

Central Bucks Detachment P.O. Box 1372 Doylestown, PA 18901

Meets 7:30 P.M. 2nd Wednesday of Month VFW Post 175 181 South Main Street Doylestown, PA 18901

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COMMANDANT - FRAN MEYERS

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE MEETING

- * Thirteen members, and all Officers except the Sr. Vice, were present.
- * Two new memberships were presented and accepted. They are:

George D. Hartpence, Lambertville, NJ

Ed Crum, Titusville, NJ

- * Life Membership cards and pins were issued to Will Haas and Don Gee.
- * Minutes of the previous meeting, along with the Paymaster's report, were approved.
- * The Commandant announced that Jack Heidel and Dick Edwards are both running for State Commandant.
- * A motion was made and passed to make a donation of the \$266 that was given to the United Veterans Council of Doylestown, to help with the purchase of the bronze plaque that was dedicated at the Doylestown War Memorial Field on Memorial Day. Bill Plant will notify them of this.
- * A letter was received from Herb Krout requesting to be relieved of his position as Detachment Historian, since he spends six months of the year in Florida. Pay Meyers volunteered to take over.
- * The Detachment voted to purchase chance tickets received from the Department of PA Ladies Auxiliary, with the drawing to be at the State Convention in Gettysburg.
- * Bob Fay made a \$10.00 donation for car tickets sent to him by the Detachment. Since he returned the tickets unsigned, it was assumed that he would wish to have the Detachment's name placed on the tickets. This was done.
- * Don Parzanese has approximately \$10,000 worth of cash-register receipts to turn in to Genuardi's Market.
- * It was agreed that the agenda meetings will be suspended for July and August.
- * A discussion followed Don Parzanese's suggestion that the Detachment might want to think about forming a "Home Association" to raise and invest funds for the purpose of eventually obtaining a Detachment Home. Don will try to compile the legal requirements for this purpose. More discussion on this item at future meetings.
- * Members discussed the proposal to hold a Marine Corps Birthday celebration with the Yound Marines on November 11, 1992 at the Pitcairn Club, Willow Grove N.A.S. More on this later.

- * A suggestion was made that the Detachment might be interested in sponsoring a stage play, at the Town & Country Players in Buckingham, as a fund raiser. Only 150 tickets (\$10.00 each) need be sold to net a profit of approximately \$800 \$950. More information will be obtained.
- * A request was made by New Britain Borough for the Detachment to march in the Fourth of July parade sponsored by New Britain Borough and Township and Chalfont Borough. It was agreed that we will participate. Budd Pearce (Jr. Vice) is in charge of arrangements.

The next regular Detachment meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 1992 (19:30) at the VFW Post #175, 181 S. Main Street, Doylestown, PA.

The Commandant's letter will not appear in this issue. Fran and Pat were on vacation in South Carolina and returned just in time for the State Convention, June 25-27, in Gettysburg. A separate letter may be forthcoming from him with Convention News, etc.

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THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE DEVIL DOGS

WHAT IS IT? WHAT DOES IT DO? WHO BELONGS TO IT? HOW DO YOU JOIN IT?

WHAT IT IS

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League.

WHAT IT DOES

It promotes good fellowship amongst the members of the different Marine Corps League Detachments. The Order provides amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the League, when and where advisable, preserves and strengthens the principles and ideals of the League, and maintains true allegiance to the United States of America and its Constitution and laws. It fosters and extends American institutions of freedom and defends America against all enemies whatsoever. The Order is also very active in raising funds for different charities.

WHO BELONGS

The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is made up only of Members of the Marine Corps League. The Order accepts only the most worthy of League Members.

HOW TO JOIN

You must be a paid-up member and in good standing in the Marine Corps League. The applicant must be active in his or her Detachment in the League, and must request membership in the Order. He or she must be recommended by his or her Detachment Commandant and be sponsored by two Devil Dogs or Pedigreed Devil Dogs. The applicant is then interviewed by the members of the Pound at a Pound Growl. (A meeting is called a Growl.) If accepted, the applicant must undergo an initiation and swearing-in ceremony. Then he or she becomes a Pup in the Order.

ORGANIZATION

The Pound is on a local level and is usaually made up of members of different Marine Corps League Detachments. On the State level there is the Pack, and on the National level there is the Kennel. There are three diffrent degrees in the Order. The lowest degree is that of Pup. The next highest degree is that of Devil Dog. The highest degree is that of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The Pup wears a black ribbon, the Devil Dog wears a red ribbon, and the Pedigreed Devil Dog wears a gold ribbon. The ribbon is worn around the neck and a Dog Tag is attached to it.

The head of the Pound is called the "Poundkeeper". The head of the Pack is the "Pack Leader". The head of the Kennel is also head of all Devil Dogs and is called "Chief Devil Dog".

The Order's many charitable donations not only help people, but also build good public relations for the Order, the League, and the United States Marine Corps.

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEDGE TO BE A DEVIL DOG. WE ARE THE HONOR AND FUN SOCIETY

OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE. WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN QUALITY MEMBERSHIP, NOT OUANTITY

MEMBERSHIP.

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

FUN AND HONOR SOCIETY

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

In order to know the history of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, you mustrevert to the Marine Corps League, of which it is the Fun and Honor Society. The League was organized in 1922, by the late General John Lejeune, and by 1937 the League was incorporated by an Act of Congress. Like the other Veterans Organizations, for example, the American Legion has its' Fourty & Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has its' Cooties and the Amvets have the Sad Sacks. These are all Fun and Honor Societies for these organizations. So it came to pass that in 1939, at a convention in Boston, MA, the Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League was formed. The Fennsylvania State Pack, of the Military Order of Devil Dogs was organized, 25 June 1948 at a State Convention that was held in Harrisburg, PA.

The Degrees of Devil Dogs, at the Local Level which is known as a Pound, you take an initiation and become a Pup, and you remain a Pup until you attend a State Convention, which is known as the State Pack, and again you take an initiation and get the degree of DEVIL DOG. And you remain a DEVIL DOG until you go to a National Convention, which is known as the Kennel, and you get your final initiation and become a PEDIGREED DOG.

POUND - PUP PACK - DEVIL DOG KENNEL - PEDIGREED DOG Officers Titles corresponding with Civic or Fraternal Societies.

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Judge Advocate Pound Smart Dog Pack Smart Dog Kennel Smart Dog
Chaplain Pound Dog Trainer Pack Dog Trainer Kennel Dog Trainer
Inside Guard Pound Police Dog Pack Police Dog Kennel Police Dog
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* Pound Mad Dog * Pack Mad Dog * Kennel Mad Dog
* This title of MAD DOG, they are responsible for conducting the initiation

Then you have quite a few honor titles, they are given by appointment by the newly elected Pound Keeper, State Pack Leader or Chief Devil Dog. These are, FIRE PLUG INSPECTOR, CHIEF SNIFFER, FLEA HOUND, BARKING DOG and ASST. MAD DOG.

of Dogs into the different Degrees.

The Military Order of Devil Dogs was organized to help have some fun while attending a State or National Convention. Also it does a lot of work for the Veterans' Hospitals, orphan homes Visitations to the sick, etc.

Also the Womens Auxiliary of the Marine Corps League, have a fun and honor society known as the DEVIL DOG FLEAS. Their main function is to torment the Devil Dogs, and they do a lot of work for hospitalized Veterans, Orphans, etc.

The Devil Dogs have added a lot of color to the Marine Corps League, at all State and National Conventions, with the fun they create at the initiatio they take a lot of tension off of the Delegates who attend. When tempers are aroused on the Convention floor, If you are a Devil Dog, attend the Devil Dog initiation and your excitement and anger will turn to laughter.

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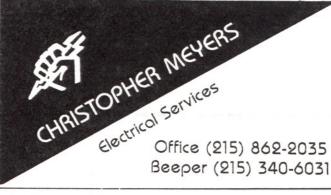
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