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KHAKI SHIRT DECISION STILL CONTROVERSIAL

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I have reviewed once again, the National Bylaws as they relate to the issue of Khaki shirts that was brought up on the floor at National Convention. I have read and concur with the **National Judge Advocate John Kovalcik's** interpretation of the intent of our Bylaws. Both Gerry Devlin, **the National Parliamentarian**, and John have pointed out numerous times in *Roberts Rule of Order Revised*, that say that if a mistake was made at Convention, then a "point of order" must be raised at that time and not after the Convention has closed.

J-A Kovalcik clarifies this point in his

statement, "Normally a point of order must only be raised at the time of the alleged breach of order. Failing to raise a point of order usually waives any right to object. There is an exception, which may have confused some.

"If the question that a proposed action violates the constitution or bylaw it may be raised at any time (Section 21 *Roberts Rules of Order Revised*) this means that it may be raised at any time during the Convention not three months later. When a convention adjourns *Sine Die* (the final adjournment as opposed to a day to day recess or adjournment) it carries with it all pending business Section 18 *Roberts Rules of Order*. There is no Parliamentary way for the will of the con-

vention to be modified once the final gavel has fallen."

In other words, once the Convention is CLOSED, it would be illegal in accordance with *Roberts Rules* to disregard the will of the "body" (that being the properly elected, registered, and approved Delegates in good standing, on the floor), and alter a proposed Bylaw change or amendment thereto.

More importantly, perhaps is the fact that it would do a great disservice to those who attended and participated as Registered Delegates and voted their will, at the National Convention. I would re-iterate here, that this amendment did not

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Nation's Oldest Female Marine Dies on Veterans Day

On a crisp fall day in a cemetery in Queens, NY, a Marine Corps Honor Guard blew "Taps" over the country's oldest female Marine.

Sgt. Miriam Cohen did not die jumping on a hand grenade, or storming the beaches of Normandy or battling the Japanese on Iwo Jima.

Most appropriately, she died on Veteran's Day, one day after the 234th birthday of the United States Marines Corps. Cohen lived nearly half as long: She would have been 102 on Dec. 13.

When World War II threatened civilization, this beautiful, gutsy Brooklyn gal answered the call of a bugle, just like the one that played over her coffin on Nov. 17.

"Miriam was born in Sheepshead Bay

and graduated from Smith College, where she was the only Jew in the school," says



MIRIAM COHEN

her younger sister **Marine Roberta Eaton**, 86, of the Women's Marines Association of New York.

"On Feb. 13, 1943, Miriam graduated in the first class of WWII women Marines. At 35, she was one of the oldest women to ever join the Marines."

Cohen did six weeks of basic training at Hunter College, (where Lehman College stands today) honing her secretarial skills to fulfill the Marine Women's

motto: "To Free a Man to Fight."

"Unlike the WACS and WAVES, Marine women have no acronym," Eaton says. "We were Marines. Period. Marines for life. Miriam told me she was stationed at USMC headquarters in Washington during WWII. She had special clearance to handle sensitive documents."

In those days, Marine women did not live on base with the men. They got "subs and quarters" allowance to live in boarding houses. Pay was less than \$50 a month.

Miriam also served in the Korean War, traveling with Generals to Virginia and San Francisco.

"Miriam never owned anything besides

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

Again, I would like to wish all Marines a Happy Holidays and prosperous New Year.

As the holiday season is upon us please keep your Marine brothers past and present in your thoughts and prayers. As we all know, freedom is not free and our Marine brotherhood has always been and will always be at the forefront of the battle.

Also on behalf of the Detachment, I would like to thank **Peggy Sundling** for all the work she puts in throughout the year to send "goodie" packages to the deployed troops. She has been do this for many years and I know those receiving the packages are truly grateful for what they receive. Keep up the great work Peggy!

Again, everyone should be aware that the new year will also bring thoughts of Officer nominations in March and elections in April. As always, if you have any interest in serving your Detachment please talk to any of the current Officers with your interest. We are always on the lookout for new blood to fill the Officer rolls. The only restriction to be an elected Officer, you must be a Regular Members. Associate Members can fill any of the Appointed Offices. I'd like to personally thank **Marine Jack Gentile** for stepping up to take on the roll of Junior Vice Commandant due to a vacancy in that office when **Marine Ben Jones** moved up to Senior Vice Commandant to

fill the rest of term for **Jim McComb**. If you are unaware, Jim resigned due to his work schedule keeping him on the road several days every week and was unable to devote the time to his Office that he felt was necessary to do the job properly.

The Detachment continues a steady pace increasing membership.

For 2008 in our Detachment size category we took 3rd place for membership percentage increase and for 2009 we took 2nd place. I'm hoping we can take 1st place in 2010.

I'm asking all members, whether you attend regularly or not to keep recruitment in mind. The only way we can continue to thrive is to increase membership. So, please do your part and when the opportunity arises, encourage those Marines you meet and those you believe would support our cause to consider joining.

Enjoy the holidays, see you the next meeting on January 13.

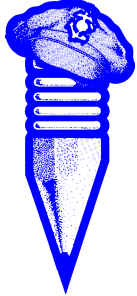
Semper Fi,

Jim Powell

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DECEMBER DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting on the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held December 9, 2009, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 18 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling, Past National Northeast Division Commandant and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth, and Past Commandant and Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant Bill Miller.**

The **Minutes** of the November Meeting were unanimously accepted.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell again thanked **Marine Jack Gentile** and **Junior Vice Commandant Ben Jones** for stepping up to fill the voids created by **Senior Vice Commandant Jim McComb's** resignation because of work demands. He reported the Detachment had received an e-mail from the Commandant of the Central Wyoming Detachment offering a fund-raiser of wild game meat (moose, elk, buffalo, deer, antelope, turkey, and ham). The Wyoming Detachment requires the fund-raiser be completed by 15 January. The Commandant stated it was something to consider for next year. He also reported the Travis Manion Foundation is seeking donations for its "United Through Reading" program which has Marines record children's books on DVD and sends the DVDs to their children. They need books for children ages 1 - 5 and a \$1.00 per book donation to have the book sent to the Marine overseas. The Chester County Detachment has invited the Central Bucks Detachment to participate in its 4th of July Memorial Ceremony at Ft. Mifflin. (*The Detachment opted to participate in the Chalfont-New Britain Parade instead.*) He also reported on the change of dates for "Toys-for-Tots" bicycle assembling and the Washington Crossing wreath-laying ceremony.

Senior Vice Commandant (designee) Ben Jones reported the Detachment strength at 61 members including 28 Life Members, 26 Regular Members, 2 Dual members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Life Member. Two members are delinquent in paying their dues. He also reported on the final arrangements for the Holiday Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Water Wheel Inn.

Junior Vice Commandant (designee) Jack Gentile had nothing to report.

The **Adjutant/Paymaster** reported the Detachment had received correspondence from: the Department of Pennsylvania Uniform Chairman confirming the khaki shirt is no longer a part of the Marine Corps League uniform; the National Commandant stating the khaki shirt issue will certainly be revisited at the 2010 National Convention but the shirt is not an approved Marine Corps League uniform item now.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

The Public Relations Officer announced the Detachment had been advised the annual decorating of the Christmas Tree at the Bucks County Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Courthouse in Doylestown. He also announced the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton is restoring its Headquarters Building ("White House") to its original WWII appearance and is seeking Marines who remember what the building looked like between 1943 and 1963 to contact the Division G-4. The Detachment also received a request from the Philadelphia Comfort House for Veterans for a donation. The Marine Corps League National Headquarters and Military Historical Tours are co-sponsoring a fund-raising raffle (drawing to be held at National Mid-Winter Conference in Falls Church, VA, in February) for free trips to (1st prize) the 65th Reunion of Honor on Iwo Jima and Guam and (2nd prize) to the 92nd Anniversary of USMC WWI Battlefields and (3rd prize) to the 45th Anniversary of the Marine Corps landing at Red Beach in Vietnam. He also announced the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is offering a newly ap-

proved "Marine Corps Veteran" license plate (with full color USMC seal). It is available from PennDOT for \$20 with a copy of your DD-214. He set Dec. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the January *Listen Up!*

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported there were \$14.00 in sales at the November Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway: Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce reported the Department of Transportation had congratulated the Detachment on 15 years of participation in the program. The highway sign on both ends of our clean-up route will now reflect our 15-year participation.

Young Marines--Young Marines Coordinatoir Bob Sundling, PC, reported on the trip to Parris Island for the Boot Camp graduation of one of the unit's former Young Marines.

Audit Committee--The Audit Committee consisting of the Commandant, and **Marines Jack and Dave Gentile** will complete the overdue audit on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 p.m. Approximately half of the audit was completed tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

Toys for Tots--Trying to contact **Charlie Haig**, the Local Community Coordinator, has been completely unsuccessful. He does not return phone calls and when the P. R. Officer visited to the warehouse at NRB, Willow Grove, he was again unable to make contact.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Installation--Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones and Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile were installed by Southeast District Vice Commandant Bill Miller, PC. Both will serve until the next regular election.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to donate \$100.00 to the Philadelphia Comfort House for Veterans.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until
January 13 at 7:30 p.m.**

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy totting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
1 JANUARY**

**WINTER STAFF
MEETING
8-10 JANUARY
GRANTVILLE, PA**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
13 JANUARY**

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY
18 JANUARY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
10 FEBRUARY**

**NATIONAL MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE
11-13 FEBRUARY
FALLS CHURCH, VA**

**LINCOLN'S
BIRTHDAY
12 FEBRUARY**

**PRESIDENT'S DAY
15 FEBRUARY**

**WASHINGTON'S
BIRTHDAY
22 FEBRUARY**

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originate with the National Board of Trustees, or Marine Corps League National Headquarters. It in fact came from the floor and was approved on the floor.

In reading National Bylaws, Article 100 the intent clearly vests the supreme legislative and policy making power of the Marine Corps League in the National Convention composed of the properly elected, registered and approved Delegates in good standing.

The confusion I see between Article 100 and Article 800 of the bylaws involves the implied intent of the delegates' authority at a convention to make Marine Corps League policy. While Article 100 gives the supreme authority to the delegates at a convention to make policy, Article 800 CH4-95 appears to want to restrict that authority of the delegates to only those bylaw changes submitted for revision, amendment or repeal that were properly submitted to National Headquarters prior to April 1st.

If the current approved amendment on the issue of Khaki shirts were to be changed it would devastate the power of the aforementioned Convention Delegates to act as a body and conduct League business and it would force the will of a relative few members who "after the fact", disagree with the ruling. This is why a challenge must be brought

during the Convention. That would allow those same delegates to debate the validity of the challenge.

J-A Kovalcik is correct when he says that "Red Hats Rule".

As your National Commandant, I believe in the power of the properly elected, registered, and approved Delegates in good standing to dictate to the duly elected National Officers, the direction of the Marine Corps League and as such, approve or disapprove all amendments brought before the floor of a National Convention. In this context the "National Registered Delegates, present at Convention, rule."

To now remove the rights of the majority of the delegates to decide an issue would be a monumental blow to the rights of the membership to decide any question. Marines, remember it was the majority of the delegates on the convention floor who overwhelming approved the removal of the Khaki shirt from our dress code.

With that being said; I have suggested to the National Judge Advocate that Article 800 should be closely reviewed and consideration given to restating that portion of the Article that might be confusing.

It is important to restore the intent of Article 100. The delegates at a National Convention must be able to conduct business and shape Marine Corps League

policy, without the interference of a few. This should curtail further problems dealing with all business conducted at the National Convention.

1968 COLD CASE DEATH OF MARINE REOPENED

The Pennsylvania State Police have asked the F.B.I. to help identify a Marine killed in 1968.

The victim was found stabbed to death Nov. 18, 1968, along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The victim has a Marine tattoo on his arm and is possibly the recipient of the Purple Heart, as he has had a gun shot wound to his arm.

Anyone who can possibly assist in identifying this young Marine killed in 1968 should contact:

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a dog and a cat," Eaton says. "Always rented apartments. Never drove. Always took the subway. Never married. Had no children. She had a brother who died many years ago."

After retiring from the IRS, where she worked after 10 years of military service, Miriam Cohen refused to collect Social Security.

"I told her she was nuts," Eaton says. "Miriam said, 'My government needs the money more than I do. I'm telling ya, she was a real character. I'd call her avant-garde, an independent thinker in the tradition of Amelia Earhart ... and Susan B. Anthony.'"

Cohen volunteered at Brooklyn's VA Hospital, where she pushed wounded G.I.s in wheelchairs into her 90s. Every

Saturday she went to New York Foundling Hospital to read stories to the city's forgotten children. Unless the Women's Marine Association had a meeting.

"Her sister Marines were like family to her," Eaton says. "She was also a helluva sketch artist and a member of the Art Student's League. She adored museums and Broadway shows and if you went out with her she'd have a glass of wine and always insist on buying you dinner.

"She was incredibly generous. She also enjoyed a beer with a hot dog at a barbecue. Miriam must have had a few bucks, but she never talked about money. She followed the beat of her own drum: She'd eat chicken for breakfast and scrambled eggs for dinner, and pickled herring on a holiday.

"If I had to sum up Miriam Cohen in a single word, I'd say she was a pisser. "

Cohen was so impulsive that when her Brooklyn landlord gave her grief, a friend told her Tucson was a nice place to live, so she just packed up, at 93, and moved.

"When I visited her I asked how the hell a Brooklyn girl could live in 3,000-degree desert heat," Eaton says. "She said, 'I like it.'"

Four years ago Cohen finally moved into a private nursing home, still insisting on taking a long Marine march each day.

"It was no coincidence that stubborn old Miriam chose Veteran's Day to salute the world goodbye," says Eaton, who stood graveside in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Glendale as a USMC bugler played "Taps" over the flag-draped coffin of our oldest lady Marine, who heard a similar bugle call her to duty 66 years ago.

QUANTICO TARGETED IN JKHAD TERRORISM PLOT

A homegrown terror plot centering on a North Carolina family planned to target the Marine Corps base at Quantico, VA, according to a superseding indictment unsealed late in November.

Already charged with plotting to wage jihad overseas, **Daniel Patrick Boyd**, a Muslim convert, is now accused of obtaining a map of the base at Quantico and with conducting surveillance there to help plan an attack.

Authorities say Boyd also had armor-piercing bullets that he said were "to attack Americans."

"[Naval Criminal Investigative Service] investigative efforts in

support of the FBI's investigation centered on protecting Marine Corps personnel assigned to MCB Quantico during Mr. Boyd's alleged activities," said **Owen D. Harris**, Special Agent in Charge of the Charlotte Division of the FBI. "These efforts were closely coordinated and supported by MCB Quantico Command to ensure the safety of military and civilian personnel aboard the base."

With the new charges--conspiracy to murder U.S. military personnel, possession of weapons in furtherance of a crime of violence and providing weapons to a convicted felon--Boyd could get

life in prison.

Boyd already faced life in prison as he and six others, including two of his sons, were charged in July with providing material support to terrorists. Authorities say they bought weapons and conducted military-training exercises in North Carolina, all with an eye toward heading overseas to wage holy war for Islam.

Charged along with Boyd were his two sons, Zakariya, 20, and Dylan, 22. The others charged are Anes Subasic, 33; Mohammad Omar Aly Hassan, 22; Ziyad Yaghi, 21; and Hysen Sherifi, 24.

Zakariya Boyd and Sherifi also face additional charges along with Daniel Patrick Boyd in the new indictment.

The elder Boyd was described by investigators as the group's ringleader, who grew frustrated with moderate mosques in North Carolina and began holding services at his home and recruiting others to join his campaign to fight overseas.

It would have been a return trip for Boyd, according to authorities who said he traveled to Afghanistan where he trained and fought against the Soviet Union between 1989 and 1992.

"These additional charges hammer home the grim reality that today's homegrown terrorists are not limiting their violent plans to locations overseas," **U. S. Attorney George E. B. Holding** said Thursday, "but instead are willing to set their sights on American citizens and American targets, right here at home."

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