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THIEVES RAID GUAM WAR MEMORIAL

By Eric Palacios
Pacific Daily News

Brass panels containing the names of more than 6,000 Chamorros and U.S. service members who were tortured or killed during World War II were discovered stolen, pried off their concrete base at the Asan Bay Overlook on July 4.

Thieves stole 34 of the 99 panels at the overlook's memorial wall that honors all those who died during the Japanese occupation and the liberation of Guam almost 63 years to the day.

"These thieves did more than commit a despicable crime, they dishonored our people who suffered and died in the struggle for the freedoms we all enjoy

today," acting Gov. Mike Cruz said yesterday.

"The memorial built for our people who suffered and lost their lives in the war is sacred and whoever stole those panels should be ashamed for desecrating the sacrifices our people made," Cruz said. "No respect for the dead"

Tamuning resident **Rose San Nicolas Manibusan** said July 5 the incident has shocked her, and that seeing the magnitude of the damage was extremely painful.

A panel containing the names of many of her loved ones was among the 34 panels that were stolen.

"My grandmother's name was on one

of the panels that was stolen and she was one of the individuals who suffered from war atrocities," Manibusan said, adding that the entire "San Nicolas" panel was gone.

Manibusan also is the chief of interpretation for the National Park Service.

"It's just unbelievable that anyone would steal things that honor the war dead, and it's a shame that there are some individuals out there who have no respect for the dead," she said.

The Nimitz Hill site for the park unit, which was known as Fonte Plateau, was where Japanese forces set up defense barriers to try to stop the American forces

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Japan Changes Name of Iwo Jima

TOKYO - Japan has changed the name of the Pacific island of Iwo Jima, site of the famous World War II battle, to its original name of **Iwo To** after residents there were prodded into action by two recent Clint Eastwood movies.

The new name in Japanese looks and means the same as Iwo Jima--or Sulfur Island--but sounds different, the Japanese Geographical Survey Institute said.

The institute announced the name change last month after discussing the issue with Japan's coast guard. An official map with the new name will be released Sept. 1.

Iwo Jima was the site of the World War II battle immortalized by the famous photograph by Joe Rosenthal of The Associated Press of U.S. Marines raising the American flag on the islet's Mount Suribachi.

Before the war, however, the volcanic island was known as Iwo To by the 1,000 or so civilians who lived there.

They were evacuated in 1944 as U.S. forces advanced across

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Former Marine Thwarts Pickpocket

GRAND RAPIDS, MI--**Bill Barnes** says he was scratching off a losing \$2 lottery ticket inside a gas station when he felt a hand slip into his front-left pants pocket, where he had \$300 in cash.

He immediately grabbed the person's wrist and started punches with his or seven blows manager inter-

"I guess he easy mark," *The Grand Rapids* 25.

He's anything but an easy mark: Barnes served in the Marines, was an accomplished Golden Gloves boxer and retired after 20 years as an ironworker.



ately grabbed the with his left hand t h r o w i n g right, landing six before a store vened. thought I was an Barnes, 72, told *ids Press* June

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

We are now in the dog days of summer and it's been another busy month. As for my family and me, we spent two days in Barbados and then a week on a Catamaran cruise in the Grenadines. We all had a great time; we swam and snorkeled in some of the most pristine waters I've ever been in. We saw lots of marine life, like Nurse Sharks and Sting Rays. It was a truly beautiful place. I'm also in the middle of completing a Scuba Diving cer-

tification course at Central Bucks School sponsored by Underwater World in Horsham. I should be done some time in August.

I was unable to attend the 4th of July Parade, but according to those who did participate, it was an interesting parade. A Marine from the Montgomery Detachment marched with us, with his Bulldog in tow. He was out in front of our float, pulling his dog in a wagon. The dog was wearing a USMC sweater and the dog has the ability to do hand salutes, which he did often while marching. Everyone apparently enjoyed the dog.

We also got a Department Convention Report from **Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller** who was our only attendee. The convention was held June 20-23 at the Marriott Hotel in Cranberry Woods near Pittsburgh. According to the Bill's report here are the highlights:

1) There are no longer Divisions at the State level, they will now be called Districts. The rationale for this is so there is no longer confusion between State and National, as National uses the term Division.

2) No one from our detachment won or sold any winning tickets from the Scholarship Raffle. The big winner was **Ken Katt**, sold by the Bob Smith Detachment.

3) The Junior Vice Commandant seat was the only contested office and **Leanna Deitrich** was reelected by 11 votes.

4) Our S. E. Division (District) Vice Commandant stepped down this year and **Ray Devlin** won an election over **Chuck Hollon** to become the new SE Vice Commandant.

5) The **KEYSTONE LEATHERNECK**

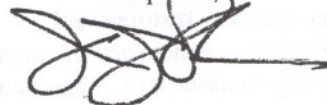
(Department newsletter) will no longer be sent out via regular mail due to the increasing costs. Instead, it will be e-mailed to those providing email addresses and will also be accessed via the Department web site using the PDF format. More will be forth coming about this in the future. But, for now, if you do not have access to e-mail or a computer please contact me or **Don Gee** so we can make arrangements to provide this information to those of you who would like it.

6) The Second Annual National MCL Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday Nov. 10 at the Fairview Marriott Hotel in Fairfax, VA. The MCL will be the host for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Look for more details in the *Semper Fi* magazine in the coming months.

We also held our quarterly Highway cleanup on Sat., July 14. We counted five Marines for the detail. We had a nice breakfast and got the highway cleaned. Thanks to **Budd Pearce**, **Larry Sheetz**, **Bill Mickelson**, and **Chuck Flanagan** for volunteering.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Past Commandant **Don Parzanese Sr.** suffered a heart attack on July 17. As of this column he is home and resting comfortably. He is supposed to be back to work on the 25th of July. I was in contact with his wife Eileen, who kept me abreast of his condition. I would like to thank her for taking my phone calls during this time.

Semper Fi,




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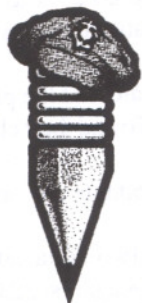
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LISTEN UP! Seeks Editor

Someone familiar with desktop publishing is needed to edit our Detachment newsletter. If you're interested in serving your Detachment as its P-R Officer, contact **Commandant Jim Powell** (215-862-6280) or **Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee** (215-822-6898).

JULY DETACHMENT MEETING



MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 11, 2007, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Paymaster. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, and Bob Sundling** and **Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth.**

Sick Call: Paymaster Bob Cody is still recuperating.

The **Minutes** of the June were unanimously accepted by the members.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell read a Department Convention Report from **Southeastern Assistant Vice Commandant Bill Miller, PC** (see Page 5), and "Thank You" letters from the Umbrell and Manion families.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC, reported the Detachment strength at 50 including 22 Regular members, 22 Life members, and 1 Honorary member with 5 members delinquent in their dues. He also reported on the Detachment's participation in the July 4 Parade in New Britain-Chalfont.

Junior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, also reported about the July 4 Parade.

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

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, he had received a request for the Color Guard from Lambertville, NJ. Additional information on this request will be provided at the August Meeting.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reported he had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE--Audit Committee Chair Budd Pearce reported the Annual Audit has been completed and, as usual, the records were found to be complete, accurate and without discrepancy.

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Young Marines had recently completed a "Boot Camp" and were planning a trip to 8th & I Sts., Washington, DC, during the last Friday in August.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce set Saturday, July 14, as the date for the next highway clean-up. Participants were scheduled to meet at "Back to the Fifties" Restaurant at 8 a.m. for breakfast on the Detachment before proceeding with the clean-up.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--The P-R Officer set July 20 as the deadline for the August issue of *Listen Up!* He requested that anyone with pictures of the parade forward them to him for inclusion in the August issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Powell requested members send their e-mail addresses to **USMCCCA@aol.com** to facilitate communication with the members on important or emergency situations.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8.

GUAM

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from advancing inland.

Congress authorized the Asan Bay Overlook in 1978.

The park features a list of more than 16,000 Chamorros who were tortured or killed during the Japanese occupation of the island.

The wall also honors more than 2,500 U.S. servicemen who died in the liberation of Guam.

Heartbreaking

"This breaks my heart," said Superintendent **M. Sarah Creachbaum**, of the U.S. Interior Department's National Park Service.

"The memorial is a very important place for the people on the island to honor their ancestors who participated during the war."

"And most importantly, I think, to find comfort for the sacrifices that they and their ancestors made," Creachbaum added.

The theft comes at time when the island is preparing to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of Guam's liberation from Japanese occupation.

Dennis McMurray of Discover Guam, a local tour agency, was at the historic site yesterday with two off-island visitors.

"We have our Liberation Day coming up and these things are happening," McMurray said.

"This is a shame and this is very sad for the people whose relatives' names were on the wall," he said.

IWO JIMA

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the Pacific. Some Japanese navy officers who moved in to fortify the island mistakenly called it Iwo Jima, and the name stuck. After the war, civilians weren't allowed to return and the island was put to exclusive military use by both the U.S. and Japan, cementing its identity.

Never satisfied that the name Iwo Jima took root, locals took action in March after the release of Eastwood's two films "Letters from Iwo Jima" and "Flags of Our Fathers" spotlighted the misnomer.

"Though we're happy for Iwo To, which has been forgotten by history, the islanders are extremely grieved every time they hear Iwo To referred to as Iwo Jima," the local Ogasawara newspaper reported at the time.

Ogasawara, the municipality that administers Iwo To and neighboring islands, responded by adopting a resolution making Iwo To the official reading. Residents and descendants of Iwo To evacuees pe-

titioned the central government to follow suit.

"These people are now scattered nationwide and are not able to go back to Iwo To," said the survey institute's **Mitsugu Aizawa**.

"These people have said that the place is originally called Iwo To and their claim lead to this revision."

Today the only inhabitants are about 400 Japanese soldiers.

The 1945 battle for Iwo Jima pitted some 100,000 U.S. troops against 22,000 Japanese deeply dug into a labyrinth of tunnels and trenches. Nearly 7,000 Americans were killed capturing the island, and fewer than 1,000 of the Japanese would survive.

The Americans occupied the island after the war, and returned it to Japanese jurisdiction in 1968. The U.S. Navy still uses an Iwo To airstrip to train pilots who operate from aircraft carriers.

MARINE

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Jesse Daniel Rae, 27, was arraigned June 25 in Rockford District Court on one count of unarmed robbery.

Barnes said he had just withdrawn the money from a bank machine and put it in the pocket of his shorts before driving to a service station in Comstock Park, a Grand Rapids suburb.

He remembers noticing a patron acting suspiciously, asking the price of different brands of cigarettes and other

items. While turned away, Barnes felt the hand in his pocket, so he took action.

"I guess I acted on instinct," he said. 'Blood everywhere'

Kent County sheriff's deputies said the store manager quickly came around the counter. The three struggled through the front door, where two witnesses said the manager slammed Rae to the ground and held him there.

"There was blood everywhere," said another manager on duty, Abby Ostrom, 25.

Barnes was a regional runner-up in Golden Gloves competition in the novice and open divisions before enlisting in the Marines in 1956.

After retiring as an iron worker, he now works part-time as a starter at a golf course.

Barnes said he'd probably do the same thing again under the same circumstances, if for no other reason than what he would face back home.

"I wouldn't want my wife to give me hell for lettin' that guy get my money," he said with a smile.

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jim--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE of PENNSYLVANIA 2007 CONVENTION

The department convention held at the Marriott Hotel in Cranberry Woods north of Pittsburgh from June 20 thru the 23rd was well attended. Total number of detachments on board was 42. It started off kind of slowly with the joint opening session with the League and Auxiliary and all the guests being introduced along with their speeches. The Business Session after lunch recess was more interesting with all the Department Officers reports followed by the Commandant's Council which is something I always enjoy. You get to see what the other detachments are up to as well as reporting on your own detachment which I did.

The second days activities had a lot to do with By – Laws changes. Many challenges came from the floor from the delegates who (myself included) were confused by the wording contained in the document being considered. It really got ugly at one point prompting a recess to be called so everyone would have a chance to calm down. After reconvening, cooler heads prevailed and the job got done. One of the changes being proposed has to do with changing the word Division to District. Example being, we in the Southeast Division will now become the Southeast District. The reason given is that it will lessen the confusion with the National Divisions. On your membership card it shows us being in the NE Div. which is National. Some folks think that they made a mistake and it should show SE Div. Welcome to the world of Districts. Now we've become just like the VFW and American Legion which in my opinion is what they wanted anyway.

Nominations for Elected Officers finished up the days activities. All nominations for office remained as is except for that of the Junior Vice Commandant. **Neil Corley** was nominated to run against **Leanna Dietrich**, the current Junior Vice and nominee.

Saturday's session mostly had to do with giving out awards, raffle tickets that were sold during the convention, and the ever popular Scholarship Ticket Raffle Drawing. During the awards ceremony, it may please you to know that your delegate to the convention as well as your fellow detachment member and Southeast Division (it's not official yet) Assistant Vice Commandant was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Citizen Medal Bronze. I feel honored to have received such an award and will wear it proudly.

The much anticipated Scholarship Raffle Ticket drawing was held. A total of 79,203 raffle tickets were sold. The big winner of \$5000.00 was **Ken Katt**, sold by the Bob Smith Detachment.

The \$1000.00 winner was **Denise Johnson**, sold by the PW Malino Detachment.

Following a brief recess, the election of Department Officers and Division Vice Commandants took place. A roll call elec-

tion for Department Junior Vice between Leanna Dietrich and Neil Corley was begun. The results were as follows, Leanna Dietrich with 183 delegate votes to 172 votes for Neil Corley. Leanna has retained her position as Department Junior Vice for another year. FYI, I cast all of our delegate votes for Leanna as per what I understood to be the wishes of our detachment. She was also my personal choice. The next was election for Division Vice to replace Bob Rup who could no longer continue on. It was between Ray Devlin and Chuck Hollon. Ray was a former Division Vice. Chuck is currently Commandant of the Tun Tavern Detachment and National POW/MIA Chairman. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who urged and supported me to take this position. Again, all I can say is that it's not possible for me at this time. Perhaps in a year or two. Anyhow, the election was held and Ray Devlin came out the winner. I don't know the tally as it was done by secret ballot.

The installation of officers followed the elections. The Installing Officer was the National Jr. Vice Commandant Vic Vattiggo. The Grand Banquet was held after the Convention was concluded where the Marine of the Year was announced. I did not attend the Banquet due to another commitment, however, I did find out that Noel Haynes was the recipient of this years award. Next years 2008 Convention will take place at the Carlyle Hotel in Carlyle, Pa.

It's been discussed that the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Department Conventions will be held at the same Hotel in the Capitol (Harrisburg) area where a package deal can be arranged that will hold down the cost and make it more affordable for MCL delegates and members to attend. More will be known about this at future department meetings and mailings.

The Department Newsletter will no longer be sent out by regular mail due to the increased cost of mailing. It will instead be sent to those members providing e-mail addresses and can also be accessed through the Department web-site using PDF format. More will be known about this and how to provide your e-mail address to the Department Newsletter Editor, Hal Foss.

Lastly, this years Second Birthday Ball hosted by National MCL Hq. on Saturday November 10th will be held at the Fairview Marriott Hotel in Fairfax, VA. The Marine Corps League will be the National host for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This will be a real honor for our organization. Look for more detailed information in the *Semper Fi* magazine as we get closer to November.

This concludes my report .

Respectfully submitted,

W.R. "Bill" Miller

*Jr. Past Commandant Central Bucks Detachment Inc.
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
8 AUGUST**

**LABOR DAY
3 SEPTEMBER**

**GRANDPARENTS
DAY
9 SEPTEMBER**

**PATRIOT DAY
11 SEPTEMBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
12 SEPTEMBER**

**POW/MIA
REMEMBRANCE DAY
21 SEPTEMBER**

**NOCKAMIXON
COMMUNITY DAY
22 SEPTEMBER**

**FIRST DAY OF
AUTUMN
23 SEPTEMBER**

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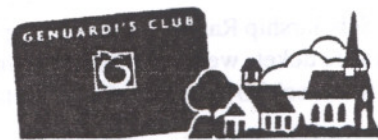
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- * No pins, medals or any other devices shall be worn on the MCL Cover other than the EGA.
- * **Either** DOD **or** MCL ribbons to be worn one-eighth inch above the left breast pocket of white short sleeve aviator shirt. **DO NOT INTER MIX!**
- * Shooting badges will not be worn with MCL ribbons.
- * MCL Ribbons **ONLY** on the MCL Ceremonial Uniform (khaki shirt). No DOD ribbons or Shooting Badges to be worn.
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USMC TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What is the M16A2 rifle's maximum effective burst rate of fire?
2. Which hand grenade is used to practice throwing techniques?
3. Who are known as the soldiers in sailors' uniforms with Marine training, doing civilian work at WPA wages?
4. Name three leadership traits.
5. What is the largest formal Marine Corps School?

Answers in next month's ***LISTEN UP!***

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The two types of defensive positions employed by Marines are Perimeter Defense and Linear Defense.
2. The blood stripe on dress blues trousers represents the blood shed by Marines during the Battle of Chapultepec, Mexico.
3. FEBA stands for "Forward Edge of the Battle Area."
4. The two knots authorized for the Marine tie are the Half-Windsor Knot and the Fore-in-Hand Knot.
5. The elected officer responsible for refreshments after a Detachment Meeting is the Senior Vice Commandant (also known as the SLOJO: Ask the P-R Officer about this).



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