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SILVER DOLLAR COMMEMORATES CORPS' 230th ANNIVERSARY



This year, the United States proudly honors the Marine Corps and all Marines who have sacrificed and contributed in our Nation's service. Public Law 108-290, signed last August, authorizes the minting of a Silver Dollar to commemorate the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

On Nov. 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of American Marines, thereby creating the legendary institution today known as the United States Marine Corps. From the Nation's birth to the present day, the Marines represent a proud culture of service and contribution in defense of the values and freedoms at the heart of the American experience.

According to the Marines Hymn, Marines have "fought in ev'ry clime and place" throughout our Nation's history. The story of the Marine Corps is the personification of American military history beginning with the American Revolution. The flag raising on Iwo Jima, represented at the Marine Corps War Memorial, is ingrained in the public mind as perhaps the enduring image of World War II.

Today, the Marines continue to exemplify the warrior ethos that has made it a fighting force of international repute. The philosophy of the Corps--and of the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have earned the title "Marine" over the last 230 years--is simply stated in its core values: Honor. Courage. Commitment.

Coins offered in both proof and uncirculated condition may be issued under this Act only during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2005.

Surcharges from the sale of each coin are authorized for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, VA, which is being developed as a partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States Marine Corps.

Coins are tentatively scheduled to be released in this summer.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The Detachment held it's yearly election of officers at the March meeting. Only a couple changes to be aware of. **Junior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** replaces **Past Commandant Don Gee** as Senior Vice Commandant, and **Marine Jim McComb** assumes the position of Junior Vice Commandant. All other elected staff positions remain the same. Yes, I will be your Commandant once again with the possible exception which I'll explain later.

It has truly been an exciting year for our Detachment and enjoyable for myself as well. I was able to participate in many activities that I probably would not have bothered with otherwise. The Department Convention in Erie where I got to meet and speak with our **National Commandant Helen Hicks**. What an interesting lady! Of course I stood at rigid attention while addressing Madame Commandant. The Fall Meeting in Plymouth Meeting where they roasted (and toasted) **Past Department Commandant John Moyse**. The Winter Meeting in Grantville where I met some new people from the other side of the State and shared a few ideas, picked up some new ideas as well. And, of course, our Birthday Ball where I addressed the attendees, cut the cake, and welcomed the Mayor of Doylestown, **Bill Neis**, as Guest of Honor.

I would like at this time to express my thanks and appreciation to all Officers and members who made my job easy. Anything I asked for was always accomplished in a timely manner. Also thanks goes out to **Past Commandant's**

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Don Gee and **Budd Pearce** who managed to keep me in line and out of trouble. Speaking of Don Gee, for someone who couldn't keep in step during boot camp drills too save his soul, could always manage to be one step ahead of me as Senior Vice Commandant. I'm going to miss ya buddy, and thanks again. I'm looking forward to working with the new Staff Officers, Jim Powell, Senior Vice Commandant and the new Junior Vice Commandant, Jim McComb. Thanks, guys, for answering the call.

Now for that possible exception I mentioned earlier. I explained to the membership after accepting re-election as Commandant that my wife and I have firm plans to re-locate to another state. Except for my time spent in the military, I have lived my whole life in Pennsylvania. Due to the ever increasing tax burden in Pennsylvania, and especially Bucks County, we find it necessary to find relief elsewhere and we are deciding between the tax friendly states of Delaware and Florida. We have investigated Delaware and are embarking on

a trip down to Florida sometime in early May to check out some real estate on the Palm Coast between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach. We will make our decision after returning from Florida. If we decide on Delaware as our new home then continuing on as Commandant will not be a problem. If Florida is our choice then it probably won't happen until late in the year, then my reign as your Commandant will have to come to an end.

Anyhow, the Installation of Officers will be at our next meeting on April 13. I would like to see all of you there especially those members that I don't know and have never met. The Department Officers doing the installation will be well represented and we look forward to seeing them. We should have some pretty good refreshments for your enjoyment after the meeting, so stop on by, say hello to your fellow Marines and take part in this very important occasion.

Semper Fi,

Bill Miller

NOW THIS IS A POEM!

Media Pansies

You media pansies may squeal and may squirm,
But a fightin' man knows that the way to confirm,
That some jihadist bastard truly is dead,
Is a brain-tappin' round fired into his head.

To hell with some wienie with his journalist degree
Safe away from the combat, tryin' to tell me,
I should check him for breathin,' examine his eyes.
Nope, I'm punchin' his ticket to Muj paradise.

To hell with you wimps from your Ivy League schools,
Sittin' far from the war tellin' me about rules
And preachin' to me your wrong-headed contention
That I should observe the Geneva Convention,

Which doesn't apply to a terrorist scum
So evil and cruel their own people run from,
Cold-blooded killers who love to behead,
Shove that mother' Geneva, I'm leavin' em dead.

You slick talking-heads may preach, preen and prattle,
But you're damn well not here in the thick of the battle.
It's chaotic, confusin' it all comes at you fast,
So it's Muj checkin' out because I'm going to last.

Yeah, I'll last through this fight and send his ass away
To his fat ugly virgins while I'm still in play.

If you journalist wienies think that's cold, cruel and crass,
Then pucker up sweeties, kiss a fightin' man's ass.

Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 9, 2005, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bill Jerrom.**

The Minutes of the February 2005 Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The Paymaster's Report was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The Paymaster's Report was unanimously accepted.

New Member: Associate Member **Corey A. Fisher** was unanimously accepted for membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bill Miller reported on the Southeast Division Meeting and read a letter from Bucks County Veterans Affairs Director **Dan Fraley** about changes in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). He also announced the Department of Pennsylvania will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at Indiantown Gap. Other information reported included the planned Northeast Division Conference in Atlantic City and the Spring Department Meeting scheduled for Apr. 1-3 at Indiantown Gap.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC, reported the Detachment strength at 52 including 21 Life Members, 26 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

Junior Vice Commandant Jim Powell reminded the members about the Department Raffle tickets.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no additional correspondence.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson reported there had been no requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reminded the members that he could special order items for the Locker Box if anyone needed anything special.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling, PC, reported on the Liberty Young Marines Unit trip to the USS NEW JERSEY and are now planning to go on a Cold Weather Survival trip.

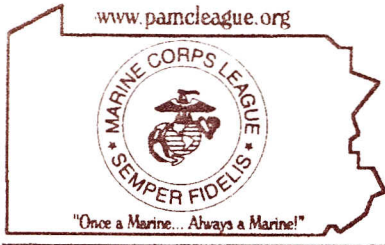
RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team member Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Department Pistol Match will be held June 3-5.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, announced the next highway clean-up will be on April 16. Detachment members are to meet at 8 a.m. at Tilley's restaurant for breakfast on the Detachment prior to the clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION--Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce submitted a slate of nominees for Detachment Officers. Unanimously elected were: **Bill Miller, Commandant; Jim Powell, Senior Vice Commandant; Jim McComb, Junior Vice Commandant; Gary Smith, Adjutant; Bob Cody, Paymaster; and, Bill Jerrom, Judge Advocate.** The newly elected officers will be installed at the April Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2005



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January 28-30, 2005

HOLIDAY INN - GRANTVILLE

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(717) 469-0661

Room Reservation Deadline - 12/15/2004

Spring Department Meeting

April 1-3, 2005

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MEETING - HEADQUARTERS BLDG., INDIANTOWN GAP

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A MARINE AS SEEN BY:

Himself: A handsome, buff, highly trained professional killer and female idol who carries a finely honed K-Bar, wears a crisp 8-point cammie cover and is always on time due to the absolute reliability of his Seiko digital watch.

His Wife: A stinking, gross, foul mouthed lovable bum who arrives back at home every few months with a seabag full of dirty utilities, a huge Seiko watch, an oversized knife, a filthy hat and hornier than hell.

Headquarters Marine Corps: A drunken, brawling, HMMWV-stealing, woman-corrupting "cumshaw artist" who wears a Seiko watch, an unauthorized K-Bar and a squared-away cover.

His Commanding Officer: A fine specimen of a drunken, brawling, HMMWV-stealing, woman-corrupting bullshitter with an incredibly accurate Seiko watch, a finely honed razor sharp K-Bar and a salty cammie cover.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

Congress: Marines are overpaid, over-rated tax burdens who are indispensable since they volunteer to go anywhere at any time and kill whoever they're told to kill, as long as they can drink, brawl, steal HMMWVs, corrupt women and sing dirty songs while wearing cammies, oversized knives, Seiko watches and really screwed-up 8-point covers that don't look like the Army's.

President Ronald Reagan: "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they've ever made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem."

General Douglas MacArthur:

"... these Marines have the swagger, confidence and hardness that must have been in Stonewall Jackson's Army of the Shenandoah. They remind me of the Coldstream Guards at Dunkirk."

Admiral Chester Nimitz, US Navy, on the Marine Corps' battle for Iwo Jima:

"Uncommon valor was a common virtue"

General Douglas MacArthur:

"I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front. There is not a finer fighting organization in the world!"

Army LtCol. T. R. Fehrenbach, in

"This Kind of War": "The man who will go where his colors go without asking, who will fight a phantom foe in a jungle or a mountain range, and who will suffer and die in the midst of incredible hardship, without complaint, is still what he has always been, from Imperial Rome to sceptered Britain to democratic America. He is the stuff of which legends are made. His pride is his colors and his regiment, his training hard and thorough and coldly realistic, to fit him for what he must face, and his obedience is to his orders. As a legionnaire, he held the gates of civilization for the classical world ... today he is called United States Marine."



An Anonymous Canadian Citizen:

"Marines are about the most peculiar breed of human beings I have ever witnessed. They treat their service as if it was some kind of cult, plastering their emblem on almost everything they own, making themselves up to look like insane fanatics with haircuts so short as to be ungentlemanly, worshipping their Commandant as if he was a god, and making weird animal noises like a band of savages. They'll fight like rabid dogs at the drop of a hat just for the sake of a little action and are the cockiest SOBs I've ever known. Most have the foulest mouths and drink well beyond man's normal limits, but their high spirits and sense of brotherhood set them apart and, generally

speaking, of the United States Marines with whom I've come in contact, are the most professional warriors and the finest men I've had the pleasure to meet."

Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing:

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle!"

Army Gen. Mark Clark: "The more Marines I have around the better I like it!"

Army General Johnson: "I can never again see a United States Marine without experiencing a feeling of reverence."

Richard Harding Davis, war correspondent (1885): "The Marines have landed, and the situation is well in hand."

A boot camp weapons coach: "To a Marine, happiness is a belt-fed weapon."

LtCol. Oliver North, USMC (Ret):

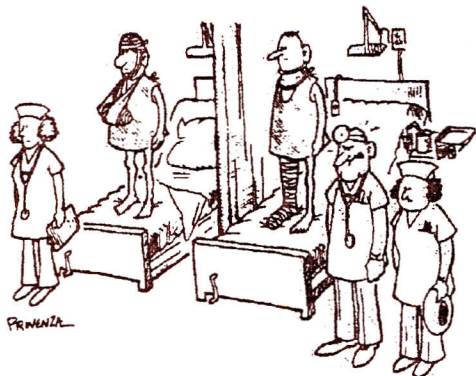
"The only people I like beside my wife and kids are Marines."

MajGen. J. N. Mattis, CG, 1st MarDiv

- Iraq, March 2003: "You are part of the world's most feared and trusted fighting force. Engage your brain before you engage your weapon. Share your courage with each other as we enter the uncertain terrain north of our Line of Departure. Keep faith in your comrades on your left and right and Marine Air overhead. Fight with a happy heart and a strong spirit. For the mission's sake, our country's sake and the sake of the men who carried the Division's colors in past battles -- who fought for life and never lost their nerve -- carry out your mission and keep your honor clean. Demonstrate to the world there is 'No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy' than a United States Marine."

Eleanor Roosevelt - 1945: "The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps."

**ONCE A MARINE,
ALWAYS A MARINE!**



“Find out who put ‘The Marines Hymn’ on the PA!”

**SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**

**GOOD FRIDAY
25 MARCH**

**EASTER
27 MARCH**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS
3 APRIL**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
OFFICER INSTALLATION
13 APRIL**

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Dumb, Dumber, Dumbest

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?

AT&T fired President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a \$26 million severance package.

Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:

Police in Oakland, CA, spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing 10 tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."

3. WHAT WAS PLAN B???

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

4. THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka, KS, Kwik Stop, and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

5. DID I SAY THAT???

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING??

A man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!!

In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.

(hellllllloooooo!)

8. THE GRAND FINALE (I LOVE THIS ONE!!!)

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft. boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied.

After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, and the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER... THIS IS TRUE Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!!" Items include: Moist Wipes--with and without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars - in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines - military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used are fine); Drink Mixes - individual envelopes. **Thanks for your continued support!**

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