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OLDEST PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CELEBRATES 105th BIRTHDAY

DARBY, P, Nov. 23--The nation's oldest living Marine is celebrating his 105th birthday here today.

His birthday is November 25, 1906, but Wednesday was a special birthday celebration for the nation's oldest Marine.

Al DeSerio or "Sarge" to his fellow devil dogs and those here at the St. Francis Country House, where he lives, was feted today by a delegation of active duty Marines from the Upper Darby Detachment Marine Corps League.

Sarge was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps for 42 years, on active duty in the Korean War, and completing two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He told me his proudest time was serving as an escort for the war dead in World War II.

"When anybody was killed in World War II, I would escort them to their homes," Sarge said. "It was the best job I ever had. I was proud to do it."

He says he is also proud of his eight stars for good conduct, and one of the best days for the Marines, he says, was when women enlisted.

"It was good to have them," said Sarge. "They were replacing the men in 1942, and they brought the black Marines in 1942."

Sarge retired from military duty in 1970 and worked at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital until 1988.

He credits his longevity to lots of exercise.

Those who love him the most are the residents here at St. Francis Country House.

His best friend, the oldest fireman at Darby Fire Company Number 1, who says he's always in a good mood.

"He's a great guy, always laughing," he said. "You can't make Sarge mad."

"I feel very good," said Sarge. "I feel like I'm sitting on top of the world."

VETERANS DISCOUNT I.D. CARDS AVAILABLE

As a line of veterans curled around a spacious ballroom at the VFW Post 6493 Nov. 2 in Warminster, **Commissioners Charles H. Martin**, Chairman, and **Robert G. Loughery** joined county **Veterans Affairs Director Dan Fraley** and **Recorder of Deeds Joseph Szafran** to introduce a new program.

All Bucks County veterans and active duty personnel are invited to visit the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds office on the sec-

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**JANUARY
MEETING
WILL BE AT
DOYLESTOWN
WEALTH
MANAGEMENT,
165 W. Ashland St.
Doylestown**



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2nd Wednesday of Month
American Legion Post 210
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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

I just want to wish all of you and your families all the best for Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

I hope to see all of you at the 25th Anniversary dinner. Make sure to get your info and money

in to **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** as soon as possible. The deadline is the January meeting on the 11th.

Semper Fi,

Budd Pearce

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ond floor of the Bucks County Courthouse (55 E. Court St., Doylestown, PA 18901).

By showing their DD-214 discharge form (or having staff look it up if already filled in the Recorder of Deeds office), they will be able to receive a color photo identification card that will entitle them to special discounts at local businesses.

The program kicked off with almost 100 veterans posing for ID pictures in the large hall of the Warminster VFW Post. Many of them expressed appreciation for the opportunity to carry a simpler form of veterans ID than the traditional paperwork that denotes their service to the United States.

"We are very excited to launch this program for our veterans' community, which numbers more than 50,000 in Bucks County," Chairman Martin stated.

"Through this program, we will support them and the 'veteran friendly' businesses who offer discounts for their goods and services."

According to Fraley, several large businesses are already on board, including Boscov's, Lowe's

and Home Depot. "

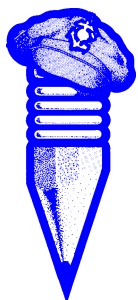
We invite all local merchants, restaurants and service providers to take part in the program," Fraley added.

"It is a great time to start the Veterans Discount Program, especially since Veterans Day is Friday, November 11 and the holiday shopping season is right around the corner," commented Commissioner Loughery, who was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves following his graduation from Dickinson College.

Szafran invited all veterans to visit the Recorder of Deeds office for the twin purpose of filing their DD-214 papers and receiving a Veterans ID Discount card. "This card producing system is portable, as well, so we will be able to take it to events such as the Grange Fair and senior expos," Mr. Szafran said.

To register a business to participate in the Veterans ID Card Discount Program, please call **Betty Carleo** in the county Veterans Affairs office at 215-345-3885 or visit www.BucksCounty.org to fill out a form stating intent to take part.

DECEMBER DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held December 14, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown.

There were 17 members present including all officers except the Chaplain. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Bob Sundling; Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant/Junior Past Commandant & Marine of the Year Jim Powell; Department Northeast Division Vice Commandant & Past Commandant Bill Miller; and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant/Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth.**

New Member: Marine Joseph P. Gentile of Levittown was unanimously accepted.

The **Minutes** of the November Meeting as published in *Listen Up!* were unanimously approved with the addition of Judge Advocate & Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr. included in the list of those present.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Historic Preservation Committee in New Britain sent the Detachment a "Thank You" card for providing the Color Guard for the Rededication of the Walter Harvey WWI Memorial.

* He also reported the Detachment had received a request from Dublin Borough to participate in its 100th Anniversary Parade on Dec. 18, 2012. The Commandant will request more information from the Borough before responding to the request.

Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier reported the Detachment strength at 72 including 28 Life Members, 36 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

* He also reported he will have information about the proposed Golf Tournament at the January Meeting.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported the Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser at Applebee's in Newtown on Saturday, Dec. 10, was successful. The event raised \$462 including \$91 from the photos taken by Senior Vice Commandant Kier. It was noted that the Newtown Wal-Mart store donated a back-drop to the Detachment for the photos.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported the Detachment had received Christmas Cards from the Veterans Comfort House in Philadelphia and the Wounded Warriors Project--both also requesting additional donations.

*He also reported about a request for donations from a former Recon Marine who is bicycling from Pickel Meadows, CA, to Camp Lejeune, NC, to raise funds for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, reported the Detachment had no legal problems. **Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling** reported he had received no new requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported \$83 in sales since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

25th Anniversary Committee Chair Joe Kier reported plans for the 25th Anniversary celebration are progressing.

* The proposed Detachment patch has been approved by Marine Corps League Headquarters. He will check with Caldwell's (Embroidery) of Bucks County about having it produced for the Detachment members.

Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Bell Young Marines had recruited several new members since it moved to new quarters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commandant Pearce presented the **Community Service Ribbon** to **Quartermaster Fisher** for his "sustained service to the Toys-for-Tots" program.

NEW BUSINESS

* **A motion** was made and unanimously approved to subscribe to a 1/4-page ad in the National Northeast Division Meeting book.

* **A motion** was made and unanimously approved to donate \$100 to the *INTELLIGENCER'S* "Give-A-Christmas" drive.

* **A motion** was made and accepted to hold the January Meeting at Doylestown Wealth Management, West & Ashland St. (across from Doylestown Train Station). **Marine Mike Mattie** made the offer to the Detachment. Commandant Pearce will contact him to confirm.

* **A motion** was made and unanimously accepted to set \$40 as the per person price for the Anniversary Dinner.

* **A motion** was made and unanimously accepted to donate \$100 to *Operation First Response* from the Rose Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr. reported that **Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr.** had graduated with honors from the two Army schools he had attended at Ft. Lee, VA.

* Department Junior Vice Commandant Powell announced the Department is seeking Marines to fill the offices of Historian and Quartermaster. Anyone interested in applying for either position should contact him at: 215-862-6280 or usmc80@comcast.net.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012.

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 toting; 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!



CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT **25th Anniversary Celebration**

DATE & TIME: Saturday, January 28, 2012, at 1600 (4 p.m.)

PLACE: **THE WATERWHEEL** Restaurant & Country Inn,
4424 Old Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA

DINNER: Sliced Roast Beef with Red Wine & Mushroom Sauce
or Herb Crusted Filet of Tilapia with a Lemon Buerre Blanc
or Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Marsala Sauce

PRICE: \$40.00 per person

RSVP: As Soon As Possible
but NOT LATER THAN 11 January 2012
to:

JACK GENTILE
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159 Liberty Dr.
Newtown, PA 18940-1147
(856) 229-4805
e-mail: jgentile@singerequipment.com

BY CHECK or MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:
CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL

Name: _____ No. of People Attending: _____

_____ Sliced Roast Beef

_____ Filet of Tilapia

_____ Chicken Breast

HONORS TO A FALLEN MARINE



YOUNG MARINES CPL. LUKE SLIWINSKI at the grave of Lt. Travis Manion in Arlington National Cemetery. The Liberty Young Marines Unit traveled to Arlington in November.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER**

**DEPARTMENT STAFF
MEETING
6-7 JANUARY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
11 JANUARY**

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING BIRTHDAY
16 JANUARY**

**25TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
28 JANUARY**

**GROUNDHOG DAY
2 FEBRUARY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
8 FEBRUARY**

**ST. VALENTINE'S
DAY MASSACRE
14 FEBRUARY**

**NATIONAL
MID-WINTER
SATFF MEETING
15-19 FEBRUARY**

**PRESIDENTS
DAY
20 FEBRUARY**

Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET

\$55.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

COVER



\$22.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT



\$15.00

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact
Quartermaster COREY FISHER
at

ph: 215-822-6898

e-mail: cbquartermaster@aol.com

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

**Application for Membership
Marine Corps League**

(Date)

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN _____

Type of Application -- New () Renewal () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, the character of my service has been honorable and, if discharged, I am in receipt of an Honorable Discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of Honorable Discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)



Remit this form with check or money order (made payable to CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL)
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