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#### **NEWSLETTER**

JULY 1993

Our last Detachment meeting was to be held aboard a river barge, on the Delaware, out of New Hope, Pa.. However, Mother Nature stepped in and said "Not on my river, tonight" and she was right. We got a severe thunder and lightning storm that took top billing for the evening. Consequently, there isn't much in the way of Detachment business to report so we'll use the space for other items of interest.

NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 14 JULY 93 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH ST. IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

AFTER THE PARADE 5 JULY 1993 AFTER THE MEETING 14 JULY 1993

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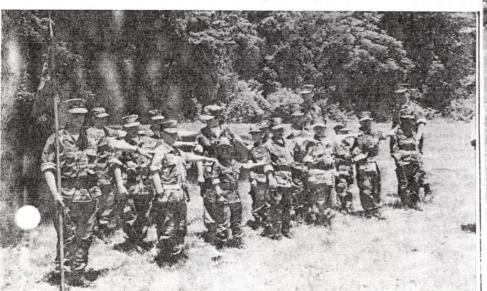
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DATE SATURDAY 24 JULY 1993

ALL PERSON AND FRIENDS OF THE DETACHMENT ARE WELCOME

MIKE WALDRON 672-7095 INFORMATION



DRESS RIGHT was the command and the Young Marines did just that while getting ready for the ceremonies held in Ft. Washington by the VVA Chapter 590.



COLOR GUARD of the Young Marines looked extra sharp in Ft. Washington Memorial Ceremonies.



#### From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines.

Since my last letter, the detachment has been involved in a few activities. First, Bill Plant acted as our representative at the rededication of the 104th Reg. monument in Doylestown. The ceremony took place on Saturday, May 29th. I managed to get there, but I missed getting the picture I wanted of Bill laying the wreath.

On Sunday, May 30th, I attended the Memorial Services at the Ft. Washington State Park. This was put on by Chapter 590 of the VVA. It was an impressive ceremony with the main guest speaker being Gen. Sajer from the Pa. National Guard. He spoke to us at the MCL leadership school back at the beginning of May. The Young Marines were in attendance at the ceremony and they, as well as their color guard, did an excellent job.

On Monday, May 31st, the detachment was in the Doylestown Memorial Day parade. We had 20 members present. Our float looked pretty good, but changes are being planned so that next year it will look EXCELENT. Thanks to everyone that made the parade, it shows your pride in your detachment and the Corps when you participate in these functions. Speaking of parades, I am happy to announce that at the July 14th meeting we will be forming a parade committee. In this way we can plan, in advance, what we will do about float decoration and general parade participation. Any ideas or offers of help will be forwarded to this committee. The chairman will be named at the meeting and I will inform the membership of that person's name and phone number in my next letter.

As everyone is probably aware, the boat ride in June was canceled due to thunderstorms along the river. This trip will be rescheduled for September if possible. I will keep the membership informed as the plans for this become finalized. I have also had a suggestion that we get together a group of 25 or more people that want to see a Phillies game some time in the future. We can get discount tickets for a group of that size. This will be discussed at the meeting in July also.

The Department Convention was on June 24,25 & 26 in Reading. Our detachment had 6 paid delegates and 1 paid guest. Each of these were given a 50th Anniversary medal which can be worn along with their other MCL medals. Everyone in the detachment is now eligible to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Department Level) as we were awarded this at the convention also. Don Gee has a number of these ribbons, if you want one you must see him at the meeting. The detachment took first place in cat.1 for our newsletter. A heartfelt thank you and congratulations go out to Bob Schaffer for doing such an excellent job on our newsletter!!! We also won 2nd place for Americanism.

This award includes our scrapbook which was put together by Marine Pat Meyers. Thanks Pat, the book is beautifully done! We received an award for our participation in the VAVS program also. I won't say much about that for now as I am sure that you all know that I feel we should be doing more in this area. I really would like to see our participation increase dramatically over the next year. We could possibly take that 1st place award in Americanism if we had a few more people that would give a bit of their time to the VAVS program.

As you probably know, the elections for State Officers were held at the convention in Reading. The new officers for the Dept. of Pennsylvania MCL are as follows: Commandant, Bob Dile; Sr. Vice, Dave Pavey; Jr. Vice, Bill Davis; Judge Advocate, Terry Bergman; Chaplain, Jim Miller. These new officers sound as if they really want to make the League a better place for all of us. One of the main points of each candidate's platform was the increase of membership and the renewal of our present membership. We really want to make the not get our 100% award this year because a few membors and the renew. Let's work on this! If you have any ideas how we can get and keep new members I would very much like to talk to you about them. Don Gee, our Sr. Vice, is also at your service to entertain any ideas you may have.

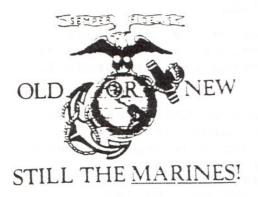
Remember, if you have not been officially sworn into the League, your chance is at the July 14th meeting. We will have a swearing in ceremony for any who are interested. There will be copies of all the information I picked up at the convention available at the meeting also. I try to keep you informed as best I can through these letters, but I can't put everything in here. You have to come to a few meetings throughout the year if you wish to be kept totally informed. If you don't come to the meetings you can't learn what is going on throughout the League. You also don't have a voice in the detachment, the department or in national unless you come out to the meetings and express your views.

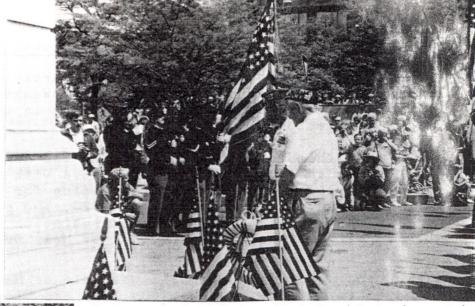
That will do it for now...Come to the meetings! Bring along a fellow marine if you can! Show your pride and wear your uniform, if you have one.

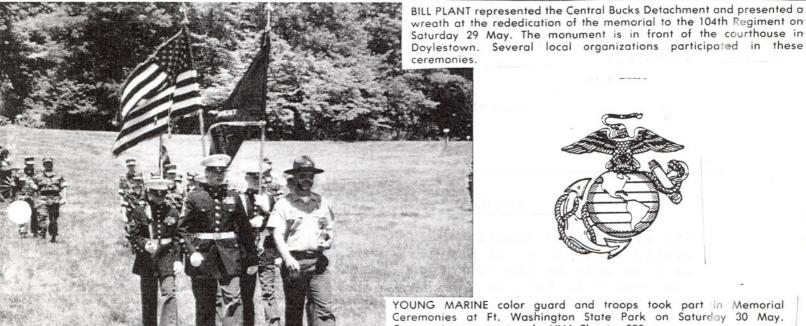
Semper Fi,

Commandant









wreath at the rededication of the memorial to the 104th Regiment on Saturday 29 May. The monument is in front of the courthouse in Doylestown. Several local organizations participated in these



YOUNG MARINE color guard and troops took part in Memorial Ceremonies at Ft. Washington State Park on Saturday 30 May. Ceremonies were put on by VVA Chapter 590.



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#### Activities of the Young Marines

On May 30th the Young Marines participated in the parade and re-enactment ceremonies at Fort Washington, Pa. and on May 31st. they marched with the detachment in the Memmorial Day Parade in Doylestown.

At the June 9th drill held at the Army Reserve Center on Route 611 the young marines continued with their close order drill and physical training in preparation for the upcoming regional meet in Annapolis, MD. on June 25-27. The drill was cut short in order to make time for a small celebration of Walt Roach's birthday, with refreshments provided by Mrs. Drago and Mrs. Larieu.

On June 23rd the drill was held at MAG 49 Willow Grove NAS. Last minute preparations, P.T. and Close Order Drill excersises for the Annapolis Regional Track and Feild Meet were carried out. Sgt. Bankhead set up an obstacle course and ran the troops through the p.t., while Sgt. Kirschner worked with the Color Guard on marching.

Remember Our Youth is Our Future

Larry Scheetz Liaison Officer

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The application deadline has passed for those seeking a scholarship grant from the Marine Corps League, and the decisions will be made by the Department Committee at the Department Convention in Reading June 24-26. Hopefully ourone applicant will be awarded one of the grants.

Again I would like to remind everyone that for every two hundred dollars that is donated to the Scholarship Fund another grant becomes available to a marine dependent. So if you could find your way clear to make a donation in any amount it would go a long way to helping one of our own.

Semper Fi

Larry Scheetz Committee Chairman

#### AWARDS COMMITTEE

There isn't very much to report on at this time, however the committee will be getting down to business soon in preparation for the awards presentations to be made at the Marine Corps Birthdat Ball in November.

Larry Scheetz Committee Co-Chairman

## Marine commandant: Military still opposed to gays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people underestimate the possible harm from homosexuals serving openly in the military, the Marine Corps' top officer said Thursday. He and other military leaders remain opposed, he said.

Gen. Carl Mundy, commandant of the Marine Corps, said he thinks a compromise will be worked out that will be acceptable to the service chiefs, but he indicated the debate is continuing at the Pentagon.

As for himself, he said, "It's better just to have a clear-cut policy that says: 'This is the way it is — if you must talk about your homosexuality then you probably are better served in another profession than the military."

He told defense reporters there is wide agreement among military leaders.

"All of us, more or less, in whatever words we frame it, believe that there is a danger to fracturing cohesion that is not understood by a lot of people,"

Still, the four-star general denied suggestions that the service chiefs were bucking President Clinton, who has said the military should not discriminate against homosexuals.

to follow a formulation popularly called "don't ask, don't tell" — meaning the military would end its practice of asking recruits if they are homosexual, and gays would be required to keep their status private.

The policy that existed before Clinton took office last January was that any openly homosexual service member would be discharged. Clinton initially wanted to lift the ban immediately, but because of opposition in Congress he merely imposed a temporary policy of not requiring recruits to answer the sexual status question.

"My position from the outset has been steady as she goes; whatever we are told to do, we will do it, the Marine Corps will execute it," Mundy said. He added, "My own personal views are just about as I've expressed them."

Mundy indicated the Pentagon has not yet worked out details of a new policy, which is expected



GEN. CARL MUNDY ...in harms way

# Remains unconvinced of effect on troops



COMMANDANT, Budd Pearce, marches with the other commanders of the various military organizations at the beginning of the parade.

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#### NATIONAL NOTES

#### 1993 DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE MATCH - PAUL SEMANCO

The Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match will be held from 23 to 25
September 1993 at Ft Indiantown Gap. Housing will be in the barracks as
usual. The registration fee will be \$20.00 per shooter, which will include
a Rifle Match Patch. All information will be sent to last year's team Captains. If there is a change from last year's Captains or addresses, notify
me. Some minor changes pertaining to this year's match will be passed on.
If your Detachment did not participate last year and intends to do so,
please contact me as soon as possible. We are limited to three hundred shooters for this match. It 's a first come, first served basis. As you receive
this future information and forms, don't wait until the last minute to comply. Do it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact me, Paul
Semanco at 6 S. Nicholas Street - Saint Clair, Pa. 17970, or call me at 1717-429-0537.

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Words echoed around the League: Before an individual can be taught to wear their uniform, you must try to get them in it first, then go from there. It's been said, " My, doesn't he/she look great", "Why don't more Leaguers wear their uniforms?", "Aren't they proud of what they represent?"

Our heritage and traditions are something we can be proud of. Remember you wear the eagle, globe and anchor.

Governor Robert P. Casey has appointed Joseph R. Clelan, 60, of Mechanics burg, Pa. as Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs. A retired U.S. Army Colonel, Clelan has been Director of the State's Bureau of Veterans' Affairs for the past eight years. He is filling a billet that has been vacant too long.

PNC Paul Hastings has been elected Chairman of the State Veterans Commission. A belated congratulations Paul.

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On 20 May 1993, a modern , fully equipped one hundred ninety two bed nursing care complex was dedicated at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Veterans Center, Spring City. It will offer around the clock medical care, supplemented by a multi-disciplinary approach to other patient related needs, covering a spectrum of ancillary services.

On 15 May 1993, PNC Paul Hastings assumed the appointed duties of Actting National Executive Director of the Marine Corps League with PDC Paul Seton as his Administrative Assistant. The fire of 16 April 1993 makes Paul's job more difficult than ever before. Continue to use the Post Office box. Please be patient until all is 100% functional. Our Headquarters is temporarily located at 8550 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Va. The new toll-free phone number is 1-800-MCL-1775. When you call, please do so between the hours of 0800 and 1700.

## CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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OUR COLOR GUARD steps out with pride and precission to lead the detachment in the Doylestown Memorial Day parade. L-R: Bill Plant, Don Parzanese, Mike Waldron, Bob Sundling.

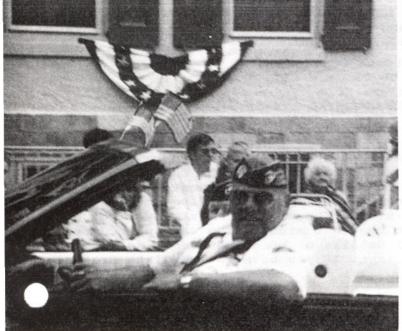
#### The Beacon



Photo by Joe Hazen

# Parzanese, Mike Waldron, Bob Sundlin

Is your face in this picture? If not, it should be! Come on out for our next clean up, it isn't hard, it helps the community and we have a lot of fun just being together...see you there!



FRAN MEYERS, SE Div. Vice/Jr. Past Commandant of the Central Bucks Det. did the Memorial Day parade in style, fortunately it didn't rain.

### Not Forgotten

Central Bucks Marine Corps League officers Commandant Budd Pearce and young Marine liaison officer Larry Scheetz planted geraniums at the memorial in memory of PFC Charles Danberry USMC. Danberry was killed in action in Vietnam and the monument is at Ely Memorial Field.

#### DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE 1993 - 1994

1993 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Dates: Saturday 14 August to Saturday 21 August 1993 Location: Clarion Plaza Hotel 9700 International Drive Orlando, Fl. 32819-8114

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For more information, consult your spring 1993 Edition of the Marine Corps League Magazine. Special Note: The cost of the banquet will be \$32.50 Upon arrival at the Convention site, make your reservations for the banquet. There will be no advance reservations for the banquet required. There will be no dancing at the banquet. This issue of KEYSTONE LEATHERNECK will not publish the room rates. I have been in contact with the Florida Convention Chairman Jim Spears, and he hopes to resolve the problems with the room rates.

First Quarter Department Meeting
Dates: 29 and 30 October 1993
Location: Ramada Inn
West King Street and Route 100
Pottstown, Pa. 19464
1-800-272-6232 or 1-215-326-6700
Room Rates: \$42.00 plus tax per night

There will be a testimonial dinner (roast) for the Junior Past Commandant Jack Heidel. The banquet will take place Saturday evening 30 October 1993. The cost of the buffet with three entrees will be \$20.00. There will be a cash bar in the dining room.

Second Quarter Department Meeting Dates: 14 and 15 January 1994 Location: Holiday Inn Exit 28 off Interstate 81 Grantville, Pa. 1-717-469-0661

Room Rates: \$39.00 plus tax per night

There will be a dinner Saturday evening at 1900 to present the awards for those shooters winning their awards at the Department Rifle Match. The cost will be \$20.00, with a cash bar.

Third Quarter Department Meeting Dates: 8 and 9 April 1994 Location: Towanda

49th Department Convention
Dates: 23 to 25 June 1994
Location: Erie
MORE INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS WILL FOLLOW

#### RESERVATION INFORMATION FROM PAUL SEMANCO - CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Within Pennsylvania, when a site has been chosen for our meetings, the hotels will only hold the blocks of rooms requested by the Convention Chairman for one week prior to our functions. Paul Semanco requests you make your reservations early to avoid problems. By all means, also request a confirmation number in-state or out-of-state. You may cancel at any time, but you may not be able to get a room at the last minute. The same procedure applies for dinner reservations. All details of upcoming events do take time. Please bear with me and be patient. If you have an immediate problem, contact me at 1-717-429-0537.

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