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Separate Iraq & Afghanistan Medals

The last legislative step in the long process of creating separate campaign medals for service in Iraq and Afghanistan has ended.

But while **President George W. Bush** has signed a new law creating the separate medals, defense officials say troops aren't likely to wear them until next year at the earliest.

Defense officials, including the Joint Chiefs, opposed creating separate campaign medals. But critics charged that the Bush administration favored a single "Global War on Terrorism" medal to bolster its claim that the U.S. invasion of Baghdad was an inseparable part of a larger worldwide war against the terrorists responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

Rep. Vic Snyder introduced legislation to create separate campaign medals last September. Bush signed the measure into law May 28.

Public Law 108-234 states that the president shall establish one campaign medal specifically to recognize service in Operation Enduring Freedom and a second to do the same for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom includes the U.S.-led overthrow of Afghanistan's Taliban government, which harbored the al-Qaida terrorist group.

Until now, the Defense Department has insisted that a generic Global War on Terrorism — or GWOT — Expeditionary Medal was sufficient to cover service in all operations, from Afghanistan to Iraq to some as yet unknown combat mission.

In the past, service members have received campaign medals for service in the 1991 Gulf War, Vietnam and Korea. Campaign medals have also been awarded for humanitarian operations and for the 1997 Kosovo war. In World War II, separate campaign medals were created for each theater of operations.

A Defense Department official said fielding the new Iraq and Afghanistan medals would likely follow a timeline similar to the GWOT medal.

That medal's creation formally began Sept. 20, 2002, when the Pentagon asked the Army's Institute of Heraldry to suggest designs. Final selection was made Jan. 7, 2003.

On March 12, 2003, following Pentagon coordination, Bush signed an order creating the GWOT Expeditionary Medal as well as a companion GWOT Service Medal for duty within the United States connected to the response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Among other concerns, the GWOT Expeditionary Medal can be awarded only once, meaning a service member who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq would get only one campaign award. The Institute of Heraldry did say that the services are considering battle stars or service stars that would recognize multiple awards of the medal.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We're finally into the summer months and most of our Detachment activities are behind us.

The fund raisers, Memorial Day parade, Department of Pa. pistol match were all successful in their outcome.

The Memorial Day parade featuring our float was a big hit as a very fine close up picture of it and three of our finest Marines on board made it into the local newspaper. I must also say that without a gallant effort made by **PC Budd Pearce** to come up with a towing vehicle for the float, none of this would have been possible. Thank you, Budd, for a job

well done and also for looking after the flag sell and raffle ticket fund raisers that brought a lot of money into our bank account. I think we'll keep you around for awhile.

Our next event will be the July 4th Chalfont-New Britain parade and again we had to call on PC Pearce to locate a tow vehicle and with the assistance of **Marine Rich Scott** who has some influence with car dealerships in the area, this to was a done deal. Thank you, Rich, for your valuable assistance.

Good news for two members of our pistol team.

The Department Pistol Match held this month at Ft. Indiantown Gap was a wet one with delay after delay.

We did manage to get it in after the weather cleared up. It has been brought to my attention that PC Budd Pearce captured 2nd place in the Sharpshooter category, and team **Captain Bill Rosenberger** took 1st place in the Marksman category. Congratulations to a job well done. Unfortunately, team member

Charlie Wurst had to leave for work before competing and with his usual fine performance, we may have had a team trophy. I know your all wondering about how I did. I have a policy of "ask not, tell not." I did manage to slam a few home.

I'm getting things together in preparation for the Department of Pennsylvania Convention in Erie this month. **Jr. Vice Commandant Jim Powell** and myself will be leading the deligation from our Detachment.

We'll offer a full report at the July meeting. I promise not to forget the Detachment Colors this year. Last year, due to a combination of an early wakeup call, and a senior moment, it cost us a streamer for our beautiful flag.

That's it for now. Enjoy the summer!

Semper Fi!

Bill Miller

2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4TH OF JULY PARADE
0800-3 JULY
CLEMEN'S MARKET
PARKING LOT,
NEW BRITAIN

DETACHMENT MEETING
14 JULY

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
CLEAN-UP
17 JULY
0830-TILLEY'S

DETACHMENT MEETING
11 AUGUST

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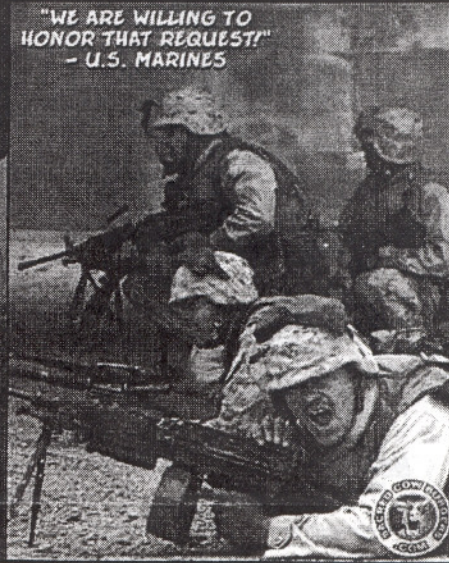
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"WE ARE WILLING TO
HONOR THAT REQUEST!"
- U.S. MARINES



Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 9 at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 19 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Frank Yohe; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bob Cody.**

The **Paymasters Report** was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted. **Marine James E. McComb** of Doylestown was unanimously accepted for membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bill Miller reported on Memorial Day Parade activities and attended the Memorial Day Service at Doylestown Presbyterian Church. He also announced that **Marine Bob Randle** had transferred to the Juniata Detachment. He remember the members the Detachment would participate in the 4th of July Parade in New Britain. Members are to meet at 8:30 a.m. on July 3 in the Clemen's Market parking lot to help decorate the float. The parade steps off at 10 a.m.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC, reported the Detachment strength at 54 including 21 Life members, 29 Regular members and 4 Associate members. We have 1 Complimentary member. He also requested Detachment members provide their e-mail addresses to him so we can institute a "Rapid Communications" system for the Detachment.

Junior Vice Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment netted \$1,950 from our fund-raiser at the State Store and another \$423.69 was gained at Redner's Market. We also sold 227 raffle tickets at Redner's.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no communications since the last meeting.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson reported he had received no requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations--The Public Relations Officer set June 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the July issue of "Listen Up."

Rifle & Pistol Team--Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce reported on the Department Pistol Match on June 4-6 at Indiantown Gap. Anyone interested in participating on the Rifle and/or Pistol Team should contact Budd or **Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger.**

Young Marines--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Young Marines Unit will hold a fund-raiser to obtain funding for their upcoming "Boot Camp" and for a white-water rafting excursion.

Adopt-A-Highway--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set Saturday, July 17, as the date for the next highway clean-up. Members taking part will meet at Tilley's Restaurant at 8 a.m. for a free breakfast before the clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Past Commandant Pearce reported that the truck used to pull the float for the Memorial Day Parade was provided by Lafferty Chevrolet of Doylestown. He requested the authority to rent a truck for the 4th of July Parade. Marine Rich Scott said he might be able to obtain a truck to pull the float at no cost. The Detachment authorized Budd to rent a truck if Marine Scott could not obtain one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Bob Randle offered his farewell to the members and expressed his thanks to the Detachment for the camaraderie and fun he has had as a Detachment member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on July 14.

Stars and Stripes Offers Free Electronic Newspaper

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Service members who don't have access to the *Stars & Stripes* newspaper but do have access to a computer can now go online to read or download an exact replica of the paper at no charge.

Stars and Stripes officials said the electronic version of the newspaper is an effort to reach readers in remote areas.

Stars and Stripes launched the free service just in time to salute service members during Military Appreciation Month, which is celebrated in May. Free online versions of the newspaper's European, Pacific and Middle East editions became available starting April 26.

Tom Kelsch, the newspaper's publisher, said the free online newspaper is geared to service members in remote locations, but that any service member anywhere in the world, as well as family members, can use the service.

"We have many military (people) stationed in places where it just isn't practical to get the printed edition to them, and this is a way to be able to reach (them) wherever in the world they're stationed," Kelsch explained, as long as they have a computer and Internet access so they can access the electronic version.

Service members and their families can read the paper online or download it in the .pdf file format at the estripes.osd.mil Web site. Officials recommend that readers who want to print the paper and read it that way use the "fit to paper" option when printing. The site also offers free access to past newspapers up to seven days.

Kelsch said the electronic newspaper is a cost-effective way to get the *Stars and Stripes* to service members at bases in isolated place overseas, such as Iceland or Crete, where delivery is expensive. He said it is also a way for the newspaper to reach service members stateside at bases "where circulation is low or the paper is not offered."

Kelsch pointed out that offering *Stars and Stripes* free online to service members does not mean the printed edition

is going away. He said evidence indicates most people still want to hold a newspaper in their hands, and that the online version really is most valuable to people who can't get the paper otherwise.

Printed editions of the paper still will be delivered to service members in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, where computer access is limited, he said.

Each day nearly 45,000 copies of the paper are delivered throughout the Middle East region, and plans call for increasing that number, he said. The newspaper delivers an estimated 25,000 copies to Iraq, another 3,500 to Afghanistan, and 15,000 to Kuwait, he added.

Kelsch said he expects *Stars and Stripes* to make little, if any, revenue from the venture, although some advertising revenue may carry over to the online edition. He emphasized that the primary reason for the free offer is to help the newspaper fulfill its mission is to get the paper out to service members.

Government Warns of UPS Uniform Purchases

There has been a huge purchase, \$32,000 worth, of United Parcel Service (UPS) uniforms on e Bay over the last 30 days. This could represent a serious threat as bogus drivers (terrorists) can drop off anything to anyone with deadly consequences!

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UPS does not make deliveries or pickups in anything, except a company vehicle.

"We have a mission to serve, and we intend to serve that mission," he said.

"This is a way that we can do it very well, and so we're going to do it."

Last year, like many newspapers in the country, *Stars and Stripes* began offering a paid subscription service for the electronic version of its daily paper: \$15 per week, 13 weeks for \$48.75, or 50 cents per issue weekdays and 75 cents on Sunday. Kelsch admitted that few readers subscribe to the *Stars and Stripes* electronic edition, and that he's not sure how many will log on for the free editions.

He said other newspapers in the industry are getting similar results from online subscriptions. "Other newspapers that use electronic editions are getting about the same or fewer results that we were getting," he said.

Related Sites: Free Electronic *Stars and Stripes* [<http://estripes.osd.mil>]

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WMs Celebrate 61st Birthday

by Lance Cpl. Rose A. Muth

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa, Japan (March 5, 2004) -- It all started on Aug. 13, 1918 in Washington D.C. with **Opha Mae Johnson** answering the call to "Free a Man to Fight" during World War I. Three hundred and five women joined the Marines to serve until they were disbanded in July of 1919.

In November of 1942 the Women Marines Reserve was approved, and on June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

This historical event was remembered on March 5, 2004, as the Woman Marines of Okinawa came together to celebrate their 61st anniversary at the Butler Officer's Club.

"The purpose of the ball was to celebrate the birthday/ anniversary of Women Marines, as well as to boost morale and esprit de corps between Marines. We also helped educate Marines about women in Marine Corps history, and gave Marines in the barracks something positive to be involved in," said **Cpl. Mayana S. McIntyre**, postal clerk, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Foster, who thought of the birthday ball idea.

When first entering the white table clothed, red napkin clad tables; there was an aura of pride and heritage permeating in the air. Laughter and chatter filled the walls of the Officer's Club Ball room, and then the ceremonies began.

The first piece of cake was presented to the oldest Marine, **Master Gunnery Sgt. Laurie L. Lenser**, and the youngest Marine, **LCpl. Rochelle E. Bennett**.

There were two guest speakers at the celebration, **LtCol. Mary J. Choate**, and **SgtMaj. Susan M. Bellis**.

Choate talked about the advancement women have made in the Marine Corps and their evolvement of the Marine Corps itself.

"Opha Mae Johnson would be surprised if she could see how far we have advanced in the Marines Corps," Choate said.

Bellis said that it's not the Marine Corps that takes care of Marines, it's the Marines taking care of each other. But having fun and remembering tradition is key.

"Anytime Marines get together to celebrate Marine Corps history is a very good time," Bellis said.

Since 1918, women have answered the call to serve proudly in the United States Marines and the role of women in the Marines has evolved and expanded.

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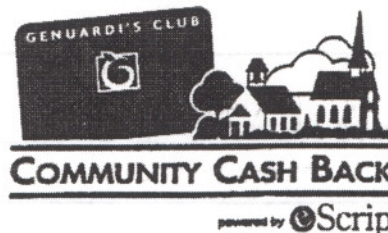
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