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## Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 10, 1998, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 20 members present including all officers except **Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee** (excused) and **Adjutant Gary Smith** (excused). Distinguished Marines in attendance included: **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr.** and **Frank Yohe** and **Department of New Jersey Past Commandant Ed Hoth**.

The Minutes of the May Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymaster's Report was presented by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The Paymaster's Report was unanimously accepted.

**Members sick or in distress:** **Marine Joe Hazen** is undergoing chemotherapy and will be undergoing rehabilitation therapy following the treatments.

**Commandant Budd Pearce** reported he will be attending the Department of Pennsylvania Convention in York on June 26 and 27. He reminded the membership the Detachment is obligated to participating in the Annual Firemens Parade on June 13, the Special Olympics on June 27, the NAS Willow Grove Annual Air Show on June 27-28, and the New Britain-Chalfont Fourth of July Parade.

In the absence of the Senior Vice Commandant, the Detachment strength was reported at 51 with 15 Life Members, 31 Regular members, and 5 Associate Members. We have four Delinquent Members.

**Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio** reminded the membership that tickets for "California Suite" are still available (see story on Page 5). He is also looking for three volunteers to help with parking at the July 12 event. He is also looking for volunteers to help staff the table at the NAS Willow Grove Air Show on June 27 and 28. He pointed out it is a tremendous opportunity for the Detachment to be seen by the public and to recruit new members.

In the absence of the Adjutant, no additional correspondence was reported.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 8 JULY 1998  
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN





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# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As you all know, the Detachment has led the Chalfont-New Britain July 4th Parade for the last few years. We are planning to do this again this year. It is important that we have as many members as possible come out for this parade. Other than the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, this can be considered our "hometown" parade. It gets us in the public eye more than any other thing we do all year. So, let's load up that float and out on a good showing for our Detachment. This year the parade returns to the way it used to be. We will form at the New Britain Shopping Center (Clemens Market parking lot) on Rt. 202 and end at the Township Building on Park Avenue in Chalfont. There is a community fair planned at the park after the parade. There is supposed to be food and plenty of entertainment, if any of you want to hang around for it. There will be food and beverages on the float (as usual) so we can have a sandwich and get something cold to drink after such a long parade. If you plan to be in the Color Guard, please contact Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling so he knows who will be able to make it and who won't.

By the time you read this, I will have been to York for the Department Convention. I will have full details on all the goings on at the July meeting. Our scrapbook will be entered in the competition again this year. With any luck, we will hold onto First Place, which is what we have taken for the last few years. Speaking of our scrapbook, my wife and I have been putting this together for about five years now and I think that it's time for someone else to take a shot at it. Please think about this idea and let me know if you are interested. Suzanne and I will continue to take as many pictures as possible at all our functions and turn over a full set of the prints to the new Americanism Chairman. We will also offer any help and whatever guidance you may want or need.

The Detachment will be conducting its summer highway clean-up on Saturday, July 18. Since this is about the last thing you are going to be asked to do for the Detachment for the remainder of the summer, other than come to meetings, how about making sure you turn out for this one? The last clean-up we did only had a few people turn out. We got the job done, but we were wondering where all of our fellow Marines were when we needed their help. Don't be one of those that we wonder about. Come out and lend that needed hand! We will meet for breakfast at Lu's Place at the corner of Edison-Furlong Rd. and Rt. 263 at 8:30 and then go out and clean up Rt. 313. Please come out and help! That's about it for now.

Semper Fi,

*Budd Pearce*



**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** reported the Color Guard will be taking part in the Annual Special Olympics opening on June 27, the Hartsville Parade on June 13, and the Fourth of July Parade in New Britain. He is looking for volunteers to help out with the Special Olympics program.

**Judge Advocate Bob Momorella** reminded the members that each must have a copy of his or her DD-214 on file with the Judge Advocate as required by Marine Corps League National By-Laws. If you have not submitted a copy, please do so.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** reported he had a new stock of Detachment baseball caps available at \$10 each.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Commanding Officer Garry Preis** reported he will be retiring from the Marine Corps in July and is in the process of recruiting a replacement Young Marines C.O. Any Detachment member interested in the position should contact him at (215) 540-3959 or **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** at (215) 348-8925. A replacement is urgently needed. Without a replacement, the Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit may have to fold.

**VAVS--**No report. VAVS Coordinator absent.

**POW-MIA--**No report. POW-MIA Coordinator absent.

**RIFLE & PISTOL TEAMS --**In the absence of the Rifle & Pistol Team Coordinator, **Commandant Pearce** reported only three members of the Detachment formed the team. Team Member Joe Hazen was hospitalized and could not compete.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Don Parzanese, Sr., PC** , reminded the Detachment the next highway clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, July 11. He stated the Detachment needs at least 10 people to take part. The clean-up crew meets at 8:30 a.m. at Lu's Place (corner of Edison-Furlong Rd. & Rt. 263) for breakfast and then goes to clean up Rt. 313.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**PARADE FLOAT COMMITTEE--Parade Float Committee Chair Mike Waldron** reported the newly revamped Detachment Parade Float will be taking part in the Hartsville Parade and the New Britain-Chalfont Fourth of July Parade. He enjoined the membership to come out and take part in both events. (Our participation in the Hartsville Parade was ultimately cancelled due to inclement weather.)

**There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on July 8.**

## LESSONS FROM GEESE

The *Home & Garden Television* sales staff learned a few lessons from geese at a recent meeting.

**Fact 1:** As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the birds that follow. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

**Lesson 1:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

**Fact 2:** When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation.

**Lesson 2:** If we have as much sense as a goose, we stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

**Fact 3:** When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

**Lesson 3:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership. As with geese, people are interdependent on each other's skills, capabilities and unique arrangements of gifts, talents and resources.

**Fact 4:** The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

**Lesson 4:** We need to make sure our honking is encouraging.

**Fact 5:** When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.

**Lesson 5:** If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.



# 'Old Glory?' Well, What Do You Know?

Many flags have flown over what's now the United States, but none is as famous—or has inspired as much loyalty—as the Stars and Stripes. It has led soldiers into war, presided at half-mast at the funerals of presidents, and snapped smartly in the wind on Flag Days (June 14) and Fourth of Julys. But many of us don't know much about the flag other than it's red, white and blue.

Take the following quiz to see how much you know about this country's foremost symbol:

**1-The first European flag to arrive in the New World was also the first to leave: a black raven with outspread wings on a white field. Who carried it?**

**2-What was the motto on the famous Revolutionary War flag of the coiled rattlesnake?**

- a-Don't Tread on Me.
- b-Live Free or Die.
- c-Liberty and Justice for All.
- d-E Pluribus Unum.

**3-The first unofficial "national" flag was flown by George Washington to celebrate the founding of the Continental Army in 1776. It was known as:**

- a-the Mighty Banner.
- b-the Grand Union.
- c-Freedom Waves.
- d-the Continental Colors.

**4-In 1776, the first American flag was raised on the flagship of the Colonial Navy. The ship was called:**

- a-the Endeavor.
- b-the Liberty.
- c-the Black Prince.
- d-the Pine Tree.

**5-Many flag authorities agree that the oldest known Stars and Stripes in existence is currently displayed where?**

- a-Cooper Hewitt Museum, New York.
- b-Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- c-Independence Hall, Philadelphia.
- d-Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT.

**6-Legend credits Betsy Ross with stitching the first American flag. Who is the source of that story?**

- a-Betsy Ross's grandson.
- b-Benjamin Franklin's daughter.
- c-John Quincy Adams.
- d-Abigail Adams.

**7-Other people besides Betsy Ross have**

**been credited with designing the American flag. Which of the following has NOT been called the parent of the American flag?**

- a-John Paul Jones.
- b-John Hancock.
- c-John Hulbert.
- d-Francis Hopkinson.

**8-When Vermont and Kentucky were admitted as states, what odd design change occurred along with the addition of two stars?**

**9-The fate of the flag at which fort during the War of 1812 inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the "Star-Spangled Banner?"**

- a-Fort McHenry.
- b-Fort Sumter.
- c-Fort Belvedere.
- d-Fort Courage.

**10-When Key wrote the poem that became the "Star-Spangled Banner," he set it to the music of an old British drinking song. Name it.**

- a-"The Raven O'er the Waves."
- b-"Rule Britannia."
- c-"Along the Heathered Moor."
- d-"To Anacreon in Heaven."

**11-How many official versions of the American flag have there been?**

- a-27.
- b-37.
- c-47.
- d-57.

**12-The first Flag Day observance occurred in 1861 and was organized by the people of what northern city to show support for the Union?**

- a-Chicago.
- b-Providence, RI.
- c-Cairo, IL.
- d-Hartford, CT.

**13-During the Civil War, how many stars were removed from the flag because their states seceded?**

- a-11.
- b-10.
- c-9.
- d-None.

**14-On June 24, 1912, which president issued an executive order prescribing the proportions of, and arrangements on, the flag?**

**15-At that time, how many different sizes and proportions of the flag were**

**there?**

- a-66.
- b-77.
- c-88.
- d-99.

**16-Which president officially designated June 14 as Flag Day?**

- a-Calvin Coolidge.
- b-Herbert Hoover.
- c-Theodore Roosevelt.
- d-Harry Truman.

**17-In 1889, one flag manufacturer brought out a 39-star flag, gambling that which two states would enter as one state? (They didn't, and he had an accurate flag for only a few seconds)**

- a-Montana and Idaho.
- b-North and South Dakota.
- c-Texas and Oklahoma.
- d-New Mexico and Arizona.

**18-In 1960, a million American flags with the now out-of-date 48 stars were sold as surplus to which Caribbean nation?**

- a-Puerto Rico.
- b-Dominican Republic.
- c-Grenada.
- d-Haiti.

**19-According to *Conde Nast Traveler*, on Memorial Day, which U.S. city has the single largest display of American flags, at 2,700?**

- a-New York City.
- b-Oklahoma City.
- c-Kansas City.
- d-Salt Lake City.

**20-Finally, which Apollo mission planted the U.S. flag on the moon?**

- a-Apollo 11.
- b-Apollo 12.
- c-Apollo 13.
- d-Apollo 14.

**ANSWERS:** 1-The Vikings around 1000 AD; 2-a; 3-b; 4-c; 5-d; 6-a; 7-b; 8-Two more stripes were added (it wasn't until 1818 that the flag reverted to 13 stripes); 9-a; 10-d; 11-c; 12-d; 13-d; 14-William Howard Taft; 15-a; 16-d; 17-b; 18-d; 19-c; 20-a.

**SCORING:** Give yourself one point for each correct answer.

0-6: Your knowledge of the flag is ... flagging.

7-13: A lapsed Boy Scout.

14-20: A Yankee Doodle Dandy.



# VA Saves Hundreds of Millions of Dollars

Hundreds of millions of dollars in purchases of medical/surgical and pharmaceutical products have been saved by VA by leveraging its national purchasing power and other innovative contracting and distribution methods.

Through a "Commercial Practices Initiative" begun in July 1995 by VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer, VA's medical staff and contracting officers are working together to identify products so VA can standardize supplies used throughout the healthcare system—the largest in the country.

"Through this initiative," said Kizer, "VA is not only realizing savings and improved quality but also is stepping forward to lead industry in the process."

VA working groups identified more than 60 categories of items that are in various stages of analysis or contracting. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, general medical and surgical supplies, laboratory and pathology services, dental equipment and supplies, food and nutrition, and rehabilitation medical supplies and equipment.

Under the standardization concept, Terumo Corporation received the first contract for needles and syringes. A second contract for transport wheelchairs went to Invacare Corporation. These contracts are expected to save VA \$1.2 million in annual purchases.

Maximizing a developing business strategy in the private sector, Kizer directed VA's pharmacy program to develop a pharmacy benefits management group to manage the cost, use, outcomes and distribution of VA's \$1.1 billion pharmacy program. Last April, VA moved from 173 individual medical facility drug formularies to 22 network formularies. A national formulary is being developed and will be in place shortly.

VA also sought additional savings beyond its routine low prices through national volume-based competitive pharmaceutical contracting. The first contract for a class of drugs called H2 antagonists, awarded to Zenith Goldline for the drug cimetidine last July, is projected to save \$11.6 million annually. The second line H2 antagonist contract went to Merck Human Health Division for

famotidine (Pepcid) tablets, with a projected annual savings of \$14.3 million.

Six companies share contracts for a number of high-volume generic drugs expected to save \$10.8 million annually. They are Ciba-Geneva, Effcon, H.L. Moore, Mylan, Novopharm, Purepac, Rugby, and Schein.

Extending the principles behind the initiative to services, VA also negotiated what is believed to be the first-of-its-kind contract with seven multi-state providers of nursing home care. VA anticipates reducing administrative costs that have been associated with access and ensuring consistent quality in community nursing home care services for veterans.

Pleased with the progress to date, Kizer said, "Our Commercial Practices Initiative is a process that balances clinician preference with concentrated buying power—clinicians will have quality products, patients will have continuity of care, vendors will have guaranteed market share, and taxpayers will know their

dollars are being spent wisely.

## 'California Suite' Tickets Available From Junior Vice

Tickets for the Central Bucks Detachment-sponsored "California Suite" on Sunday, July 12, at Town & Country Players in Buckingham are still available.

Although we are limited to 150 seats, the Detachment still has plenty of tickets left for this performance.

Contact Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio at 674-4111 for particulars. The tickets are priced at a very affordable \$10.

The show begins at 3 p.m. and sufficient parking is available.

If this venture proves to be financially successful, it may become an annual fund-raiser and entertainment event for the Detachment.



## MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. The male Marine long-sleeve shirt should have a tolerance of how many inches?
2. Before administering CPR, how do you find where to push on the chest?
3. What is the motto of Marine "Recon?"
4. Where are the punitive articles under the Uniform Code of Military Justice?
5. What naval term is used to indicate the direction to the right of centerline?

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

1. The casualty radius of the M16A1 Bouncing Betty mine is 27 meters.
2. A Summary Court-Martial is the only one a Marine can refuse.
3. The color of TNT is pale yellow.
4. The IRAM is the Marine Corps Manual which contains guidelines for assigning pro and con marks.
5. You call a Marine Sergeant who is 6-foot, 5-inches tall, weighing 240 pounds, "Sir!"



# Former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Dies

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 18--Retired Marine Sergeant Major Herbert J. Sweet, who had served as Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, died today of respiratory failure at his home in Alexandria, VA. He was 79.

Sergeant Major Sweet held the Corps' top enlisted job from 1965-69 during the Marines' heaviest fighting in Vietnam. Raised in Troy, NY, the Sergeant Major joined the Marines in 1937 and saw action in World War II on Guam and Iwo Jima as well as combat service in Korea and Vietnam.

He received four awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle; and was also decorated with the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal, each with Combat "V."

In addition to his service as the Marine Corps enlisted advisor under Commandants Gen. Wallace M. Greene, Jr. and

Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., SgtMaj. Sweet was Field Sergeant Major of the 2d Marine Division in Korea.

He also held the senior enlisted post for the 3d Marine Division (Okinawa), at Marine Barracks, Subic Bay (Philippines) and at the 6th Marine Corps District in Atlanta.

Immediately following the Korean War, SgtMaj. Sweet served for two years as Assistant to the Professor of Naval Science, Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Unit at Columbia Uni-

versity in New York City. Other tours of duty included Parris Island, SC (recruit training First Sergeant) and Marine Detachment assignments aboard USS MISSOURI and at the Naval Ordnance Plant in Macon, GA.

SgtMaj. Sweet is survived by his wife, Dorothea, of Alexandria; and son and daughter, Michael J. Sweet and Kathleen Sweet Charters, both of Vienna, VA.

He had two grandchildren--Michael J. Sweet III and Angela M. Sweet, also of Vienna.



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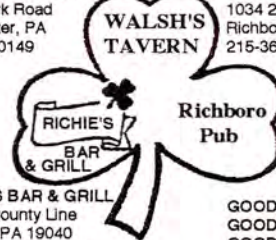
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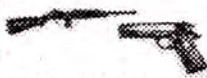


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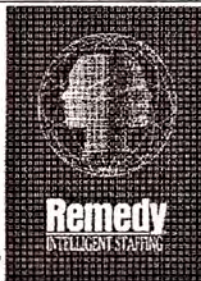
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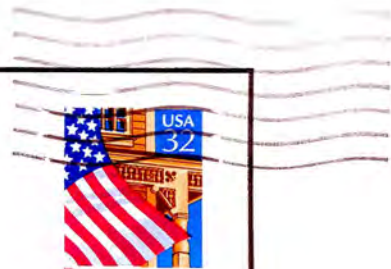
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