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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEMBER DETACHMENT MEETING

Twenty-One members were present including all officers except Sr. Vice Don Gee, who was excused to attend the Marine Ball at the Veterans Hospital in Philadelphia. Judge Advocate, Jim Markstein was also absent.

There were three visitors who are prospective members: Bill Rosenberger Sr., Ernie Ortiz and John Tull.

Past Commandants Bill Plant, Fran Meyers, Frank Yohe and Don Parzanese were recognized.

Paymaster's report and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

There was an application for membership from Ralph Lung, 35 Dyer Way, Doylestown, Pa. which was set aside until the next meeting since the sponsor was not present and the DD214 was not attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JR. VICE- (Tony Kimes)

Everything is set for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Nov. 13 at the Willow Grove NAS.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

The applicants for the Legion Of Honor Plaque (Bill Plant, Don Gee, Walt Roach, Fran Meyers and Pat Meyers have received notice of their award on a date still to be determined.

GENUARDI TAPES

Don Parzanese received a check from Genuardi Markets in the amount of \$72.56 for register tapes that were turned in. Don suggested that a flyer be printed about what the Marine Corps League does and make it available to the detachment members to distributed at their workplace or other locations in an effort to collect more tapes to turn in for refund. This, once again, is such an easy and painless way to raise money. Nothing to sell....just get your friends and neighbors to turn the slips over to the Detachment and it's money in the bank. Everyone should be willing to help out with this effort even if you can't find time to attend the meetings.

POW-MIA (Bill Plant)

Recognition Day was held in Washington. The Committee said they have gotten North Korea to agree to allow the US to come in and investigate for POW-MIA remains. They also have finally received permission in Vietnam to permit the POW-MIA Delegates to hunt for remains along the Laos border and the Ho Chi Men Trail. So far, 1993 will produce the largest accounting to date, for POW_MIA's.

YOUNG MARINES

The Bux-Mont Detachment of the Young Marines raised over one-thousand dollars at the coin toss held on Oct. 16 & 17 at Routes 202 & 179.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Marlin Miller and Ray Krout represented the Marine Corps League at the American Legion Auxiliary Veterans Day Dinner, in Warrington, Pa.

Don Gee and Budd Pearce will present an honorary Detachment membership to Major (Ret.) Evard J. Snell, a veteran of WW I, residing at the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital.

The Lambertville VFW Post has some Garand rifles that they no longer use and the are willing to give them to the CB Detachment after they check to see how it can done officially.

Fran Meyers presented the Detachment with an official Marine Corps League Flag in honor of Bill Richmond, Roland Meidel and all of the deceased Marines.

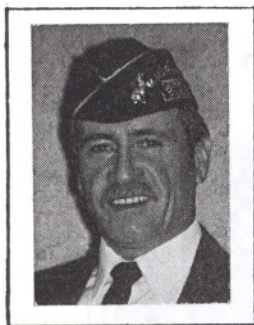
THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 8 DECEMBER 93 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, DOYLESTOWN, PA.



Associated Press

Happy 218th, gyrenes

'Guacamole,' owned by Marine Capt. Gil Lopez, attends ceremonies yesterday celebrating the corps' 218th anniversary with his owner. The natty pair was photographed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.



From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

I wish to thank each and every one of you that made it to the Ball. It was one of the best we have had. As you know, this year we held our annual Birthday Ball at the Orion Club on Willow Grove NAS. The club was perfect for our purpose, new looking and large enough for everyone to move around and mingle. Our Junior Vice, Tony Kimes did a fantastic job getting everything together. He was aided by a few very dedicated people and they deserve a great deal of thanks from all of us. Dorothy Waldron headed the decoration committee and did a wonderful job. I know that Tony's wife helped a great deal, as well as Mike Waldron, Mike's son, my wife and son were also there helping out. Don Gee loaned us an impressive display of medals and arm patches, along with some other display items. Thanks Don, everyone liked the added touch. I don't want to forget to thank Bob Sundling, he made it down to help out with the decorating also. The entire Ball was quite enjoyable. We gave out a few awards and a bunch of door prizes. We had

open bar all night and I am proud to say that our members didn't get too out of hand. The Waldrons put everyone else to shame with their dancing, as usual, they can really cut a rug! If you didn't make it this year, be sure to mark your calanders for next year! The Ball is one of our most important events of the year, not only do we have fun, we honor the Birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. I hope that each of you can be at our next one.

I have been very busy lately so I don't have as much time as I would like to put this letter together, I'm sorry and I promise to do better next month. I do want to be sure to remind you to come to our December meeting. It is the last meeting of the year, and a perfect time for any of you that have not been to a meeting all year to save face and show up for one. Since it is the Holiday Season, I would like each of you to bring a toy, or two, along to the meeting. We have a few families that could use a bit of help around Christmas. Whatever toys you can bring will be appreciated greatly. I know that some of you donate to the Toys for Tots program, that's great, but these toys that I am asking you to bring will go directly to our members families. Any left over

after the meeting will then go to the Toys for Tots. Lets help out those that help us all year!

The new year is approaching rapidly so it is time for us to make our resolutions. This year my resolution is to get our flag program off the ground and running. I will be in touch with everyone very soon to let you know when and where we will be having our first presentation. Let's all make the resolution to attend as many meetings as possible and to help the detachment prosper. We can do that by being there at the functions and events planned by the detachment throughout the year. Bring in a fellow Marine, if you know or meet any, as a possible member. The more members we get, the more help we have when it comes time to do something for the League, such as fund raisers. Speaking of fund raisers, they are one of the most important things we can do, for without funds we can't do anything else. We now have the Car Raffle tickets to sell, please make every effort to get these sold, it is money that we desperately need! We will be having other fund raisers starting in January, please do all you can to help with these activities. Our detachment depends on every one of us doing all they can to raise money. I know that we always sound like we are after money, but in all honesty, we have not had a fund raiser in quite awhile and looking at our paymaster report should show you that we need to get one going NOW!!! If any of you have more ideas for a fund raiser that will get people involved, please let Tony Kimes or me know about it.

This being the Holiday Season I want to wish each and every member, and their families, a Very Happy Holiday and a Prosperous New Year! May all your Holiday wishes come true and may your will power be strong enough to let you keep a few of those New Year's Resolutions, at least the one about coming to the meetings! Merry Christmas everyone and Happy New Year!

Semper Fi,

Commandant

At our detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball the following individuals were recognized and received awards for their dedication and service to the Central Bucks Detachment.

Distinguished Service Medal(Bronze)
(God Country Corps)

Robert Cody William Plant
Robert Sundling Tony Kimes

Distinguished Citizen Medal(Bronze)

Lawrence F. Scheetz Sr.
Don H. Gee
Ellis M. Pearce III

Membership Medal(5 years)

Francis Meyers
Marlin Miller

Individual Merit Commendation — Patricia Parzanese Robert Schaffer Michael Waldron

Birthday Ball a Success



Commandant, Budd Pearce cuts the first piece of cake. He is assisted by the Sergeant-At-Arms, Bob Sundling. Sr. Vice, Don Gee looks on.



Our youngest Marine, Don Parzanese Jr. made it to the Ball with his lovely date. Here it looks like his aunt Pat is giving her the third degree.



Col. and Commander Keane are always welcome at our affairs. Don't they look good all dressed up?



Dorothy Waldron admires the display of medals and other Marine items. The display was on loan from Don Gee.



The Plants look like they are having a good time, even if Bill wouldn't dance.



Some of the door prizes that were given out during the Ball.



Our Jr. Vice, Tony Kimes and his wife Arleen taking a break after all their hard work putting the Ball together.



Budd Pearce, Larry Scheetz and Don Gee trying to be serious while handing out some of the awards given at the Ball. Being serious around Don Gee is always hard to do.



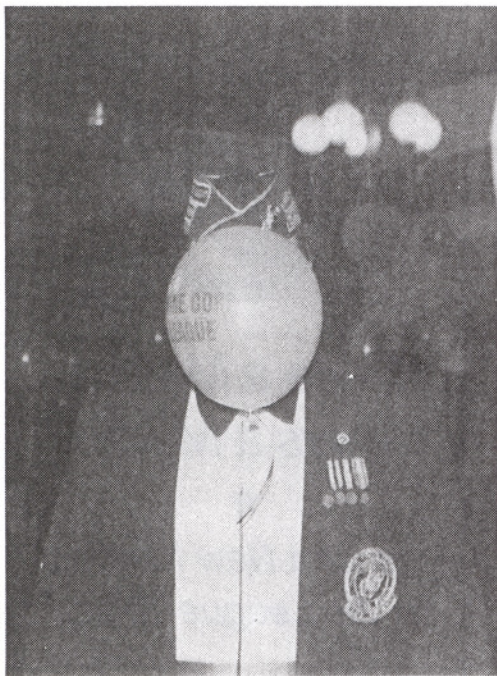
The Commandant and Senior Vice await the beginning of the cake cutting ceremony.



Jim Markstein was kind enough to read the Commandant's message. Ray Krout, on left, read the traditional message. They both did a fantastic job.



Jim Markstein, our Judge Advocate, was there to make sure that everyone had a good time according to the By-laws.



Who is this? If you know, or think you do...venture a guess. If you are the first one with the right answer you'll get a free 50/50 ticket at the December meeting.



Marlin Miller is always a pleasure to have at any affair. He has enough stories to entertain just about everyone. Here he is explaining some of the patches that were worn on the arms of former Marines to the Commandant, Budd Pearce.

WWI Veterans Honored



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL- Retired Major Evard J. Snell has Marine Corps League's Distinguished Service Medal pinned on by Budd Pearce, Commandant of Central Bucks Detachment. (VA photo by John R. Barr)

Fourteen veterans of "The Great War" were honored in a special ceremony on Nov. 11 at the VA Nursing Home Care Unit in Philadelphia. They received World War I Commemorative Medals.

Following the commemorative medal presentations was a special presentation to Evard J. Snell who enlisted in the Army at age 14, was discharged at 18, and immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Budd Pearce, commandant of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League (Doylestown, PA), presented Snell the League's "Distinguished Service Medal" and made him an Honorary Member of the League. Darbyville Mayor Charles F. Sanders presented Snell a special proclamation commending him for his 33 years service to the nation. Snell's wife Myrtle lives in Darbyville.

Snell retired from the Marine Corps as a Major following World War II.

One of his real life experiences in the Corps was recounted in Richard Tre-gaskis' "Guadalcanal Diary" and used by Hollywood in the movie starring William Bendix..

Snell, then a Lieutenant, with the 1st Marine Division, suffered a heart attack during the landing and was returned to his ship. He had bought a small, six-by-eight-inch flag in 1934 and had carried it with him ever since. After securing the island, Col. Leroy P. Hunt, who commanded the Marines, ordered the flag be raised over Henderson Field.

It was the first American flag to be raised over captured Japanese territory during World War II.

Snell still has the flag.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Where was "Bloody Nose" ridge?
2. What is the maximum speed of the UH-1N Huey helicopter?
3. Where should a shooting badge be placed on a Marine uniform?
4. What is the cadence for "double time"?
5. What is the most effective means of warning Marines of an NBC attack?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Camp Johnson is located at Jacksonville, NC.
2. Heat cramps are caused by a loss of body salt.
3. SALUTE stands for Size, Activity, Location, Unit, Time, Equipment.
4. "Reveille" is the command given to wake up Marines.
5. "Band of Brothers" was coined by Major General John A. Lejeune following WWI. It is still a creed of the Corps and the Marine Corps League.
6. Two assault maneuvers used by Marines are Frontal Attack and Single envelopment.
7. Simulated NBC exercises are conducted at the "gas chamber" aboard every Marine Corps base.
8. There are five types of discharge: Honorable, General (under Honorable Conditions), General (Dishonorable Conditions), Bad Conduct Discharge, and Dishonorable Discharge.
9. The only two flags which may be flown above the American flag are the United Nations Flag and the Church Pennant (only during church services at sea).
10. The first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor was Corporal John Mackie.

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Young Marines Celebrate Birthday



The Young Marines celebrated the 218th Birthday of the Marine Corps with a cake and a luncheon on November 21st. The ceremony was held at the American Legion building and was attended by Budd Pearce, Commandant of Central Bucks Detachment MCL and Don Gee, Sr. Vice Commandant. The Young Marines put out quite a spread, everyone had plenty to eat.



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November 26, 1993

ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

November 10th: Drill was held at the Army Reserve Center on Route 611 in Horsham. Through the efforts of Staff Officer Tom Campbell, the Philadelphia Police Department Bomb Squad came on board and demonstrated their equipment and how their unit functions.

November 17, 18, 19 Commanding Officer Walt Roach and myself, along with Bob Stanton of the Delaware County Young Marines, were guest of the United States Marine Corps at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. We were there to attend an Educators Work Shop sponsored by Marine Corps Recruiting Stations Philadelphia and Baltimore.

This was a revisit for both Walt and Bob and a great experience for me. We observed almost every phase of training from receiving to graduation, and given the VIP treatment, we were "Good to Go". It was tough leaving that warm South Carolina sunshine and come home to 40 degrees and rain.

For Christmas I got everybody their very own sand flea for a pet.

November 20th we held drill at the 14th Marines Golf Battery in West Trenton, N.J. at 0900. This drill consisted of P.T. Close Order Drill and some classroom work.

November 21st was the first annual Young Marines; Marine Corps Birthday Family Social. It was held at the American Legion in Doylestown, Pa. We were honored to have Commandant Pearce and Senior Vice Commandant Gee as our honored guest. We had a good turn out and a very good meal.

Because of the Holidays our drilling schedule will be cut short next month.

On behalf of Walt Roach, myself and the Bux-Mont Young Marines we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas

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Larry Scheetz Sr.

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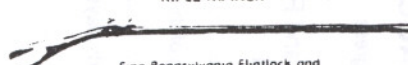
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