



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Central Bucks Detachment

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FEBRUARY 1988 NEWSLETTER

Just when I thought that all our unforeseen circumstances with the Detachment Officers was behind us, I was informed that Bill Clark, our Judge Advocate, requested a leave of absence until April since he is in Texas on a business project. Good luck to you Bill, but it sure puts another nail in our wheels. However, as they say, "better days are ahead", I hope.

The National Mid-Winter League Meeting is to be held on February 19-20, 1988 in Arlington, Va. and the Northeast Division Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 1988 in Newburg, N.Y. Anyone interested in attending either meeting will find details for both in an attached letter.

We are constantly trying to find ways to raise funds for our detachment treasury. It is very difficult to undertake projects without sufficient funds, therefore, if anyone has money-raising ideas, we are very willing to listen.

Membership renewal time is still with us. Please send yours in as soon as possible. We hope to have all our members "ship-over" for another 52 weeks and along the way, sign up as many new members as possible. Please contact anyone that you know is a former Marine and see if you can talk them into joining. It is the only way that we can grow and prosper.

Semper Fi

Robert A. Schaffer
Sr. Vice-Commandant

"ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE"



1988

From: Commandant
 To: All Marines
 Subj: Update # 7

1 January 1988

- Vet Homes** "First things First", I commend Ray Chambers, Lake Erie Marines and Bob Schatz of Delaware County Det. for their outstanding performance as members of the Veterans Advisory Boards for the Soldiers & Sailors Home and the Southeast Veterans Center. Keep up the good "Rep".
- Scholar Ships** The Dept. is very grateful to Dorothy Wentroble for her gracious donation to the Scholarship Fund, and also to Mrs. Victoria Kelley who contributed in memory of her son.
- License** On MCL license plates, our Harrisburg Legislator informs me, that we need a commitment of 500, before the state will act. Other avenues of approach are being checked.
- Chaplain Forms** In the event of a death of a member, the National Chaplain has directed that Detachments use the official triplicate form. These are on order from National and will be available through our Department Chaplain Bill Davis, and will be on hand at the Quartermasters table.
- 4th Veterans Home** Govenor Casey is fully committed to establishing a fourth Veterans home in the commonwealth. Representatives of the Administration and a committee from the War Veterans Council are gathering information as to the most appropriate location. Paul Hastings our Legislative Representative is a member of that committee.
- Flag** My thanks to Sr Vice, Charles Strause, the Department now has a PA State Flag. It will be the duty of the Sgt at Arms to display it at the proper time.
- Corpsman** Duncan Forsyth an associate member of the League, will be our Navy Corpsman representative. "Doc" as he is known to all Marines, who he has served with for the past 40 years. Doc will do a short column in our "Once a Marine" Newsletter...."Sick Call" ???
- Newsletter** If your Detachment, publishes a Newsletter, ensure the PR NCO, Lee Davis receives a copy, and while at it, sending one to your Division Vice would certainly improve communications.
- Renewals** In June 86, membership was 3088, and one year later by June 87 only 2605 renewed, indicating only an 84% renewal rate..In realistic terms, this is a loss of 483 members, that did not ship over.
 Is this anyway to run an Airline or the Department of PA, Marine Corps League?
 Rhetoric won't help, but Detachment Commandants, Sr Vices, Adjutants, Paymasters, and above all, the individual member doing their part can turn this situation around. A few suggestions would be to ensure that Detachments use National's Dues renewal notice, and communicate by use of, phone, Newsletter, and personal contaot. We all must emphasis, that the League is meaningful to the member, who stays and participates.
- Marines' Hymn** A Marine Corps order directing the playing of "Anchors Away" prior to Marines' Hymn at offical functions of the Corps, will not apply to the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League.

Semper Fidelis

Paul J. Seton
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Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

From: Commandant
To: All Marines
Subj: Update # 8

1 February 1988

Veterans Preference

This law has been amended by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania under Senate Bill 1007, and now reads; Probationary or temporary civil service--the acceptance of probationary or temporary civil service employment shall not result in the loss of any veteran's preference that would otherwise be applicable to any soldier seeking regular or permanent employment. Prior to this, temporary civil service did not count toward permanent employment. The terminology "Soldier" applies to any eligible Veteran.

ByLaws

The **Changes & Corrections to the National ByLaws & Administrative Procedures** at the Convention in Phoenix will be sent out to the Department and Detachments in the 2nd Quarter of 1988. The Department of PA will not reproduce new Bylaws until the National corrections are received. During this interim period, we must stay within the present Department and National ByLaws.

This may sound like gobbledygook to some, but I call Article 5, Section 530 & 535 of the National Bylaws to every member's attention, as Commandant I direct all Detachments to abide by this Bylaw and carry out those terms. It calls for election and installation of officers between 1 October & 15 May each year and that includes mailing in the installation report.

This allows 227 days or 32 weeks to take action. This is the only sure way the Department can stand up and be counted at full strength at the Cincinnati Convention 1988.

Uniform Code

The change over to white shirts from khaki has been in transition for a few good years, khaki never seems to wear out. The white is becoming more prevalent as time goes on and now with epaulets. Hopefully the new uniform code will be published soon. In ceremonies, don't mix & match, wear all Khaki or all white.

Our National Commandant, reminds all members to wear their uniform with pride and ensure it is presentable in public.

National Mid Winter

This meeting will be held on 19-20 February 1988 at the Rosslyn-West Park Hotel, 1900 N. Ft. Myers Dr., Arlington VA 22209. I'm counting on a good turn-out from PA. Correspondence has been sent out, plus check your National MCL magazine of Oct/Dec 87 for details.

Northeast National Meeting

This is scheduled for 9 April 1988 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 1-95 & Rt 17K in Newburg, NY, room rates \$55.00 single-\$60.00 double, call (914) 564-4000...more details forth coming. 1989 will be Pennsylvania's year for hosting this critique.

Rifle Match 1988

The request is in to the Adjutant General of PA for the later part of September at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

Saluting

When in doubt, salute, I'm sure everyone has heard that while in the Corps. It seems to me, that as members, we over react, by saluting needless in situations that don't call for it. A traditional code of rules is needed for the League. Courtesy, Military or Civilian is never out of style, but a little sprucing up is required.

Semper Fidelis

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NATIONAL COMMANDANT'S NEWS LETTER

12/87

RENEWALS

The Marine Corps League has developed a "MIND SET" that accepts a loss of 5000 members each year. We rationalize this loss by saying "WE" we recruited 5000 new members each year. If anyone of us were in business and manufactured widgets and our profit was based on selling the 5000 widgets that were produced but we had a 25% reject factor because of poor workmanship, we would soon be out of business. The Marine Corps League has a product - MEMBERSHIP - and if "WE" do not reverse the "MIND SET" that allows a 25% loss of MEMBERSHIP (poor workmanship) each year we also will be out of business. Renewals must be vigorously pursued. The salesmen that sell our product (MEMBERSHIP) is the local Detachment, its Membership Chairman and the Adjutant/Paymaster. Its time that the League decides which path to follow, be passive and allow the poor workmanship to stagnate the RENEWAL process or are "WE" willing to change our MIND SET and pursue OPERATION RENEWAL with all our resources. The League is great on talk but short on accomplishment. To use a few cliches RENEWALS: (Where the Rubber meets the road), (Put your money where your mouth is), (Actions speak louder than words). Department Commandants must exert the authority of their office and require each and every detachment under their sphere of influence to establish a system to obtain Renewals. The Department should inform the National Vice Commandant of their Division of the methods that the Department will implement to put more emphasis on RENEWALS. National Headquarters will continue to mail to each detachment the Renewal notices. Please use them. I expect that each and every National Vice Commandant will report at the Mid Winter Staff Meeting as to the status of Renewals in their Division. Excuses will not be acceptable. "WE" all of us are responsible for the success or the demise of RENEWALS and NEW MEMBERSHIP. DO NOT TAKE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY LIGHTLY

LAND BONDS

Some Land Bonds are still outstanding. Please contact National Headquarters for information on redeeming the Bonds.

BYLAWS and ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Each Detachment and Department should have received the minutes of the 1987 National Convention held at Squaw Peak, Phoenix, AZ. The minutes contain the revisions made to the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. The reprint of the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures will be mailed to each Detachment and Department in the second quarter of 1988. If any question as to the interpretation of any part of the Bylaws or Administrative Procedures is required please contact the Judge Advocate of your Detachment, Department or National. Individual interpretation only tends to result in problems and occasionally confusion.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS1988 Convention

The National Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio July 31-August 5, 1988. The activities scheduled for the Convention are outstanding. If you have never been to a National Convention this would be an excellent one to attend. Cincinnati is the Chili Capital of the world and Chili gourmet will delight in the offerings. Shopping is very convenient as access to many shops and stores are via a skyway that connects to the Hotel. Keep the dates open and BE THERE!

1989 Convention

Bids for the 1989 National Convention have not been received as yet. It is my understanding that Florida, Texas and Alabama have expressed an interest in hosting this Convention. Their intentions and supporting material must be delivered to the Director of National Conventions no later than the opening of the Mid Winter Staff Meeting, scheduled for February 19-20, 1988.

UNIFORMS

The Uniform Committee has identified suppliers for Red Blazers, long and short sleeve shirts, trousers, Tuxedo Trousers and shirts, etc. Each Detachment and Department will receive this information shortly. Follow the instructions for ordering the items exactly as outlined in the instructions. National Headquarters has an excellent supply of Marine Corps League Miniature Medals. Impress the Ladies purchase the medals that you rate. The order of precedence for mounting the medals was revised by the Uniform Committee and will be distributed to all Detachments and Departments. Be proud of the Uniform and when appearing in public make sure it is presentable. Remember that Service Medals can not be worn with League Medals. The Hat device for Associate Members is now available from National Headquarters.

PRINT OUTS

Quarterly Membership Reports continue to be sent to all Detachments and Departments. The Reports are as error free as humanly possible. If a problem exists please notify National Headquarters. On the top of each report is the date of the last Officer Installation Report that is on file at National. If this date is incorrect please notify National Headquarters and include copy of the most current Installation Report.

REPORT of OFFICER and INSTALLATION

Word of caution the National Bylaws; Article Four Section 420 Departments and Article Five Section 535 Detachments detail the consequences if the Report of Officers and Installation is not sent to National as required. Administrative Procedure Chapter Six Section 620 states the procedure for the Installation of Detachment Officers. All Detachments should review this Section to avoid any potential problems.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

By now I am sure that you all have received the Christmas Cards From the League. I think that this years selection of cards is outstanding. Your prompt return of payment will be appreciated. The proceeds from Christmas Cards provides the League the means to help meet its financial responsibilities. Any problem with the cards, please contact National Headquarters.

MID WINTER STAFF MEETING

The National Mid Winter Staff Meeting will be held at the Rosslyn West Park Hotel 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington Virginia, February 19-20, 1988. The Marine Corps League Oct-Dec 1987 Magazine page 43 has all details. Reservations for the banquet must be made in advance as we must make a guarantee to the Hotel. The activities at the Banquet are surrounded in mystery. Plan to attend I am certain you will enjoy the evenings presentation. Contact Charlie or Thelma Horn 7033 Rock Creek Drive, Frederick, MD. 21701 for reservations or information.

CREDIT CARD APPLICATION

The National Board of Trustees have approved the mailing out of applications for a Visa Credit Card. The League will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of purchases made with this card. This is a painless way of helping the League to generate needed income. Read the application carefully and if you desire the card please fill in the required information and return the application.

AUDIO or TELEVISION RECORDINGS of MEETINGS

Inquiries have been made to National as to the propriety of persons using Tape or Television Recorders at Staff Meetings or Conventions. As far as I am concerned the use of Tape Recorders is permissible. The use of Television Recorders should at the discretion of the meeting Presiding Officer. The membership as is at all League meetings ^{may} over rule the chair by a 2/3rds vote. I personally do not see the need for the use of television recorders at meetings

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The National Headquarters Staff continues its high degree of service to the membership of the League. Occasionally problems occur and may take longer to correct than anticipated. Please work with us. If you feel that the Headquarters Staff is not addressing your needs, please feel free to contact me. The dedicated Staff at Headquarters; Bob Forsyth, Bud Randall, Pat McCurry, Alice Bach-Sorensen and Doris Crist, are very instrumental in the continued professional manner in which the affairs of the League are administered and the memberships needs are cared for. If your travels bring you in to the vicinity of National Headquarters, please feel free to visit the Headquarters and meet the National Staff. The Staff will be introduced at the

Mid Winter Staff Meeting make a point to introduce yourself to them.

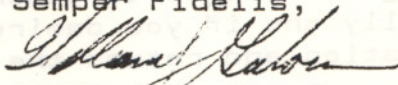
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

The magazine continues to improve. Headquarters has received many compliments on the layout and contents of the magazine. The cooperation of the membership in submitting articles is much appreciated. My thanks to National Executive Director, Bob Forsyth, Managing Editor, Bud Randall and to our printer and his Staff for the many hours dedicated to making this magazine outstanding.

The League continues to work as a team and as long as we maintain that posture we will continue to improve and grow. Each and everyone of you should take pride in the accomplishments of the League because your continued support has allowed the Marine Corps League to take its rightful place in the Washington arena.

My I take this opportunity to wish you and your Families a Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

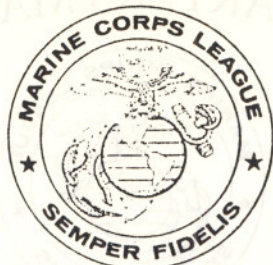
Semper Fidelis,



William J. Galvin
National Commandant

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

FROM THE DESK OF:
Charles D. Horn

To All National Officers, Departments, and Detachments,

As you all know the Mid-Winter meeting is to be held on February 19-20, 1988 at the Rosslyn-West Park Hotel, 1900 North Ft. Myers Drive, Arlington, VA, 22209. Please make hotel reservations direct with hotel, card enclosed.

At the banquet we are going to do something different this year. Instead of a guest speaker, we are going to Roast and Toast our National Service Officer, Ret. Sgt. Major Elsmere "Bud" Randall. This is to be a secret as no one has ever done anything for "Bud". As you know, what he does at National, far exceeds his job as Service Officer. He is also Editor of the Magazine, and he does anything else that needs to be done. So come ready for some fun at "Bud's" expense. HA! HA!.

The Early Bird Party- Thursday evening Feb. 18, 1988-
1900 hours- \$5.00- includes food and drink.

Banquet- Saturday evening Feb. 20, 1988- 1800- 1900
hours- cash bar cocktails.

1900 hours- Banquet \$22.50

Menu-

Toss Salad

Prime Rib of Beef

Green Beans

Baked Potato

Chocolate Tuffle Mouse

After Banquet- Roast "Bud" Randall.

Please send all reservations for Early Bird Party and
Banquet to Charles D. Horn
7033 Rock Creek Drive
Frederick, MD 21701.

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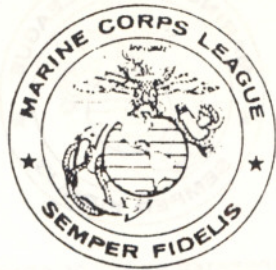
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Charles D. Horn

Charles D. Horn
Mid-Winter Chairman

"Once A Marine, Always A Marine"

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FROM THE OFFICE OF

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Commandant Robert Delanoy - New York
Commandant Edward Hoth - New Jersey
Commandant Paul Seaton - Pennsylvania

Dear Commandants:

The Northeast Division Meeting will be held on SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1988 at:

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge	914-564-4000	Room Rates
I-95 Route 17K		\$55.00 single
Newburg, N. Y. 12550		\$60.00 double

Exit New York Thruway at Newburg, bear right and Howard Johnson is right there.

Tentative Meeting Schedule for April 9, 1988:

10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting MCL and MCLA
11:00 a.m.	Commandants Counsel Chaired by Lamar Golden
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Northeast Division Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment
6:30 p.m.	Plans to have a dinner are being worked out. More later.

Please put above information in your State Bulletin to all your detachments.

All Detachment Commandants are requested to come to the Commandants Counsel to air their views and help the League to prosper and grow. Any and all input will be appreciated.

All State Officers and League members are invited to attend.

For early birds who arrive Friday, April 8, 1988 -- you are invited to an "Open House" in the Northeast Division Commandant's room.

Semper Fidelis

Edwin F. Gallagher

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Northeast Division Vice Commandant

The Marine 'Grunt General'

Tough-talking Al Gray tries to shape up the corps

Squat and stern, U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Al Gray paces back and forth across the stage, silver stars glistening on the collar of his fatigues. "I don't think boot camp is tough enough," he growls. "I think we pamper them too much." He warns that "careerism is rampant throughout the corps" and vows: "I'm going to stamp it out." In the dim auditorium at the Cherry Point (N.C.) Marine Corps Air Station, 2,000 sergeants shift uneasily in their chairs. Then Gray turns his scorn on military rules of engagement that hogtie Marines standing watch in far-flung trouble spots. "I'm going to do away with rules that say you can't take anybody out until he threatens you with bodily harm," the general pledges. "I say take 'em out ahead of time!" The leathernecks let out a roar.

When Al Gray, 59, was appointed commandant of the Marine Corps last summer, Navy Secretary James Webb likened him to the Army's legendary "blood and guts" general, George S. Patton. Ordinary Marines call Gray, who dropped out of college to join the Marines, the "Grunt General." It is an apt title. Unlike many of his predecessors as commandant, Gray came up through the ranks. He began his career as an infantryman in Korea, where he received a battlefield commission as an officer. The promotions were steady, and when it came time to evacuate Saigon at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, Gray was chosen to coordinate the effort. He was a three-star Marine Fleet Force commander when Webb chose him as commandant to succeed Gen. P. X. Kelley. The careers of Gray and Kelley could not be more unlike. Kelley was a skilled bureaucrat, a player on the Washington social circuit. "Al Gray is a warrior," says Webb. "He knows how to fight, and he knows how to teach people to fight."

If the Grunt General has his way, all Marines will again be grunts. Gray's aim is to shape up a corps that, he feels, has gone astray and been besmirched by some of its own members. Lt. Col. Oliver North slipped his leash at the White House and went on a rampage of geopolitical swashbuckling.



WALLY McNAMEE—NEWSWEEK

Uncomfortable in dress blues: Commandant and bat

The poorly defended Marine barracks in Beirut was bombed, and a sex-for-secrets scandal entangled the Marine embassy guards in Moscow. These incidents badly damaged Kelley and impaired his effectiveness. But more important to Gray is the overall softness he believes has overtaken the corps. In his view, changes in Marine training—some a result of budget pressures, others a result of the liberalizations of the 1970s—have taken the corps too far from the battlefield. He wants to bring the Marines back to a basic mission: as he describes it, the ability to "go to war tonight."

Starting this month, all Marines, regardless of their jobs, will resume the advanced infantry training that was eliminated for most Marines in the early '70s. At boot camp on Parris Island and in San Diego, courses like "how to write a check" and "the anatomy of men and women" have been dropped. They have been replaced by more rigorous instruction in hand-to-hand combat and live-grenade training, courses that were watered down after too many Marines were injured. To prepare Marines for unconventional brush-fire wars in the Third World, Gray has ordered more train-

ing in stealth tactics, night rescues and infiltration. "We need to teach these high-school graduates with their football letters from East Cupcake, Neb., a little bit about being streetwise," he barks. From now on, all Marine sentries will carry loaded rifles—one way to possibly avoid a recurrence of the tragic bombing in Beirut where Marines with unloaded weapons watched helplessly as a bomb-loaded car smashed into their compound, killing 241.

Gray has disdain for Marines who jog "in cute little silk shorts." He favors a much tougher approach, conditioning troops by forced marches with backpacks. Training for marathons—which to the hosts of Washington's annual Marine Corps Marathon has become something of an obsession—is a waste of time, he says. "I'm a hell of a lot more interested in a Marine who can carry a wounded Marine across the battlefield." He is indifferent to spit and polish. "I don't give a shit how you look," he tells enlisted men. "I care how you are." Gray himself feels uncomfortable in dress blues and prefers to be photographed in his camouflage fatigues, or "utilities" as Marines call them. Indeed, mottled brown-green is almost a fetish with Gray. In his office, he drinks coffee from a camouflage-painted canteen cup. His troops gave him a camouflaged spittoon for his chaw, and at dedication ceremonies for new facilities Marines now use camouflage ribbon.

Painted baseball bat: Wielding a camouflage-painted baseball bat—inscribed "Big Stick"—Gray roams Marine headquarters in Washington armed for combat with the "little old ladies in tennis shoes who stand in the way of progress." He means Pentagon bureaucrats who resist his reforms. To his shock and anger, Marine Corps officials have disregarded some of his orders because they were delivered verbally—not written in quintuplicate.

Just how willing Gray is to bypass the bureaucrats could be seen after his pep talk at Cherry Point. A hulking sergeant beseeched Gray for a waiver of weight restrictions—usually a matter for the bureaucrats—that threatened to force the sergeant from the corps. The commandant promptly dropped to the floor in three-point stance. "You play football?" he demanded. "Gimme a stance." The startled sergeant just gaped. Gray stood up: "You play backfield or line?" he asked. "Backfield," the sergeant replied, recovering his composure. "I can run over a guy your size," he boasted. Gray shot back: "Do it." Discretion prevailed. "No, sir," said the sergeant. Gray asked him how fast he could run a hundred yards. "Ten seconds," claimed the sergeant. "Tell you what," Gray ruled. "You do the hundred in 10.1 and I'll keep you around."

RICHARD SANDZA at Cherry Point, N.C.

'Pappy' Boyington, WW II air ace, dies

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — World War II flying ace Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, whose exploits became famous in an autobiography and the television series "Baa Baa Black Sheep," died Monday at age 75.

Boyington, a colonel who was credited with shooting down 28 Japanese planes and won the Navy Cross and Medal of Honor, died about 4 a.m., said Nancy Hinds, operator of a hospice for terminal cancer patients.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, said Vivian Pardini, a spokeswoman for Chapel of the Light Funeral Home. Other funeral arrangements were pending.

Boyington's 1958 best seller was the basis of an NBC television series from 1976-78 starring Robert Conrad.

Born Dec. 4, 1912 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Boyington was a war hero even before the United States entered World War II. He was credited with shooting down six Japanese planes in 1941 with the Flying Tigers, Gen. Claire

Chennault's American volunteer group in China.

When Marine surgeons told him a broken leg would end his combat flying, Boyington molded a group of pilots rejected by other squadrons into the Black Sheep, a crack unit that operated in the central Solomon Islands during 1943-44.

Boyington spent the final 1½ years of the war as a Japanese prisoner after his plane was riddled by bullets and crashed in Rabaul harbor, New Britain, in January 1944.

"This stuff is all gone, and I'd just as soon let it go and forget it," Boyington said in 1972 interview with The Associated Press. "I rarely ever talk about it unless someone brings it up. I don't want to bore anybody or give the impression of being a bore."

But in later years, he appeared at air shows and other events, promoting his book and describing his exploits in a gravelly voice, his weatherbeaten face displaying a wide grin. He also served as an informal adviser for



GREGORY 'PAPPY' BOYINGTON
... subject of TV series

the television series, according to Conrad.

"He was very humble about his achievements," Conrad said Monday. "He was a great American. He liked to create the impression that being a combat pilot was just something he did."

Boyington was married to the former Josephine Wilson Moseman of Fresno in 1978. It was his fourth marriage.