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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

#636

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DETACHMENT LIFE MEMBER CLIFF TICE DEAD AT 84

Clifford W. Tice, a Life Member of the Detachment and WWII veteran died Mar. 8 at Grand View Hospital. He was 84.

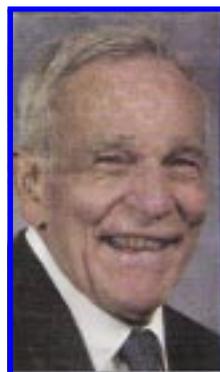
He was the beloved husband of Helen L. (Britsch) Tice. They had celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in October.

Born in Perkasio, he was the son of the late H. Darwin & Pearl (Willaur) Tice. Cliff was a 1944 graduate of Sell-Perk High School where he played football and was a member of other athletic teams.

During WWII, Cliff served with the 1st and 6th Marine Divisions in the Pacific and China. Marine Tice was a recipient of the Purple Heart.

After the war, Cliff played with the Sell-Perk Greenjackets football team.

Following his return from the war, Cliff worked at Schulmerich Carillons in Sellersville. He later was employed for 38 years as a supervisor at American Olean Tile, Lansdale. He retired in 1987.



CLIFF TICE

In addition to our Detachment, he was a member of the Nase-Kraft American Legion Post and a past member and marksmanship instructor at the Branch Valley Fish, Game & Forestry Association of Perkasio. He was also a member of Generations in Souderton and was an

avid hunter and fisherman.

In addition to his wife, Marine Tice is survived by his children Paul C. Tice & his wife Carol A. Tice, MD, of Coopersburg; Barbara A. Myers and her husband James of Blooming Glen; three grandsons--Randall Myers and his wife Sara of Quakertown, Thomas Myers and his partner Sheena of Perkasio, Jonathan Tice of Coopersburg, and a great-granddaughter Skylar Myers.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Darwin W. Tice, and an infant brother, James Tice.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Sellersville, on Mar. 18. Cliff was buried with military honors in St. Agnes Cemetery.

New Officers to be Installed at April Meeting

Ellis M. (Budd) Pearce was returned as the Central Bucks Detachment's Commandant during the annual election on Mar. 9. This marks his 9th term as Detachment Commandant. He previously held the post during 1993-96, 1997-99, 2000-02, and 2003-04. He succeeds Jim Powell who has served as Commandant since April 2007 and is running for Department Junior Vice Commandant this year.

Also elected were **Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier**; **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**; **Adjutant/Paymaster Don Gee, PC**; and **Judge**

Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC. Appointed to office were **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC**; **Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr.**; and **Quartermaster Corey Fisher**.

The new officers will be installed during the April Detachment Meeting. **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Leanna Dietrich** has been requested to be the Installing Officer.

Commandant-Elect Pearce holds the distinction of being the only Detachment member to be twice named "Marine of the Year" for his exemplary service to the League and the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant-elect Kier joined the Detachment in 2010 and has been serving as Mess Sergeant since the beginning of this year.

This will be the second term for Junior Vice Commandant Gentile.

Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr. will take the post of Judge Advocate while his son Don Jr. becomes Chaplain.

Past Commandant Bob Sundling continues as Sergeant-at-Arms and Associate Member Corey Fisher continues his service as Detachment Quartermaster.



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As I write this month's column a new slate of officers has been elected and, as such, this will be my last column as your Commandant. I'd like to thank those Marines who stepped up this year to fill the Detachment elected offices and those Marines who have supported me during my four years as Commandant.

Your new Commandant will be **Budd Pearce, PC**; the new Senior Vice Commandant will be first timer **Joe Kier**; **Jack Gentile** will continue as the Junior Vice; **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** will be the new Judge Advocate; and **Don Gee, PC** will continue as Adjutant/Paymaster. Congratulations Marines!

Our April meeting will be the installation of officers meeting and I hope everyone will attend. Those attending should also wear their Marine Corps League causal uniform which includes the red blazer, if they have one.

As for myself, I attended the National Mid-Winter Staff Meeting and MODD Growl in Falls Church, VA, in February. It was a very informative and the continuing theme is retention. The League is still pushing to get back those Marines and Associates that have been dropped from the rolls. So, if you happen to personally know someone in that situation, please make every effort to

speaking to that person and see if there is anything that we can do to help them see the benefits of belonging to the League and recruit them back in. There will also be a push again to increase National dues by \$2 at this year's National Convention in Boise, ID. Last year that same increase proposal failed to pass.

Our quarterly highway cleanup will be on Apr. 16. As usual, we will meet at "Back to the 50's" diner on the corner of Route 263 and Edison-Furlong Rd. at 8 a.m. So, come on out and lend a hand. The Youth Scholarship Raffle tickets are available from Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and he will be setting up and coordinating dates to sell them at different locations before the June Department Convention when the tickets are due in to the Department. If you need tickets or are available to help please contact Junior Vice Gentile at 856-229-4805. Remember that the Detachment gets at least 40% of the proceeds for every ticket sold.

Again, my sincere thanks to those who stepped up and I'll see you all at the April meeting.

Semper Fi,

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BEERFEST

Saturday, May 14

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Beer Tickets - \$40.00

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"Designated Driver" Tickets - \$10.00

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(Upper End-behind Thompson Neely House, past Bowman's Tower-five miles north of Park Visitors Center)

On-line ticket sales at:

www.washingtoncrossingbrewfest.com

also on Facebook and Twitter

MARCH DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 9, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members present including all officers except the Junior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Don Parzanese Sr., and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey/Past Vice Commandant, National Northeast Division Ed Hoth; and Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Commandant Bill Miller.**

The **Minutes** of the February Meeting were unanimously approved.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

New Members: **Vincent DeBella** of Warminster and **David Rubin** of Warminster were accepted as a Regular Member and an Associate Member, respectively, of the Detachment.

Sick Call: **Marine Ray Krout** is undergoing treatment at Pine Run. **Department Past Commandant Dick Brown** was released by the hospital and returned home because the hospital stated nothing else could be done for him. **Marine Ed Jasiewicz** is still recovering from his serious fall.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported he attended the National Mid-Winter Meeting noting League Headquarters is again pushing for a dues increase at the National Convention.

*Chester County Detachment has again invited the Detachment to attend their second annual Independence Day celebration at Ft. Mifflin on July 4.

*The newly revised Detachment ByLaws have been submitted to the Department for approval.

*Department Scholarship information is now available for anyone interested in applying.

Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones reported the Detachment strength at 29 Life Members, 32 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 6 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

In the absence of **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**, who was excused to attend the Boot Camp graduation of son (and Detachment Associate Member) **David Gentile**, the Commandant reported on the Applebees Breakfast Fund Raiser.

*Anyone needing more Scholarship Raffle tickets should contact the Junior Vice Commandant. Tickets and monies need to be turned in at the June Meeting.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reminded the members about the Department Convention June 22-26 at the Holiday Inn in New Cumberland. Anyone interested in attending should contact him so they can be credentialed for the meeting.

***The Albert Atkinson American Legion Post** is holding a breakfast here on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$6.00 per person/\$3.00 for children under six years of age.

***The Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans of America** is holding their 26th Annual **Donald W. Jones Flag Memorial** in Levittown. They will be putting flags out and need people to help with that effort on Friday, June 10. On Saturday there will be a free concert beginning at noon.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported he had not received any requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting. **Quartermaster Corey Fisher** reported \$10.00 in sales since the last meeting. The **Public Relations Officer** set Mar. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the April *Listen Up!*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY Coordinator Budd Pearce set April 16 as the date for the next highway cleanup. As usual, members will meet at “Back-to-the-Fifties Restaurant” in Furlong at 8 a.m. for breakfast (on the Detachment) before starting the cleanup.

YOUNG MARINES Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Young Marines Unit had completed its Cold Weather Training. Twenty Young Marines took part.

*The Unit will be visiting the battleship NEW JERSEY in April.

*The Unit has moved its meeting place to the Air Force Building at Willow Grove.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND RAISER Coordinator Budd Pearce reported contact had been made with the State Store in Doylestown/Cross Keys to reserve Memorial Day Weekend for us. This is our major annual fund-raiser and members are needed to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

***Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller** presented the slate of nominees for 2011-2012 Detachment Officers. Elected to office were **Commandant Ellis M. (Budd) Pearce**, **Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier**, **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**, **Adjutant/Paymaster Don Gee**, and **Judge Advocate Don Parszanese Sr.**

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*A motion was made and unanimously accepted for the Detachment to purchase Marine Corps League Blazers for first-time elected officers whom do not have one.

***Marine Jim McComb** was presented a Distinguished Service Medal for his outstanding service to the Detachment.



AWARD--Marine Jim McComb (right) receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from Commandant Jim Powell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Marine Jim McComb, Memorial Day Parade Marshal**, announced the meeting of the United Veterans Memorial Parade Committee Key Personnel at the Atkinson American Legion Post at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 28.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.

FOR THE WOUNDED

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE



Your Participation Helps Wounded Soldiers in Danger on the Homefront

Support Pennsylvania's Fourth Annual

WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

Saturday, May 21st

Registration - Noon

In Rose Tree Park,
Delaware County, PA
A suburb of Philadelphia,
Wilmington & South Jersey



www.walkforthewounded.org
www.operationfirstresponse.org

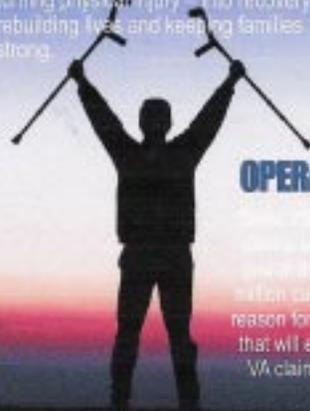
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Operation First Response helps America's wounded soldiers when they need it the most:

- Renovating a home to meet new physical needs
- Helping make a mortgage payment so a soldier doesn't lose his home
- Funding a spouse to be at the soldier's side during critical surgeries

OFR helps wounded soldiers and their families manage the day to day trials of turning physical injury into recovery, rebuilding lives and keeping families strong.



OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE

Over 200,000 have been wounded since 2001 and over 100,000 are still recovering. In the Veterans Affairs office, 1 out of 3 wounded veterans is behind in their VA claim process. These statistics alone clearly give reason for the existence of OFR, we are a bridge that will enable our Veterans to exist during the VA claim process which on average can take from six months to one year.

You Can Change a Life!

Join OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE In recognizing our wounded veterans now numbering more than 50,000.

Please bring family and friends and walk to support our wounded soldiers! Your contribution helps carry these soldiers and their families through the often staggering financial and survival challenges they face upon returning home.

May 21st

WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

- Helicopter Displays
- Special Ceremonies
- Live Music!
- Children's Games
- Great Food
- Military Booths

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**NATIONAL
NORTHEAST
DIVISION MEETING
25-26 MARCH**

**APRIL FOOLS DAY
1 APRIL**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
13 APRIL**

**TAX FILING
DEADLINE
15 APRIL**

**PALM SUNDAY
17 APRIL**

**PASSOVER BEGINS
18 APRIL**

**GOOD FRIDAY
22 APRIL**

**EASTER
24 APRIL**

**MOTHER'S DAY
8 MAY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
11 MAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY
30 MAY**

SERGEANT MAJOR OF MARINE CORPS RETIRING ON JUNE 9

STUTT GART, Germany--**Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlton Kent** will retire June 9 after more than 35 years of military service, he told a crowd of Marines gathered here recently as he visited Marine commands in Europe.

"My day is numbered," he said at the headquarters of Marine Corps Forces Europe and Marine Corps Forces Africa.

"Nine June, I will be finishing up.

"As I finish up, though, I can tell you Marines if I had to do it all over again, I would not do anything different."

Kent, the 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, will retire in a ceremony in Washington, DC, he told *Marine Corps Times*.

He declined to say who his replacement will be.

Kent cheerfully told Marines in Stuttgart that he never thought he would

become the Corps' senior enlisted adviser, a common refrain for him when he speaks to crowds of Marines.

"Never worry about your rank," he said.

"Just worry about being a Marine and the rank will come. The Corps will take care of you."

A board comprising several Generals convened for a week Jan. 31, reviewing credentials for potential successors for Kent, Marine officials said.

The board was expected to nominate five Marines for additional consideration, with **Commandant General Jim Amos** personally interviewing them in Washington before making a decision.

The interview process is not yet complete, and it is anticipated that Amos will announce Kent's replacement sometime in April, Marine sources said.

MARINE WEEK: Meet Me in St. Louis

The United States Marine Corps has partnered with the city of St. Louis to bring the third annual "Marine Week" to the Gateway City, June 20-26.

Marine Week, a celebration of country and Corps, will showcase the unique characteristics of the U. S. Marine Corps with more than two dozen exhibits.

Attendees can watch combat demonstrations presented by a Marine air-ground task force (MAGTF), experience the Silent Drill Platoon, the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, a Marine Corps band, the All-Marine sports teams, military working dog teams and participate in community service projects alongside Marines. Also, visitors can explore aircraft and ground equipment including the V-22 Osprey, as well as amphibious vehicles.

"Marine Week directly connects our Marines to the American public," said **Colonel Bryan Salas**, Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters, U. S. Marine

Corps. "[Locals] will have the opportunity to hear Marines' firsthand stories of service and to talk to Marines about their day-to-day job responsibilities. The week also offers a unique opportunity for the Marines to demonstrate why the Corps is 'America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness,'" he continued. "We invite everyone to meet us in St. Louis in June to celebrate the Corps' past, present and future."

The **Mayor of St. Louis, Francis G. Slay**, said the city is honored to host Marine Week 2011. "The Marines' commitment to community, country and Corps is woven into this city's culture and is one to which St. Louisans can certainly relate. We welcome our men and women in uniform come June and look forward to bolstering St. Louis as a gateway to the Corps.

The Marine Week schedule, along with event locations and more information about Marine Week, can be seen at www.marines.mil/marineweek.

2010 DARWIN AWARDS

This years nominees are:

Nominee No. 1: (*San Jose Mercury News*):

An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriend's windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged, blowing a hole in his gut.

Nominee No. 2: (*Kalamazoo Gazette*):

James Burns, 34, (a mechanic) of Alamo, MI, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police describe as a "farm-type truck."

Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped around the drive shaft."

Nominee No. 3: (*Hickory Daily Record*):

Ken Charles Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, NC.

Awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed instead a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which discharged when he drew it to his ear.

Nominee No. 4: (*UPI*, Toronto):

Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death.

A police spokesman said **Garry Hoy**, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early that evening as he was explaining the strength of the building's windows to visiting law students.

Hoy previously has conducted demonstrations of window strength according to police reports.

Peter Lawson, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the *Toronto Sun* newspaper that Hoy was

"one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man association.

Nominee No. 5: (*The News of the Weird*):

Michael Anderson Godwin made *News of the Weird* posthumously.

He had spent several years awaiting South Carolina's electric chair on a murder conviction before having his sentence reduced to life in prison. While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell attempting to fix his small TV set, he bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Nominee No. 6

A cigarette lighter may have triggered a fatal explosion in Dunkirk, IN.

A Jay Countryman, using a cigarette lighter to check the barrel of a muzzle loader, was killed when the weapon discharged in his face, sheriffs investigators said.

Gregory David Pryor, 19, died in his parents' rural Dunkirk home at about 11:30 p.m. Investigators said Pryor was cleaning a 54-caliber muzzle-loader that had not been firing properly. He was using the lighter to look into the barrel when the gunpowder ignited.

Nominee No. 7: (*Reuters*, Mississauga, Ontario):

A man cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his condominium apartment in this Toronto suburb slipped and fell 23 stories to his death.

Stefan Macko, 55, was standing on a wheelchair when the accident occurred, said **Inspector Darcy Honer** of the Peel Regional Police. "It appears that the chair moved, and he went over the balcony," Honer said.

Finally, THE WINNER!!: (*Arkansas Democrat Gazette*):

Two local men were injured when their pickup truck left the road and struck a tree near Cotton Patch on State Highway 38.

Woodruff County Deputy Dovey

Snyder reported the accident shortly after midnight on a Monday.

Thurston Poole, 33, of Des Arc, and **Billy Ray Wallis**, 38, of Little Rock, were returning to Des Arc after a frog catching trip.

On an overcast Sunday night, Poole's pickup truck headlights malfunctioned. The two men concluded that the headlight fuse on the older-model truck had burned out.

As a replacement fuse was not available, Wallis noticed that the 22-caliber bullets from his pistol fit perfectly into the fuse box next to the steering-wheel column.

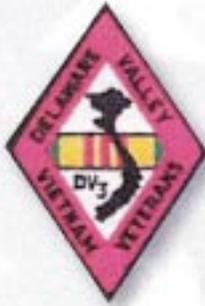
Upon inserting the bullet the headlights again began to operate properly, and the two men proceeded on east-bound toward the White River Bridge.

After traveling approximately 20 miles, and just before crossing the river, the bullet apparently overheated, discharged, and struck Poole in the testicles. The vehicle swerved sharply right, exiting the pavement, and striking a tree. Poole suffered only minor cuts and abrasions from the accident but will require extensive surgery to repair the damage to his testicles, which will never operate as intended.

Wallis sustained a broken clavicle and was treated and released "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when Thurston shot his nuts off, or we might both be dead," stated Wallis.

"I've been a trooper for 10 years in this part of the world, but this is a first for me. I can't believe that those two would admit how this accident happened," said Snyder. Upon being notified of the wreck, **Lavinia** (Poole's wife), asked how many frogs the boys had caught and did anyone get them from the truck. Priorities, after all!!

Though Poole and Wallis did not die as a result of their misadventure as normally required by Darwin Award Official Rules, it can be argued that Poole did, in fact, effectively remove himself from the gene pool.



Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans 26th Annual Donald W. Jones Flag Memorial

Falls Township Park ~ 9125 Millcreek Rd ~ Levittown PA 19054



In Honor Of All Veterans Of All Wars & The Sacrifices They Made.

★ Friday, June 10th ★

Volunteers needed fri to help plant flag and again on sunday to help pull flags.
Start Time 9:00 am

Saturday June 11th

Free Concert and Day of Reflection ~ bands start 12:00 noon

Final Warning	Evolution Theory
Band Kamp	Blue Reign
Legend	

Sunday, June 12th

Sunday motorcycle rally meet at 11:30

Contact Joe Hanak for info 267-249-0623

Memorial Service and Repatriation Ceremony at 1pm

Over 58,000 flags each placed in the ground by someone who cares
One flag for every American killed or missing in action in the shape of
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC

Please Come Out To Help Us Honor These Brave Americans!

For more info, contact

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\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET



\$55.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

COVER



\$22.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT



\$15.00

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

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Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN _____

Type of Application -- New () Renewal () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, the character of my service has been honorable and, if discharged, I am in receipt of an Honorable Discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of Honorable Discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)



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