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Highlights

CENTRAL BUCKS
DETACHMENT #636
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The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania was held June 9, 1999, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members and guests present including all officers except the Adjutant and the Mess Sergeant. Distinguished members in attendance included **National Public Relations Officer** and **Past Commandant Don Gee**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr.** and **Franklin Yohe**; **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**; and **Marine of the Year Bob Sundling**.

The Minutes of the May Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Guests included **Terry "Sam" Sampson** of Doylestown and **LtCol. Mike Shamp**, USMCR, of Warrington.

LtCol. Shamp, who commands the 6th Motor Transport Battalion in Earle, NJ, gave the members a brief rundown on his unit and its activities.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported on the Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match he and the Detachment Pistol Team attended at Indiantown Gap on the weekend of June 5-6. He also reported on the viewing in which the Detachment Color Guard participated on June 7.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 47 members including 30 Regular Members, 13 Life Members, and 4 Associate Members. The Detachment has one delinquent member.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 14 JULY 1999
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I wish to thank everyone who came out for the Memorial Day Parade. The float looked GREAT! **Mess Sergeant Wil Haas** did an excellent job on the building of the monument. Now, if we can only teach **Herb Krout** to duck when we come to those low trees... If you missed that parade, don't worry, we have the Independence Day Parade on July 3. Try to make it to this one if you can--we even have refreshments! My wife, **Suzann**, will be supplying sandwich makings, soda, ice tea, etc., after the parade, as she usually does. There is an all-day fair after the parade for anyone interested. There is plenty of room on the float, so come out for this one, as the float will be judged for a prize. We have a very good chance to win in the "Patriotic" category. This would be great publicity for our Detachment, so please make every effort to be there!

If you missed the June Meeting, you missed a good one. We had the Commanding Officer of 6th Motor Transport Battalion as our guest. He gave a short, interesting talk about his unit and expressed his desire to join our Detachment. According to the **Lieutenant Colonel Mike Shamp**, he will be at as many meetings as possible until his retirement and then he will get actively involved. You never know, someday we may have a Colonel as Detachment Commandant.

Since I am writing this on the 10th of the month, instead of the 20th, I don't have any news from the Department Convention yet. All the news from the Convention will be discussed at the July Meeting, so try not to miss it. Maybe our Mess Sergeant will be back and have one of his culinary delights for us. For those of you who don't make it to meetings, you are missing some really excellent after-meeting refreshments. I mean, how often have you heard of grilled burgers, chicken or maybe a steak (with baked potato) as an after-meeting snack? Come to think of it, maybe that's why we keep getting such good turn-outs for the meeting...thank you, Wil!

Before I sign off, I want to thank the Detachment for voting to make such a generous contribution to the **Mike Pettine Scholarship Trust**. **Bob Schaffer** would have been even more proud of you that he always was. I have to say again, I thank all for being members of this Detachment! I have never been associated with a finer bunch of "Uncle Sam's Misguided Children." I'll see you at the parade!

Semper Par

Budd France

Website Established for Marines with NATO Forces

by LCpl. **Derek A. Shoemaker**

TASZAR, Hungary--Marines here serving under Combined Joint Task Force Noble Anvil, part of NATO's Operation Allied Force, are now just a click away.

The official Website, www.usmc.mil/alliedforce, established in June, allows users to see inside the various units aboard Tazsar.

"It's a way for Marines here to find out what's going on as well as let people back

home see what we've been doing," said 1stLt. **Christian Devine**, Marine Aircraft Group 31 (MAG-31) Forward's Public Affairs Officer.

According to Devine, the Website features a news and photo archive. To access these archives, users should scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on either "News" or "Photos."

For Marines deployed to Tazsar, information on religious services, post exchange hours, or dates of on-base events can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the home page and clicking on "Family Info."

"What we have is pictures of Marines sending back messages to their families," he said.

To access "Hero's Hellos," users should also click on "Family Info."

"We think this site will do good business for the Marines here and the Marine Corps abroad," said Devine.

The site is scheduled to last throughout the NATO Operation.

Local Korean War Veterans Sought

John J. Plenskofski, President of the Philadelphia & Vicinity Korean War Veterans Association is seeking the names of friends, family members or fellow soldiers killed in action in the Korean War to be added to the 2,333 Pennsylvanians already known to have died in Korea. He can be reached at: P. O. Box 2188, Warminster, PA 18974 or by telephoning: 215-706-0945.

"All Korean War veterans are welcome to join our Chapter," John states. The Chapter participated in the Korean War Memorial Groundbreaking ceremony in Philadelphia on June 16.



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Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio reminded the members of the Detachment's Fund-Raiser at the Town & Country Playhouse in Buckingham on Sunday, Aug. 15. (See Page 4 for more details). He also reminded the members that the ticket stubs and money collected for the Department of Pennsylvania Annual Raffle were due at this meeting.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported a request he had received from the Shriners of LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting. They are looking for Detachment Volunteers to collect tickets at their Sept. 17-19 "Shriners Rodeo." The Detachment voted unanimously to pursue this request in more detail.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reminded the members that he was preparing a list of QM items to be acquired by the next meeting and anyone wanting a particular MCL item not in stock should let him know by Sunday, June 13. He can be reached at: (215) 675-2377.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported he would not be available for the Independence Day Parade in New Britain (Saturday, July 3) and needed a replacement for himself on the Color Guard. Anyone interested in helping out by serving on the Color Guard for this parade can contact him at: (215) 348-8925. Uniform for the Color Guard is Summer Service "A" (Garrison cap, white short-sleeve shirt, Dress Blues trousers, black socks, and black shoes.)

Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC, reminded the members the deadline for the next "Listen Up!" was June 20. He asked that members who have any photos relating to Detachment activities submit them for publication. He also reported the Department of Pennsylvania had developed a new Department pamphlet which should be available to all Detachments in the near future.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Coordinator Budd Pearce has set Saturday, July 17 as the next clean-up date.

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported on the the Memorial Day Weekend excursion the Young Marines Unit took to Gettysburg. The Young Marines camped out, prepared their own food, took hikes, and stood "Fire Watch." He reported the Young Marines had a great time at Gettysburg.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported the Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match is scheduled for September 24-26 at Indiantown Gap. Anyone desiring to become a member of the Rifle & Pistol Team should contact him at: (215) 348-7275. **Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling** added that the Detachment had two M-1 Garand Rifles available for loan.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

A-DAY PARKING--Coordinator Bob Momorella reported he had contacted all of the sites used for this year's "A-Day" Fund-Raiser and had them all confirmed for next year. He further reported the New Britain Township Police Department was excited about the Detachment contributing to its "Bike Fund." Presentations of Certificates of Appreciation and donations will be scheduled with the respective Police Departments in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

An inquiry was made about the Food Cart. Commandant Pearce deferred the question until the July Meeting for **Mess Sergeant Wil Haas** to address.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to replace the deck of the Detachment Float was unanimously approved. Judge Advocate Momorella will coordinate this effort.

A motion to donate \$500 to the **Mike Pettine Scholarship Fund** at Central Bucks West High School in the name of **Bob Schaffer** was unanimously approved.

Marine Tracy Brockman informed the members he had developed a proposed Website for the Detachment and had it with him to demonstrate it to the members. It was motioned and unanimously approved that Tracy be appointed the Detachment Webmaster and that he go "on-line" with the Website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, July 14, at 1930.

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NEW COMMANDANT TO TAKE OFFICE

General James Jones has been named Commandant of the Marine Corps replacing **General Charles C. Krulak**, who retires July 1.

Prior to being named Commandant, Jones was serving as Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC. He was advanced to Lieutenant General in July 1996.

Gen. Jones was born on Dec. 19, 1943, in Kansas City, MO. Having spent his formative years in France, he returned to the United States to attend the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January 1967.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, VA, in October 1967, he was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a Platoon and Company Commander with Company "G," 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division. While overseas, he was promoted to First Lieutenant in June 1968.

Returning to the United States in December 1968, Lt. Jones was assigned to Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as a Company Commander until May 1970. He then received orders to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, for duties as a Company Commander. He was promoted to Captain in December 1970. He served in this assignment until July 1973. From July 1973 until June 1974, he was a student at the Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA.

In November 1974, he received orders to the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, where he served as the Company Com-

mander of Company "H," 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, until December 1975.

From January 1976 to August 1979, he served in the Officer Assignments Section at Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, DC. During this assignment, he was promoted to Major in July 1977.

Remaining in Washington, his next assignment was as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the United States Senate, where he served until July 1984. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1982.

He was selected to attend the National War College in Washington, DC. Following graduation in June 1985, he was assigned to command the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st MarDiv, Camp Pendleton, CA, from July 1985 to July 1987.

In August 1987, LtCol. Jones returned to Headquarters, Marine Corps, where he served as Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to Colonel in April 1988, and became the Military Secretary to the Commandant in February 1989. In August 1990, Col. Jones was assigned as Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Lejeune, NC. During this tour with the 24th

MEU, he participated in "Operation: PROVIDE COMFORT" in Northern Iraq and Turkey. He was advanced to Brigadier General in April 1992. Brig-Gen. Jones was then assigned duties as Deputy Director, J-3, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, in July 1992.

During this tour of duty, he was assigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE, for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia.

Returning to the United States, he was advanced to Major General in July 1994 and was assigned as Commanding General, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Forces Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, NC.

MajGen. Jones next served as Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, during 1996. He then served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations, at Headquarters, Marine Corps, before being assigned to The Pentagon.

His medals and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three gold stars, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Attention Marines!

The Next
Highway Clean-Up
Will Be On

Saturday, July 17
(Rain Date: July 24)

Meet at Lu's Place
at 8 a.m.

Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3
at
0830

New Britain Town Center
(Clemens Market)
Rt. 202, New Britain

**Uniform: Garrison Cap, Short-Sleeve
White Shirt w/ribbons & badges,
black or Dress Blues trousers,
black socks, and black shoes.**

MILITARY SOON TO GET 'GREEN ROUNDS'

By Jim Garamone

Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON--Some Range NCOs talk about "slinging lead down range." In the future they'll have to talk about "slinging tungsten and tin."

That's because the Army is producing environmentally friendly ammunition. The first million rounds will be produced at Lake City (MO) Army Ammunition Plant and officials expect troops from all services to be using the new "green" rounds soon after.

Researchers at the Army's Armament Research Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal (NJ) developed the 5.56mm bullets which have a tungsten-tin core sheathed in copper. Current rounds use lead cores. Don't let "environmentally friendly" fool you: The new rounds proved slightly more accurate than the lead versions during testing, officials said. The new rounds are ballistically and visibly identical to the old and require no special handling.

Alaskan National Guardsmen recently finished qualifying using the new rounds.

"There was no difference in the performance of the rounds concerning shot groups or functioning of the weapon," said Army Major Gary Curtiss, Operations Officer with the 1st Battalion (Scouts), 297th Infantry.

"We've been working on this for about two years," said Jim Arnold, Chief of the Pollution Prevention and Environmental Technology Division at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. "The concept is part of an Army initiative called 'Range 21.' It is about the Army being good stewards of training and testing lands."

The idea is to reduce lead in the environment. The heavy metal and its chemical compounds are poisonous. Even small doses can cause irreversible brain damage if ingested or breathed.

Contrary to news reports, lead contamination is NOT currently a problem at military outdoor ranges, although it could conceivably leach into water on some of the more heavily used ranges, he said.

"There's no problem now, but there

could be," Arnold said. "Why not look ahead and solve them before they start?"

Arnold said the concern is indoor ranges, such as those used regularly by reserve components. While lead contamination is part of the total picture, general health concerns about the vapors, residues and other pollutants created by firing rounds play a larger role in closing the indoor ranges. Still lead is toxic and "if we can get rid of even the small chance of breathing lead, we should," Arnold said. The tungsten-tin solution is not expensive. Arnold said the costs of new and old rounds are comparable. Once in mass production, tungsten-tin bullets may be cheaper than lead ones, he predicted. The Army buys all the small arms ammunition for the

No Vietnam Vet for Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers

WASHINGTON, DC--A final decision has not been made, but Defense Secretary William S. Cohen will probably not authorize burial of another Vietnam unknown at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington (VA) Cemetery.

Rudy de Leon, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, consulted with experts at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii and recommended DoD leave the tomb empty.

Given the science available today, it is "very unlikely that we will find any more remains that we can say beyond a shadow of a doubt we cannot identify," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said during a Feb. 25 news conference. More than 200 sets of remains are at the lab in Hawaii, and officials expect to identify them, all, Bacon said. More than 2,000 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War.

Bacon said the question now is how the Department will deal with the empty tomb in a dignified way. "It's likely that we will end up putting on an inscription of some sort that remembers the men who died during the war and whose remains have not been found," he said.

In April 1998, DoD announced it would disinter the remains of the Vietnam Unknown that had been in place since 1984. On May 14, 1998, Cohen pre-

military--200 million 5.56mm lead-copper rounds in fiscal 1998.

If the green 5.56mm round proves successful in actual field use, researchers will move to 7.62mm, 9mm and .50-caliber rounds.

"The next is the '50-cal,'" Arnold said. "There's a small amount of lead in the round we think we can get rid of through improving the industrial process in making it. "The 9mm is the tough nut to crack because the bullet is fairly large," Arnold continued. "There has to be cost reduction on tungsten-tin before this will work."

"Green" bullets solve only the problem of reducing lead in the environment. Scientists are also working to make bullet propellants and primers 'greener'."

sided over the ceremony. "We disturb this hallowed ground with profound reluctance," he said during the ceremony. "We take this step only because of our abiding commitment to account for every warrior who fought and died to preserve the freedoms we cherish."

On June 30, 1998, DoD announced that tests conducted by the Central Identification Laboratory and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory showed the remains were those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, who died May 11, 1972, when shot down on a combat mission near An Loc, South Vietnam. Blassie's funeral was held in St. Louis on July 11, 1998.

Bacon said DoD wants to avoid another situation like Blassie's. "It was painful. It was awkward," he said. "I think everybody agrees we did the right thing, but we don't want to create another problem for ourselves by putting in a set of remains that at some time in the future may be identified."

Bacon said DoD officials will consult with veterans groups and family groups before Cohen makes his final decision. "(The Tomb of the Unknowns) is a sacred place," he said. "It's a very important symbol of American sacrifice, and we want to make sure that in leaving the Tomb empty an appropriate recognition is made of the sacrifices that were made."



MARINE CORPS DATELINES



JULY

- 1—(1920) MajGen. John A. Lejeune became the 12th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
(1991) Gen. Carl E. Mundy Jr. assumed duties as the 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- 2—(1891) Marines began protecting seal herds against poachers on the Bering Sea.
- 3—(1864) Marines participated in skirmish near White Point, SC, during Civil War.
- 4—(1800) U.S. Marine Band played at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, in first public appearance.
(1834) President Andrew Jackson ordered green and buff as Corps' uniform colors.
- 5—(1943) 1st Raider Regiment landed against Japanese on New Georgia Island.
- 6—(1905) Marines escorted body of John Paul Jones from France to Annapolis.
- 7—(1941) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing commissioned at Quantico, VA.
- 8—(1930) MajGen. Commandant Wendell C. Neville, 14th Commandant, died in office.
- 9—(1846) Marines and seamen occupied Sonoma, CA, after proclaiming California part of the U.S. (Mexican War).
- 10—(1919) Submarine chaser turned over to Corps with first all-Marine crew.
(1941) 2d Marine Aircraft Wing commissioned at San Diego, CA.
- 11—(1798) USMC reestablished by Act of Congress, succeeding Continental Marines.
- 12—(1798) Major William Ward Burrows appointed 2d Commandant by President Adams.
- 13—(1954) 3dMarDiv placed on 24-hour alert, prepared to move in support of the French in Indochina. Alert was later cancelled.
- 14—(1853) Commodore Matthew Perry, escorted by Marines and seamen, landed at Uruga, Japan. Maj. Jacob Zeilin was the second man to go ashore.
(1882) Marines landed at Alexandria, Egypt, to restore order.
- 15—(1958) Battalion Landing Team 2/2 landed across the beaches at Beirut, Lebanon.
- 16—(1861) Maj. J. G. Reynolds commanded 350 Marines in the First Battle of Bull Run.
- 17—(1990) 200 members of the Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines, helped rescue survivors in Cabanatuan after the island was hit by an earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale. More than 300 civilians were killed.
- 18—(1918) 4th Brigade sustained 1,972 casualties in attack on Soissons, France.
- 19—(1779) 300 Continental Marines attacked the British at Fort George, Penobscot Bay.
- 20—(1950) Organized Marine Corps Reserve mobilized for duty in Korea.

- 21—(1944) 3dMarDiv, 1st Provisional Brigade and Marine Aircraft Group 21 landed to recapture Guam.
- 22—(1919) Two companies of Quantico Marines helped civil authorities restore order in Washington, DC, after race riots.
- 23—(1944) Elements of the 3dMarDiv completed the occupation of Cabras Island, Tinian.
- 24—(1944) Artillery, air, naval bombardment softened Tinian for 4thMarDiv landing.
- 25—(1777) Congress authorized \$4 weekly subsistence for Marine officers.
- 26—(1861) Act of Congress increased Marine Corps authorized strength to 93 officers and 3,074 enlisted men.
- 27—(1898) Marines from USS DIXIE first to raise the American flag over Puerto Rico.
(1953) Korean Conflict ended.
- 28—(1918) BrigGen. John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d U.S. Army Division in France.
- 29—(1919) Detachment of Marines from USS NEW ORLEANS prepared to land at Tyutuke Bay (near Vladivostok), Russia, to protect American interests during a period of political disturbances.
- 30—(1889) Marines landed at Honolulu, Hawaii, to protect American lives and property during election disturbances.
(1918) The 1st Marine Aviation Force arrived in France.
- 31—(1813) Marines landed at York, Lake Ontario, with soldiers, to burn stores and barracks of the British.

AUGUST

- 1—(1960) Marine Corps' Enlisted Rank and Pay Structure Board revised rank structure, incorporating Lance Corporals, E8s and E9s. Prefix "acting" abolished by CMC on this date.
- 2—(1950) 1st Marine Provisional Brigade landed in Pusan, Korea, one month after being alerted.
- 3—(1917) MajGen. John A. Lejeune led triumphant Marines in return from France.
- 4—(1855) Marines from USS POWHATAN captured 17 pirate junks near Hong Kong.
- 5—(1864) Marines participated in the Battle of Mobile Bay.
(1990) Marines of the 22nd MEU (SOC) were flown to the American Embassy, Monrovia, Liberia, to help evacuate embassy personnel.
- 6—(1847) LtCol. S. E. Watson's Marines commenced march on the "Halls of Montezuma," Mexico.
- 7—(1942) 1st Marine Division landed on Guadalcanal to begin first U.S. WWII land offensive.
(1953) SSgt. Barbara Barnwell became the first woman Marine awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism.
- 8—(1942) 5th Marines and Company "A," 1st Tank Battalion, crossed Ilu and Lunga Rivers, meeting the first Japanese resistance on the island of Guadalcanal.

GI Insurance Hoax Surfaces on Internet

An insurance hoax that has returned time and again for nearly 50 years to create administrative problems for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been revived by groups asking veterans to pay for assistance in collecting a nonexistent life insurance dividend. This time, however, they are using the Internet to extort funds from veterans.

"In the past," said a VA spokesman, "the insurance hoax has caused only administrative problems for VA. Now there are those who are trying to make a profit at the expense of veterans and we are resolved to stopping them."

The VA Inspector General has been instructed to work with the Postal Service and the Federal Communications Commission to do everything possible to put an end to this latest version of the hoax and to alert all veterans," the spokesman stated.

The VA Regional Office & Insurance Center on Wissahickon Ave. in Philadelphia, PA, reports veterans and active

duty military personnel throughout the country have received flyers, including return forms, from groups or individuals offering veterans assistance in applying for the dividends or in answering questions they may have for fees ranging from \$2 to \$15 for each request.

The flyers falsely claim that dividends from veterans' life insurance policies are available to any veteran who applies. For veterans who served at least two years in the military, the flyers and ads claim the dividends range from \$264 for two years of service and increase for each additional year of service.

The phony applications and flyers, past and present, claim the dividends have been recently authorized by Congress. In fact, there is no such dividend for veterans who do not keep their insurance in force, nor a rebate for active duty personnel. No such legislation has been approved or proposed by Congress.

In the past, the hoax applications were unwittingly printed in magazines, news-

papers and newsletters, or distributed in handbills. Recent reports show this method is again beginning to appear in addition to the flyers. The hoax has caused wasted effort by thousands of veterans, active duty military personnel and dependents, and has generated needless labor and mailing expense by VA.

Legitimate insurance dividends are automatically paid, usually on the anniversary date of the policy, to approximately three million veterans with active policies in four GI life insurance programs. No application is needed to receive the dividend payment.

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