



LISTEN UP!

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American Legion Post 210
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JULY 1995

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE DETACHMENT MEETING

The scheduled Detachment meeting was held on June 14, 1995 at the American Legion Home, on North Street, in Doylestown, Pa.

There were twenty-three members present including all officers.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe, Don Parzanese and Bill Plant were recognized along with State Public Relations Officer, Don Gee and Detachment "Marine Of The Year", Mike Waldron.

There was one new applicant for membership sponsored by Walt Roach, Commandant of the Bux-Mont Young Marines. It was Thomas J. Glendon, 725 Alburger Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. who is a staff member of the Young Marines. Motion to approved was made and seconded and the vote for approval was unanimous.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed as well as the paymaster's report.

The Detachment books will be audited by Jim Marckstein and Bob Cody.

SICK BAY

Tony Kimes wife spent ten days in the hospital with meningitis. Marlin Miller's wife became ill while they were on their trip out west which forced the to return earlier than planned. Marlin's back also is giving him a problem. (Sound familiar).

Paul Caprio's wife and Bob Schaffer's wife are both recovering from surgery.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a check from Burger King restaurant, in the amount of \$26.62, as our profit from the "Burger Nite" promotion that was held in May. Apparently, there wasn't enough publicity to make this fund raiser work to the Detachments advantage. Perhaps another time, things will go better.

A letter was received from Judy Hopkins concerning the raising of funds for a World War II anniversary ceremony in September. There will possibly be more information on this next month after the Commandant attends a meeting that is being held to discuss this matter.

COMMITTEES:

SR. VICE- Bill Rosenberger

As of this meeting, the Detachment has forty-three Regular members; six Associate members; and three unpaid.

FUND RAISING

The table that was set up outside the State store netted \$630.06 for the Friday night and Saturday event. Ernie Ortiz and Bill Rosenberger are to be congratulated for their efforts. However, in the future, they must have more help since they can't continue to do it all by themselves.

The Detachment sold \$757.00 worth of State Raffle tickets. That works out to \$302.80 profit for the Detachment. Another very easy way to raise money. Maybe next year we can do better and make more.

Jim Marckstein reported that he sent in approximately \$12,000 in register tapes. This will net us about \$120.00. Once again, this is such an easy way to make money. All you have to do is collect Genuardi Food Market register tapes and turn them in to Jim Marckstein. He does the rest and the Detachment makes the money. Ask your relatives and friends to save them for you ...and us.

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

The trip to Washington to view the "Evening Parade" is set for Friday June 16, 1995 and the bus will leave from the Acme Market, in Doylestown, at 11AM.

A request was made to the Detachment to have our Color Guard present at the Special Olympics event sponsored by the Rorer Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Collegeville, Pa. on Saturday, June 24, 1995.

POW/MIA

A Vietnam delegation from Washington will be discussing diplomatic relations some time in August.

VAVS

Don Gee recorded 110 hours at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia and starting in July he will put in one day/ week.

RIFLE TEAM

The Detachment Rifle Team will be competing at the statewide match in Towanda, Pa. on July 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Randle was awarded a certificate of "Dedicated Service" for five years of continued membership.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Will Haas was thanked for hosting the Detachment picnic, at his home, following the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown on May 29th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Detachment meeting.....JULY 12
MCL National Convention in Milwaukee....AUGUST 7-11
Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up.....AUGUST 26TH

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 12 JULY 95 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.



From The Desk COMMANDANT - BUDD PEARCE
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

Since the last newsletter, the Detachment has been quite busy. The Detachment sponsored a trip to Washington DC for the Evening Parade. While in the Wash. area, the 40 people that went on the trip got to see a few of the other sights. They went to the tomb of the unknown soldier and the Viet Nam memorial. I was unable to make this trip, but I understand that all who went had a fantastic time. If you didn't make this trip either, maybe I'll see you on the next one. When any plans for a future trip are made, you will be notified well enough in advance so you can make your plans to be there. I'm sure a full report will be forthcoming at the July meeting.

Our color guard was asked to lead the Special Olympians into the Special Olympics that were held in Collegeville on 24 June. Bill Rosenberger, Donny Parzanese, Jim Marckstein and Frank Yohe did the honors for the Detachment. We owe them a round of thanks as this event was to be well covered by the media. The sponsors and the participants of the Olympics were very grateful to our Detachment for our help. Picture and T-shirts are being sent to the members of the color guard. When they arrive, the pictures will be on display at the following meeting.

While our color guard was busy in Collegeville, I was at the Department Convention in Lancaster. Don Gee and Frank Yohe also made the trip. Frank Yohe was there for the Devil Dog part and Don Gee and I were there for the rest. A full report will be given at the July meeting. I will tell you now that we won 1st place in the newsletter competition, 1st place for our scrapbook, 2nd place for VAVS and 1st place for newsletter editor. All these awards are for category 1 (50 or less regular members). Next year we will probably be in category 2 (50 to 100 members) if we keep getting new members. I was very proud of our Don Gee; he was given the Distinguished Service Medal Silver by Commandant Dile for his outstanding service to the Department in the position of Public Relations Officer. Congratulations Don!!! Come to the meeting and hear the rest of the good stuff that happened at the Convention. I will have a list of the newly elected State officers at the meeting, but I'll list them here also. Commandant-Dave Pavey; Sr Vice-Bill Davis; Jr Vice-Jim Bradford; Adjutant-Paul Seaton; Judge Advocate-Terry Bergman; Paymaster-Paul Hastings; Chaplain-Jim Miller. All of these officers impressed me with their honesty and dedication to the League, I am sure that they will serve the membership to the best of their abilities.

That's all for now, see you on 12 July at the regular meeting. Please see the notice, elsewhere in this newsletter, pertaining to the upcoming meeting with the Congressmen and Senators on 17 July.

Semper Parci,

Budd Pearce

"LAST CALL"

To World War II Pacific Theatre Veterans, Family and Friends

For the

Tour Hosts:

General Louis H. Wilson, USMC (Ret)
Medal of Honor - Guam - 1944

General Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret)
Medal of Honor - Korea - 1950
Navy Cross - Peleliu - 1944

Rear Admiral Eugene B. Fluckey, USN (Ret)
Submariner; Medal of Honor - USS Barb

Captain Ned Beach, USN (Ret)
Author "Run Silent, Run Deep"



OF VJ DAY

CRUISE OR LAND PACKAGE

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This will be the culminating celebration of the 50th Anniversaries of World War II, in commemoration of the service and sacrifice of American servicemen and women toward the final victory over Japan in the Pacific.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend a 50th Anniversary commemoration, this will be an excellent chance to meet with fellow Pacific Theatre Veterans, Medal of Honor Recipients, historians and authors in the exotic setting of the Hawaiian Islands. Specially designed VJ Day land and sea packages (with land package extensions) are being offered in a wide range of prices, allowing as many veterans as possible to participate in this final 50th anniversary observance of World War II.



VJ DAY MEMORIAL CRUISE August 26 - September 2, 1995 SS Independence

- ★ **Saturday, August 26** Arrive Honolulu International Airport
Depart Honolulu 9PM
- ★ **Sunday, August 27** Arrive Kona (afternoon)
- ★ **Monday, August 28** Depart Kona (afternoon)
- ★ **Tuesday, August 29** Arrive Hilo (morning)
Depart Hilo (evening)
- ★ **Wednesday, August 30** Arrive Maui (morning)
- ★ **Thursday, August 31** Depart Maui (evening)
- ★ **Friday, September 1** Arrive Kauai (morning)
Depart Kauai (evening)
- ★ **Saturday, September 2** Arrive Honolulu (early AM)

Prices from \$1,995.00
(based on per person, double occupancy)

VJ DAY MEMORIAL LAND PACKAGE August 31 - September 5, 1995 Honolulu, Hawaii

- ★ **Thursday, August 31** - Arrive Honolulu, transfer to deluxe hotel, balance of day at leisure to explore Waikiki
- ★ **Friday, September 1** - Orientation Breakfast in your hotel. VIP Island Tour and Pearl Harbor Cruise with Memorial Service.
- ★ **Saturday, September 2** - VJ Day Special Events to include PunchBowl Ceremony, Parades and VJ Day Dances.
- ★ **Sunday, September 3** - Official "Peace Day" activities in Honolulu
- ★ **Monday, September 4** - Free day for independent sightseeing, shopping and relaxation.
- ★ **Tuesday, September 5** - Depart Honolulu

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THE PISTOL TEAM. Standing 1 to r: Joe Hazen, Sr Vice Bill Rosenberger, Ernie Ortiz, Commandant Budd Pearce. Seated in front is the famous Bob Randle.

ATTENTION MARINES!!!

The United Veterans of Doylestown (Amer. Legion; Marine Corps League; Viet Nam Vets; VFW) are hosting a meeting with Congressman Fox, Congressman Greenwood, Senator Santorum and Senator Spector at the American Legion Building, 315 North St., Doylestown. This meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 July at 1930. They will explain the proposed budget cuts to the VA budget and listen to our concerns and viewpoints on these and other veteran related subjects. All area veterans, relatives and friends are invited to attend. It is important that we show our support and solidarity on these issues, please make every effort to attend!

Thank-You,

Budd Pearce

Commandant



The color guard gets set to lead the 80th fireman's parade in Doylestown on 10 June. L to R: Donny Parzanese, Ernie Ortiz, Bill Rosenberger, Budd Pearce.



The firing line at the pistol match. No bellies allowed on the table while you shoot!



The team stops for lunch with the Pennsylvania hills in the background.



Sr Vice Bill Rosenberger shows that he can eat better than he shoots. I'd give him a 250 out of a possible 300 on hoagie consumption. The champ is still Bob Randle!

History

The area where Camp Pendleton is located was first scouted by Spanish explorer Don Gaspar de Portola in 1769. He named the Santa Margarita Valley in honor of St. Margaret of Antioch, after sighting it July 20, St. Margaret's Day.

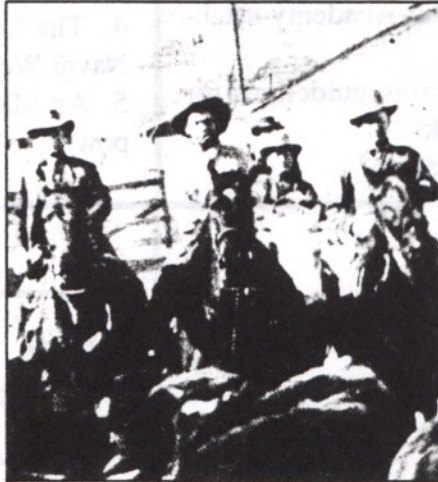
Through Spanish land grants, the Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores y San Onofre came into existence. Custody of these lands was originally held by the Mission San Luis Rey de Francia, located southeast of Pendleton, and eventually came into the private ownership of Don Pio Pico and brother Andres, in 1841.

Pio was a lavish entertainer and a politician who later became the last governor of Alta California. By contrast, his brother Andres took more seriously the business of taming the new land and protecting it from aggressive forces, namely the "Americanos."

While Andres was fighting the Americans, brother Pio was busily engaged in entertaining guests, political maneuvering and gambling. His continual extravagances soon forced him to borrow funds from loan sharks.

A dashing businesslike Englishman, John Forster, who had recently arrived in the sleepy little town of Los Angeles entered the picture, wooing and winning the hand of Ysidora Pico, sister of the rancho brothers. Just as the land-grabbers were about to foreclose on the ranch, young Forster stepped forward and offered to pick up the tab from Pio. He assumed the title of Don Juan Forster and, as such, turned the rancho into a profitable business.

When Forster died in 1882, the rancho was purchased by James Flood of San Francisco for \$450,000. His friend, Richard O'Neill, managed the rancho and, after 24 years of service, was given half-ownership.



Cowboys round up beehives in 1930s.



Shed now is site of Ranch House Chapel.

O'Neill built a dam to form the lake that now bears his name and introduced irrigation. Under his supervision, the ranch prospered; its beef and crops were known throughout the nation.

The O'Neill and Flood families 181,000-acre holding occupied a sizable portion of North San Diego County and extended into Orange County. The government purchased 125,000 acres in San Diego County at the cost of \$4,239,062, in 1942.

The Marine Corps' role in Camp Pendleton history dates from September 25, 1942, when the former rancho was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and named in honor of Major General Joseph H. Pendleton.

The Santa Margarita Ranch was then transformed into one of the largest military camps in the United States as a West Coast base for combat training of Marines and the preserving of California's resources.



Cattle, crops were mainstay here.



Branding Hereford

calves at Rancho Santa Margarita in 1930s.



MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. The male Marine long-sleeve shirt should have a tolerance of how many inches?
2. How many years did the U.S. Marines fight in Korea?
3. When was the Annapolis U.S. Naval Academy established?
4. Which Marine Corps manual contains guidelines for assigning conduct and proficiency marks?
5. Which court-martial can a Marine refuse?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The first Marine Aviation Force flew (British) DeHavillands, DH-4 bombers, and Sopwith Camels.
2. Major General Barrett was the first Commandant to request the recruiting of women in the Marine Corps.
3. MAG-33 fighter bombers were the first Corps aviation elements to engage the North Koreans.
4. The largest Marine Barracks CONUS is located at the Naval Weapons Station, Concord, CA.
5. An MK1 illuminating hand grenade has 55,000 candle-power.



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