



# LISTEN UP!

Central Bucks Detachment  
P.O. Box 1372  
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Meets 7:30 P.M. 2nd Wednesday of Month  
American Legion Post 210  
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"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

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I hope everyone had a happy and enjoyable Holiday season and didn't go totally broke in the process. At least we have an entire year to recoup our losses and prepare for the next one. I'm not sure that twelve months from now we will do anything differently, even though we solemnly promise to do so. The best thing that can happen is for the world to remain peaceful while everyone works towards permanent solutions for a multitude of universal problems.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

- \* All Officers except the Sr. Vice were present, making a total of sixteen members.
- \* One visitor, Clifford Tice, was present and is considering membership.
- \* The official minutes and Treasurer's report from the previous meeting were available for the members to review.
- \* It was noted that Mark Hamilton was in the hospital with viral pneumonia. A card will be sent to him from the Detachment.
- \* A note was received from MAG-49, Willow Grove Air Station, thanking the Detachment for the donation of Thanksgiving turkeys for nine needy dependents.
- \* A number of ads have been sold for the Newsletter. Bill Plant is handling the business-card ads, which are \$10.00/year; and Don Gee is in charge of obtaining a Patron's List for \$5.00/name/year. Contact either one if you know of any prospects for ads.
- \* Motion was made and seconded to purchase twelve raffle tickets from the National Marine Corps Ladies Auxiliary.
- \* Motion was made and passed to take a quarter-page ad in the State Convention book, for the Convention to be held in Gettysburg, PA, in June.
- \* Those who have purchased Marine Corps license plates should be receiving them in about six weeks. Anyone interested could still send for them.
- \* Motion was made and passed to purchase nine Christmas turkeys for needy dependent families at MAG-49 in Willow Grove.
- \* Bill Plant, Fran and Pat Meyers all received their Life Membership cards and pins.
- \* A motion was made and passed to donate the Detachment's share of profit, from the sale of mugs for Vietnam veterans, to the Coatesville Veterans Hospital.

- \* Bill Parks thanked Bill Plant, Ray Krout and Marlin Miller for their participation in the December 7th Memorial program at the Doylestown War Memorial Field.
- \* Local Marine Recruiter Staff Sergeant Fontello spoke to the Detachment and showed two videos entitled "Take up the Challenge and Earn the Pride", and "Warriors From the Sea". His program was most enjoyable.

Next regular Detachment meeting is 8 January 1991 (19:30) at the Americal Legion Home in Doylestown.

FOR SALE: Ray Krout has seven (7) large buttons for the red blazer for sale for anyone who needs them.

Bill Plant has "Boot Camp Bears" for sale. The profits go to the Detachment.

Unfortunately, we have lost another of our Group. We were informed that the Detachment Bulldog mascot, "Sarge" who bunked with Bob Sundling and his family, has been permanently transferred to guard duty at the "Pearly Gates" after a long tour of duty Stateside. Best of luck, "Sarge", on your new assignment.

**ACTIVITY NEWS FROM THE BUX-MONT YOUNG MARINES:**

1. The Color Guard participated in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Service, 7 December 1991, in Doylestown, along with the Marine Corps League.
2. Regular drills were held at N.A.S. Willow Grove, MAG-49, and at the 157th Separate Infantry Brigade, Horsham, PA during December 1991.
3. Currently, there are 30 active members and six staff officers with the Group.
4. Assisted MAG-49 Marines with the "Toys for Tots" program during two weekends in December. Activities included loading and unloading trucks, sorting and packing toys and providing donations of toys from the Young Marines Unit.
5. Plans are being made for weekend training at Ft. Dix, NJ and Indiantown Gap, PA for a spring program. A tour of McGuire Air Force Base is scheduled for 8 Feb 92.

If anyone has questions about the Young Marine Group, you can contact their Skipper, Walt Roach, Box 476, Dublin, PA.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5 Jan 92 - S.E. Division Staff Meeting at All-Divisions, Southampton, PA (1400)
- 8 Jan 92 - Central Bucks Detachment meeting, American Legion Home, Doylestown, PA (19:30)
- 10 Jan 92 - 2nd Qt Devil Dog Growl, Carlisle, PA (2000)
- 11 Jan 92 - 2nd Qt State Meeting, Carlisle, PA (0800)
- 4 Feb 92 - Agenda meeting at Fran Meyers (19:30)
- 12 Feb 92 - Central Bucks Detachment meeting, American Legion Home, Doylestown, PA (19:30)



From The Desk Of FRAN MEYERS, Commandant  
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

December 30, 1991

Marines,

As I write this letter I want all of you to realize that I will have gone before the Assemblage of the S/E Division 2nd quarter meeting on 1/5/92 with a great deal of information regarding the Young Marines. To quote a phrase I have uncovered a large amount of "Frigging in the Rigging" in the operation of the Young Marines in the Department of Pennsylvania and National Young Marines Levels Marines Corps League. Please understand that the Bux-Mont Unit of the Young Marines are in no way involved in this expose.

If I have received a positive reaction regarding this matter I will take this to the 2nd quarter state meeting on 1/11/92 at Carlisle, Pa.

In my heart and soul I know I am right in what I am doing.

I am sorry to come out of the starting gate of the new year with this bit of bad news, but all news cannot be good all the time.

At our January meeting I will inform all of you, if you desire, in depth on this matter verbatim, word for word as I will be presenting it at the state meeting.

I know after I explain this matter to you, that you Marines of the Central Bucks Detachment will endorse and support me in this undertaking.

If I were political I could possibly be committing "Political Suicide" but I honestly doubt it. The Department of Pennsylvania officers are without doubt some of the finest people I have met (after of course the members and families of the Central Bucks Detachment). Good thing I put that in. Whew, that was close.

1. Moving right along I wish to commend Editor In Chief Bob Schaeffer on the fine job you are doing with our newsletter. I am remiss for not informing all of you that we did receive a Newsletter Certificate Award at the State Convention. I deeply apologize to all of you for this inexcusable omission.

Moving right along again, we also received the following:

2. A 100% membership streamer and certificate.
3. The National Jr. Vice Commandants 100% membership award.

I wish to thank all of you once again for your support of me these last months, and everything is really beginning to show, without a doubt.

I know that in the not too distant future we will garner more awards and members and get the Marine Corps League Auxiliary off the ground also.

A closing remark, Push those Valentines Day Tickets, Please. Happy New Year.

Semper Fi,

  
Fran



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
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Dear Veteran:

As you know, we are marking the 38th anniversary of the end of the Korean War with a special edition commemorative coin. The 38th anniversary is especially symbolic to those familiar with the conflict because it recalls the famous 38th Parallel.

Congress, through Public Law 101-495, has authorized the U.S. Mint to issue a limited number of Korean War Memorial Silver Dollars. Most importantly, proceeds from the sale of the coin will be used to build the long-awaited Korean War Veterans Memorial in our Nation's Capital. The Memorial will be a lasting tribute to the sacrifice of those who served in Korea.

From every coin sold, \$7.00 has been designated for the Korean War Veterans Memorial. With a sellout of the one million coin authorized mintage, a total of \$7 million would be raised, making the construction of the Memorial possible. Nearly \$5 million has already been transferred to the Memorial Fund.

I am enclosing posters and brochures on this historic coin program, produced especially for your membership, for display in your meeting hall, post, lodge, or other common area. Your display of the materials and promotion of the coin will help make the dream of a national Korean War Veterans Memorial a reality.

We are also pleased to extend the invitation to take advantage of a special "Bulk Discount" for purchases of 25 units or more. Attractively packaged, the coins are perfect for prizes, awards, or presentation to your Korean War Veteran members. With a minimum purchase of 25 units, the coins will be available for \$28.50 each for proof quality, and \$23.50 each for the uncirculated version—representing a savings of \$2.50 per coin off the retail price. For details on the "Bulk Discount," please refer to the enclosed order form. If you are interested in this special offer, please complete and return the order form to the United States Mint. Or call, (202) 874-6410.

We recognize your organization's significant contribution to the Korean War Veterans Memorial effort thus far. I hope we can count on your continued support by promoting the coin program to your membership. Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Zack", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Zack  
Manager, Korean War Memorial Coins



*National Headquarters*  
**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

From: National Adjutant/Paymaster  
National Executive Director

NOTICE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1992

The following change was recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee and approved by the floor at the National Convention in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

In summary effective January 1, 1992:

- (1) Dues for NEW Regular members and NEW Associate members are \$17.00
- (2) Renewals \$12.00
- (3) Persons applying for Life membership must already be a paid up member of the League.
- (4) Transmittals received after January 1, 1992 with incorrect dues will be returned via Department.

National Executive Director's latest information letter indicated a February 7, 1991 deadline for recommended changes to the By-Laws. The date is not correct. Change recommendations will be accepted in accordance with Article Eight, Miscellaneous, Section 800 of the By-Laws.

SEMPER FIDELIS

Ronald L. Martin  
National Executive Director

W. Patrick McCurry  
National Adjutant/Paymaster

The National Executive Director reported that Life Membership interest checks were mailed by National HQ on 26 November 1991.

The 30 September 1991 Rosters & Renewals mailed on 25 November 1991.

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Office of Adjutant

To: Board of Trustees/Detachments

Subj: License Plate Update/ Legislative Alert.

The License Plate Project on this date, is only a few applications from the 500 goal. Paymaster Paul Hastings will be reporting in to PA DOT in Harrisburg, very shortly with monies & Applications in hand. It is anticipated with processing and manufacturing, the plates could be going out to members by the end of January 1992. The 11 January League meeting in Carlisle will provide everyone a good up-date. I have enclosed a revised License plate application, that can be re-produced or pass on to that potential applicant

The Marine Corps League Charter was enacted by Congress on Tuesday 5 January 1937, in Section 2, Paragraph (a) it states, to preserve the traditions and promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps. Some of recent items in the Newspapers, and some statements by a few General Officers of the Corps have left some people scratching their heads on how our Marine Corps can stay on its present course, and perform its mission.

The word coming out of Washington is that, the Corps will be cut to 159,000 Marines, and that would make the Marine Corps Hollow. In a warring contest, the Marines should be first in, with Army forces, no less important, coming later. The Marines are the amphibious specialists, and with maritime pre-positioning its the fastest way yet.

Your support for the Corps is needed now, more than ever, write to your Representatives and Senators, your viewpoint will get special attention, and this will not violate the League's prohibition against political activity, once you express an opinion, your letter will generate a response. The League expects cuts in all of the Services, but do'nt agree with the drastic down-grading of the Marine Corps. Listed below are your PA Senators and Representatives, if your in doubt on any of the listing, consult your Phone directory in the blue pages. IF NECESSARY MAKE THIS A DETACHMENT PROJECT.

Semper Fidelis  
*Paul J. Seton*  
Paul J. Seton

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Type of Application — New ( ) Renewal ( ) Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I hereby apply for membership in the Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$ 30.00 for one year's membership.

Includes subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

I hereby certify that I have served as a U S Marine for more than 90 days, that 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)

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment.