



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Central Bucks Detachment

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From: Commandant, Central Bucks Marine Corps League Detachment  
To: Members, Central Bucks Marine Corps League Detachment  
Subj: Minutes from regular league meeting, 13 July 1988, held at  
the Amber Inn, Shewell Ave, Doylestown, Pa.

There were twelve members present. The minutes as well as the paymasters report were read and accepted as read. The report on family members sick or in distress revealed that George Shannon's brother passed away. Condolences to George from the officers and members of the detachment. No report was delivered on fundraising. The Marine Corps Band will be appearing at Central Bucks East H.S. in Holicong on November 15, 1988. Tickets are free to detachment members. Volunteers are requested to usher the performance.

Our first anniversary banquet will be held at the Crows Nest Club at the Naval Air Development Center, Jacksonville Rd, Warminster, on the 24TH of September 1988. \$15 per person. Spouses and family members welcome. Four piece band, cash bar, basket of cheer raffle. Master of ceremonies will be Mike Waldron.

The detachment is currently making a big drive to collect bicycles from local police depts. They will be sold and auctioned off as a fund raiser for both charity donations and for the detachment. The pickup date will be Aug. 27. Volunteers are needed. Special thanks to Bill Clark for doing the correspondance work for this project and to Herb Kraut for the donation of vehicles and storage and work areas for this project.

Washington has word to pass that Navy Corpsman and Doctors who have served with Marines for a period of not less than ninety days and have been honorably discharged are eligible for membership in the Marine corps League. It has been passed that badges for officers will now be payed for by the detachment but members will pay for their own. In addition it has been proposed that the detachment pick up the hotel bill for any delegations representing the detachment at any district, state or national meetings or conventions. These trips will be subject to individual approval by the detachment. Decisions on this will be made at the August meeting.

It has been brought to our attention that forms are available from the Veterans Administration to get a copy of your DD214, discharge papers,

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The nearest Administration office is in the same building as the public library across the street from the court house in Doylestown.

#### LOCAL MILITARY NEWS

July saw a change of command for the Marines of Marine Aircraft Group-49 at the Naval Air Station Willow Grove. Colonel Bowdich has been reassigned to Kaneoah Bay, Hawaii and Colonel Shiver has assumed command of MABS-49.

Members of Mabs-49 (approximately 15 enlisted personnel) will be participating in the 1988 Nordac exercise. It will take place during the month of September and is a one month exercise. This is a combined arms exercise between the Norwegian Defense Forces and the United States Marine Corps as well as support elements of other branches of the U.S. military. The exercise is designed to teach marines how to adapt their amphibious doctrine to a climate and area of the world virtually unfamiliar to them. Military doctrine tells us that the next world wide war will be centered in the northern Atlantic sea channels as well as northern Europe. The Nordac exercise prepares thousands of American military troops for this possibility each year. Two members of the Central Bucks Marine Corps League Detachment will be participating in this exercise Sgt James Herbst and Cpl James Deitch both Aircraft Recovery Specialists will be involved in close air support operations.

Massive reorganization within the military and the Marine Corps in particular is responsible for the disbanding of MABS-49 in October 1988. Troop strength will be significantly reduced, detachments will be performed and what is left will become a Marine Wing Support Squadron. Incidentally MABS-49 is the last MABS in the Corps to be disbanded.

CONGRADULATIONS to Don Paronese. His daughter will soon become a third generation Marine for their family. Graduation for her class is this fall.

Next meeting 10 August 1988 at the Amber Inn