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### **Cruiser Named for 22nd Commandant**

The U.S. Navy commissioned Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer Shoup (DDG 86), on Saturday, June 22, 2002, during an 11 a.m. PST ceremony at Port Terminal 37 in Seattle, WA.

The ship honors 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps and Medal of Honor recipient **Gen. David M. Shoup** (1904-1983) for his actions during the initial landings on Betio, Tarawa Atoll, in the Pacific on Nov. 20-22, 1943. While in command of the 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, he carried out his leadership duties and exposed himself to withering enemy fire despite suffering a serious, painful leg wound, which had become infected.

On Jan. 22, 1945, Shoup received the Medal of Honor for his actions. The citation read in part: "By his brilliant leadership, daring tactics and selfless devotion to duty, Colonel Shoup was largely responsible for the final decisive defeat of the enemy." He was also awarded the Purple Heart, Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and the British Distinguished Service Order.

In 1959, **President Dwight D. Eisenhower** appointed Shoup the commandant of the Marine Corps. Later, he was known as **President John F. Kennedy's** "favorite general." When **President Lyndon Johnson** pinned the Distinguished Service Medal on Shoup in 1964, Johnson described him as "strong enough to prevent a war and wise enough to avoid one."

Shoup died on Jan. 13, 1983, at the age of 78. No previous Navy ship has been named for Shoup.

Gen. James L. Jones, 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, will deliver the ceremony's principal address. Zola Shoup, widow of the ship's namesake, and Claudia Natter, wife of Adm. Robert J. Natter, commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, will both serve as ship sponsors. Matron of Honor, Lt. Col. Catherine Chase, USMCR, will represent her grandmother at the ceremony. Together, in the time-honored Navy tradition, Mrs. Natter and Lt. Col. Chase will give the order to "man our ship and bring her to life!"

Shoup is the 36th of 58 Arleigh Burke class destroyers currently authorized by Congress and the 16th of this DDG 51 Aegis destroyer program to be built by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems.

These multi-mission ships can conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence and crisis management to sea control and power projection, in support of the national military strategy.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 12 JUNE 2002 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST.

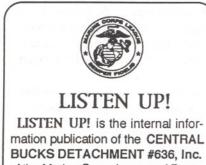
## **COMMANDANT'S COLUMN**

#### Marines,

Well, this year's Memorial Day Parade is history, and, from what I hear, everyone was impressed with the Detachment Float again. It's not the same marching at the front of the parade. I'd rather be with my friends and HEROES...Marines!

Speaking of my heroes, it was great to see Marine Marlin Miller rejoin us this year. He's becoming too lazy to drive so I appreciate his daughter Marilyn chauffeuring him to the parade and to my house a week later. He honored me by loaning me a special project of his to enjoy. You are a "true hero" to people like me and an inspiration that you will never understand. People like you think, "I just did my duty." People like me think, "There will never be another Archibald Henderson, Audie Murphy or Marlin Miller." Thanks, Marlin, and all WWII vets for my family and all of the things that I treasure.

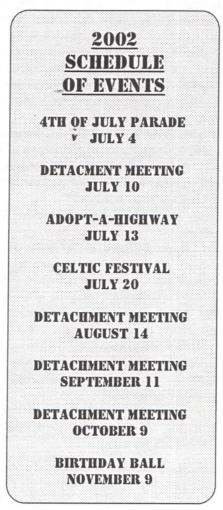
As I write this, yesterday was the Washington, DC, trip. I'd like to personally thank **Marine Wil Haas** for all of his work on setting this up. I wish more Detachment members would go with us. You don't know what you missed! Your loss! **Marine Bill Jerrom** arranged to meet his Drill Instructor at the Marine Barracks, and we were afraid he was going to break the bus door trying to get out when he saw his D.I. standing there. To me, his D.I. is the spitting image of "Chesty" Puller. What made it special to me is that Marine Jerrom last saw his D.I. in 1942. They



of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc. It is published monthly by and for the members of the Central Bucks Detachment. were like a couple of recruits together. Bill will never forget yesterday and neither will I.

I won't go through what we did during the day...<u>you should've been there</u>...but I will tell you that after the 8th & I parade, we were pulled aside by a Captain and introduced to **Under-Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz** and **Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine General Peter Pace**. Both of these gentlemen were gracious and shook hands and spoke to s. A Pentagon photographer took pictures and we were told we'd get copies. Both of these people were Guests of Honor and are regularly seen on CNN and other news talk programs. What an honor!

I hope Marine Haas doesn't get discouraged with the Detachment turnout. Friends, relatives, and Young Marines had a "day to remember" forever and no one could understand what Headquar-



ters, Marine Corps means to me, personally. Thanks, Wil! Quantico, next year? Please? For me and the Young Mariners. *You should've been there!* 

See you all in Chalfont at the 4th of July Parade! Be there!

Semper Fi,

**Bob Sundling** 



I don't know if many of our membership were aware of the fact that we had a member pass away last November. **Don Gee** notified me recently that **Charles Quinter** had died. We would not have known if his wife had not called Don to ask about the MCL license plates.

This is a real shame for a few reasons. First one of our own died and nobody even knew about it. Second, the family was probably not aware of whom to get in touch with. As of now I want to put a stop to one of those problems. If you are a member reading this show these numbers, and e-mail address, to you spouse, right now!

To get in touch with the Chaplain at 215-343-5609 (home # w/machine). My e-mail address is **BUDDPEARCE@** comcast.net. You can also reach other members, or check out the Detachment happenings on our web site. If you have access to the Internet come check us out at www.mclcb.tripod.com.

Please use either my home number or my e-mail whenever you, a family member, or another member becomes hospitalized or, heaven forbid, dies. You may think that the Detachment can't do anything, but let me assure you that just knowing that there are people there if you need them can be a great help in time of need.

Here's hoping that you all are well,

Budd Plance

Budd Pearce, PC

# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 12, 2002, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 23 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce; Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Frank Yohe, and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth.

A Life Membership application, sponsored by Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller, was received from William C. Kohler, Capt., USMC (Ret), of Laguna Hills, CA. Past Commandant Gee petitioned the Detachment to waive the requirement for administering the Oath "in person" to prospective candidates since the candidate resides outside Pennsylvania. Even though he was one of the Drill Instructors for both Don Gee and Bill Miller, he was unanimously accepted for membership.

The Minutes of the May Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymaster's Report was delivered by Paymaster Bob Cody. The report was unanimously accepted. Sick Call: Marine Herb Krout is still recuperating from his stroke in Florida. Marine Ray Krout had a pacemaker inserted and is undergoing rehab. Marine Bruce Sergeant is undergoing back surgery.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Commandant Bob Sundling reported on information he had received about "Comfort Keepers" and about the 8th Reunion of Korean War Veterans.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 63 including 37 Regular members, 20 Life members, and 7 Associate members. We have 6 Delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported the Detachment sold 540 tickets for the Department raffle. He is still looking for input from members about the Birthday Ball.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received correspondence from the Department about the Convention in Pittsburgh, June 20-22. He also reported the Detachment had received correspondence confirming our Color Guard's participation in the Celtic Festival in Graeme Park on July 20.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Tim Neumann reported he had received no requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting. Quartermaster Bob Duff reported he was trying to acquire some more items for the "Locker Box."

The Public Relations Officer set June 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the July issue of *Listen Up!* Advertising Coordinator Bob Momorella reported he had received a double ad from Tilley's Restaurant in Doylestown.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Audit Committee--Audit Committee Chair Bob Momorella reported the annual audit had been completed and all records were found to be correct and in order.

Adopt-A-Highway--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set July 13 as the next highway clean-up date. Detachment members taking part will meet at 8 a.m. at Tilley's Restaurant for a free breakfast before the clean-up.

**Rifle & Pistol Team--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** reported that Junior Vice Commandant Parzanese was the team's high shooter at the recent Department Pistol Match. Anyone interested in joining the rifle and/or pistol team should contact Bill at (215) 348-7275.

Young Marines--Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling reported the Unit's former CO had returned from duty in the Middle East and was resuming his former position.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**4th of July Parade**--The Detachment will be taking part in the Annual 4th of July Parade in New Britain. Members participating will assemble at 9 a.m. on July 4 in the parking lot at Clemens Market to put the finishing touches on the float. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

### New (809) Telephone Scam Could Cost You Thousands

Don't respond to Emails, phone calls, or web pages which tell you to call an "809" Phone Number. This is a very important issue of Scam Busters because it alerts you to a scam that is spreading **extremely** quickly, can easily cost you \$2400 or more, and is difficult to avoid unless you are aware of it. We'd like to thank Verizon for bringing this scam to our attention. This scam has also been identified by the National Fraud Information Center and is costing victims a lot of money. There are lots of different permutations of this scam.

#### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You will receive a message on your answering machine or your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you're asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested, died, to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If you call from the US, you will apparently be charged \$2425 per-minute. Or, you'll get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on

#### USS SHOUP

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These combatant ships are equipped with the Navy's Aegis combat systems, which combines satellite-based communication, radar and weapons technologies in a single platform for unlimited flexibility while operating "Forward... from the Sea."

Construction of DDG 86 began at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' Ingalls Operations on Nov. 10, 1998. The ship's keel was laid on Dec. 13, 1999, and she was launched on Nov. 22, 2000. DDG 86 sailed into the Gulf of Mexico the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your phone bill, you'll often be charged more than \$24,100.00.

#### WHY IT WORKS:

The 809 area code is located in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the US. Since 809 is not in the US, it is not covered by U.S. regulations of 900 numbers, which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number.

There is also no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further, whereas many U.S. homes that have 900 number blocking to avoid these kinds of charges, do not work in preventing calls to the 809 area code. We recommend that no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you don't recognize just disregard the message. Be wary of email or calls asking you to call an 809 area code number. It's important to prevent becoming a victim of this scam, since trying to fight the charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's

for her first sea trials on Dec. 11, 2001. The ship was delivered to the Navy by Northrop Grumman on Feb. 18, 2002, and departed Pascagoula on April 22, 2002.

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Following its commissioning, Shoup will join the U.S. Pacific Fleet with **Cmdr. E. Bernard Carter**, a native of Hopkins, S.C., as the commanding officer. The ship will be homeported in Everett, Wash., with a crew of approximately 383. Shoup is 509.5 feet in length, and has a waterline beam of 59 feet. Four gas-turbine engines power the 9,300-ton ship to speeds in excess of 30 knots.

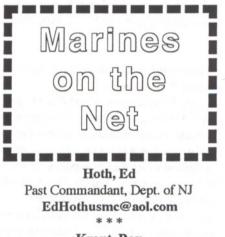
Check Out the CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT WEB SITE www.mclcb.tripod.com because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

Please forward this entire message to your friends, family and colleagues to help them become aware of this scam. Sandi Van Handel

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Additional information can be obtained from the following AT&T Web Site http://www.att.com/fraud/ home.html#thre/s/



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# **HQMC NEWS BRIEFS**

### VA GIRDS FOR FLOOD OF DISABILITY CLAIMS

Military retirees generally must forfeit one dollar in retired pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation they receive. However, signs are that Congress will pass legislation to eliminate that inequity over a five year period for retirees with disability ratings of 60 percent or higher.

VA estimates that perhaps 80,000 would be in line for a pay hike, from a minimum of \$790 a month for 60 percent disabled to a minimum of \$2163 a month for 100 percent disabled. In addition, as many as 118,000 retirees now drawing VA compensation might file for a review of disabilities with hopes of moving into the 60 percent or higher brackets. In addition, some 700,000 new claims could be expected within five years, said a VA official.

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### SGLI CAP MAY QUADRUPLE

The House Veterans Affairs Committee is considering a bill that would kick the current cap on the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

Under the bill, service members would be offered increments of \$500,000, \$750,000, or \$1 million at a monthly cost of about 8 cents per \$1,000 in coverage. This would raise the maximum monthly rates from \$20 for \$250,000 in coverage to \$80 for the \$1 million death benefit. To prevent a surge of signups for top coverage just before combat deployments, implementation would start with a 30-day window, after which restrictions would be imposed.

### CALL-UPS NEAR 85,000

As of last week the Defense Department announced that the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty due to partial mobilization was 84,605. This was broken down as:

Army National Guard and Army Re-

serve, 32,939; Naval Reserve, 8,971; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 37,028; **Marine Corps Reserve**, **4,123**; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 1,544. Officials have reported that at any given time the military services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for active-duty totals to either increase or decrease. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve who are currently on active duty can be found at http://www.defenselink.mil/ news/Jun2002/d20020612ngr.pdf.

The partial mobilization began after the enemy attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon last Sept. 11.

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### TRICARE PUBLISHES GUIDELINES

MajGen. Leonard M. Randolph Jr. of Tricare Management Activity has published communication guidelines for patients.

Highlights: Listen to your body and write a diary of symptoms before an appointment. Do not be embarrassed about describing symptoms. Bring a written list of allergies, medications and supplements, along with written questions and concerns.

Don't believe everything you read on the Internet, but do bring in relevant articles from any source. Take the time needed to heal and stay healthy. And keep the healing plan simple by asking questions during the appointment and requesting a telephone consultation or a follow-up appointment if you have further questions or concerns.

### NGWRC: GIVE GULF WAR VETS 'BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT'

Last month, Defense Department spokesman **Dr. Michael Kilpatrick** briefed Gulf War veteran leaders about the Khamisiyah chemical warfare agent exposure plume, and during the briefing he said that DoD's effort to explain the possibilities of exposure to sarin and cyclosarin was non-scientific.

Subsequently, Steve Robinson, Executive Director of the National Gulf War Resource Center, wrote the Department of Veterans Affairs, declaring that "Gulf War veteran leaders are stunned to hear his comments because they represent a reversal in DoD policy."

Robinson added that "the benefit of the doubt should be in favor of the veteran when the veteran seeks health care or compensation benefits for medical conditions associated with chemical warfare agent exposure."

Therefore, the only fair and reasonable solution for ill Gulf War veterans is for VA to affirm the presumption that every deployed Gulf War veteran was exposed to chemical weapons, he asserted.

### NAVY LAUNCHES TRICARE ONLINE

Tricare Online, at www.Tricareon line.com, is a new Defense Department website that will allow beneficiaries to make medical appointments online, keep personal healthcare journals, get reliable medical information, and access Tricare information about benefits and services.

Naval Hospitals Cherry Point, NC, and Camp Lejeune, NC, were among the first Navy facilities to use Tricare Online.

Recently, the first Navy facilities on the West Coast, Naval Hospitals Bremerton and Oak Harbor, began using Tricare Online to schedule appointments. Other facilities that are using Tricare Online for appointments and other services, or will be within the next few weeks include: National Naval Medical Center Bethesda; Naval Medical Clinics at Annapolis, Patuxent River, Ouantico, and Port Hueneme; and Branch Medical Clinics at Mechanicsburg, Willow Grove, Everett, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Edson Range, Camp San Onofre, Barstow, Yuma, and Oceanside.

### New Federal Benefits Book Available from GPO

WASHINGTON--A new edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs' popular handbook "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.

Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health-care program enrollment to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2002 edition of the 100-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

"Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, comprising a listing of various toll-free phone numbers, World Wide Web locations and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's Web site at: http:/ /www.va.gov/opa/feature/

The handbook is one of the U. S. Government Printing Office's (GPO) top selling consumer publications. GPO accepts credit card orders for the publication at (866) 512-1800 (toll-free) for a cost of \$5 each to U.S. addresses, \$6.25 for international customers.

It can be ordered by mail from the Government Printing Office at Superintendent of Documents, P. O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (Stock #051-00000225-3).

In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing home loan guarantees, educational assistance, training and vocational rehabilitation, income assistance pensions, life insurance and compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities. In some cases, survivors of veterans who received benefits may also be entitled to continuing benefits.

The handbook describes programs for veterans with specific service experiences, such as prisoners of war of those concerned about environmental exposures in Vietnam or in the Gulf War, as well as special benefits for veterans with severe disabilities.



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