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MEETING MINUTES 9 DECEMBER 1992

The meeting was called to order by Sr Vice Cndt. Bill Haas who was sitting in for Cndt. Fran Meyers who was out of state. Sgt-At-Arms, Marine Bob Sundling led the Pledge Of Allegiance and Chaplin Frank Yohe, led the prayer.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS... All officers were present except Cndt. Meyers, who was away, Judge Advocate Marlin Miller who is still recuperating from his broken foot and Paymaster Don Gee who was detained at work. There were 14 members present.

SICK CALL... George Hartpence is home from the hospital and back at work.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING... The minutes of the last meeting that were outlined in the Newsletter, were approved.

PAYMASTERS REPORT... The paymasters report which was available for inspection at the meeting was approved.

POW/MIA..... Bill Plant reported that many issues are being discussed in Washington and that when there is news that is meaningful it will be passed on as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS..... Mike Waldron reported that our next cleanup detail in conjunction with the PennDOT Adopt-A-Highway Program will be in the latter part of January. Exact details will be presented at the next regular meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS.... Ray Krout made a motion to send a donation of \$25.00 to the Intelligencer Xmas Fund for needy families. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Waldron made a motion to donate \$25.00 towards a hospitality suite at the Second Quarterly Staff Meeting in Carlisle, Pa. on Jan. 8th & 9th.

There was a discussion about joining with the Unified Veterans Group for a combined Veterans Day Dinner on Sat. Nov. 13, 1993. The American Legion in Doylestown would host this initial affair and it would be held annually thereafter. Each year a different group would host the affair. This was tabled for more discussion at the next meeting.

Walt Roach would like to start a Fife & Drum Corps within the Young Marines group. Bob Sundling offered to donate two Marine Corps drums that he has in his possession with the stipulation that they be returned to him if it is disbanded in the future.

Mike Waldron discussed holding a formal type Mess Night Dinner, including wives, in the Spring. There was a good deal of discussion about this proposal and it was decided to table the matter until a later date.

LETTER TO PRES-ELECT...Included in this months Newsletter is a sample letter that you are urged to send to President - Elect Clinton and/or your Congressmen concerning the issue of allowing gays to serve in the military. The future White House resident seems to favor this action and the time is now to make your wishes known, on this issue, before it is too late.

TRANSFERS...Don Parzanese's son Don, who had been stationed at Camp Pendleton, was included with other Marines who were shipped out to Somalia as part of the Embassy Task Force. He did however manage to squeeze in time to marry his former girlfriend prior to leaving. CONGRADULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK to you Don and we'll look forward to your safe return.

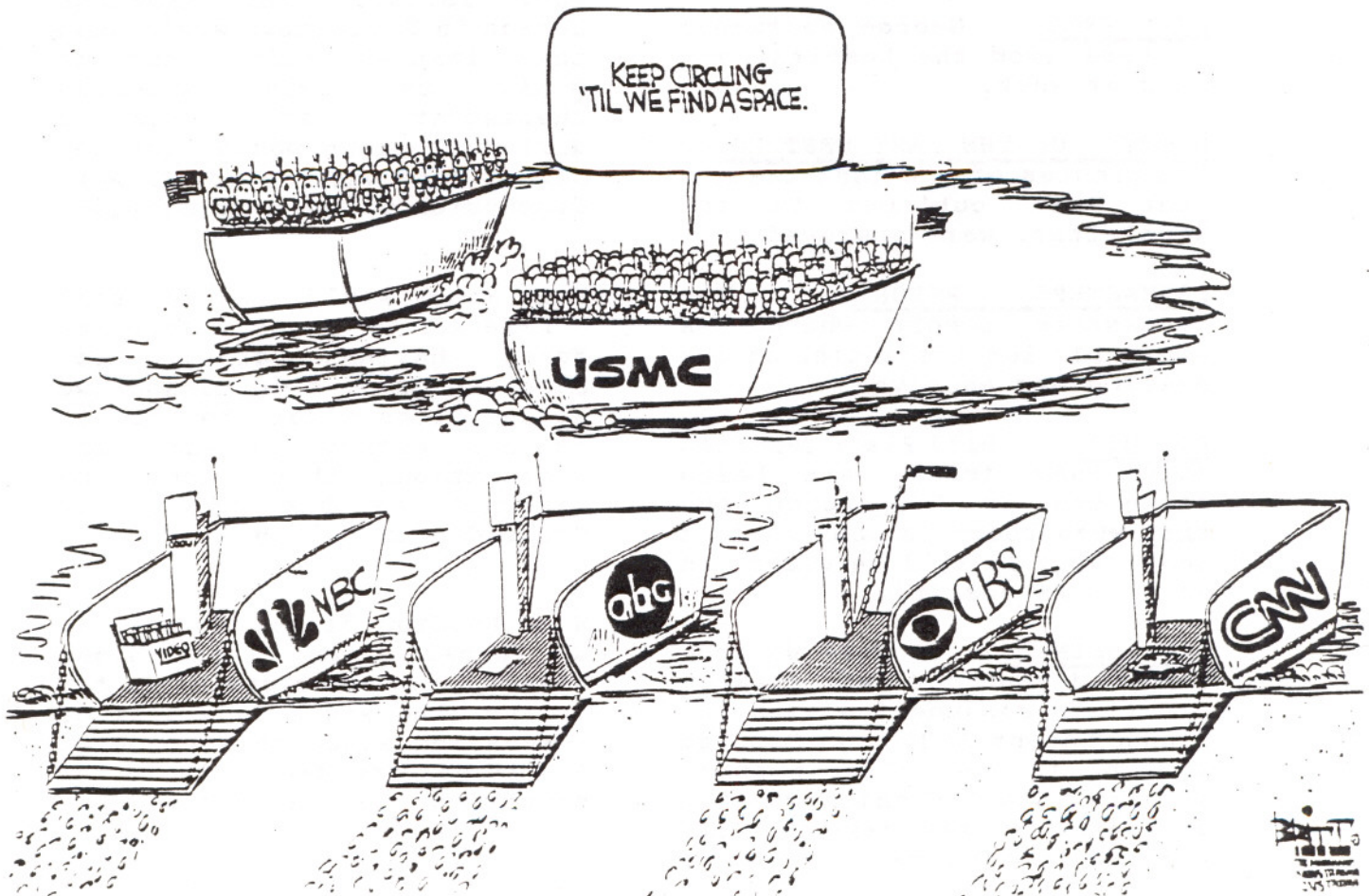
One of our members, WALT SCHAFFER, is moving to the Carolina's, and we wish him well.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 1993 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME, DOYLESTOWN, PA

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CAR RAFFLE TICKETS...Now that the holidays are over, it might be good to turn our attention to selling the Department Car Raffle Tickets. Distribution of the tickets within the Detachment was made in the fall. Remember, the Detachment is permitted to keep 40 cents from every ticket sold. That can add up to a nice little sum for the treasury if everyone does their part.



Marines,

With the Holidays, and all the hussle and bussle that goes with them, there is not much to write about this month. We did donate turkeys and a christmas tree to the people at MAG49, they were appreciated as usual. Will Haas did a great job again this year coordinating that, thanks Will.

Speaking of the holidays, I hope all of you enjoyed yours! Now that it is 1993 let's make a resolution to not only increase the membership but to increase our personal participation in the projects and meetings of the Detachment. We did exceptionally well in increasing the turnout for affairs this past year, as well as increasing the size of our detachment. Let's continue to grow and improve our participation ratio. Shortly I will have packages made up to present to perspective members. These packages will have a letter along with brochures, applications and business cards and each member will have some to hand out to potential members.

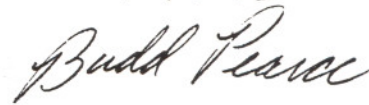
Speaking of participation, remember that we have a road clean-up coming up this month. Mike Waldron will have the date and time at the January meeting. I know that it might be cold in January and that you might have been out for our last clean-up, but we are

counting on you to do what Marines do when they are faced with an unpleasant task, grumble & fuss but get the job done. Remember, it might be cold on Rt. 313 in January but don't worry, you'll be complaining about the heat in July! I'll be there and Mike will be there, please don't make us shivver by ourselves!

I have been thinking of some ways to raise some money for our detachment this year. I have come up with a couple of ideas that I will develop and fill everyone in on at a future time. Any ideas that you may come up with would be appreciated. Feel free to call me and discuss any and all ideas you might have. The more things we can do to raise money will not only benefit the detachment financially but also will benefit our members by working together to insure the future of our detachment and the league itself.

Well, to continue would only be to practice my typing and although I need the practice you don't need to be bored. I'll just leave you with the wish that your new year turns out to be your best year and the detachment's best year! Let's all try to make it that way!

Semper Fi,



Jr. Vice Commandant

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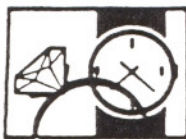
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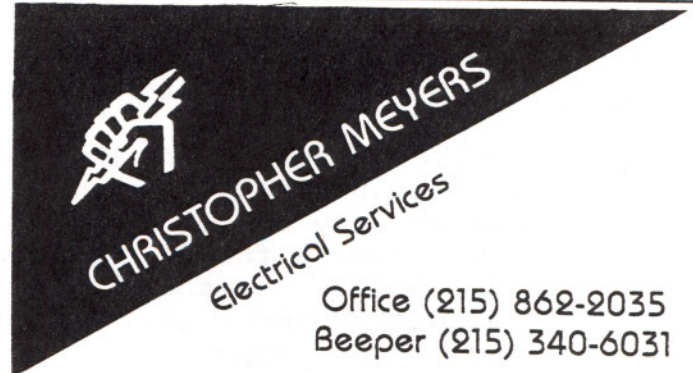
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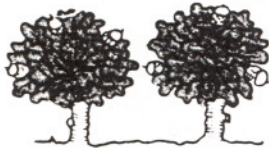
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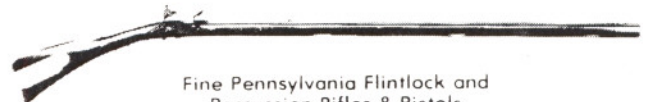
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Congratulations on your very successful campaign and election. Best wishes to you and for your Presidency. May your term of office be constructive and successful.

My concern at this time is the possibility you may decide, through Executive Order, to accept homosexuals in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Having served in the Marine Corps, I feel this action would not be in the best interests of the Corps or, for that matter, any branch of the military. It will undoubtedly cause such a furor in the ranks of the Armed Forces, seriously undermine moral, and create a hostile non-acceptance among the warriors of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

I implore you to proceed very cautiously with this matter. I honestly feel a change of policy would not be in the best interest of the Armed Forces of the United States and could adversely effect the "good order and discipline" of the military.

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Recruiters want to spread word: the U.S military is still hiring

By Dona M. Amici
Intelligencer Staff Writer

The Marines are looking for a few good men and women. So is the Army.

With all the talk of military "downsizing" — the military equivalent of layoffs, potential recruits have shied away from seeking work with the military, according to recruiters.

And they want the word out that the military still is hiring.

"There are 350 different technical jobs in the Marine Corps," said Gunnery Sgt. Robert G. Fontello, who is based at the recruiting office at 31 N. York Road in Hatboro.

Fontello also heads the recruiting offices at 140 Main St. in Doylestown and at 34 Quaker's Way, Quakertown.

"Basically, the way the economy is and everything, there are people who just hang around waiting for something to happen. They need to stop in. We are another avenue to take for employment."

Fontello said the military layoffs have been blown out of proportion.

Karen E. Bragg, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Army, said incentives were being offered to new recruits, including an \$8,000 signing bonus, up to \$25,200 in education assistance and up to \$55,000 to repay college loans.

The Navy and Air Force did not respond to requests for interviews.

While the military branches are looking, acceptance may not be as easy as it was during wartime.

"The process we go through is like a regular job interview," Fontello said. "We want people who are morally, mentally and physically acceptable. Some things we can deal with, but ... they can't have a whole lot of police problems or show irresponsibility."

The Marines offer an aptitude test and counsel recruits as to their areas of strength. The recruit then is matched up to the job. Marine Corps jobs can be anything from administrative to

cook to jet pilot. Showing aptitude is enough for the Marines to train recruits for the right job.

After signing, a physical test follows and recruits must be able to pass it before going to boot camp.

"We're pretty picky," Fontello said. "It's a tough service to get into just to go to boot camp. It all depends on the desire of the individual. Our job is to generate interest in the person."

Staff Sgt. Judd R. Mansel, who heads recruiting in the North Penn area at 100 W. Main St., Lansdale, said the Marines are looking for people ages 17 to 28, who score in the top 50 percent of the mental aptitude test.

The recruiter's job does not stop with signing people up.

Afterward, the recruiters work toward getting the person ready for boot camp at Parris Island, N.C.

For men, the physical test requires the ability to do five pull-ups, 50 sit-ups in a minute and run a mile and a half in less than 12 minutes. Women must be able to do a flexed arm hang for a minimum of 24 seconds, 30 sit-ups in a minute and be able to run three-quarters of a mile in less than eight minutes.

"We're really on a big push for women," Fontello said. "The Marine Corps is really interested in having women come in."

According to Mansel, recruiters help the people they sign up prepare for the physical test.

Marine Corps quotas went up in 1992, Mansel said, although he did not specify exactly what they were. He said in 1991, his office was signing up about four recruits a month. The figure has risen to six a month this year.

All recruiters work closely in the community trying to generate interest in the military.

Schools are a particularly ripe

area for finding new members, but recruiters indicate the schools have not cooperated as well as they should.

A federal law requires the names, addresses and phone numbers of the senior class be provided to military recruiters unless a student specifically asks to have his name removed.

Fontello said Quakertown, Central Bucks East and West, Lower Moreland and Hatboro-Horsham have been cooperative, but other high schools have been "stonewalling."

The Army offers recruits a choice of jobs and geographical location to which they will be assigned. In line with the incentive, a potential soldier is guaranteed a two-year assignment at specific locations.

Among the jobs for which the Army seeks applicants are combat engineering, field artillery, aircraft maintenance, military police and military intelligence.

Another selling point is a guaranteed steady salary for the length of enlistment.

The Marines call on yet another benefit.

According to Fontello, a third of the top businesses in the nation are headed by former Marines.

"By becoming a Marine, you will develop intangibles that make you successful in life — courage, poise, self-confidence and self-discipline," he said.

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