

# LISTEN UP!



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## LtGen. VICTOR 'BRUTE' KRULAK DEAD AT 95

SAN DIEGO--LtGen. Victor Krulak, who headed all Marine forces in the Pacific during part of the Vietnam War, died Dec. 29 at the Wesley Palms Retirement Community here. He was 95.

Nicknamed "Brute" for his direct, no-nonsense style, Krulak was a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He later commanded about 100,000 Marines in the Pacific from 1964 to 1968—a span that saw the United States dramatically increase buildup in Vietnam.

His criticism of U. S. policies during the war likely prevented him from becoming Commandant of the Marine Corps. His son, retired Gen. Charles Krulak, served as Commandant from 1995 to 1999.

After retirement, Krulak often criticized the government's handling of the Vietnam War. He wrote that the war could have been won only if the Vietnamese had been protected and befriended and if enemy supplies from North Vietnam were cut off.

"The destruction of the port of Haiphong would have changed the whole character of the war," he said two decades after the fall of Saigon.

Krulak once summed up the U. S. dilemma in Vietnam by saying, "It has no front lines. The battlefield is in the minds of 16 or 17 million people."

Before assuming command of Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, Krulak served as the principal advisor on counter-insurgency warfare to then-Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I never got enthusiasm out of war, and I'm convinced that the true pacifists are the professional soldiers who have actually seen it," Krulak said many years after retiring.



LtGen. VICTOR KRULAK

During World War II on the island of Choiseul, Krulak led his outnumbered battalion during an eight-day raid on Japanese forces, diverting the enemy's attention from the U. S. invasion of Bougainville.

Krulak's troops destroyed hundreds of tons of supplies, burning both camps and landing barges. He was wounded on Oct. 13, 1943, and later received the Navy Cross for heroism along with the Purple Heart.

At age 43, he became the youngest Brigadier General in Marine Corps history up to that time. Krulak received the

second of two Distinguished Service Medals when he retired from the Corps.

For the next nine years, he worked for Copley Newspapers, serving at various times as Director of Editorial and News Policy and News Media President of Copley News Service. He retired as Vice President of The Copley Press, Inc., in 1977 and contributed columns on international affairs and military matters for Copley News Service.

He also wrote the book "First to Fight," an insider's view of the Marine Corps.

### New Huey Helicopter Slated for Deployment

by Bryan Mitchell

Marines will soon fly in the first newly engineered Huey helicopter the Corps has introduced in more than 35 years.

Known as the UH-1Y, the helicopter can fly faster, farther and ferry more troops and gear than older models, offering commanders more options when planning operations according to program manager Col. Keith Burkholz. It will enhance the Corps' ability to perform reconnaissance, provide secure escorts, scramble quick-reaction teams and place troops in hostile territory.

"You can carry eight combat troops with 250 pounds of gear each plus a crew of four, a full load of gas and suppressive weapons," Burkholz said.

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# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

Well, we have put another year in the books. It was, I believe, another successful year as we enter our Detachment's 23<sup>rd</sup> year. As always, I believe we can improve on what we did this past year and make this one even more successful.

A summary of things we were involved in this past year were:

1) Annual Fund Raiser on Memorial Day weekend, which was

highly successful again. We continue to do well with this fund raiser.

2) Participated in the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, which we believe may be the oldest Memorial Day Parade in the country.

3) Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match.

4) Participated in the Chalfont 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

5) Department of Pennsylvania Rifle match.

6) Held our Quarterly Highway Cleanups and received good participation in our 10<sup>th</sup> year of the program.

7) Detachment Color Guard participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony for the Beriot Bombing in Philadelphia.

8) Attended several funerals throughout the year.

Other noteworthy accomplishments were:

We won 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Category I for membership in the Department of Pennsylvania for 2008.

Bill Miller was elected as Department of Pennsylvania Southeast Division Vice Commandant. I was appointed as one of his assistants.

Again, our Detachment participated in the Nochamixon Day celebration in Revere, PA, by performing Color Guard duties at the event.

Our Detachment did a great job by increasing our membership by SEVEN new Marines.

Several of our Marines throughout the year participated in many

school and veterans functions, which included flag-folding demonstrations.

All in all, it was a very successful year with many activities for our Marines to participate in. I hope that during the coming year some of our newer members will have the opportunity to enjoy participating in some of the events with the Detachment. And one the first things on the agenda for the new year is elections of officers. This is a great way to be involved and serve your Detachment, so if you have any interest, please step up.

Hoping everyone enjoyed their holidays and has a prosperous new year.

Semper Fi,



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# JANUARY DETACHMENT MEETING



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The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held January 14, 2009, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 510 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Jim McComb.

The Minutes of the December Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The Paymaster's Report was presented by the Adjutant/Paymaster and was unanimously accepted.

Sick Call: Marine Bob Cody has moved to Ann's Choice. Mess Sergeant Vince Hagen is undergoing therapy for hip surgery and will not be able to attend meetings for about five weeks.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported he attended the Department's Quarterly Staff Meeting held Jan. 9-10 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. He plans to push for recognition of our Detachment's activities at both the Department and National levels. Rifle & Pistol information and forms are now available on-line. Registrations will ONLY be taken on-line from now on.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment strength at 56 including 28 Life Members, 23 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Life Member with two members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Ben Jones reminded the members if anyone needs more Department Raffle tickets they should contact him.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported he had not received any correspondence from either the Department or the National organizations.

Judge Advocate Jim McComb reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Color Guard had not been requested since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported Peggy Sundling's sister Jennie has died. Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling extended sincere appreciation from his family to the Detachment for the plant and sympathy card sent.

The Public Relations Officer set Jan. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the February issue of "Listen Up!" He reported that the latest issue of *Military* magazine featured Ron Vellner of Chalfont (Doylestown D-A-V Commander).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Young Marines Liaison Bob M. Sundling, PC, reported the unit will holding Cold Weather Survival Training in the Poconos.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Adjutant/Paymaster explained problems experienced locally with the "Toys-for-Tots" program. He made liaison with the MAG-49 Sergeant Major and will be volunteering the Detachment to actively assist with this year's drive.

Commandant Powell appointed Past Commandant Budd Pearce to Chair the Nominating Committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported Marine Bob Sundling had been promoted to Corporal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until February 11 at 7:30 p.m. when the Detachment will again meet at the American Legion Post on North St.

## THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you all so very much for the lovely plant and card signed by all!  
My sister, Jennie, was a very special person and Bob and I and the kids will miss her terribly.

Sincerely,  
*Peggy Sundling*

## COATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Marine Wil Haas is still collecting "Coats for the Homeless." Please bring any coats to be donated to the February Meeting.

## HUEY

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"If you loaded that configuration into a Huey today, it would not physically be able to take off," he continued.

The \$20 million UH-1Y gained initial operating capability following more than a year of testing at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD.

The helicopter is built by Texas-based Bell Helicopter-Textron, which also manufactures the tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey.

### Designed in tandem

The new Huey was designed alongside a new Marine attack helicopter: the AH-1Z, also known as the Super Cobra.

They were designed with roughly 84 percent interoperability, meaning many of the primary parts and components can be swapped between the two aircraft. That will yield savings in maintenance and logistics.

Both new aircraft boast modern avionics systems but the Huey has better range and lift capability.

"The Yankee [Huey] can take twice the payload, twice the range, and the Zulu [Cobra] can either travel twice the range with the same payload or carry twice the payload with the same range," compared to current models, Burkholz said.

Across the fleet, there are 12 new Hueys being tested, trained on or preparing for deployment. A contingent is in Southern California preparing for a February deployment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the amphibious assault ship USS BOXER.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT  
MEETING  
11 FEBRUARY**

**LINCOLN'S  
BIRTHDAY  
12 FEBRUARY**

**VALENTINE'S DAY  
14 FEBRUARY**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY  
16 FEBRUARY**

**WASHINGTON'S  
BIRTHDAY  
22 FEBRUARY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY  
25 FEBRUARY**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS  
8 MARCH**

**DETACHMENT  
MEETING  
11 MARCH**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
17 MARCH**

**1ST DAY OF SPRING  
20 MARCH**

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY  
1 APRIL**

**PALM SUNDAY  
5 APRIL**



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
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*OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS*  
*POST OFFICE BOX 1109, HARRISBURG, PA 17108-1109*

November 14, 2008

Mr. Don H. Gee, Business Manager  
The Chosin Few  
238 Cornwall Circle  
Chalfont, PA 18914-2318

Dear Business Manager:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA), I am asking for your assistance in publicizing a benefit that is available to veterans of Desert Storm and Desert Shield. On April 24, 2006, Governor Edward Rendell signed House Bill 1820 into law as Act 29 of 2006. This Bill establishes the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Act. The program allows compensation to be paid to eligible service members as well as certain surviving relatives of deceased veterans.

The DMVA is interested in awarding this benefit to all eligible veterans and is employing a variety of outreach channels. Contrary to common belief, the DMVA does not have access to Department of Defense records and does not have a roster of those residents of Pennsylvania who served in the conflict. Consequently, we are relying upon advertising and a variety of formal and informal networks to spread the word about the program. This is where your association can help. If you have a member newsletter, bulletin board or other communication vehicle and would be willing to share information about this program, we would be most appreciative.

A basic overview of the program is as follows:

- The DMVA is accepting applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Benefit Program. Any individual who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserve component or the Pennsylvania National Guard in the Persian Gulf Conflict during the period of Aug. 2, 1990 through Aug. 31, 1991 may be eligible.
- Eligible veterans qualify for payment of \$75 per month (maximum of \$525) for each month of active service in theater. A benefit of \$5,000 may be awarded to a prisoner of war or certain family members of a veteran who died in active service or as a result of service-connected injury or disease.
- The deadline for applying is Aug. 31, 2015. Details of the program are available on the DMVA website ([www.persiangulfbonus.state.pa.us](http://www.persiangulfbonus.state.pa.us)) or by calling the program's toll-free number 1-866-458-9182 (TTY 1-866-835-8983 for the hearing impaired).

We have no way of knowing how many of your members may have served in Desert Storm or Desert Shield. We understand that there may not have been many; however, we would appreciate your efforts on behalf of even a small number of veterans. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact me at 717-265-8631.

Respectfully,

Beth Deck  
Persian Gulf Program Manager  
Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program

**"Pennsylvania cares for its veterans, and their spouses and children."**

## DD Form 214s and Personnel Records

Requests must include: the Marine's full name, SSN, service number (if applicable), branch of service, dates of service, type of information needed (e.g., DD 214 or listing of awards), mailing address, daytime telephone number and the veteran's or next-of-kin's signature. Marines are entitled to one replacement set of awards.

**DD 214s.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired before **Dec. 31, 1998:**

National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100  
(314) 801-0800; fax: (314) 801-9195

Visit [www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/) to initiate an online DD 214 request. Print a copy of the form, sign it and either fax or mail it to the NPRC. **Note:** Only Marines or next-of-kin should use the online capability.

**DD 214s.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired after **Jan. 1, 1999:**

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMSB-12)  
2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030  
1-800-268-3710, fax: (703) 784-5792

**Medical Records.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired **May 1, 1994** or later:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Records Management Center  
P.O. Box 5020; St. Louis, MO 63115-8950  
(314) 538-4500; fax: (314) 538-4571

**Note:** Discharged, separated or retired Marines before **May 1, 1994** must contact NPRC.

**Awards.** Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired before **Dec. 31, 1998:**

Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312D2)  
9700 Page Ave.; Rm. 5409, St. Louis, MO 63132

Marines who have been discharged, separated or retired after **Jan. 1, 1999:**

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA)  
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See RAOs, Page 7, Col. 3

Questions? Call MMSR-6: 1-800-336-4649 ☆ (703) 784-9310 (press "6") ☆ fax: (703) 784-9834

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(Applicant's Signature)

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