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## **Marines, Sailor Return After Nearly Four Decades**

*by GySgt. Kent Flora*

MARINE BARRACKS, WASHINGTON - Gone, but never forgotten. Three Marines and one Navy corpsman on a reconnaissance mission deep in the jungles of Vietnam have finally come home. This homecoming puts a close on the chapter of four lives cut short the night of May 10, 1967.

The families of 2nd Lt. Heinz Ahlmeyer Jr., Sgt. James N. Tycz, Petty Officer 3rd Class Malcolm T. Miller and Lance Cpl. Samuel A. Sharp Jr. can finally put an end to the long wait and wipe away the tears of years gone by.

Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for America's honored heroes, was the backdrop to the history-making event that saw hundreds of friends, service members and families pay tribute to the men of Alpha Company, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, who gave the ultimate sacrifice 38 years ago.

Flags were presented to family members during the interment ceremony. Irene Healea, sister to Ahlmeyer, originally from Pearl River, N.Y.; Phillip Tycz, brother to Tycz, originally from Milwaukee; Sandra Keheley, sister to Miller, originally from Tampa, Fla.; and Nellie Irene Sharp, mother of Sharp, originally from San Jose, Calif., all accepted flags on behalf of their families. Sharp was buried Saturday in San Jose and was honored at the ceremony.

The four men were part of a reconnaissance patrol operating near the Marine Base at Khe Sanh and came under enemy attack in the very early morning hours of May 10, 1967, while occupying a defensive position. The four were killed at the onset of the engagement, but due to hostile fire, their bodies could not be recovered when the rest of the patrol was extracted by helicopter later that morning.

The Marines of the Corps' "Oldest Post" were entrusted with the ceremonial duty of laying their brothers to rest. The Body Bearers of B Company here, have the duty of burials at ANC.

The 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Paul X. Kelley (ret.) escorted the funeral procession as it wound its way from the transfer point at Patterson Circle to the gravesite in Section 60 of ANC.

"It is truly an honor to be here today and be part of this event," said the former commandant, who was presented one of the flags during the graveside ceremony.

Former commanding officer of 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion and current Marine Barracks Washington executive officer, Lt. Col. A.J. Copp, said the ceremony was significant because not only did it bring closure to the families and teammates of these heroic service men, but it also demonstrated the resolve of the government in recovering our MIAs.

"I can think of no greater honor than attending this interment, particularly after commanding reconnaissance Marines in combat myself," Copp said. "

# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

It's been a busy summer for our Detachment as well as myself, and summer isn't even here yet. Let me start off on a sad note. This month one of our brothers received his final orders on June 4th and reported to the Supreme Commandant. **Stephen J. Daly** was 59 years old. Steve was a member of our Detachment but not very active so we didn't get to know him very well. We found out that Steve served two tours of duty in Vietnam and also was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during combat. Information was provided by our member Steve Cupitt who knew him and was a co-worker as well. We got the word out to as many members as possible so that we could provide an Honor Guard if needed. A Memorial Service was held at a Funeral Home in Lansdale following a one hour viewing. We had a five-member detail consisting **Don Gee, Corey Fisher, Don Parzanese Sr., Steve Cupitt,** and myself. We were fully prepared to do the flag folding, presentation, and taps.

Just before the service was about to commence, the real Marine's showed up and took over. We did however manage to render a Last Salute Ritual. Stephen will be buried with full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery sometime later this month.

Well, all of our fund raising for this year is behind us and I must congratulate our members who volunteered their time to make it the huge success that it was and also the great job Chief Coordinator **Budd Pearce**, PC did in putting it all together. Thank's to you all. We

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also made a good showing in this year's Memorial Day Parade with our float and Color Guard. We had perfect weather and the parade was uneventful as well as the Memorial presentation and wreath laying at the cemetery. The Memorial Day Weekend also presented us with the opportunity to be involved in the dedication of a new Veterans Memorial located at the Penns Purchase Outlet Village in Lahaska, Pa. I was privileged along with Commander **Bob Larrisey** of VFW Post 175 to do the unavailing of the Monument while Detachment member and **Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb** was on hand to read a message prepared for **Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick** who was in Iraq at the time. Some of you may have seen the pictures and read the articles in the newspaper covering this event. Let me set the record straight. It was ME, your Commandant, and **NOT Don Gee** in those pictures. That newspaper obviously doesn't pay much attention to details.

Also this month will be the Depart-

ment of Pa. Convention in Bethlehem. I along with **Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Powell** will be heading up the delegation. I don't expect too much will be happening as the elected officers will remain the same. I do expect a good floor fight or two during the bi-law changes just to keep it interesting. The **National Commandant Helen Hicks** may be there this year just as she was last year. I hope so. She's a neat lady and really likes Pennsylvania.

Lastly I would like to welcome aboard our newest member **Marine Bob Daily**. Bob is a veteran of WWII and an Iwo Jima survivor. He has recently relocated to the area from Florida. Welcome home, Bob!

That's all I have for this month. Don't forget the Chalfont 4th of July Parade. Join us for a ride on the float and enjoy some good refreshments afterwards.

Semper Fi,

*Bill Miller*

## 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 and 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 for your continued support!**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**4 JULY**  
**CHALFONT-**  
**NEW BRITAIN**  
**4TH OF JULY PARADE**  
**DETACHMENT MEETING**  
**13 JULY**  
**DETACHMENT MEETING**  
**10 AUGUST**

**LABOR DAY**  
**5 SEPTEMBER**  
**PATRIOT DAY &**  
**GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
**11 SEPTEMBER**  
**DETACHMENT**  
**MEETING**  
**14 SEPTEMBER**

# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 8, 2005, at the Albert E. Atkinson Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members and three guests present including all officers except the Quartermaster and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bill Jerrom.**

The **Minutes** of the May Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymasters Report** was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The Paymasters Reports was unanimously accepted.

Membership Applications: **Marine Bob Daley** was unanimously accepted for membership and was inducted into the Detachment by **Commandant Bill Miller**.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Commandant Bill Miller** reported on the funeral for **Marine Stephen Daley** which was attended by five Detachment Members. He also reported on the Memorial Day Ceremony in Lahaska which was attended by him and the Junior Vice Commandant. He stated he plans to attend both the Department Convention and the National Convention. He also reported the Detachment will be participating in the Chalfont-New Britain 4th of July Parade. The Detachment will gather in the Clemens Market parking lot (Town Center on Route 202) in New Britain at 8:30 a.m. to put the finishing touches on the float. Parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

**Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** reported the Detachment strength at 52 including 23 Life Members, 24 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

**Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb** reminded the members the money for the Department Raffle tickets was due.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had received no communications from either the Department or National Headquarters since the last meeting.

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

**Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC,** stated he had nothing additional to report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC,** reported on the Young Marines Fund Raiser at the Willow Grove Air Show. He stated Tinius-Olsen donated \$500 to the Unit in appreciation for the Young Marines assisting with parking at the show.

**FUND RAISER--Fund Raising Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC,** reported the Detachment had a very successful fund raiser at the State Store in Cross Keys during the four days before Memorial Day.

**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--Rifle & Pistol Team member Budd Pearce, PC,** reported on the Department Pistol Match.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC,** set July 16 as the date for the next highway clean-up.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and unanimously accepted for the Detachment to pay \$80 toward the incorporation fee for the United Veterans of Doylestown.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

**BOOT CAMP PHOTOS--Marine Wil Haas** reported members can obtain a copy of their "Boot Camp" platoon photos by writing to: Photo Lab, P. O. Box 5100, MCRD, Parris Island, SC 29905-5100. Requests must include Platoon Number, Senior Drill Instructor's name and dates.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**8th & I BUS TRIP--Past Commandant Bob Sundling** announced the bus trip to 8th & I is set for Friday, August 26. Cost is \$35 per person (see Page 4).

**PRESENTATION--Marine Rich Scott** reported on a special ceremony at the Hampton Inn in Willow Grove.

**MEMORIAL DAY POST-PARADE MEETING--The Public Relations Officer** announced there would be a Post-Memorial Day Parade Meeting at 7 p.m. on June 15 at the American Legion Post.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13.**

# 8th & I Trip

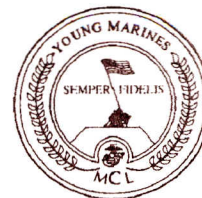
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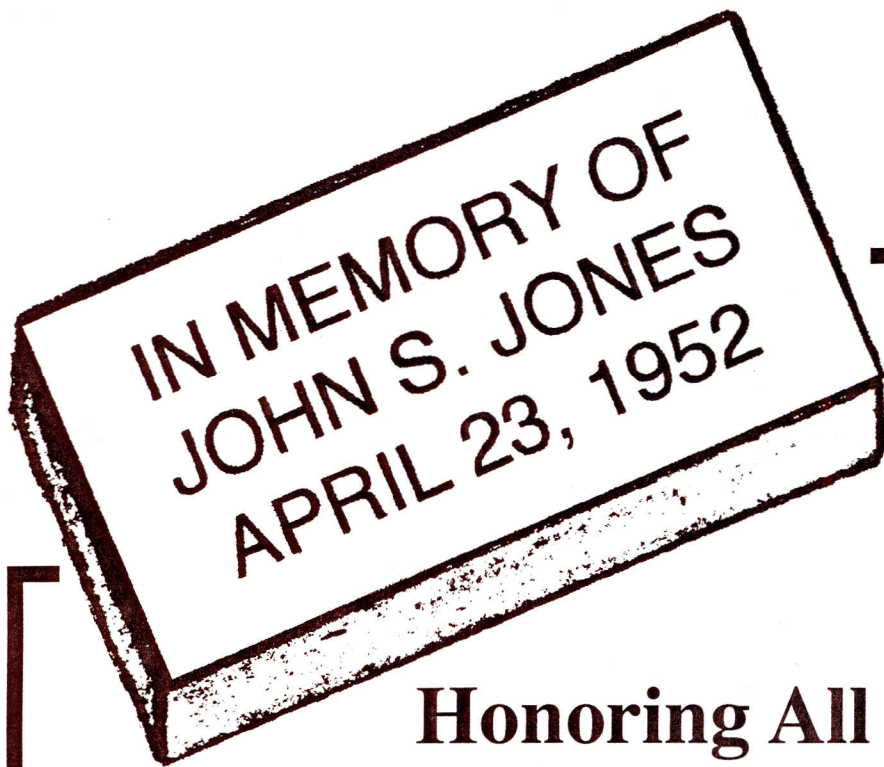


## Schedule (All Inclusive)

Lincoln Memorial  
Vietnam Memorial  
Korean Memorial  
WWII Memorial (Short Walk)  
Washington Navy Yard  
Marine Corps Museum  
Navy Museum  
Tour of Destroyer Escort



Marine Barracks DC Messhall for Evening Meal  
HQMC Evening Parade (Walk across street from Messhall)



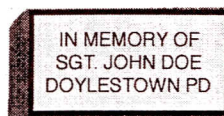
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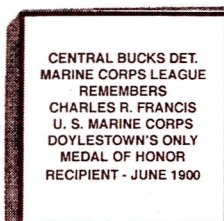


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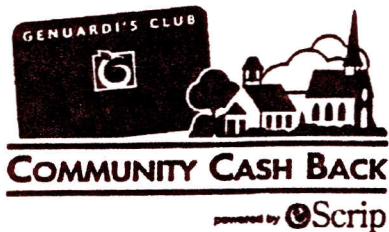
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