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**CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**  
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## Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 11, 1998, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 26 members present including all officers. Distinguished Marines in attendance included: **National Public Relations Officer Don Gee; Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Plant, Frank Yohe, and Don Gee;** and, **Marine of the Year Paul Caprio. Sergeant Bryan Bowen**, the new Executive Officer of the Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit, was a guest.

**Commandant Budd Pearce** suspended the meeting so that Sgt. Bowen could address the members concerning his plans for the Young Marines Unit. He explained changes he was planning to make and answered questions about the Unit.

The Detachment welcomed two new members--**Charles Flanagan** and **Charles Quinter**--when the meeting was resumed.

The Minutes of the February Meeting were unanimously approved.

**The Paymaster's Report** was presented by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The Paymaster's Report was unanimously approved.

**Sick & In Distress:** **Marine Marlin Miller's** wife, Doris, is well on the way to recovery from her illness; **Marine Ray Krout's** wife, Mary Alice, is home from the hospital. **Marine Bob Schaffer** starts cancer treatment on Monday. **Marine Wil Haas** and other members of the Detachment will visit **Young Marines Regimental Commander Walt Roach** at his home on Saturday, Mar. 14. Marine Roach is battling cancer.

**Commandant Pearce** read a letter received from the new Director of Military Affairs for Bucks County, **Dan Fraley**. Fraley, a former Marine who does not belong to the League, pledged to work with the County's military organizations and devote as much time as necessary to the performance of his new duties. He also said he would like to visit with the County's veterans organizations and learn their concerns about veterans issues.

**Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** reported the Detachment's strength at 46, including 41 members and 5 Associate Members. Two members are delinquent in their dues. He also reported he had not been going to Friendly's to follow up on our fund raiser with the restaurant.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 8 APRIL 1998  
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I wish to thank the Detachment for electing me Commandant again this year. There has been a project I have been wanting to get going for a few years, but due to the lack of cooperation of the former recruiters in Hatboro, this has yet to get accomplished. The new recruiter is a member of the Marine Corps League and will be joining our Detachment as an associate member. Through him, I want to start a program where the Detachment members can help out a young man or woman who is going into the Marines. The plan is to possibly meet the recruit, then continue the contact with letters and such while they go through recruit training. After the Marine leaves "boot camp" and gets the first "leave," I think it would be nice to have some form of celebration for him or her. I don't mean anything big. Just have the recruiter bring the new Marine to our meeting to get acquainted and maybe have some cake or something. These plans are just a few ideas I have been kicking around. I would really like to have your input. Let me know if you think this is a good idea and if you would like to be a pen pal with a Marine recruit as he or she goes through training. If you have any other ideas how we could be of support to someone going into, or coming out of, the Marines, please feel free to give me a call or see me at the meeting.

April is almost here and with April comes highway clean-up and a-Day. Please don't forget either one! The highway clean-up will be on Saturday, April 18. This is actually a fun thing as well as a good thing. We gather for breakfast at Lu's Place, a small restaurant on the corner of Edison-Furlong Rd. and Route 263 at 8 a.m. Then, after a good breakfast with excellent company and conversation, we go clean the highway. This is nothing more than a fun walk at a slow, pleasant pace through a very nice section of beautiful Bucks County with a few occasional stops to pick up a piece or two of litter. Now, doesn't that sound like a fun way to spend a couple hours of your Saturday morning? Come on out and lend a hand on the 18th. It will warm you up for the next weekend when you will be helping out at the Annual A-Day parking fund-raiser. As much as I don't like to ask people to give up their free time, I have to do for this fund-raiser! It is the biggest one for us all year and could bring us a good bit of money. We have seven (or more) parking lots to man for the two-day event. We need you to help out sometime between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, or Sunday, April 26. PLEASE contact Marine Bob Schaffer or me at the April Meeting and we will be glad to sign you up and/or answer your questions.

The Detachment will be entering the Sellersville Memorial Day Parade this year, as well as the Doylestown Parade. The Sellersville parade is on Saturday and the Doylestown parade is on Monday (as usual) so we won't have the problem of trying to be in two places at once. I hope everyone can make both of these parades--but please try to make it to at least one. For those of you who usually march in the color Guard, please see Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling or me at the next meeting so we can go over a few important things. The Color Guard is also requested to be at the flag-raising on War Memorial Field before the parade in Doylestown and at the Dedication of the World War II Memorial on May 30. I will have the honor of calling the Color Guards and veterans to attention and giving the order to "present arms" this year at the War Memorial Field. The Detachment picnic will be held after the Doylestown parade. I have not had the chance to finalize the plans as of yet, so the exact location, time and what you should bring will be announced a little later.

Along with all the other stuff we have to cover at the April meeting, we will also be holding the installation of officers. Every member should try to be on hand for this installation ceremony as we have Department of Pennsylvania officers coming and your being there in uniform or just the red cover, makes the Detachment look outstanding. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting and to serving as your Commandant for another year.

Semper Fi,

**Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio** reminded the members that the Department Raffle Tickets are due at the May Meeting. He also discussed the upcoming fund raiser at Town and Country Players on Sunday, July 12, at 3 p.m. The Detachment has contracted for 150 tickets for "California Suite." The tickets are priced at \$10 each.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported the Detachment had received no correspondence from either Marine Corps League Headquarters or the Department since the last meeting.

**Judge Advocate Bill Plant, PC,** reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** reported the Detachment received no new requests for the Color Guard.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** had nothing new to report.

**Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC,** reminded the Detachment the deadline for the next newsletter was March 20.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

**POW-MIA--POW-MIA Coordinator Bill Plant, PC,** relayed information he had received about POWs and MIAs from World War II, Korea and Viet Nam.

**VAVS--**The Detachment logged 19 volunteer hours since the last meeting, including a VAVS Executive Committee Meeting.

**REDNER'S RECEIPTS--Redner's Coordinator Gary Smith** reported collecting and forwarding more than \$13,600 in receipts from the store. He expects the Detachment to receive a check from Redner's in the near future.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Don Parzanese Sr., PC,** set the next clean-up for April 18. Members participating in the clean-up will meet at Lou's Restaurant in Furlong around 8 a.m. for breakfast.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE--Committee Chair Mike Waldron** showed examples of the canvas and metal signs for the Detachment Float. The Detachment agreed to reimburse the vendor for the canvas material he purchased and approved the metal signs for the float. **Marine Wil Haas** announced he will construct a plywood Marine Emblem for the float.

**A-DAY--A-Day Coordinator Bob Schaffer** reported he had made arrangements for the Detachment to man seven parking areas for Delaware Valley College's "A-Day" event on April 25-26. Marine Schaffer recommends manning the lots in two shifts on each day--from 9 a.m. until noon and from noon until 3 p.m. He is also seeking volunteers to help post signs and barricades on Friday evening, April 24. A roster will be available for volunteers at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**DETACHMENT ELECTION--**The Detachment held its Annual Election. Newly elected officers are: **Commandant-Budd Pearce; Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC; Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio; Adjutant Gary Smith; Paymaster Bob Cody;** and, **Judge Advocate Bob Momorella.**

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING--Junior Vice Commandant Caprio** reported he had received 17 new business card ads for the newsletter plus two renewals.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** asked the Detachment to sponsor a Marine Corps League Membership for new **Young Marines Executive Officer Bryan Bowen.** The motion passed unanimously.

**Past Commandant Don Gee** announced the dedication of the Bucks County World War II Memorial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 30, at the County Courthouse. He urged those members planning to purchase a memorial brick to do so before April 15 in order to have it in place by the dedication. Bricks purchased after April 15 will be placed after the dedication.

**There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on April 8.**

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# Walt Roach, Young Marines C.O. , Dies

**Young Marines Regimental Commander Walter B. Roach Sr.** lost his battle with cancer Sunday, March 22. Marine Roach, a Life Member of the Central Bucks Detachment, passed away at his home in Towamencin Township.

He was a highly respected member of the Marine Corps League, earning the Department of Pennsylvania's "Appointed Officer of the Year" award in 1996 and a personal letter from **Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Charles C. Krulak** last year. The commandant commended Marine Roach for his "dynamic and determined leadership of the Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit."

Gen. Krulak pointed out that, in 1989, Roach took command of the nearly defunct Unit and turned it "into a thriving group of Young Marines."

"Individuals such as yourself," the Commandant wrote, "who are willing to take a fledgling organization and work to make it a viable community service group, are too few. You have my sincere gratitude for your superb command of the Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit," Gen. Krulak concluded.

Prior to moving to Montgomery County about 10 years ago, Marine Roach resided in Bedminster, Bucks County.

He was the husband of **Mary Ann (Miller) Roach**.

Born June 5, 1927, in Newark, NJ, he was a son of the late **James F. and Hilda A. (Birokland) Roach**.

He was a graduate of Rider University (Trenton, NJ) and attended La Salle Law School in Philadelphia.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served 23 months during World War II. He saw action in North China and on Okinawa. He was reactivated in his senior year of college for the Korean War.

Roach was in the ceramic tile business for 45 years and was considered one of its pillars by his associates. He was Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Ceramic Tile Institute. Previously, he was President of Robertson American Corporation (Morrisville, PA) and Atco Ceramic Tile Corporation (Keyport, NJ).

He was a member of the American Management Association's Presidents

Association, a life member of the Marine Corps League, the 1st Marine Division Association, the 6th Marine Division Association, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving with his wife are three sons--**James** (of New Jersey), **Timothy W.** (of Bedminster), and **Walter B. Jr.** (at home), two daughters--**Betsy** (of North Jersey) and **Debra** (of Atlanta, GA).

The funeral service will be held Friday,

Mar. 27, at 11 a.m. at Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, Derstine and Cannon Aves., Lansdale.

Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Interment will be in St. John Neumann Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to either Grand View Hospice, 700 Lawn Ave., Sellersville, PA 18960 or the American Cancer Society, 608 E. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446.

## Viet Nam-Era Deserter Arrested

It was June 1, 1968, when 19-year-old **Private Randall J. Claudill** disappeared from Staging Battalion at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Last Fall, an arthritic grandfather returned to the Marine base, this time in handcuffs and held in the brig after a 29-year unauthorized leave.

Military authorities arrested Claudill, 48, after the Immigration & Naturalization Service handed him over as a deserter. INS authorities learned of Claudill's desertion after a random iden-

tification check of passengers on a Canadian ferry, officials said. Claudill, who was held briefly at the brig, faces possible charges, including unauthorized absence.

"He's still a Marine," **SSgt. Glen Holoway**, a base spokesman said.

Claudill's past isn't yet clear. Marine officials don't know whether Claudill had completed Communications School, was attached to Staging Battalion as permanent personnel or was slated to go to Viet Nam.



## MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What are the two types of defensive positions which Marines employ?
2. What does the blood stripe on the Marine dress blue uniform trouser represent?
3. What does FEBA stand for?
4. Which two types of knots are authorized for the Marine khaki tie?
5. What does a silver star on the Marine Battle Color represent?

### Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The 3d Tank Battalion was the first USMC tank unit to be deployed in Viet Nam.
2. SNCOIC stands for Staff Noncommissioned-Officer-in-Charge.
3. The 3d Marine Brigade was activated at Camp Pendleton, CA.
4. The first Amphibious Landing School was located at New London, CT.
5. The M16A1 with M7 bayonet attached is 44.25 inches long.

# Congress Awards AFEM to Bosnia Veterans

The House and Senate recently approved a measure that awards the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to Bosnia veterans and a certificate of recognition to participants in the Cold War.

The requirement for the AFEM is active-duty service in either Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard. It also includes several operations that took place in the Adriatic Sea and the Balkans' airspace.

Those eligible for the certificate would include military and civilian personnel who worked for the Department of Defense between the end of World War II and the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Also eligible would be people who worked in intelligence

or the foreign service.

The two proposals were contained in the 1998 Defense Authorization bill, which was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton.

Cold War participants were originally supposed to get a medal, too. In the Senate's first version of the bill, a medal was proposed by Idaho Senator Larry Craig, but the House version simply called for a

statement of commendation. The cost of producing what could have amounted to millions of medals doomed the idea, so a certificate was substituted as a compromise.

But according to Senator Craig's spokesman, the legislator is not satisfied with the compromise. Craig may introduce legislation in Congress' this session that would award ribbons instead of certificates.



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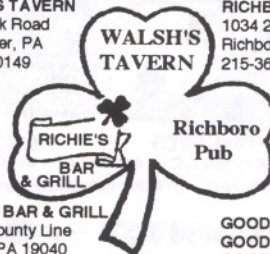


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