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## Judge Awards Damages To Gulf War I POWs

OKLAHOMA CITY (Associated Press) — An Oklahoma man tortured by Iraqis during the Gulf War was awarded \$51 million by a federal judge in Washington who has ordered the Iraqi government to pay about \$1 billion to 17 former prisoners of war.

**U.S. District Judge Richard W. Roberts** ruled that the former prisoners of war had shown they were tortured by the Republic of Iraq, the Iraqi Intelligence Agency and former Iraqi President **Saddam Hussein**, *The Daily Oklahoman* reported from its Washington bureau.

**Marine LtCol. M. Craig Berryman**, a native of Cleveland, Okla., was awarded \$33 million in compensatory damages. His share of the punitive damages would be \$18 million. Berryman's wife, Leigh, was awarded \$10 million.

Berryman, a pilot of a Harrier aircraft, was shot down near Kuwait City in January, 1991. He was held captive for 37 days.

In his ruling, Roberts said American prisoners of war were repeatedly beaten and endured other forms of torture.

No American POWs were permitted to notify their families of their capture and current state of health," Roberts said.

Many of the former prisoners of war continue to suffer emotionally and physically, the judge said.

Iraqi defendants have not filed court papers contesting their liability. Foreign countries have no immunity from civil lawsuits seeking monetary damages for torture if the country was believed to be a state sponsor of terrorism and the torture was carried out by an official government agent.

Roberts awarded a total of \$653 million in compensatory damages and another \$306 million in punitive damages to the prisoners of war.

The lawsuit was filed by 17 of the 21 prisoners held by the Iraqis during the 1991 Gulf War and by 37 of their immediate family members.

The prisoners of war must try to collect the money from Iraqi assets that have been frozen in the United States and are held by the Federal Reserve.

Two other Oklahomans have successfully sued the Iraqi government for injuries sustained during confinement.

**Robin Beaty**, the widow of an Oklahoma man who was held in Iraq for 205 days in 1993, and **Bill Rodebush** of McAlester, who was taken hostage by Iraqis when they invaded Kuwait in 1990, have received monetary damages from the frozen assets.

# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Thanks to those members who made it out to the highway clean-up. We only had 6 members this time, and it took a bit longer than normal, but we got the job done. This is the first time that we used the signs that were installed by the department of transportation. They are signs thanking our Detachment for participating in the Adopt-a-Highway Program. The signs open to reveal a large orange Road Crew Ahead sign with a place for 3 safety flags. We didn't have the flags this time because we didn't realize they were needed. Next time we will have the flags and some gloves that fit. The gloves we got this time wouldn't fit a child so next time I suggest bringing your own work gloves like some of us already do. I will check the gloves out when I pick them up and if they seem to be the small variety I will try to pick up a few pairs of slightly bigger ones at the dollar store. Come out next time and give us a hand and check out our new signs.

During the last meeting we talked about having to find a new place for the float and some of the possibilities. I reported that I had checked out the area storage places and found the one in Warwick on Mearns Road was the best price. They want \$65.00 a month for a secure outside storage area. The Detachment seems to agree with me that we can't afford that. Several members have been looking for a place for us to put the float but so far we have had no luck. I know that some of our members can't make it to the meetings to hear of our plight, so I thought I would get the word

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out to you guys this way. PLEASE!!! If you have enough land with a space someplace that we could put the float and wrap it in tarps let me know 215-343-5609. I would even be available to move it around once in a while if you need me to. The float, for those who haven't seen it is about 8 ft. wide and 20 ft. long. It is the kind pulled behind a pick-up truck for equipment up to the size of a backhoe. We are in a hurry to find a place, so let me know as soon as possible. If we can't find a place that the members feel we can afford we may be forced to get rid of the trailer. This is kind of an emergency, so let me know immediately if you can help us. Thanks Marines.

**Bill Rosenberger** called me to ask if I would mention that if you are a rifle team member, or want to be one, your \$30.00 rifle match entry fee is to be paid at the August meeting. Our fees and paper work must be submitted shortly after our meeting. The deadline is before the September meeting. Each year we invite anyone who wishes to shoot to come out to the match with us, or at least come out to practice. You'll have a great

## Support Needed for Shipments to Troops

The supply of "goodies" for our troops in Southwest Asia is exhausted.

**Peggy Sundling**, who has been collecting and shipping items to the troops, for the past few years, needs us to donate stuff.

"If each Detachment member would bring just three dollars worth of stuff to the meeting," says Peggy's husband, **Past Commandant Bob Sundling**, "it would help a lot."

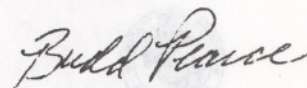
Since they have depleted their donated items, the Sundlings will be purchasing stuff for the next shipment with their own funds.

Peggy makes shipments to the troops every two weeks. Contact her or Bob at (215) 348-8925 to find out what is needed.

time, even if you do go home with a sore shoulder. It's so much fun that the minister from my church is bugging me to let him shoot with us when we practice. I'm going to take him along a few times, and I'll even supply the ammo. There are a couple of rifles around that you can shoot, if you don't have your own, so don't hesitate, come have some fun with us!

See you at the meeting on 13 August.

Semper Fi,



Budd Pearce

## 2003

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
AUGUST 13**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
OCTOBER 8**

**MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY  
NOVEMBER 10**

## DEPARTMENT RIFLE MATCH

The Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match will be held Sept. 28-30 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Entry Fee for the match is \$30 per person which is due at the August Meeting.

Anyone interested in joining the Detachment Rifle & Pistol Team should contact **Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** at (215) 348-1112.

# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 9, 2003, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members in attendance including all officers except the Paymaster and Public Relations Officer. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, and Frank Yohe; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce.**

The **Junior Vice Commandant of the Devil Dogs** was a guest and made a presentation about the Devil Dogs. The **Minutes** of the June Meeting were unanimously approved.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Budd Pearce**, PC, reported on correspondence he had received. The detachment received a letter of apology from All Divisions Detachment for selling raffle tickets in our area. We also received a letter from Delaware Detachment thanking the Detachment for participating in a funeral.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the detachment strength at 58 members including 18 Life Members, 36 Regular Members and 4 Associate Members. There are six members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported his recent Fund-Raiser had netted \$400. He plans to hold another on Labor Day. He is looking for Birthday Ball suggestions.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had no correspondence other than that reported by the Commandant.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson** reported the Color Guard has been requested for the Celtic Festival on Sept. 6 and 7.

**Chaplain Ed Hoth**, PDC, had nothing to report.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** reported he has new sweatshirts and baseball caps available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Rifle & Pistol Team--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** reminded the members the Department Rifle Match is scheduled for September 28-30 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Anyone interested in joining the team should contact him..

**Grocery Receipts--Redners Coordinator Gary Smith** reported the Detachment had received a check from Redners Markets and enjoined the members to continue to support this fund-raiser.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**DETACHMENT FLOAT**--A discussion on the need for a "home" for our float was held. If anyone can provide space for the float, contact Commandant Pearce.

**RIVERBOAT MEETING**--Commandant Pearce will report at the August Meeting on progress toward holding the September Meeting aboard a riverboat out of New Hope.

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**--Senior Vice Commandant Miller reported on the Department Convention. There were 5,917 members present, representing 45 Detachments. He highlighted a number of issues which will be resolved at the National Convention. He reported the Department sold \$39,000 in raffle tickets this year. He also noted the Detachment had received a Meritorious Unit Commandation and a 100% Membership streamer. Commandant Pearce was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal and **Past Commandant Frank Yohe** received a 25-Year Service Award.

**50/50 RAFFLE**--**Marine Mike Waldron** suggested the detachment hold a 50/50 Raffle as a Detachment Fund-Raiser. Ensuing discussion raised issue of legality and impact on Detachment's non-profit status.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Korean War Memorial at Bucks County Courthouse will be rededicated on July 26.

Junior Vice Commandant Parzanese has joined the Pennsylvania National Guard.

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

## MORE DARWIN AWARD 'HONORABLE MENTIONS'

When his 38-caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a holdup in Long Beach, California, would be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder: He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

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The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat-cutting machine and, after a little hopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company, suspecting negligence, sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine out and lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

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A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

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After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Beltway had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for three days.

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An American teenager was in the hospital recently recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

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A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, puts a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on

the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer? \$15. (If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, was a crime committed?)

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Seems this Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinderblock through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinderblock and heaved it over his head at the window... The cinderblock bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. Seems the liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

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As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

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The *Ann Arbor News* crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan, at 5 a.m., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order.

When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

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Kentucky: Two men tried to pull the front off a cash machine by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their pickup truck.

Instead of pulling the front panel off the machine, though, they pulled the bumper off their truck. Scared, they left the scene and drove home. With the chain still attached to the machine. With their bumper still attached to the chain. With their vehicle's license plate still at-

tached to the bumper. They were quickly arrested.

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And finally, the 5-STAR STUPIDITY AWARD WINNER!

When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline and plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges, saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

### ***The REAL 'Brass Balls' of a Monkey***

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannon fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck?

The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey.

But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey!

*(And all this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?)*



# World War II

## Profile of U.S. Servicemen (1941-1945)

- 38.8 percent (6,332,000) of U.S. servicemen and women were volunteers.
- 61.2 percent (11,535,000) were draftees. Of the 17,955,000 men examined for induction. 35.8 percent (6,420,000) were rejected as physically or mentally unfit.
- Average duration of service 33 months.
- Overseas service: 73 percent served overseas, with an average of 16.2 months abroad.
- Combat survivability (out of 1,000): 8.6 were killed in action, three died from other causes, and 17.7 received nonmortal combat wounds.
- Noncombat jobs: 38.8 percent of the enlisted personnel had rear echelon assignments--administrative, technical, support or manual labor.
- Average base pay: Enlisted: \$71.33 per month; Officer: \$203.50 per month.

## U.S. Active Military Personnel (1939-1945) (enlisted and officer)

	ARMY	NAVY	MARINES	TOTAL
1939	189,839	125,202	19,432	334,473
1940	269,023	160,997	28,345	458,365
1941	1,462,315	284,427	54,359	1,801,101
1942	3,075,608	640,570	142,613	3,858,791
1943	6,994,472	1,741,750	308,523	9,044,745
1944	7,994,750	2,981,365	475,604	11,451,719
1945	8,267,958	3,380,817	474,680	12,123,455

## Peak Strength of Armed Forces During World War II

U.S.	12,364,000	Switzerland	650,000
U.S.S.R.	12,500,000	Rumania	600,000
Germany	10,000,000	Philippines	500,000
(including Austria)		Yugoslavia	500,000
Japan	6,095,000	Netherlands	500,000
France	5,000,000	Sweden	500,000
China		Bulgaria	450,000
Nationalist	3,800,000	Hungary	350,000
Communist	1,200,000	Finland	250,000
Britain	4,683,000	Brazil	200,000
Italy	4,500,000	Czechoslovakia	180,000
India	2,150,000	New Zealand	157,000
Poland	1,000,000	Greece	150,000
Spain	850,000	South Africa	140,000
Turkey	850,000	Thailand	126,500
Belgium	800,000	Iran	120,000
Canada	780,000	Portugal	110,000
Australia	680,000	Argentina	100,000

## U.S. Armed Forces Toll of War (1939-1945)

Killed		Wounded	
Army and Air Force	234,874	Army and Air Force	565,861
Navy	36,950	Navy	37,778
Marines	19,733	Marines	67,207
Coast Guard	574	Coast Guard	432
<b>Total:</b>	<b>292,131</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>671,278</b>

## Merchant Mariners

Died as POWs	62	Killed in action	6,833
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## Estimated International Costs of World War II

Battle deaths	28,504,000*
Battle wounded	30,218,000*
Civilian deaths	46,403,000*
Direct economic costs	\$1,600,000,000,000

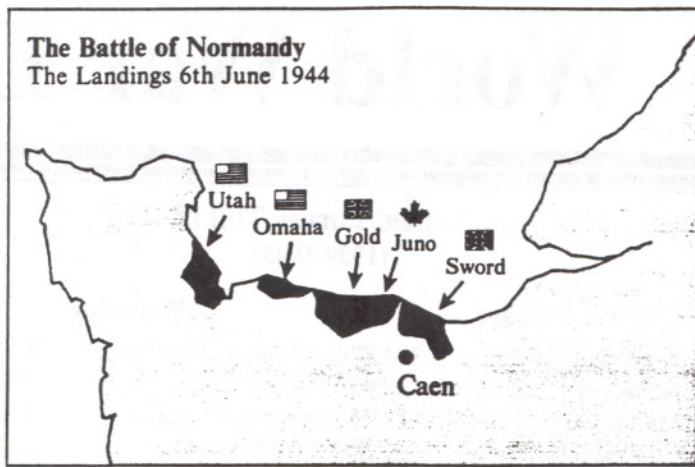
\*These numbers are approximate and include Soviet numbers.

## Costs by Individual Nations Directly Related to the War (in U.S. Dollars)

U.S.	288,000,000,000	Netherlands	9,624,000,000
Germany	212,336,000,000	Belgium	6,324,000,000
France	111,272,000,000	India	4,804,000,000
U.S.S.R.	93,012,000,000	New Zealand	2,560,000,000
Britain	57,254,226,000	Sweden	2,344,000,000
China	49,072,000,000	South Africa	2,152,000,000
Japan	41,272,000,000	Turkey	1,924,000,000
Italy	21,072,000,000	Switzerland	1,752,000,000
Canada	20,104,000,000	Norway	992,000,000
Australia	10,036,000,000	Portugal	320,000,000



The Supreme Commander talks with men of Company E, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, at the 101st Airborne Division's camp at Greenham Common, England, June 5, 1944.

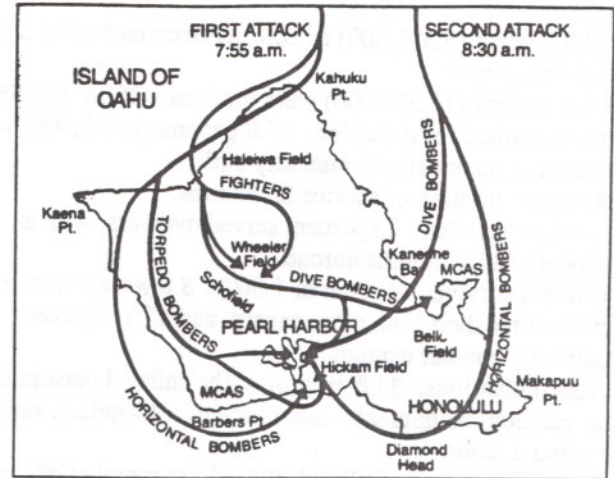


### Tank Production (All Types)

U.S.	60,973
Britain	23,202
Germany	19,075
Italy	4
Japan	2,464
U.S.S.R.	54,500

### Aircraft Production (all types)

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
U.S.	2,141	6,086	19,433	47,836	85,898	96,318	46,001
Britain	7,940	15,049	20,094	23,672	26,263	26,461	12,070
U.S.S.R.	10,382	10,565	15,737	25,436	34,900	40,300	20,900
Germany	8,295	10,826	12,401	15,409	24,807	40,593	7,540
Japan	4,467	4,768	5,088	8,861	16,693	28,180	8,263



### Military Aircraft Losses (1939-1945)

U.S.	59,296	France	2,100
Germany	95,000	Canada	2,389
Japan	49,485	New Zealand	684
Britain	33,090	India	527
Australia	7,160	Sweden	272
Italy	4,000	Denmark	154

(U.S.S.R. losses were extremely high, but they were undisclosed by the Soviet government.)

### Naval Losses (1939-1945)

(submarines, frigates, & all larger ships)  
Number of ships

U.S.	157	Germany	672
Britain	296	Japan	433
France	129	Greece	22
Netherlands	40	Yugoslavia	13
Norway	40	*U.S.S.R.	102
Italy	300	Others	36

\*Unconfirmed Statistic

### Merchant Ship Losses (ships over 200 tons)

	Numbers
Britain	3,194
Japan	2,346
U.S.	866
Other Allies	1,467
Neutral	902

### Prisoners of War Prisoners held by the Allies (excluding those in the Soviet Union)

German	630,000
Italian	430,000
Japanese	11,000

### Prisoners held by Germany:

French	765,000
Italian	550,000
British	200,000
Yugoslav	125,000
American	90,000
Polish	68,000

### Prisoners held by Japan

British	108,000
Dutch	22,000
American	15,000

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## Problem-Solving at Quantas Airlines

After every flight, pilots complete a gripe sheet which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The form is a piece of paper that the pilot completes, and then the mechanics read and correct the problem.

They then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humor.

Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems, as submitted by QUANTAS pilots, and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers. By the way,

Quantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

P = The problem logged by the pilot.

S = The solution and action taken by the engineers.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except autoland very rough.

S: Autoland not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with words.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.



# Application for Membership Marine Corps League

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application -- New ( ) Renewal ( ) Associate ( ) Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose \$30.00 for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

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.

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(Sponsor - where applicable)

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(Applicant's Signature)

Remit this form with check or money order (made payable to **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL**)  
to: **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, P. O. Box 1372, Doylestown, PA 18901-1372**

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