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American Legion Post 210
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING

A regular Detachment meeting was held on November 9, 1994 at the American Legion Home on North Street in Doylestown, Penna.(1930)

Eighteen members were present along with two visitors, Bruce Sergeant and Charlie Wurst.

All officers were present except the Judge Advocate who is recovering from an operation.

Past commandants Frank Yohe and Don Parzanese were recognized.

The minutes were approved with a correction to the previous date that was set for December. A new date will be discussed later in the meeting.

The Paymasters report was approved as submitted.

SICK BAY

Jim Marckstein had an operation on his shoulder. He is recovering at home. Larry Scheetz's wife is in the hospital after an acute pancreatitis attack.

SR. VICE - Don Gee

The Detachment has sixty-three members at the present time and twelve delinquent members.

VAVS

The Marine Corps Birthday celebration is set for the Veterans Hospital on November 10th. Presently, there are three events scheduled for 1995; Iwo Jima survivors reunion on February 20; a celebration for V.E. and V.J. Day.

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

Everything is on line for the Birthday Ball at Willow Grove NAS Orion Club on Nov. 12th.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The trash pick-up dates set for November has been canceled and a new date of January 14, 1995 has been set.

RIFLE TEAM

The Detachment Rifle Team took second place in their category at the Department Rifle Matches, in November at Indiantown Gap. Pa.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Will Haas reported that the Detachment had six Thanksgiving Day food baskets filled. Four baskets will be sent to Willow Grove for needy servicemen's families and the other two will be distributed locally.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After investigation it was determined that the Red Cross does not have a Blood Bank in their system. However, if you wish to donate blood it is possible to do so at the Willow Grove Donor Center, 726 Fitzwatertown Road, Willow Grove, Pa. , if you are under sixty-five. Dates and times are as follows:

MON. 1-8 PM

TUES. 9:30 - 8PM

WED. 5 - 8PM

THURS. 9:30 - 8PM

1st SAT. of Month 8AM - 3PM

SUN. 8AM - 3PM

NEW BUSINESS

Don Gee will check with AMVETS and Purple Heart about pick-up for donated clothing for the needy.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The Devil Dogs are looking for new members. Anyone who is interested please contact Frank Yohe. The meetings are held at All Divisions Detachment Home , in Southampton, Pa.

At the December Detachment meeting, please bring in your donation of a new toy for the Detachment's Kids Xmas Toy Drive. They will be distributed locally to those in need.

On November 10th in Harrisburg, Pa., there will be a dedication ceremony for the Pennsylvania Medal of Honor Memorial which is being unveiled to honor the 373 servicemen from Pennsylvania who received this distinguished award.

The Central Bucks Detachment will host the Southeast Division Meeting on January 28, 1995. More on that at the next meeting.

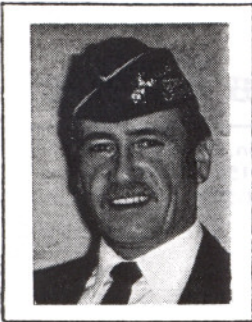
A special note from JR. VICE Mike Waldron.....

FOR THE LAST MONTH OR SO, AFTER I HAVE TALKED WITH MARINES ABOUT JOINING OUR DETACHMENT, I HAVE MAILED TO THEM, AS A RECRUITING TOOL, WITH MUCH SUCCESS, A COPY OF OUR DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER AND AN OLD COPY OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE. IF YOU DO NOT SAVE BOTH OF THESE ITEMS, BRING OR SEND THEM TO THE DETACHMENT MEETING SO THAT THEY MAY BE USED AS RECRUITING TOOLS IN THE COMING YEAR.

A special note from our Sgt At Arms, Bob Sundling.....

PLEASE TRY TO REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW OR USED POCKET BOOKS (NOVELS, TRUE STORIES OR WHAT EVER YOU HAVE) WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED AND SOLD AT EACH DETACHMENT MEETING, FOR A NOMINAL FEE.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 14 DECEMBER 94 (1930)
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, DOYLESTOWN, PENNA.



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

Marines,

This year's "Main Event", the Birthday Ball. I have to say that our Jr. Vice Mike Waldron did a fantastic job putting this together. He and his wife, Dorothy, did a great job and we owe them a great deal of thanks. Mike was also awarded the Marine of the Year at the Ball. Believe me, he really earned that award! We had about 68 people turn out for the Ball this year. Everyone there had a great time and promised to come back next year. Mike had a record number of door prizes on hand and just about everyone won something. I say just about because you know who didn't win squat. But that's ok because my money went to a great cause (Central Bucks Detachment)... I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Birthday Ball!

The Detachment presented 4 turkey dinners to area servicemen over the Thanksgiving holiday. Three of these were Marines. This is a program that was carried on in the past and was brought back this year. I will continue to support this program so as to build a good working relationship with the members of MAG 49 WGNAS. I think that it is important for the Marine Corps League to show their support of the Marines on active duty whenever possible. Our plan to open our homes to area Marines on Thanksgiving didn't pan out due to the lack of area Marines. Maybe we will be able to arrange something along those lines at a future date. My thanks to the Marines of our detachment for contributing the food for the turkey dinners. You came through again!!! Now I am going to ask the members that brought in food for the Thanksgiving baskets to bring in the same food for the baskets we will be giving to St. Vincent DePaul at Christmas. The same amount of food is need for this venture. The baskets will go to area needy families that would not be having much of a Christmas dinner without our support. I thank you all in advance.

Don't forget to bring in a toy to the 14 December meeting. These toys should be new and unwrapped. Bring as many or as few as you want, but please try to bring at least one. They will be giving to families, known to our own members, that need a helping hand this year. If you know of a family like that, feel free to take as many toys as you need from the toy table at the meeting. All toys left on the table at the end of the evening will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul people so they may be distributed to the area needy.

Since my letter is late again as usual, I will just take another minute to say... I hope each of you, and your families, have the best Holiday Season ever!!! As this is my last newsletter of the year, I want to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. You have made being a member of the Central Bucks Detachment a very special thing to me. Have a Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year!!!

Semper Par
Budd Pearce
Commandant



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ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

October 8th----Our Young Marines were joined by the Young Marines from Delaware County, and their C.O. Bob Staton, for an overnight encampment at Spring City. This worked out really well and other combined ventures are in the planning.

October 12th--Regular Drill was held at 157th Army Reserve Center at which time C.O. Walter Roach met with people from Philadelphia who were there to observe our unit and were interested in starting a unit in their area.

October 22nd--Our Young Marines and Delaware County Young Marines joined the Sea Cadets for an overnight trip to Falmouth, Mass. to stay aboard ship on the USS Mass. Walter Roach said that it was a great trip, but the ladders aboard ship were a little bit higher than what he remembers.

November 9th--We were observed by two former Marines from Lancaster who are starting a unit there. Walter Roach and Staff Officer Dan Drago explained all where as and why for's to them. While the Young Marines went through Troop, Drill and P.T. exercises.

November 19th--There was a small turn out for a drill at the 14th Marines Golf Battery in West Trenton, N.J. It's unfortunate that we don't have a better turnout for our drills at West Trenton, we have very good Facilities there and the utmost cooperation and support from the 14th Marines.

On a personal note, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Detachment for allowing my Daughter to stand in for my wife at the Ball. It was a very memorable experience for her. She was tired and her feet sore from all the dancing, but she was one very happy and very proud Young Marine.

Respectfully,

Semper Fi

Lawrence F. Scheetz

THE DETACHMENT'S DEEPEST
SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO OUR
SR. VICE DON GEE ON THE
LOSS OF HIS BROTHER HARRY

The Ball



Mike Waldron was our MC for the evening, among the many other duties he performed so well.



Jr. Vice Mike Waldron and his lovely wife, Dorothy remain King & Queen of the dance floor.



Commandant Pearce presented several of the wives Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work on behalf of the detachment. Here Dorothy Waldron receives her award.



Paul Caprio receives his trophy for being on the rifle team. Paul was also the lucky winner of the 50/50, now he can put a down payment on his rifle for next year.



About to begin the cutting of the cake.



Bob Cody and Don Parzanese Jr. received the first two pieces of cake.



Larry Scheetz was accompanied by his daughter Melissa. She is a member of the Bux-Mont Young Marines and quite a lady.



Commandant Pearce awards Mike Waldron 'Marine of the Year'.



Sgt.-at-Arms, Bob Sundling presents the cake.



Sr. Vice Don Gee and his most gracious mother Alberta.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. The male Marine log-sleeve shirt should have a tolerance of how many inches?
2. Before administering CPR, how do you find where to push on the chest?
3. What is the motto of Marine "Recon"?
4. What are the punitive articles under the Uniform Code of Military Justice?
5. What naval term is used to indicate the direction to the right of the centerline?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The casualty radius of the M16A1 Bouncing Betty mine is 27 meters.
2. A Summary Court-Martial is the only one a Marine can refuse.
3. The color of TNT is pale yellow.
4. The IRAM is the Marine Corps Manual which contains guidelines for assigning pro and con marks.
5. You call a Marine Sergeant who is 6 foot, 5 inches tall, weighing 240 pounds, "Sir!"

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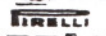


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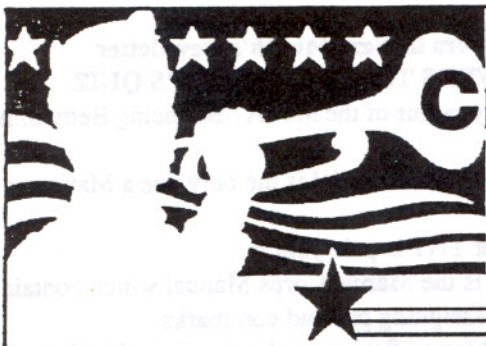


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Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides benefits to U.S. military veterans and their families. Right now there are 27.2 million veterans of the U.S. armed services. They served their country in one of the military branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard) or in one of many smaller groups that supported the military services, primarily during World War II.

Over many years the United States has passed laws that guarantee services or monetary aid programs to repay veterans for their sacrifices. Including their family members, about one-third of Americans (70 million people) are eligible for VA benefits.

The benefits include: medical care, payments to compensate for disabilities suffered during military service, rehabilitation and employment assistance, pensions to low-income disabled veterans, guarantees on loans to help veterans buy homes, financial aid to help them attend school, burial in a national cemetery and special headstones or markers for their gravesites.

More than half of all Americans who ever served during wartime in our country's history are alive today, and nearly 80 percent of today's veterans served during a war. There are widows and children of veterans of the Civil War and the Indian War of the last century who still receive VA benefits. The largest group of veterans fought in World War II.

Medical Costs, Direct Payments Comprise Budget

In 1992 VA spent \$36.7 billion. About half of that amount goes for direct payments such as disability compensation, pension and education assistance. Most of the rest of the spending is for medical care.

VA became a department of the President's Cabinet in 1989 and previously (since 1930) was called the Veterans Administration. The Veterans Administration had its origins in earlier federal agencies that had separate areas of responsibility for veterans benefits. In the early 1800s, the federal government first assumed responsibility from the states for pensions to disabled veterans and their families, creating the Bureau of Pensions under the Secretary of War.

Nation's Largest Medical System

VA has the federal government's second largest civilian work force, with more than 259,000 employees. VA operates facilities in all 50 states, as well Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Washington, D.C. It owns more than 4,000 buildings and 27,000 acres of land. The department operates the nation's largest medical system, with 171 hospitals, more than 350 outpatient and community clinics, 128 nursing-home units and 35 residential facilities. It operates 114 national cemeteries, although 53 of them have reached capacity for casketed burials.

VA medical centers are affiliated with more than 160 medical and dental schools, and more than half of U.S. practicing physicians have received training in VA hospitals. VA is a leader in studies and treatment of medical conditions affecting older people and has pioneered in developing prosthetic devices to replace destroyed limbs and other parts of the body. It is an internationally recognized leader in treatment of spinal cord injury, mental illness and alcoholism. VA researchers are investigating treatments for AIDS, Alzheimer's, diabetes and many other diseases. VA operates nearly 200 Vet Centers that counsel veterans of the Vietnam War and more recent wars.

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