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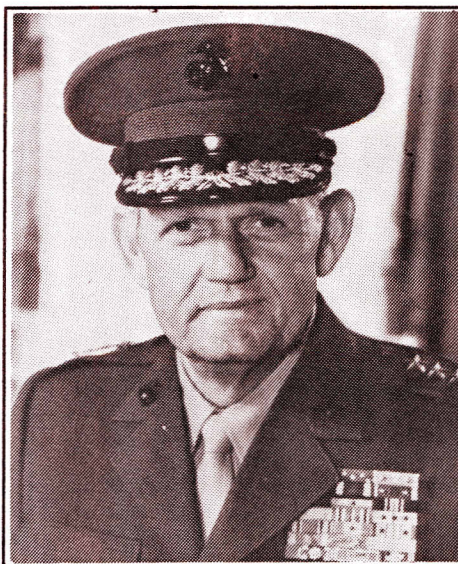
26th COMMANDANT DIES IN ALABAMA

General Louis Hugh Wilson, Jr., a World War II recipient of the Medal of Honor and 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died on June 21.

Wilson, who had battled a degenerative disorder of the nervous system for several years, died at his home in the Birmingham suburb of Homewood, said his daughter, Janet Taylor of Vestavia Hills. He was 85.

Wilson was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the South Pacific during World War II. According to the award citation, he organized night defenses throughout continuous enemy fire and, though wounded three times, coordinated hand-to-hand fighting for 10 hours to hold his unit's position.

He was born Brandon, MS. of Arts degree in College, Jack-listed in the Ma-May 1941 and Second Lieutenant that year. After basic training, he 9th Marine Regiment, San Diego, CA. Lt. Wilson the 9th Marines making stops at a n d was promoted to 1943. During the 26 July 1944, Company F, 2d



GEN. LOUIS H. WILSON Jr.

He earned the nation's highest honor for heroism in combat when he and his company repelled and destroyed a numerically superior enemy force. Because of wounds received he was evacuated to the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, where he remained until 16 October 1944.

Capt. Wilson returned to duty as Commanding Officer, Company D, Marine Barracks, Camp Pendleton, CA. In December 1944, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., where he served as Detachment Commander at the Marine Barracks. While in Washington he was presented the Medal of Honor by President Truman. He was promoted to Major in March 1945.

11 February 1920 in He earned a Bachelor 1941 from Millsaps son, MS. He en- rine Corps Reserve in was commissioned a ant in November of attending officers' was assigned to the ment at Marine Diego, CA.

went overseas with in February 1943, Guadalcanal, Efate, Bougainville. He Captain in April assault on Guam, 25- while commanding Battalion, 9th Ma-

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

On behalf of the Central Bucks Detachment, I wish to extend our sincerest condolences to **Marine Ray Krout** and his family upon the passing of his wife, **Mary Alice Krout**, on July 10. It was decided by the Detachment at the July Meeting to honor Mrs. Krout's memory by donating \$100 to a charity of the family's choice.

The Department of Pennsylvania Convention, held at the Holiday Inn in Bethlehem, was a success. However, not much to get excited about. It was a great time enjoyed by all who attended. **Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** and I represented the Detachment. We didn't leave with any awards but we did receive a streamer for having the Detachment colors on display. There were no big changes within the Department other than the election of a new Chaplain and Southeast Division Vice Commandant. **Gary Feroli** from the Ohio Valley detachment replaces **Tom Minchin** as Chaplain and **Bob Rup** takes over as Southeast Division Vice Commandant from **Dick Kondash**. Bob is also the Commandant of the Valley Forge Detachment.

During our July Meeting, it was brought up for discussion and a motion was passed that the Central Bucks Detachment be the host Detachment for the first Southeast Division meeting. There is no telling just when that might take place and I would doubt that it would happen this year. The important thing is that we are willing to do it. I'll see Bob Rup at the National Convention in August and will advise him of our intentions.

The Annual 4th of July Parade was a

successful event in that we had a Color Guard in place consisting of **Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr., Don Parzanese Jr., Past Commandant Bob Sundling**, and **Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb**. They really looked sharp out in front, leading the parade. Great job, guys! Also, our float was decorated in its usual fine fashion and we had several members on board. **Past Commandant Budd Pearce** pulled off another masterpiece coordinating this task and making sure that all was a go before we got underway. A fitting way for the parade to end is always the feast afterwards made possible by **Suzanne Pearce**. Thank you again, Suzanne, for your valued contribution to our Detachment.

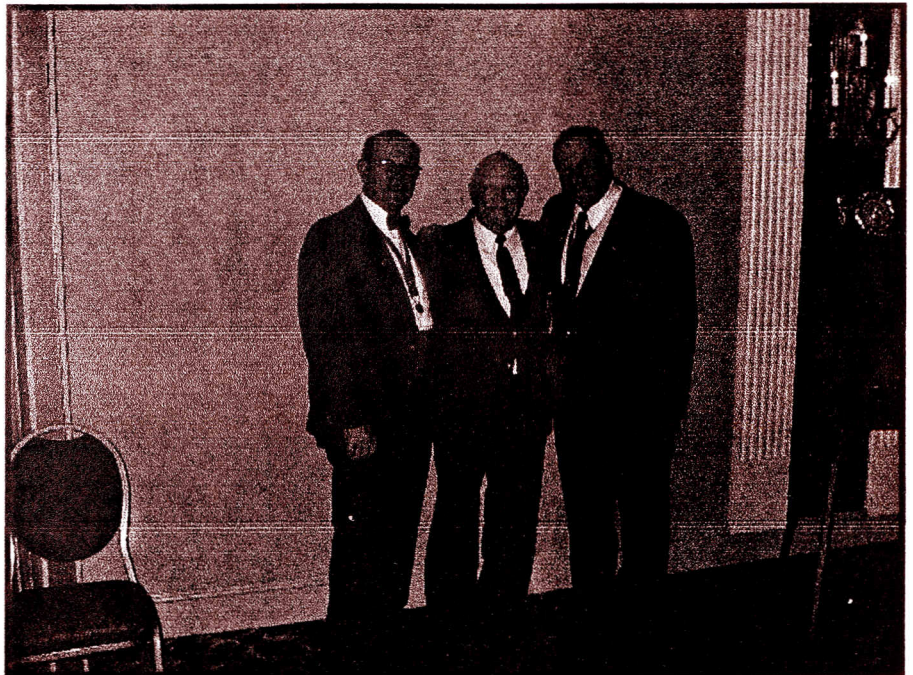
As most of you know, our young friend and **Young Marine GySgt. Bobby Sundling** is being discharged from the

Young Marines and is off to join the Corps. He left for Parris Island on July 24 and his parents, Bob and Peggy Sundling, threw him a farewell party on July 16 which I had the privilege of attending. I, along with some of the other "old Salts" that have been there and done that, tried to soften him up a little for his Drill Instructors when he shows up. We wish him well and look forward to the day when we can say, "Semper Fi, Marine."

That's about all I have for this month. I'm off to Cleveland for the National Convention and will not be at the August Meeting. I've turned the gavel over to Senior Vice Commandant Powell who will conduct the meeting on August 10. See you in September.

Semper Fi,

Bill Miller



RECRUIT SERIES ALUMNI—During the Department Convention, Commandant Bill Miller met two Marines who went through "Boot Camp" at Parris Island in the same recruit series in 1957. Shown are Gary Feroli of the Ohio Valley Detachment (Plt. 305), Michael Fleming, Dutch Helwig Detachment (Plt. 306), and Bill Miller (Plt. 307). Detachment Member Bill Kohler was one of Bill's Drill Instructors and Past Commandant Don Gee was a fellow recruit in Plt. 307. Frequent "Listen Up!" contributor Bill Quigley was the platoon's Senior Drill Instructor.

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Highlights

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 13, 2005, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 18 members members and two guests present including all officers except the Public Relations Officer. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bill Jerrom.** The Minutes of the June Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymasters Report was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody.** The Paymasters report was unanimously accepted.

Death: Marine Ray Krout's wife, Mary Alice, passed away on July 10 and a memorial service was held on July 15.

Membership Applications: Associate Member Richard Rosenbloom, MD, PhD, was unanimously accepted for membership and was inducted into the Detachment by **Commandant Bill Miller.**

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Miller reported on the Department of Pennsylvania Convention in Bethlehem. He will also attend the National Convention in Cleveland in August.

Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment strength at 53 including 23 Life Members, 24 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb reminded the members we need to start planning for the Birthday Ball.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no communications from either the National organization or the Department since the last meeting.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set Saturday, Aug. 16 as the date for the next highway clean up. He reminded the members to meet at Tilley's Restaurant at 8 a.m. for breakfast on the Detachment before the clean up begins.

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Young Marines Unit will be undergoing survival training at Lakehurst, NJ, and the trip they are sponsoring to 8th & I will be on Aug. 23. Cost is \$35 per person.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$100 from the Detachment to a charity of the Krout Family's choice in memory of Mary Alice Krout.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to have the Detachment host a Department Southeast Division Meeting.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Marine Mike Waldron stated we need to work on the float.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past Commandant Sundling reported his son, **Bobby,** had been promoted to Gunnery Sergeant in the Young Marines and they he would be discharged from the Unit and be on his way to Parris Island for Marine Corps recruit training on July 24.

Judge Advocate Jerrom announced his Drill Instructor, who is 92 years old, had received an award for having completed 10,000 miles of marching.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10.

GEN. WILSON (From Page 1)

From June 1946 until August 1951, Maj. Wilson had consecutive tours as Dean and Assistant Director, Marine Corps Institute; Aide-de-Camp, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force (FMF), Pacific; and Officer in Charge, District Headquarters Recruiting Station, New York City.

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in November 1951, while stationed at Quantico, VA, he served consecutively as Commanding Officer of The Basic School's 1st Training Battalion; Commanding Officer of Camp Barrett; and Executive Office of The Basic School. He completed the Officer's Senior Course in August 1954.

After a brief tour as a Senior School Instructor, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, he departed for Korea to serve as Assistant G-3, 1st Marine Division. In August 1955, he returned to the United States with the 1st Division, and was appointed Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

In March 1956, LtCol. Wilson was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), serving two years as Head, Operations Section, G-3 Division. He then returned to Quantico, first as Commanding Officer of the Test and Training Regiment, and later as Commanding Officer of The Basic School.

In June 1962, after graduation from the National War College, he was assigned as Joint Plans Coordinator to the Deputy Chief of Staff (Plans and Programs), HQMC. He transferred to the 1st Marine Division and deployed with the Division in August 1965, stopping at Okinawa before going to Vietnam. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Marine Division,

he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star.

Upon his return to the United States in August 1966, Col. Wilson assumed command of the 6th Marine Corps District, Atlanta, GA. Promoted to Brigadier General in November 1966, he was assigned to HQMC in January 1967, as Legislative Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps until July 1968.

He then served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, until March 1970, earning a second Legion of Merit.

He was advanced to the grade of Major General in March 1970 and assumed command of I Marine Amphibious Force, 3d Marine Division on Okinawa, where he was awarded a third Legion of Merit for his service.

In April 1971, he returned to Quantico for duty as Deputy for Education/Director, Education Center, Marine Corps Development and Education Command. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in August 1972 and on 1 September 1972 assumed command of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. During that tour, LtGen Wilson was presented the Korean Order of National Security Merit, GUK-SEON Medal, 2d Class and the Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Commander) for his service to those countries.

He was promoted to General on 1 July 1975, when he assumed the office of Commandant of the Marine Corps. As Commandant, Gen Wilson repeatedly stressed modernization of the post-Vietnam Marine Corps. He insisted on force readiness, responsiveness, and mobility by maintaining fast-moving, hard-hitting expeditionary units, each consisting of a

single integrated system of modern ground- and air-delivered firepower, tactical mobility, and electronic countermeasures.

General Wilson retired on 30 June 1979 and returned to his home in Mississippi. For "exceptionally distinguished service" during his four-year tenure as Commandant, and his contributions as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he received the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), upon retirement.

"Today's Marines owe a tremendous debt to General Wilson," said Gen. Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "His heroic actions as a Captain leading 'F' Company, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines in repelling 11 determined counterattacks by a superior enemy force attempting to retake the key terrain of Fonte Hill during the amphibious assault on Guam in July 1944 are part of our Corps' rich heritage that continues to inspire all Marines,

"But, his professionalism, leadership, and judgment as our 26th Commandant is an equally important and perhaps more lasting legacy. He skillfully guided this institution through the crises and numerous tests of the post-Vietnam era—lack of public confidence in the military, the fall out from the transition of DoD to an all-volunteer force, discipline and leadership challenges within our Corps, chronic budgetary shortfalls, and a vigorous public debate over the Marine Corps' mission, force structure, and operational focus," Gen. Hagee continued.

Gen. Wilson moved to Alabama from California in 2000 to be near his daughter. He is also survived by his wife, Jane.

Gen. Wilson was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

To the Sundling and Redstreak families of Bucks County,

My name is Sgt Glenn R. Ray. I am currently serving at a forward operating base in Iraq. I recently recieved a care package given to me by member of your Marine Corps League, his name was Don. I wanted to let you know that it is people like yourselves that keep us motivated. We are sometimes hard-pressed to find somebody in the civilian community who understands, or even cares about what we are doing. Families such as yours make wars worth fighting. We all appreciate your love and your dedication to Corps and Country.

*Semper Fi
Sgt Ray*

Marines,

It's time to begin the planning for the Detachment's Marine Corps birthday celebration. In order to make this event as memorable as possible and to maximize attendance, I am soliciting your inputs. The following brief survey will aid us in arranging the type of celebration that our members want. Please complete this survey and mail it as soon as you can.

If you are not planning to attend, please check here and mail. _____

Highest price per person you are willing to pay? (circle one)

\$30 \$35 \$40 \$45 \$50

Number of guests you will bring? _____

Preferred day? Friday Saturday Sunday

Preferred time of day? Afternoon Evening

Food preference? Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Type of food service? Buffet Sit down meal

Bar type (check only one)

Open bar (no charge for all drinks) _____

Limited bar (no charge for beer, wine, soda – all others drinks cash) _____

Cash bar (pay per drink of any kind) _____

Please rate the following in order of importance ranging from 5 – Very Important to 1 – Don't care

DJ? _____ Dancing? _____ Door prizes? _____

Comments?

Thank you for your response,

Jim McComb

JIM McCOMB

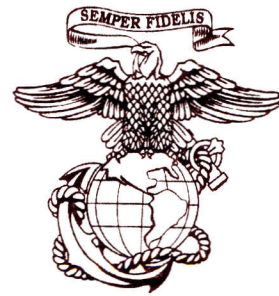
Junior Vice Commandant

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8th & I Trip

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps
Washington, DC
Evening Parade



Date: Friday, August 26, 2005
Depart: 7:30 a.m.
Return: Approx. 2 a.m.
Location: Lowe's Parking Lot, Warrington
Route 611, Just South of Street Rd.
Cost: \$35.00 per person
Deposit Due: No later than August 3
Payable to: **Liberty Young Marines**

This Event is open to all!
Snacks, Soda, Water provided on bus

Questions: **Bob Sundling** #215-348-8925
Paula Burns #215-767-7083
(YM Activities Director)
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Schedule (All Inclusive)

Lincoln Memorial
Vietnam Memorial
Korean Memorial
WWII Memorial (Short Walk)
Washington Navy Yard
Marine Corps Museum
Navy Museum
Tour of Destroyer Escort



Marine Barracks DC Messhall for Evening Meal
HQMC Evening Parade (Walk across street from Messhall)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DETACHMENT MEETING
10 AUGUST

LABOR DAY
5 SEPTEMBER

**PATRIOT DAY &
GRANDPARENTS DAY**
11 SEPTEMBER

DETACHMENT MEETING
14 SEPTEMBER

**POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY**
16 SEPTEMBER

**CITIZENSHIP
(CONSITUTION)
DAY**
17 SEPTEMBER

1ST DAY OF AUTUMN
22 SEPTEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY
10 OCTOBER

DETACHMENT MEETING
12 OCTOBER

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME ENDS**
30 OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN
31 OCTOBER

ELECTION DAY
8 NOVEMBER

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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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