he was employed as a Prison Guard in North Carolina. He entered the Army and was an E5 Sergeant serving in both Afghanistan and Iraq before being honorably discharged. He loved cooking as well as time outdoors camping and fishing, and above all spending time with his family. He

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, 2017 from 9-11 am at Boylan Funeral Home 10 Woodling Ave., Edison. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Metuchen. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to K-9's For Warriors Operation Rescue Dog Connection at K9sForWarriors.org.

Grads Weekend 2017



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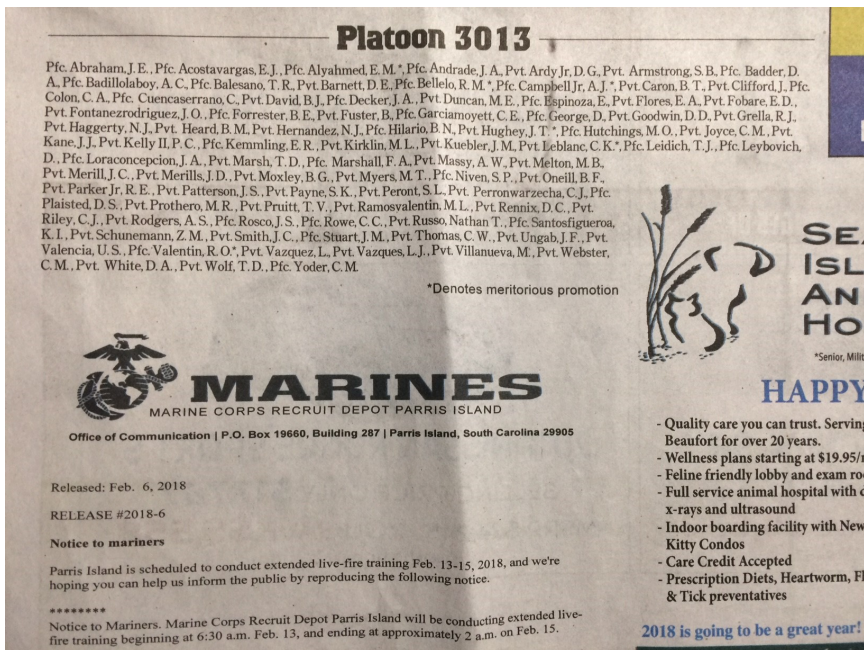
Drill down winner Kyle Lamberson

Alumni News

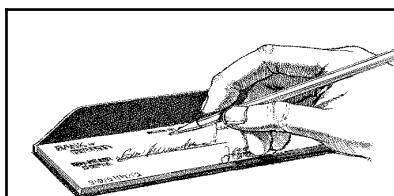


Scott Niven G '08

LDBC has a New Marine! Congratulations to Grad Scott Niven G '08 who survived Parris Island to become a newly minted US Marine! He now goes to further training before being given his first military assignment. He has no doubt that his LDBC experience prepared him well for the Marines. We wish him well!



Dues and Donations



REMINDER:

Dues Reminder!!! Please help us reach our goal. Remember, you can also pay your dues online at www.lakedelawareboyscamp.com.

Please take a moment of your time to pay your dues today. Every contribution helps with the long term success of LDBC. Please mail your \$40 dues TODAY! Thank you!

Interested in giving more to LDBC? Consider sending in a small donation each month when you pay your bills. \$10 each month will have less impact on your budget than giving \$100 or more all at once. Just address 12 envelopes to LDAA, insert a check into each envelope in the amount you want to give each month and mail with your bills you pay each month. Also check to see if your company does a match to charitable organizations. Sometimes they will match dollar for dollar or more. If you need specific information like the Tax ID number or type of charity LDBC is, please contact the camp office at ldbc@delhitel.net. Thank you all for your continued support of LDBC.

10th Annual Golf Outing

10th Annual LDBC Golf Outing

Come and join the Gerry Family, your fellow grads and tacs (many from Scotland-the birthplace of golf!) on the Friday before Grads Weekend, July 20, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. The \$85 cost includes pre game lunch, 18 holes of golf at the highly rated College Course, SUNY-Delhi, prizes, and post game hors d'oeuvres. It is fitting our annual event is held at this course, as Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Sr. was a decorated golfer here decades ago. It is also one of only three college courses to be designated an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Contact **Dr. Cliff Sporn**'71 at doccliff.s@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Cliff does an amazing job organizing everything so just show up and you're guaranteed to have a great time...even if you don't have a great game! All are welcome.



MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR GRADS-PARENTS WEEKEND

9th Annual Golf Outing
Grads-Parents Weekend

July 20
July 21-22

Don't wait to the last minute to make reservations....The Catskills have been discovered! Though the towns look the same as they always have, Bovina boasts an excellent restaurant and Andes has two, in addition to several antique stores and a renovated Andes Hotel. Delhi is bustling and even has a hard cider distillery. Organic farms and llama and heritage breed beef cattle farms have replaced many old dairy farms. With the Catskills now a destination for summer weddings, the few B&B's, inns and hotels fill up quickly. Don't forget if every place is booked, you are always welcome to camp out in the Camp parking lot!

Important Dates to Remember

Work Weekends:

May 19-20
June 9-10

Camping with the Stars Weekend
8th Annual Golf Outing
Grads-Parents Weekend

June 23-24
July 20
July 21-22

LDBC End of Year Awards 2017

Founders Medals:

Bronze: Christian Edwards (Major)
Bronze: Nate Trowbridge (Captain Aco)
Bronze: Jake Mase (Captain Bco)
Bronze: Tumi Tyndall (1st Lieutenant Adjutant)
Bronze: Mitchell Burrall (1st Lieutenant Aco)

100% Pin 2017 Winners:

Jamal McCleod
Dylan Comanzo
James Reale
Eli Eddington
Chris Maul
Gene Clemetson

Charles Dodsley Walker Medal:

Josh Hedrick
Gene Clemetson
James Reale

Tactical Officers Founders Medals 2017:

Silver **Kris Grattan**
 Stephen N'Dongi-sila

Bronze: **Joe Robinson**
 Kira Kearney
 Jordi Den Hartog

Best Tent 2017 = Tent 5

From the Valookie Archives

The Rookie - Graduate

I wander through the tents at night and wonder as I wander.
Between two rows of sleeping boys I oft times pause to ponder.
What happened to that rookie boy who came to camp when nine?
Was he a tall one or a short one? Was he home sick part of the
time? I think he now wears sergent's stripes or spaghetti on his
shoulder. Both are indications that the boy has now grown older.
OH, there's that one-time rookie lad now sleeping on the end. His
cot is too small or is he too big this grown-up little friend?
As I wander through the tents at night and look at all those
treasures. I wonder what will be revealed in our "Book of Weights
and Measures?"

LDBC Grads of 2017

Christian Edwards
Najee Cristen
Justin Esposito
Joshua Hedrick
Brandon Hedrick
Kashawn Howe
Jake Mase
Marc Saint-Louis
Nathaniel Trowbridge
Tumi Tyndall
Mikah Williams



For Recent LDBC Graduates

New Grad Discounts:

Please remember, for three years following graduation from Camp, LDAA annual dues are waived and the Grads picnic at the Ancrum is free!

In Loving Memory of Steve Cadette– Honorary Grad

Steve was the grandfather of five LDBC alums, (Scott, Ryan and Corey Hunter, Tylor Tatusko and Sean Cunningham) and three current LDBC campers(Liam, Brian and Jack Cunningham). He was the father of three LDBC alums(Billy, John and Brian Cunningham) the son-in-law of LDBC alum Edward Steck, and the cousin-in-law, brother-in-law, and uncle-in-law of many other LDBC alums. He was a friend to everyone at LDBC. Camp was such an important part of his life. We will always remember his help on work weekends, his expertise with a tiki torch and his love for LDBC. He will be so missed!



Parents/Grads Weekend- July 21-22
June 9-10
Work Weekend-May 19-20

Save the Dates:



2017 Plaque Scores:
Aco 51
Bco 49

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