

### CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.



# LISTEN UP!

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## Highlights

The Regular Meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held January 8, 1997, at American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Junior Vice Commandant. Distinguished Marines in attendance included Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, and Bill Plant; Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Ray Krout.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

The Commandant reported he will be attending the Bucks County World War II Memorial Committee meeting on Jan. 30 and will report on it at the February Detachment meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment currently has a strength of 55 members including 14 Life members, 34 Regular members and 7 Associate members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz was absent. No report.

Paymaster Bob Cody issued the Paymaster's Report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported the only correspondence we had received was the Newsletter Judging Criteria and a Journal Advertising Contract for the National Northeast and New England Division Meeting scheduled for Jan. 25.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr. had nothing to report.

Chaplain Budd Pearce reported we had noone sick or in distress.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling had nothing to report.

Quarter master Don Parzanese Jr. had nothing to report.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 12 FEBRUARY 1997 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our chartering as a Marine Corps League Detachment at our January meeting. We marked the occasion with a small birthday cake and the award of Commendation Ribbons to those Charter Members who are still active with the Detachment. Commendation Ribbons were awarded to Herb Krout, Ray Krout, Don Parzanese Sr., Pat Parsonese, Bill Plant, Bob Schaffer, Bob Sundling, and Mike Waldron. The consistent support by these Marines have helped make our Detachment the success that it is today. It is interesting to note that among these eight Marines are two Past Commandants, three past Detachment "Marines of the Year," and three current Detachment Officers.

One of the major items which came out of the January meeting was the appointment of **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce** as Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being nominated for one of the elected Detachment offices—Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Adjutant, Paymaster, or Judge Advocate—contact Budd at (215) 343-5609. If you wish to nominate someone for one of these offices, get their consent for the nomination and let Budd know. The proposed slate of officers for 1997-98 will be submitted at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting and the new officers will be installed at the April meeting.

We recently received our 1,500 tickets for the annual Department of Pennsylvania Raffle. The prizes remain the same except for 1st Prize. It is no longer a sub-compact automobile or \$5,000. This year the automobile has been eliminated and 1st Prize is \$5,000. You can get your tickets from **Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** at the February meeting. The February meeting will also be the last chance to obtain a raffle ticket for the Department's Easter Raffle which also has a \$5,000 1st Prize. The drawing for it will be on Mar. 15.

Don't forget to bring your Genuardi's and Redner's cash register receipts to the meeting. These receipts are easy money makers for the Detachment.

More stuff next month.

Semper Fi,

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

POW/MIA—Coordinator Bill Plant had nothing new to report.

"LISTEN UP!"—The Newsletter Editor reminded the members the deadline for the February issue is Jan. 25.

**VAVS**—The Detachment logged 45 VAVS volunteer hours since the last meeting, including attendance at the VAVS Executive Committee and VAVS Committee meetings.

YOUNG MARINES-Liaison Bill Plant reported the Young Marines Unit was alive and well and prospering.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE —The Commandant appointed Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce as Chairs of the Nominating Committee. The slate of officers for 1997-98 will be presented at the February meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

FOOD CART — Marine Mike Waldron reported he has a place for the Food Cart. The Commandant recommended he touch base with Marine Bob Schaffer to coordinate moving the cart.

MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER —Marine Mike Waldron reported he had found Doylestown Medal of Honor winner Marine Private Charles Francis belonged to Co. "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, when he won the Medal on June 21, 1900. Marine Bob Momerella also submitted some written documentation about Pvt. Francis.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**DETACHMENT BIRTHDAY** — The Commandant pointed out this month was the 10th Anniversary of the chartering of the Central Bucks Detachment. A small birthday cake was provided to mark the occasion. Additionally, the Charter Members still active with the Detachment were awarded the Commendation Ribbon (Individual) in recognition of their continued, consistent support of the Detachment.

FUND RAISER—Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr. proposed the Detachment take advantage of Friendly's Restaurants' free fund raiser night opportunity. The membership agreed to pursue this and chose April or May to conduct it. More information will be provided after Don contacts Friendly's.

#### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Past Commandant Bill Plant reported he had encountered two former Young Marines while he was jogging. One is a Hatboro Policeman and the other is now working his way through college.

Marine Mike Waldron stated he will try to get tickets for the Detachment to the Marine Band concert scheduled for March in Fairfax, VA.

Marine Wil Haas reported the toys collected by the Detachment were given to the Quakertown Rotary Club for distribution to needy children. He also asked the Detachment members to continue to bring in used clothing for distribution to the poor and needy.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr. discussed brother Richard Parzanese with the members. The Detachment unanimously approved expending funds to pay Richard's dues. (After the meeting, the dues were donated by an anonymous Detachment Marine).

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned until 1930 on February 12.

## 'Mr. Leatherneck' Dead at 62

"Mr. Leatherneck" has died.

Tom Bartlett, managing editor of *Leatherneck* Magazine for the past 22 years died from cancer Jan. 21. He was 62.

Hundreds of friends and Marines paid tribute to Bartlett at his viewing on Jan. 23 and funeral mass at the Quantico Marine Memorial Chapel on Jan. 24.

"We lost a hell of a Marine," commented Medal of Honor winner Harvey "Barney" Barnum, a close friend of Bartlett for many years.

"I will miss him for the rest of my life," added another close friend of more than 20 years. "He was the best we had."

Known by generations of Marines as the living symbol of the "Magazine of Marines," Bartlett began with the publication in 1964, back when the staff was made up of active duty Marines. As a sergeant, he was assigned as a writer for the Corps.

As a staff sergeant, he covered Marines in Vietnam for *Leatherneck* in 1965 and again in 1966. After a brief tour at the Division of Public Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, GySgt. Bartlett went back to Vietnam in 1968 as the Press Information Chief for III Marine Amphibious Force.

Tom rejoined *Leatherneck* in 1969 as a writer, then returned to Vietnam in 1970 to cover the retrograde of the 3d Marine Division's last rifle company to come out of the country, Co. K, 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

In 1971, MSgt. Bartlett had decided to retire from the Corps. At about the same time, *Leatherneck* "civilianized" its staff and Tom stayed on at the magazine as one of the Editorial Services staff. He became Managing Editor in 1975, the position he held until his death. According to fellow staffer Ron Keene, Tom had authored 955 articles for *Leatherneck* since 1964.

Tom stepped down as President of the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association last September after serving three consecutive terms. He had previously held a number of elected offices at the chapter and national level before being elected its national president.

dent in September 1993. He was one of only two people to earn both the "Donald L. Dickson Memorial Award" (the highest honor the USMCCCA can bestowe on one of its members) and the "Brigadier General Robert L. Denig Distinguished Service Award" (the highest honor the CC's award to a "civilian" mass communications practitioner).

He was buried with full military honors on Jan. 24 at the National Cemetery in Quantico, VA.

Tom is survived by his wife, the former Fran Rossi, and three sons.

## Short Rounds



Past Commandant Frank Yohe travell to MCRD, Parris Island, on Jan. 10. His grandson, Brent Moser of Warrington, will be graduating "Boot Camp" that date. Congratulations to BOTH Marines.

Marine Maryann Scarpill was recently presented the Warrington Woman's League "Community Service Award." She has been deeply involved with community activities in the township for the past two years. Congratulations, Maryann.

## MCL of PA Schedules First NRA Range Officer Certification School

A Range Officer Certification School is scheduled for May 2-4 at Fort Indiantown Gap.

The course curriculum includes Range Safety, Range Commands, American Red Cross Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training, and American Red Cross First Aid instruction.

"The ever-increasing numbers of participants in the rifle and pistol matches have created a need for more 'range personnel," explains Pistol Committee Chairman Charles Charlesworth. "Since we want our matches to be the safest and most efficient, we decided to develop this School."

Charlesworth recommends that any-

one thinking about helping out at either of the matches should sign up for the School.

"There are only 24 slots available," he states. Leaguers interested in attending the school can contact him at 442 Sunbury St., Minersville, PA 17954 or by telephoning (717) 628-9043.

Those enrolling in the school should plan to arrive at Indiantown Gap sometime after noon on Friday, May 2. Classes are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Graduates will receive certification in American Red Cross First Aid, in American Red Cross CPR, and as a National Rifle Association Range Officer.

## Clinton Shares Lejeune Holiday Chow

President Bill Clinton expressed gratitude to the U.S. armed forces, offering holiday cheer and assurances that their service has brought "the blessings of a more normal life" to troubled parts of the world.

Clinton dined Dec. 23 with Marines from the 3d Battalion, 8th Marines, 2d Marine Division, who were on general alert for missions abroad during the Christmas holidays.

Clinton joined the mess queue and toted his own tray. He thanked the battalion for serving on alert at Christmas "so the rest of us can celebrate this holiday in peace."

The president also welcomed home Marines who just returned from six months in the Mediterranean, and delivered bags of toys donated by the White House staff to the Marines' "Toys for Tots" program.

"Surely there is no greater gift at Christmastime than the peace and freedom we enjoy," Clinton said. "Because of all you have accomplished, more people in this holiday season—in places like Haiti and Bosnia and, indeed, all around the globe can look forward to the blessings of a more normal life in the new year."

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#### SPRING MEETING

#### RESERVATION INFORMATION

DECEMBER 29, 1996

The Department of Pennsylvania MCL Spring Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 1997 at 0930. Arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn at Grantville for Friday and Saturday night lodging at \$57 dollars per room. Room reservations to be made by March 1, 1997 using the code; Marine Corps League of PA.

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On Saturday evening following the Department Meeting our Annual Awards Banquet for the Department Rifle Match will be held. Anyone wishing to attend please fill out the form below. As we decided at the Rifle Match last year, all members who attend the current match and who participated will pay only 1/2 price. This is only \$10 for all who participanted.

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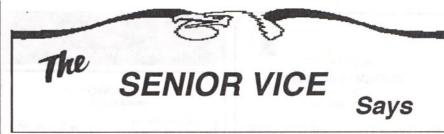
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### **Marines Can Now** Wear AF Medal

A small number of Marines who have received the Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal can now wear the award on their ribbon bar. Marine officials, in a recent awards update message, authorized the wear of the medal with the Marine uniform.

The medal should be worn in precedence after the Air Medal, award officials said. The ribbon has a wide light blue stripe and thin edge stripes of yellow and dark blue. The medal has an eagle clutching six lightning bolts in its claws and 13 stars.

Only a handful of Marines each year receive the award, which was created in 1988.

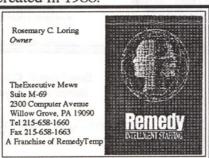


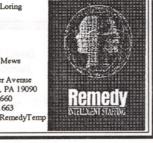
Now that the holidays are over (except for the Super Bowl), it's time to get back to business. As all of you know, "R&R" stands for "Recruit & Renew." So, here's a list of who is due:

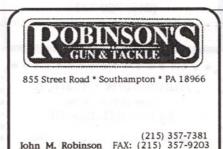
> Ernesto Ortiz (1-97) R. Bruce Sergeant (1-97) William Rodriguez (1-97) Charles L. Wurst (1-97)

Once again, Marines, we are looking for 100% renewal as well as some new faces this year. So, if you know any active or former Marine with an honorable discharge, have him or her come to a meeting and check us out. Oh, before I forget, "Go, Green Bay."

> Thank You. Bill Rosenberger

















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