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DoD RELEASES COLD WAR TEST INFO

*By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 -- DoD released data on a series of biological and chemical weapons tests conducted aboard ships and at sites in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

DoD conducted the tests from 1962 through 1971. Roughly 5,500 service members and civilians participated.

The land-based tests, conducted by the Desert Test Center headquartered at Fort Douglas, Utah, was to examine how chemical and biological agents behave in a variety of climatic and environmental conditions. The code name for these tests was Project 112.

The Navy tests looked at the capabilities of ships to sustain a chemical or biological attack and continue to perform their missions. The acronym for these tests was SHAD -- Shipboard Hazard and Defense.

"The purpose of these operational tests was to test equipment, procedures, military tactics etc. and to learn more about biological and chemical agents," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant defense secretary for health affairs. "The tests were not conducted to evaluate the effects of dangerous agents on people."

Today, the Department of Defense does not conduct any such tests. "No research, development, test or evaluation involves the exposure of human subjects to chemical or biological agents," Winkenwerder said. The military uses "simulants" of chemical and biological agents when training today.

Small quantities of chemical agents in enclosed areas are used to train chemical, biological and nuclear agent specialists. The specialties include detecting these agents, protecting against them and decontaminating personnel exposed to them.

Winkenwerder said all relevant information from these tests will be released by spring 2003.

He said some civilians were exposed to simulants in Hawaii and possibly exposed in Alaska, Florida, and Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. No live agents were involved in any of the situations where civilians were exposed, he said.

VA officials said they are trying to contact the service members involved in the tests. DoD officials said roughly 5,000 sailors were exposed in the shipboard tests and 500 in the Project 112 tests.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 11
DECEMBER 2002 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST,
315 NORTH ST, DOYLESTOWN, PA.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

The ball was a great success this year despite the base caterers canceling at the last minute. Jr. Vice Don Parzanese, Jr. did an outstanding job of picking up the pieces and making new arrangements under difficult conditions and timing. Everyone had a good time. My Detachment Commandant's message was rushed a little by an impatient M.C., and I sure hope I didn't leave out anything important! Thanks a lot Don!

The November Detachment meeting was a short one because we had the Liberty Young Marines with us to honor us for Veteran's Day. They presented us with a poster that showed a group photo of them and some cards the kids added.

At the ball and our meeting, I thanked a few people for their contributions and help. I left out some people that do a lot for us. Our fine group of officers, Will Haas our Mess Sgt., etc. If I try to name everyone I know I'll miss someone again.

2002-2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT MEETING
DECEMBER 11**

**CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 25**

**NEW YEARS EVE
DECEMBER 31**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 1**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
JANUARY 9**

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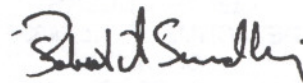
Congratulations to our Marine of the Year, Budd Pearce. Budd has always given the Detachment 100%. He was our Commandant for many years, has organized many of our League functions and activities and is always there for us. Of course, he wouldn't be worth a cup of spit if his wife, Suzanne, didn't share a lot of the load and we owe her our thanks also. Budd's son, Jimmy, has done a great job as our Webmaster and it was nice to see him at our Detachment meeting. All members of the Pearce family got well-deserved awards.

I'll end this by one more thank you. I hope everyone in the Detachment recognizes and appreciates the immense contribution of time and effort put forth

by Gunny Gee both out front and behind the scenes for us. Since becoming Commandant, I see a little clearer all the things needed to be done and kept up with to keep things moving and in order. Don is always there to solve problems and tell me where to stand (literally). He's not big on receiving awards so I wanted everyone to realize his contributions. He also publishes this newsletter, so make sure all this gets printed, Gunny. That's an order!

Please bring your Toys for Tots contribution to the December meeting and I'll make sure and get them to the base. See you ALL at the next meeting.

Semper Fi



TRICARE ON-LINE MAKES DEBUT

Tricare Prime and Plus beneficiaries have a new tool for getting doctor's appointments and health care information.

More than 4,000 Tricare patients have made routine appointments using Tricare On-line since testing began in June 2001, said Navy Dr. (Capt.) Brian Kelly of the Tricare Management Activity in Falls Church, Va.

The initial test installations were Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Rader

Clinic, Fort Myer, Va.; and Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

"We're currently at 92 facilities in the Washington, D.C., area; Region 9, Southern California; Region 11, Washington state, Oregon and northern Idaho; and Central Europe," Kelly said. "We hope to be worldwide by the end of April 2003." People will be able to refill their prescriptions on the Web within the next year, he said.

House Switches to Full Concurrent Receipt

By a count of 391-0, the House has approved a resolution supporting immediate full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and disability compensation awarded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This would replace an earlier House plan to phase out concurrent receipt over five years for retirees with disability ratings of 60 percent or more.

The non-binding motion instructs the House negotiating team that is meeting with Senate negotiators to prepare a compromise 2003 defense authorization

bill.

The motion asks negotiators to accept the Senate plan to immediately eliminate the offset for retirees with 20 years of military service who have any percentage of disability.

The procedural vote signals the White House that concurrent receipt has enough House supporters to override a veto of the defense bill.

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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 13, 2002, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Frank Yohe; Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth; and Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce**, and the **Liberty Young Marines Unit**.

The **Minutes** of the October Meeting were approved with changes.

The **Paymaster's Report** was tabled until the December Meeting

Sick Call: Paymaster Bob Cody's wife, Rose, had surgery and is recovering well. **Marine Herb Krout** was hospitalized and is now undergoing rehab.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bob Sundling reported he had received no communications from the Department of Pennsylvania or the national organization since the last meeting.

In the absence of **Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller**, the Detachment strength was reported at 59 members including 19 Life Members, 36 Regular Members and 4 Associate Members. We still have 6 members delinquent.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported on the Birthday Ball were progressing and informed the members that the Department of Pennsylvania Raffle tickets were in and available.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported the Detachment had received no new correspondence.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Dennis K. Stanislaw reported he had received no requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported he had nothing new to report.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reported he had nothing new to report.

The **Public Relations Officer** set Nov. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the November issue of "*Listen Up!*"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POW-MIA Committee--POW-MIA Coordinator Ray Krout reported she had nothing new to report.

Market Receipts--Redners Coordinator Gary Smith reminded the members to keep submitting Redner's receipts.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, reminded the members that Nov. 16 was the date for the next highway clean-up.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Rifle & Pistol Team Coordinator Bill Rosenberger presented awards to Rifle & Pistol Team members. **Junior Vice Commandant Parzanese** received the High Pistol Shooter Award and **Chaplain Pearce** received the "Fran Meyers" Trophy as the High Rifle Shooter.

Commandant Sundling presented awards to Suzanne Pearce for her decade of sustained support to the Detachment and Jim Pearce for his service as detachment WebMaster. The Commandant also presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Liberty Young Marines **Executive Officer Joan Garner** for her service to the Unit.

2002 "Marine of the Year" Frank Yohe, PC, presented the 2003 "Marine of the Year" award to **Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11.

Following the Meeting, the Liberty Young Marines presented a program and the detachment held a Birthday Cake-Cutting Ceremony.



WORLD WAR II TRIVIA



1. The first German serviceman killed in the war was killed by the Japanese in China in 1937. The first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians in Finland in 1940. The highest-ranking American killed was LtGen. Lesley McNair, killed by the Army Air Corps (in "friendly fire"). So much for allies.

2. The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded in combat and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. (His benefits were later restored by an Act of Congress.)

3. At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced "sink us" and abbreviated for Commander in Chief, United States). The shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry Division was the Swastika. And Hitler's private train was named "Amerika." All three were soon changed for public relations purposes.

4. More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While completing the required US Air Corps 30 missions, their chance of being killed was 71 percent.

5. Not that bombers were helpless. A B-17 bomber carried 4 tons of bombs and 1.5 tons of machine gun ammo. The US 8th Air Force shot down 6,098 fighter planes, 1 for every 12,700 shots fired.

6. Germany's power grid was much more vulnerable than realized. One estimate is that if just 1 percent of the bombs dropped on German industry had instead been dropped on power plants, German industry would have collapsed.

7. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target; i.e. Japanese ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down more than 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

8. It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every fifth round with a

tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. The tracers had different ballistics so at long range, if your tracers were hitting the target, then 80 percent of your rounds were missing. Worse yet, the tracers instantly told the enemy that he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell the gunner that he was out of ammo. This was definitely not something that the gunner wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate increase to nearly double and their loss rate decrease.

9. When allied armies reached the Rhine River, the first thing that men did was pee in it. This act was universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill, who made a big show of it, and General Patton, who had himself photographed in the act.

10. German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but the Germans decided that it wasn't worth the effort.

11. A number of air crewmen died of farts because ascending to 20,000 feet in an unpressurized aircraft causes intestinal gas to expand 300 percent.

12. The Russians destroyed over 500 German aircraft by ramming them in mid-air. The Russians also sometimes cleared mine fields by marching over them. "It takes a brave man not to be a hero in the Red Army," said Joe Stalin.

13. The US Army had more ships than the US Navy.

14. The German Air Force had 22 Infantry divisions, 2 armor divisions, and 11 paratroop divisions. None of them was capable of airborne operations. The German Army had paratroops that were capable of airborne operations. Go figure.

15. When the US Army landed in North Africa, among the equipment brought

ashore was three complete Coca-Cola bottling plants.

16. Among the first "Germans" captured by Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the Germans until the US Army captured them.

17. A malfunctioning toilet sank German submarine U-120.

18. The Graf Spee never sank. The scuttling attempt failed, and the British bought the ship as scrap. On board was Germany's newest radar system.

19. One of Japan's methods of destroying tanks was to bury a very large artillery shell with one nose exposed. When a tank came near enough, a soldier would whack the shell with a hammer. "Lack of weapons is no excuse for defeat," said Lt. Gen. Mutaguchi.

20. Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 US and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska. Twenty-one troops were killed in the firefight. It would have been worse if there had been Japanese on the island.

21. The MISS ME was an unarmed US Piper Cub. While spotting for the US artillery, her pilot saw a similar German plane doing the same thing. The US pilot dived on the German plane, and he and his co-pilot fired their pistols, damaging the German plane enough that it had to make a forced landing, whereupon the US pilots landed and took the Germans prisoner. We don't know where they put the prisoners, however, because the MISS ME had only two seats.

22. Most members of the Waffen SS were not German.

The only nation on which Germany declared war was the United States.

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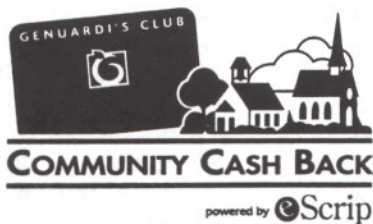
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OORAH!

Rivalries between the services are legendary, of course, but the soldiers of the Army and the Marines do have one thing in common: They both make funny noises, which is endearing, because most of what they do for a living isn't the least bit funny.

We were at dinner and a general was holding forth on the challenges facing the Army in the post-Cold War world, when from the back of the room came this grunting, coughing sound as if someone was struggling with a belch or was about to hurl. "Hoooahh."

One too many toddies before dinner, I assumed. Then it happened again. Another guy. "Hoooahh." Then another. And another. I soon learned this is the Army's equivalent of shouting "Amen, brother!" in church. Depending on how you say it, "Hoooahh" means "right on." Or it means "darn shame, ain't it." For all I know, it can also mean "pass the ketchup."

Marines, likewise, do the same thing. Only theirs is "Oorah."

"Men, we're going on a 20-mile run." "Oorah."
"Then, we're going to do 500 pushups." "Oorah."
'Afterwards, I'm buying the beer.' "OOORAH!!"

Since the Air Force was the next stop on our tour, I asked an Air Force major if members of his service were into this kind of noise-making. You guys have something you say? I asked. Sure, he replied. "Fore."

TESTS

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VA officials said 55 veterans have filed claims related to their "belief of exposure" from the tests.

During Project 112, the Army planned 134 tests. Of these, 62 were canceled and never conducted, Winkenwerder said. Forty-six tests did take place. The department is investigating the remaining 26 planned tests, "although preliminary findings suggest that most of these tests were likely not performed," he remarked.

Of the 46 tests, DoD has released information on 37 and turned the information over to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Project 112 was conducted in remote areas of Alaska, California, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, Puerto Rico and Utah. The Canadians and British also conducted tests at remote sites in their countries.

Further tests took place in the Marshall Islands, Baker Island and other Pacific Ocean locales.

Veterans who believe they may have been part of these tests should call the VA's Helpline at (800) 749-8387.

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