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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 12, 1997, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North Street, Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members present including all officers. Distinguished Marines in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, Bill Plant, and Frank Yohe; Department of New Jersey Past Commandant Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Ray Krout.** Two guests were also present.

The Minutes of the February Meeting were unanimously approved.

Paymaster Bob Cody issued the Paymaster's Report. The report was unanimously accepted.

The Commandant reported he had appeared before the Bucks County Commissioners in conjunction with his position with the Bucks County World War II Memorial Committee. He also attended the Southeast Division Meeting on March 9 in Newtown Square. The major topic of discussion was the proposed Department of Pennsylvania Headquarters to be established at Ft. Indiantown Gap. More information will be forthcoming. This issue will be discussed and voted upon at the Department Convention.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment membership strength was at 54 with 34 regular members, 6 associate members, 14 life members, and 8 delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz reported Department of Pennsylvania Annual Raffle Tickets had been distributed and additional tickets are available.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported on communications received from the Department of Pennsylvania. No communications from Marine Corps League Headquarters.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported no requests had been received for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Detachment had received no reports of anyone sick or in distress and that he had received no nominations for the Chapel of Four Chaplains' "Legion of Honor." He also stated he would pick up **Marine Marlin Miller** and bring him to the next meeting.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, reported there were no legal matters pending
Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. had nothing to report.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 9 APRIL 1997 AT
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We held our annual election during the Detachment's March Meeting. **Past Commandant Budd Pearce** will again serve as Commandant. His staff will include **Bill Rosenberger**, returning as Senior Vice Commandant; **Paul Caprio** serving as Junior Vice Commandant; **Bob Cody** remaining as Paymaster; **Gary Smith** assuming Adjutant duties; and, **Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr.** again serving as Judge Advocate.

These Elected Officers will be supplemented by a number of Appointed Officers and Committee Chairman. Appointed Officers for the coming year include **Bob Sundling** remaining as Sergeant-at-Arms; **Don Parzanese Jr.** again serving as Quartermaster; **Wil Haas** continuing as Mess Sergeant; and me serving as Public Relations Officer. Commandant-elect Pearce will announce other appointments in the very near future.

I am enthusiastic about the new slate of Elected Officers which includes two Marines who have not held elected office before—Paul Caprio and Gary Smith. Junior Vice Commandant-elect Caprio has served the Detachment diligently during the past 18 months as our Auxiliary Unit Liaison and Newsletter Advertising Coordinator. Adjutant-elect Gary Smith has been the Redner's Sales Receipts Coordinator for the past year and has been an active participant in and supporter of Detachment activities, programs and fund-raisers since joining the Detachment three years ago. It is, at the same time, disheartening to see two Past Commandants returning to office.

As has been my position for a number of years, more of our members need to become actively involved with the Detachment. To those of us who are "involved" in the Detachment, it is a "fun" thing with a good deal of humor and camaraderie thrown in. To those of who are "paper" members, you don't know what you're missing. You should do yourself a favor and, at least, come out to the meetings. You'll have a good time and will probably want to come back for more.

As my parting shot as detachment Commandant, I want to again thank all those Marines who served in Elected and Appointed Offices and committees during the past year. I sincerely appreciate your dedication and your contribution to making our Detachment the organization it is. You proved that it is "our" Detachment and made it a positive experience for me. I'm sure the new officers will enjoy the same kind of support the 1996-97 officers received.

Semper Fidelis,

STANDING COMMITTEES

VAVS—The VAVS Committee reported logging 22 volunteer hours since the February Meeting.

"LISTEN UP!"—The Newsletter Editor reminded the membership the deadline for submission of articles, photos, etc., for Listen Up!" was March 20.

POW/MIA—**POW/MIA Coordinator Bill Plant, PC**, reported on pending legislation before Congress pertaining to POW/MIA accountability and the possibility of normalizing diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE—**Newsletter Advertising Committee Chair Paul Caprio** reported receipt of \$10.00 for renewal of advertising. He also stated an additional 50 advertising letters had been mailed out.

GROCERY RECEIPTS—**Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC**, reminded the membership to bring in Genuardi's Sales Slips for the Detachment. **Redner's Sales Slips Coordinator Gary Smith** concurred.

"MARINE OF THE YEAR"—"Marine of the Year" **Ray Krout** reported he had received no nominations for "1998 Marine of the Year."

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAMS—**Rifle and Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** announced the Detachment needs members to attend Range Officers School. The Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match will be held on June 6-8 at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

YOUNG MARINES—**Young Marines Liaison Bill Plant, PC**, reported the Bux-Mont Young Marines were now holding their meetings on Saturdays. The Unit will alternate meeting places between Willow Grove and Trenton, NJ. The **Commandant and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** attended the last drill at Willow Grove.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—**Nominating Committee Chair Budd Pearce, PC**, presented the names of members nominated for Detachment elected offices for 1997-98.

OLD BUSINESS

FOOD CART—**Marine Mike Waldron** reported he would be responsible for the Food Cart.

CHARTER MEMBERS AWARD—The Commandant presented a Meritorious Commendation Ribbon to **Marine Mike Waldron**, one of the Charter Members still active in the Detachment.

MARINE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—**Marine Mike Waldron** reported he had received no further information about Doylestown's only Medal of Honor recipient.

NEW BUSINESS

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL—**Adjutant Ray Krout** moved that the Detachment purchase a memorial brick for the WWII Memorial. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AIR SHOW—**Marine Paul Caprio** inquired about participating in the Air Show (June 21-22) at NAS, Willow Grove. Motion was made and unanimously passed to follow-up on this.

FRIENDLY'S RESTAURANT "FUND RAISER"—**Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** reported April 15 will be our Fund-Raising night at Friendly's Restaurant in Doylestown. The Detachment will receive 10 percent of the total business done at the restaurant between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on that date.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—**Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** will have a date for our next highway clean-up by our April Meeting.

BIRTHDAY BALL—**Marine Paul Caprio** reported he had checked on prices at several potential Birthday Ball sites and recommended we book the Orion Club at NAS, Willow Grove. He moved that the Detachment hold its Birthday Ball on Friday, Nov. 7, at the Orion Club. The motion was seconded and passed, nine for-eight against. (ED. NOTE: Marine Caprio notified the Commandant he had been successful in getting Saturday, Nov. 8 for the Ball.)

ELECTION—**Nominating Committee Chair Budd Pearce, PC**, presented the nominations for elected Detachment posts. They were: **Commandant-Budd Pearce; Senior Vice Commandant-Bill Rosenberger; Junior Vice Commandant-Paul Caprio; Paymaster-Bob Cody; Judge Advocate-Don Parzanese Sr., PC; and, Adjutant-Gary Smith**. **Adjutant Ray Krout** cast the elective vote for the slate of officers. Installation will take place during the April Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Mike Waldron has tickets to the U.S. Marine Band Concert in Arlington, VA, on April 15.

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas requested used clothes donations for the homeless.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on April 9, 1997.



MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Where is Camp Johnson located?
2. What are heat cramps caused by?
3. The acronym "SALUTE" is used to outline enemy reports. What do the letters stand for?
4. What command is given to wake up Marines?
5. Who coined the phrase "Band of Brothers?"

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

Short Rounds



"The President's Own" U. S. Marine Band will be in concert on Sunday, April 20, at the George Mason University "Center for the Arts" Concert Hall in Arlington, VA. Free tickets for the concert are available from **Marine Mike Waldron**. Contact him at the Detachment Meeting or call him at (215) 672-7095.

The Department of Pennsylvania Annual Raffle Tickets are still available from **Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz**. The Raffle drawing will take place in June at the Department Convention in Pittsburgh. You DO NOT have to be present to win. Contact Ernie at the Detachment Meeting or call him at (215) 541-0307 to obtain additional tickets.

'ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY' SET FOR SAT., APRIL 12

Our next "Adopt-A-Highway" outing will be on Saturday, April 12, according to **Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz**.

"We will assemble at Tilley's Restaurant in Doylestown at 0800," he states. "We'll have our usual breakfast session and then head for the highway," he concludes.

"Adopt-A-Highway" is one of the Community Service activities undertaken by the Central Bucks Detachment.

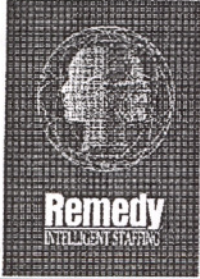
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