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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Sixty years ago, the United States Marine Corps—as it has throughout our history—demonstrated its vital role as America’s Expeditionary Force in Readiness. Just weeks after North Korean Communist forces crossed the 38th Parallel, the First Marine Provisional Brigade landed in South Korea, forming the backbone of the perimeter around the city of Pusan. The efforts of the “Fire Brigade” at Pusan allowed for the daring amphibious landing at Inchon and set the stage for one of the most savage campaigns in our Corps’ history—the Chosin Reservoir. As we pause to celebrate our 235th Birthday, we pay special tribute to the Marines of the Korean War and recognize their contributions to our enduring legacy.

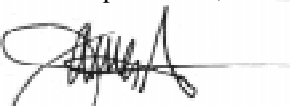
This past year marked the end of Marine Corps combat operations in Iraq. Beginning with the invasion in March 2003 and through the next seven years of fighting, our Corps acquitted itself valiantly in the Anbar province and throughout the country. Locations such as Fallujah and Ramadi have taken their place in the illustrious battle history of our Corps. Our efforts in defeating the insurgency helped to build a brighter future for all Iraqis.

For 235 years, at sea and ashore, Marines have succeeded in every clime and place ... where hardship and adversity have often been the common thread. Today, in the rugged mountains and valleys of Afghanistan—and recently in earthquake-damaged Haiti ... in flood-ravaged Pakistan ... or off the coast of Africa—we continue to protect our Nation, just as we did 60 years ago in Korea.

To the Marines and Sailors deployed overseas, to those training and preparing for their next deployment and to the warriors who no longer wear our uniform ... we honor your selfless service to the Nation. To our loved ones who endure the many difficulties that come with being part of the Marine Family, I want to extend my sincerest thanks for all you have done and all you continue to do.

Happy 235th Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,


James F. Amos
General, U.S. Marine Corps

**Detachment Celebrates
235th Birthday at
Waterwheel**

The Central Bucks Detachment celebrated the 235th Anniversary of the birth of the Marine Corps at the Waterwheel Restaurant & Country Inn in Doylestown. The Nov. 6 event saw 58 members and guests in attendance.

Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr. read the traditional Birthday Message while **Marine Don Parzanese Jr.** read Commandant Amos’ Birthday Message.

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**DON'T
FORGET
TO BRING A
NEW, UNWRAPPED
TOY
DONATION
TO THE
DECEMBER
MEETING**



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We have completed all of our Detachment functions for the year except for the "Toys for Tots" Program. Several of our Detachment Marines this year are participating in the program under **T4T Service Officer Kevin Miller** of Quakertown. We will also be collecting at our next Detachment meeting, so if you would like to give, please bring your unwrapped gift.

On Nov. 6, we had our Detachment Birthday Celebration and it was well attended. We had 58 attendees and a great time was had by all.

We gave out awards with **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** being selected as the 2010 "Marine of the Year." Congratulations, Jack, it was well deserved!

We also ran the Marine Corps League Rose Program the weekend of Oct. 30 at the State Liquor Stores in Doylestown and Newtown. This was the first time the Detachment attempted this program and we did very well raising approximately \$1700. With a little more planning and lead time we hope to do better next year.

I'd also like to remind everyone that it is not too early to start think-

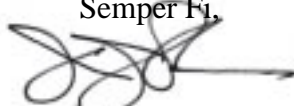
ing about our Detachment elections coming up in March and April. We need to get more Marines involved in the operation of the Detachment and stepping up is an excellent way of achieving that. This is my fourth year as your Commandant and I will be stepping down. I believe the long term vitality of the Detachment depends on all Marines and Associates being involved. So, please give this some serious thought and contact **Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller** if you have an interest.

With our 24th year starting in January, the 25th Anniversary Committee, led by **Marine Joe Kier**, is looking for input and help on creating a community presence so that our Detachment can be recognized and hopefully draw more interest from the community. If you would like to participate or have ideas please contact Joe at 267-249-4882.

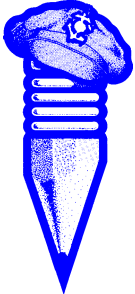
The Detachment is also trying to get participation in a Detachment Pistol Team and we should begin the Pistol Program sometime in January or early February. If you would like to join your like-minded Marine brothers and shoot, again please contact **Marine Joe Kier** at 267-249-4882

That's it for now; see you at our next meeting on December 8th.

Check Out Our
Detachment Web Site
at:
www.mclcb.org

Semper Fi,

Jim Powell

november DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 10, 2010, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 13 members present including all officers except the Sergeant-at-Arms. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant & Department of Pennsylvania Southeast District Vice Commandant Bill Miller; Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth; and 2011 Marine-of-the-Year Jack Gentile.**

The **Minutes** of the October Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymaster's Report** for September & October was unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment has received the National Junior Vice Commandant's Citation and Streamer for achieving 100 percent membership renewal. He also reported Plumstead Christian School will be hosting its annual Veterans Day celebration at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. "America for Marines" is doing its stocking stuffing on Nov. 20-21 at Upper Moreland Intermediate School in Hatboro and is seeking volunteers to assist in the effort. He noted the Flemington (NJ) Detachment is holding a fund-raiser at Applebee's in Flemington from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Nov. 18. He reported the Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network is holding a veterans career day on Nov. 11 from 9:30 p.m. at Drexel University. The American Legion is holding a Veterans Day Banquet on Sat., Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person at the door. The National Wreath Project is looking for people to help place 1,600 Christmas wreaths on the graves of veterans at Gettysburg on Dec. 3.

Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones reported the Detachment strength at 66 members including four delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported 58 members and guests had attended the Birthday celebration on Nov. 6 at the Waterwheel Restaurant in Doylestown. He also discussed the "Rose Program." On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31, members conducted a fund-raiser at the State Stores in Doylestown and Newtown. The two-day effort resulted in \$2,084.60 in donations.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Corey Fisher stated he had nothing to report.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting. He urged the members to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at Plumstead Christian School. He also reported he had delivered a flag case to **Chuck Flanagan's** family.

The **Public Relations Officer** set Nov. 20 as the deadline for submission of material for the next **LISTEN UP!**

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported sales of \$12.50 since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce set the next clean-up for Nov. 20. An e-mail to Detachment members will be sent out on Nov. 16 reminding the membership.

25th Anniversary Committee Chairman Joe Kier reported a committee was held and the committee planned to hold a Golf Outing as a fund-raiser to obtain the finances to support the celebration. He has tentatively established several committees to help with the event. Anyone interested in helping the committee contact him at 215-822-1036.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion about the proposed Committal Shelter at Washington Crossing National Cemetery by **Eagle Scout candidate Brett Curtis** (September Meeting) was held and a motion was unanimously accepted to donate \$200 to the project.

NEW BUSINESS

The **Detachment** approved a request from All Divisions Detachment for permission to sell raffle tickets at Redner’s in Warrington. The only provision is that any potential members recruited must be referred to the Central Bucks Detachment.

A **motion** was unanimously approved to donate \$50 to the “Tree of Lights” program that benefits the Youth Fitness Program. Donation to be from the ROSE Fund.

A **motion** was made and unanimously accepted to donate \$100 to the *Intelligencer’s* “Make-A-Christmas” program.

Commandant Powell presented awards to members. Members cited and awards presented included the **MCL Community Service ribbon** to **Marine Jim McComb** and **Quartermaster Corey Fisher** for their participation in and support of the annual Memorial Day Parade for the past five years; the **Distinguished Service Medal** to **Chaplain Budd Pearce**, **Quartermaster Fisher**, **Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones**, and former **Chaplain Ed Hoth**, for service to the Detachment in their respective positions; and the **Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze)** to **Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller** for his service to the Detachment and the Department.

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

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**SCHEDULE
OF
EVENTS**

- detachment meeting
8 december
- first day of winter
21 december
- christmas day
25 december
- new year’s eve
31 december
- new year’s day
1 january
- detachment meeting
12 january
- martin luther king jr. day
17 january
- detachment meeting
9 february
- lincoln’s birthday
12 february
- valentine’s day massacre
14 february
- presidents’ day
21 february

235th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



CAKE-CUTTING--Commandant Powell cuts the Birthday Cake. (Photo by Eileen Parzanese)



MARINE OF THE YEAR--Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile receiving medallion from Commandant Powell.

AWARDS

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The formal ceremony included **Commandant Jim Powell** cutting the birthday cake and presenting the first pieces of cake to **Marine Bill Jerrom** and **Cpl. Bob Sundling** as the oldest and youngest Marines present, respectively.

Following dinner, Commandant Powell presented awards to Detachment members in recognition of their individual service to the Central Bucks Detachment, the Central Bucks veteran and civilian communities, the Marine Corps League, and the Marine Corps.

A special award was presented to *Operation First Response* **Secretary Heather Sliwinski** for her dedicated, outstanding support of Veterans returning from combat. She was cited for assisting Veterans and their families in obtaining V-A benefits and providing encouragement to them during stressful times.

Junior Vice Commandant Anthony J. (Jack) Gentile was presented the "Marine of the Year" award for his outstanding service to the Detachment.

Awards not presented that night were presented at the Detachment meeting.



SPECIAL AWARD--Heather Sliwinski of *Operation First Response* receiving Distinguished Service Medal from Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling.

Photos by Joe Kier



BILL JERROM receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



OLDEST & YOUNGEST--Marine Jerrom & Cpl. Sundling with first pieces of Birthday Cake. (Photo by Eileen Parzanese)



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SUNDLING receiving the Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze) for his service as Liberty Young Marines Liaison.



TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE read by Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr. (Photo by Eileen Parzanese)



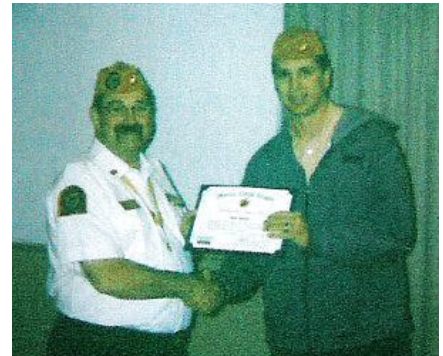
COMMANDANT'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE read by Marine Don Parzanese Jr. (Photo by Eileen Parzanese)



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT JACK GENTILE receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



MARINE BOB SUNDLING receiving Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze) for serving as Liberty Young Marines Unit instructor.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT BEN JONES receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



JUNIOR PAST COMMANDANT BILL MILLER with Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze) he received for his service to the Detachment and the Department.



JUDGE ADVOCATE BILL MICKELSON receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



CHAPLAIN BUDD PEARCE receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



FORMER CHAPLAIN ED HOTH receiving Distinguished Service Medal.



COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON--Marine Jim McComb receiving award for his years of service to the Veteran community as the Memorial Day Parade Coordinator of the Memorial Service at Doylestown Cemetery.



COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON--Associate Member Corey Fisher receiving award for his years of service providing logistical support to Memorial Day Memorial Service at Doylestown Cemetery.

Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET



\$55.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

COVER



\$22.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT



\$15.00

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact

Quartermaster COREY FISHER

at

ph: 215-822-6898

e-mail: cbquartermaster@aol.com

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"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

**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 **\$35.00** 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.

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)



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