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American Legion Post 210
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY DETACHMENT MEETING

- * Sixteen members were present including all officers.
- * There were two new applications for membership which were presented, voted on and approved. The new members are:
William Rosenberger- 15 Stacey Drive, Doylestown, Pa. 18901
William G. Barnish-1045 Deerfield Circle, Perkasie, Pa 18944
- * The paymaster's report for May and June was approved.
- * SICK BAY
Larry Sheetz was in the hospital for a stress test following chest pains. He seems to be OK but will have a further check after vacation.
- * ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM
The Detachment received a card of appreciation from PennDOT for our participation in the trash pickup program. The next scheduled cleanup will probably be in October. More on that later.
- * COMMITTEE REPORTS
Sr. Vice - Don Gee
He has plans to reconstruct the roster of members listing members names, spouses's name, when joined, who recruited and other pertinent information. When he contacts you, please help him out with the info he needs.
- * VAVS
More volunteers are needed to participate in the Marine Corps Birthday celebration at the VA Hospital , in Philadelphia, on December 10, 1993. Please contact Don Gee at 822-6723 if you could possibly spare a little time to help out. It means a lot to the patients who are there.
- * Jr. Vice - Tony Kimes
Reported that fifteen members participated in the Memorial Day parade, in Doylestown and seventeen members reported for the Fourth Of July parade in New Britain-Chalfont.
Tony is getting information from several locations for the annual Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball. He will make a report as soon as he has some numbers to talk about.
- * MIA-POW
Bill Plant reported that there wasn't much new to report but some recent talks have stirred up more controversy.

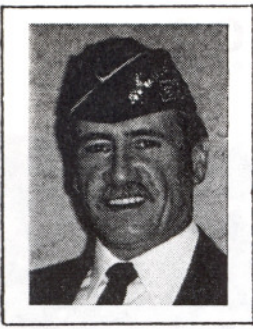
* MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF INTEREST

At the State Convention in Reading, Pa. in July, the Central Bucks Detachment was awarded First Place for their Newsletter in their division. The Detachment also brought home Second Place for the Scrapbook entry. Central Bucks received a Meritorious Unit Commendation (Department Level) for meritorious service in the interest of the MCL and a Distinguished Service Award for participation in the VAVS program.

- * Ray and Herb Krout plan to attend the commissioning of the Nuclear Submarine USS COLUMBIA. Those attending were members of a group that served aboard the USS COLUMBUS CA74 when it was commissioned as a heavy cruiser in 1945. It was decommissioned in 1976 and sent to the scrap yard.
- * A Parade Committee was formed with Bob Schaffer as chairman, and members Budd Pearce, Bill Plant, Will Haas, and Bill Barnish named to the group.
- * A Flag Etiquette Committee was formed to promote the proper methods of displaying the flag. Chairman will be Budd Pearce with Mike Waldron, Bill Rosenberger, and Don Gee rounding out the committee.
- * Bill Haas will get information on a trip to a Phillies game in September or October. A minimum of twenty-five bodies are necessary before it is possible. More on that, later.
- * Bill Plant won First Prize in a Chain Sawing Contest at Tupper Lake, N.Y. and has been asked to show his carvings at the Philadelphia Art Show later this year.
- * Budd Pearce will attempt to set a date this Fall for a Barge Ride on the Delaware since we were rained out in June.
- * Various fund raisers were discussed including a Casino Night, Flea Market or Car Wash.
- * The Detachment will attend a Rifle Match at Indiantown Gap in September. So far Chairman Will Haas, Budd Pearce and Bill Rosenberger plan to attend. If There is anyone in the Detachment who would like to join in affair, please contact Will Haas at 257-7828 for details.
- * Bill Plant volunteered to attend the National Convention in Orlando, Fla. in August. (That is if the wife agrees to go)

NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 11, 1993
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From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

The July meeting proved to be quite a productive one. We formed the Flag Etiquette Committee that I had hoped for. I'll be getting in touch with each of the members of that committee to discuss and plan the program that will be presented to the area schools and organizations. The idea behind the program is to teach the proper etiquette when displaying and using the Flag. The main thrust of the program will be aimed at the youth, but I would like to see us get into some of the other organizations around our community. Through this program we will be doing quite a lot to further our name in the community and the League itself. We are Marines and have fought to preserve the Flag and all that it stands for. Now it is up to us to go out and pass that loyalty and respect we hold for our Flag on to the people of our area, both young and old. We will talk of the history and traditions of the Flag and of the Marine Corps, as well as our League. We will demonstrate the proper handling and care of the Flag, as well as how to display it. If you wish to be of help on this project, please call me at (609) 397-2343 or (215) 343-5609.

A Parade Committee was formed at the July meeting. The committee will be responsible for getting everything in order for the parades in which we will participate. They will organize ideas for decorating the float and carry them out. They will also need help in doing this, so rest assured that even if you are not fortunate enough to be a direct member of the committee, they will have plenty for you to do. Call Bob Schaffer at 345-1673 and give him your ideas and volunteer your help, we all would be grateful!

I have some exciting, and fun, news for all of you DGM's (Don't Go to Meetings). We formed a Rifle Team in July and will be competing in the Marine Corps League Rifle Match. The match will be at Ft. Indiantown Gap on Sept. 23, 24 & 25. The team capt. is Will Haas. (If Will can shoot as well as he cooks we might have a chance.) The registration fee for the match is \$20 per shooter and you can stay in the barracks if you so desire. This registration fee includes a Rifle Match Patch, which my kid is looking forward to trying to talk me out of (fat chance). The rifles to be used are the M-1 Garand or the M-14. If you have either of these rifles and want to join with us please call Will Haas at 757-0420 or 257-7828. If you have either of these rifles, and can't join the team but are willing to lend them, please let us know! Arrangements are being made with an area range for us to have some practice time. As soon as the arrangements are finalized Will Haas will have the information. This should be quite a lot of fun, so come on out and get reacquainted with what used to be your Best Friend!

Our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway clean-up was on July 24th. We all had a delicious breakfast at Okie's, on the corner of Rt.263 & Edison-Furlong Rd., before we got started.

We also managed to get Okie, a former Marine, to join the league. The entire clean-up, including breakfast, was completed by 10:30. You can see that it doesn't take much time when you have the people to do the job. If any of you have been meaning to come out, but for one reason or another have not made it, I would suggest making the next one. It should be in October and the foliage along Rt. 313 is very nice at that time of the year. You'll get a little fresh air and some exercise, as well as find a few friendly ears that you can tell those old war stories to. Mike Waldron will have the exact date of the next clean-up at the September meeting.

Some interesting fund raising ideas were discussed at the July meeting. We will be discussing them in more detail, and possibly getting some of them under way, at the August meeting. If you have any ideas, or are interested in what your detachment will be doing over the next year, come out on August 11th. I hope that you will make every effort to get to the August meeting, and as many others as you can. Your ideas and opinions are just as important to the detachment as your dues. Without either of these the detachment would dissolve. You pay your dues, now come out and help us keep the detachment growing. I know that I go on a lot about coming to the meetings, and I'll continue to do so, but it is important and not all of you seem to realize that. National keeps stating the importance of renewals and new members, and they are right. I prefer to go one further. I feel that getting the present members to participate more in the detachment meetings, activities and programs is just as important as getting a new member. We can have hundreds of members, but if they are just names on a page in the book, they are worthless. A detachment is like the Marine Corps itself; without participating members, they can not function. You showed pride in the Corps when you served, pride when you joined the League, now continue to show that pride by participating! If you have transportation problems, call me and I will arrange to have you picked-up and taken home. If anyone can think of more ways for me to get the membership out for our meetings, come to the August meeting and let me know.

The National Convention is in August and we will have representation there to cast our votes. This means that our votes will be counted in the election of National Officers and in the decision making of national policy. A discussion of some of these policies, and proposed changes in some of them, will be held at the August meeting.

That's all for this month. Thanks again to all who helped in our highway clean-up. Information on the Ball and the boat ride will be coming soon. See you August 11th!

Semper Fi,

Budd Pearce

The 4th of July Parade 1993

Photos by Suzanne Pearce



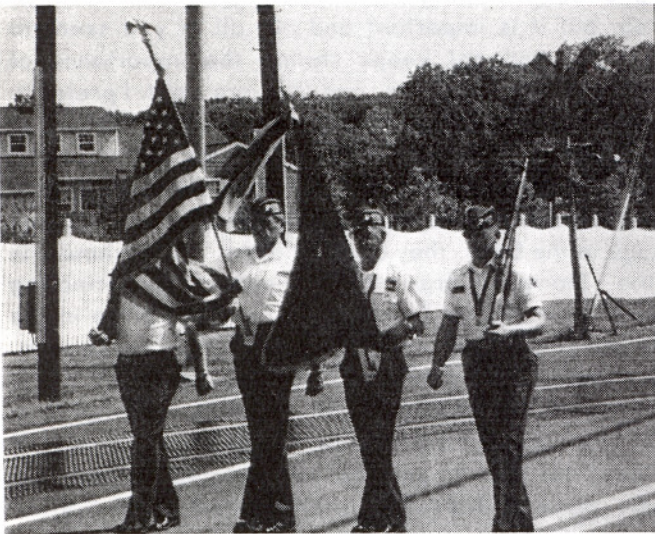
Senior Vice, Don Gee, seeks fortification in his morning cup of coffee prior to the July 4th Parade. He just looks like he would "Rather be in Philadelphia"...he really had a good time, like the rest of us.



The Old Corps...Frank Yohe, Ray Krout, Jim Marckstein, Bob Cody and Will Haas. They haven't started the parade yet and already they're looking for shady spots.




Balloons were handed out to as many children as possible during the parade. Tony Kimes, Marlin Miller and Mike Waldron did a good job filling them. They only appeared to lose as many as they kept.



Our Color Guard lead the July 4th Parade in New Britain/Chalfont. L to R: Mike Waldron, Budd Pearce, Bill Plant, Bob Sundling.



The Float sure came in handy on the 4th. It was hot and our troops are not against catching a ride when they can. The parade committee promises to have our float looking even better for next year.



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Leading the parade and staying in step, our color guard enters Chalfont. Turn out for the parade was pretty good, both in participants and viewers.



It's amazing how fast two young ladies with almost no clothing can attract a bunch of old Marines. Mike Waldron arranged for this picture after the 4th of July parade in Chalfont. These girls have a lot of nerve to stand in front of these guys! The most amazing thing is that all eyes seem to be on the camera!

Photo by Frank Yohe



The Dept. of PA MCL Convention was held in June at the Inn at Reading. We had 5 of our members in attendance: Budd Pearce, Fran Meyers, Don Gee, Frank Yohe and Ray Krout.

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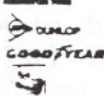
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HELLO, REMEMBER ME?

Some people call me Old Glory, some call me the Stars and Stripes and the Star Spangled Banner. But, whatever you call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America....Something has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago, people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parades and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. Then your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart....remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart....remember?

WHAT HAPPENED? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. I see children running around shouting....they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He don't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly puts his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf. Take a look at the Memorial Honor rolls sometime, of those who never came back to keep this republic free....one nation under God.... When you salute me, you are saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart.... and I'll salute you, by waving back....and I'll know that

YOU REMEMBERED.

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50th ANNIVERSARY, 48th ANNUAL CONVENTION

H I S T O R Y O F T H E D E P A R T M E N T

The Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League, Inc. was formed in the fall of 1943 with five of the eight Detachments present at a meeting held in Reading, Pa., at the R. M. Butterweck Detachment. Application for the charter was signed by William P. Coyne of the Leatherneck Detachment of Pittsburgh, Bertram J. Murphy of the R. M. Butterweck Detachment of Reading, Arthur Davis of the George R. Newitt Detachment of Wilkes-Barre, William Hite of the Lancaster County Detachment of Lancaster and Charles J. Harvey of the Scranton Detachment of Scranton. The three absent Detachments were: Private William O'Connor Detachment of Connellsville, Gunnery Sergeant Harry T. Burns Detachment of New Castle and the Braddock Detachment of Braddock. The Department was chartered on 10 November 1943 with eight Detachments and 331 members aboard.

Our Department strength on 31 March 1993 was 5,094 paid members, a far cry from the old days. Today, we have over 73 Detachments aboard. This makes us number one in the Nation, and our membership represents close to fifteen percent of the Nation's membership.

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