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## Individual Monument Bricks Available

The Central Bucks Detachment has purchased an additional commemorative paver for inclusion in the Doylestown Community Service & Veterans Memorial. Individual members can purchase \$100 bricks for themselves and the bricks will be placed around the Detachment paver when the monument is constructed.

The appeal by a member of the Central Bucks Detachment to the Board of Supervisors of Doylestown Township to recognize Doylestown's only Medal of Honor recipient resulted in the establishment of the township's Community Service Memorial Committee. The Committee was recently renamed the Community Service & Veterans Memorial Committee.

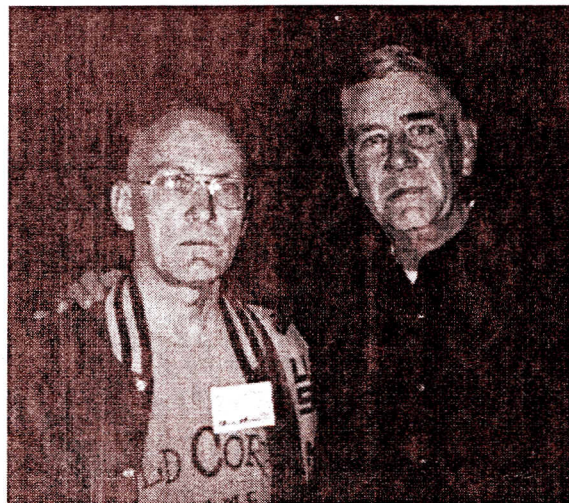
The Marine, retired Sergeant Major Charles R. Francis, was born in Doylestown in May 1875, earned the Medal of Honor (as a Private) in Tientsin, China, on June 21, 1900, during the Boxer Rebellion. He died in California in 1946.

Applications for the commemorative bricks are on **Pages 5 and 6** of this issue. Completed forms and checks made payable to: **Doylestown Community Service Memorial Fund** should be mailed to Past Commandant Don Gee who will assure the bricks are properly arranged around the Detachment's paver.

Purchasers do not have to be Doylestown residents.

Consisting of a three-sided bronze monument, four feet wide and eight feet high, it contains faces representing a variety of significant unnamed citizens--ranging from veterans of the Revolutionary War to the present; police officers, firefighters, nurses, doctors, teachers, caregivers, volunteers, and others. The monument was created over a three-year period by noted sculptor and former **Marine Ashby Saunders**.

The monument will be located in the triangle at the south entrance to the township on Route 611 (across from the former Tabor Home site).



**BROTHER MARINES--**  
Past Commandant Bob Sundling got to spend some time with actor and fellow Marine R. Lee Ermey at the Young Marines Adult Leaders Conference in Nevada. Ermey, who hosts the popular "Mail Call" series on the History Channel, is the National Spokesman for the Young Marines.



# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Let me begin by thanking Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Powell for standing in for me at the May Detachment meeting during my little R&R down in Florida. More about that later.

It was brought to my attention that everything is pretty much in place for the Memorial Day parade in Doylestown. The trailer/float is in the staging area ready to be decorated and we have a towing vehicle set up thanks to our member Eric Sanford. Budd and I have discussed that due to space limitations in the back of the towing vehicle, we will have to keep Iwo in the box and just display the field cross. We'll bring Iwo back for the July 4th parade. Also we're geared up for our fund raiser at the State Store in Doylestown. Hopefully we will have coverage for the three days. This is a great fund raiser and we just need our members to answer the call. I'm confident that we will. I'll be involved with the Memorial dedication ceremony in Lahaska on Saturday and hopefully do a little fund raising on my own. Only problem is, I'll have the American Legion and VFW doing their fund raising (selling poppies) as well. I'll be at the State Store on Sunday. Then the following week end is the Department Pistol Match at I-Gap beginning Friday June 3rd followed by the Department Convention on June 23rd. Anyone wanting to go to the Convention in Bethlehem, get your name on the list as a Delegate asap. Contact the Paymaster, Bob Cody.

Now about my trip to Florida. I let it be known that my wife and I were sell-

ing our house in PA. and moving to Delaware or Florida. Our trip to Florida was for the purpose of looking into buying property there. As it turns out, we don't like Florida. All the stuff we looked at on the internet and from Realtors looked really inviting. Once you see it up close and personal it's a different story. Also we found out that before we can sell our house, we must make a lot of improvements so that it's in compliance with the Township building codes. I don't have time to deal with

that right now. Our moving plans have been put on hold for awhile. Yes, I will fulfill my obligation as your Commandant for this year. Those of you who hated to see me go can breathe a sigh of relief. We'll just have to tough it out a little while longer.

That's all I have for now. See you at the parade.

Semper Fi,

*Bill Miller*

## MARINE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

Recently, a Marine Corps Harrier squadron was invited to attend the annual Air Force Red Flag exercises at Nellis Air Force Base, NV. This is one of the USAF's big exercises, where they test combined arms employment of tactical air assets.

The USAF F-15 pilots showed up on the ramp with dozens of rear echelon airman types and tons of equipment such as Ground Power Units, Accessory Power Units, Hummers, Trucks, Air Conditioners, etc. The Marines appeared ready to operate in a combat environment and

The Air Force commander commented to the Marine commander:

"Where is all your support stuff? Geez, you guys really are just Grunts that know how to fly."

Not wanting to disappoint the Air Force commander, the Marine commander got an idea of his own. He talked to his 1st Sergeant and later that night, the 1st Sergeant had his Marines make up bayonet studs on hose clamps. (There's a pitot tube sticking out of the

nose of a Harrier.) In the hours of darkness, the 1st Sergeant had the clamp with the bayonet stud tightened onto the pitot tube of each

The next morning, the Air Force pilots fell out on the ramp in front of their F-15s. The Marine pilots fell out on the other side of the ramp in front of their Harriers. Each Marine pilot had on his deuce gear with a bayonet in the scabbard. The USAF commander ordered his pilots to "man your planes."

The USAF ground crews by the dozens scrambled to their trucks, APUs, GPUs, etc. and the pilots ran to their planes. The Marine commander ordered his Marines to "Fix Bayonets," whereupon each pilot ran to the front of his Harrier and fixed his bayonet on the stud attached to the pitot tube. The Marine commander then ordered "CHARGE," and the Marines jumped in their Harriers, dusted airborne, and flew off.

The Marine commander turned to the USAF commander and said; "This is what we Marines consider Close Air Support."

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### GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

**Peggy Sundling**, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!!" Items include: Moist Wipes--with and without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars - in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines - military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used are fine); Drink Mixes - individual envelopes. **Thanks for your continued support!**



# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 11, 2005, at the Albert E. Atkinson Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members and two guests present including all officers except the Commandant.

Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bill Jerrom.**

The **Minutes** of the April Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymasters Report** was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The Paymasters Reports was unanimously accepted.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell**, serving as Commandant for the meeting, reported he had received no correspondence from the Commandant.

**Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb** reported the Detachment strength at 52 including 21 Life Members, 26 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. The Junior Vice Commandant reminded the members that money for the Department of Pennsylvania Raffle must be turned in at the June Meeting. He also encouraged the members to take more tickets to sell.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had received correspondence from the Department of Pennsylvania pertaining to the Department Convention, proposed By-Laws changes, and the scholarship program.

**Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom** reported the annual tax form had been filed and that the Detachment had no legal problems.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson** reported there had been no requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

**Chaplain Ed Hoth**, PDC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** reported he was seeking requests for new items to add to the Locker Box.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling**, PC, reported on his recent Young Marines Adult Leaders Conference in Nevada where he met Young Marines National Spokesman **R. Lee Ermey**. He also reported on the planned trip to Washington, DC, set for Aug. 26. Cost for the trip is \$35 per person. Anyone interested in signing up for the trip should contact Bob at: (215) 348-8925.

**RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team member Budd Pearce**, PC, reported the Department Pistol Match will be held June 3-5.

**A-DAY FUND RAISER--A-Day Parking Coordinator Budd Pearce**, PC, reported on the success of the event in spite of the poor weather on Saturday.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS--**The Public Relations Officer reminded the members the deadline for submission of material for the June issue was May 20.

## NEW BUSINESS

**AUDIT COMMITTEE--**Acting Commandant Powell appointed the Annual Audit Committee. Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce will chair the committee. Members will be Paymaster Bob Cody, Past Commandant Don Gee, and Adjutant Gary Smith. The Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. on June 8.

**MEMORIAL PAVER--**PR Officer Don Gee, PC, motioned the Detachment purchase a paver for the Doylestown Township Community Service & Veterans Memorial. The motion was unanimously accepted.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE--**Past Commandants Gee & Pearce brought the members up-to-date on plans for the Memorial Day Parade and related ceremonies set for Memorial Day weekend.

**MEMORIAL DAY FUND RAISER--**Past Commandant Pearce reminded the members the Detachment would be conducting a fund-raiser at the State Store in Cross Keys from Thursday, May 26, through Saturday, May 28. Volunteers are needed to help staff the fund-raiser. Contact Budd at: (215) 343-5609 to sign up.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past Commandant Pearce announced Warrington Township has planned a Memorial to honor township war veterans. The Memorial will be dedicated at 2 p.m. at Igoe, Porter, Wellings Memorial Park on Bradley Rd., off Folly Road.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8.**



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**STATE STORE  
FUND-RAISER  
26-29 MAY**

**DOYLESTOWN  
MEMORIAL DAY  
PARADE  
30 MAY**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
8 JUNE**

**FLAG DAY  
14 JUNE**

**FATHERS DAY  
19 JUNE**

**1ST DAY OF SUMMER  
21 JUNE**

**4 JULY  
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**DETACHMENT MEETING  
13 JULY**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
10 AUGUST**

**LABOR DAY  
5 SEPTEMBER**

**PATRIOT DAY &  
GRANDPARENTS DAY  
11 SEPTEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
14 SEPTEMBER**

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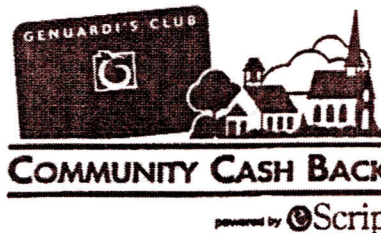
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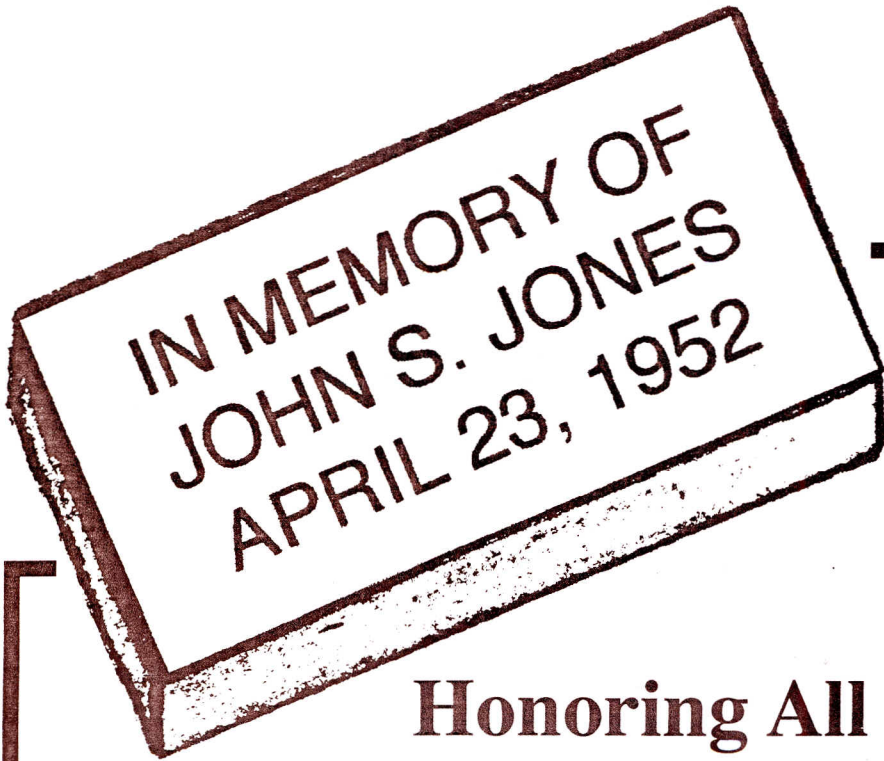
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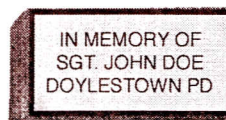
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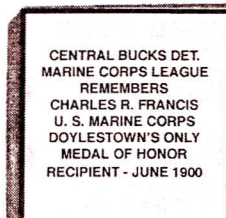


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We invite our friends, neighbors, businesses, veterans organizations, and visitors to join us in honoring those who made a mark on Doylestown by their selfless service to our community and our nation. This is an opportunity for everyone to add a personal touch in making the Community Service and Veterans Memorial a reality while honoring an ancestor, a relative or friend, or someone who made an impact on your life through their community or national service.

These bricks and pavers will provide memories and recognition that will forever be etched on the approaches to the Memorial. What a terrific way to honor your favorite teacher, a friend, say thanks to a veteran or community volunteer, memorialize a loved one or remember a police officer or firefighter. Join us in the excitement surrounding this project. Join in right now---complete and return the order form. If you need additional information, please call Sarah Brennan, Special Projects Coordinator, at (215) 348-9915.

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# Editorial

by Rich Scott

Special to *The Intelligencer* (Not Published)

In that *The Intelligencer* is kind enough to permit me to voice my opinion from time to time, I felt that during the month of May it would be appropriate to do so. I originally intended to address the irony of the first week in May being Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Week (Back Fences 5/6/05) and the second week of May bringing the release of a film titled "Monster in Law" starring Hanoi Jane Fonda. Hanoi Jane was always a better communist than she was actress. The irony was compounded in that the last week in May brings Memorial Day, a time in which we remember the brave men and women who have given their lives not for this country but for the personal freedoms, liberties and ideals that it represents.

I was further given to wondering just how many additional men and women we must memorialize due to the actions of the treasonous traitor known as Hanoi Jane Fonda. Read her words and remember her actions from that time in 1972 when she saw fit to gleefully sit in the seat of an Anti-Aircraft Weapon used to cripple United States aircraft and kill the men flying them. Remember how well and humanely Hanoi Jane said the communist North Vietnamese treated our Prisoners of War. Remember the lies.

Remember all of these things and consider how you spend your entertainment dollars during this month of May was to be my message to the readership of *The Intelligencer*. But, then on May 9th came a Letter to The Editor from Carol and Edwin Nagel. Distressed they were to see a bright innocent face shown the concept of military life and the tools of that trade at a Career Day held at Gayman Elementary School. Better the children should be instructed in the value of more humanitarian careers, they suggested.

How misguided! The Nagels very right to present their narrow minded and misinformed blather has been, is now and forever will be guaranteed by the fine men and women who dedicate themselves to the service of this country and the concepts and ideals it embodies. Their's is a noble career, which requires hard work, personal sacrifice and, yes, sometimes the ultimate sacrifice.

Contrary to what the Nagels believe, it is often also one of the most humanitarian of careers. When our country reaches into its great bounty of resources to help others stricken with disaster, more often than not it is those fine souls of The United States military who provide much needed assistance.

A most recent example would be the relief provided following the Tsunami that struck Asia in December of last year. The Armed Forces of the United States, I would venture, are far more humanitarian than the corrupt, scandal ridden, oil for food, third world led, left leaning United Nations, the largest financial contributor to which, ironically is this country, The United States of America.

To be sure, The Peace Corps is a humanitarian organization. I know many who have served there and truly admire their dedication, commitment and compassion. However, should a September 11, 2001, ever happen again, and I fervently hope it does not, I think I would rather call The United States Marine Corps with one of its CH-53 Sea Stallions and highly trained and motivated crews, than a very dedicated, committed and compassionate guy in Uganda teaching the tenets of farming to the natives.

So to the Nagels with their naïve view of the world today, and obvious lack of understanding of history, please appreciate those who choose to protect the things that this nation holds dear.

You see, a career as a Marine is just as much a career as that of a Social Worker or a Peace Corps Volunteer. Visit a Central Bucks elementary school such as Buckingham Elementary on Veterans Day and see the new-found admiration for our military. I will pick you up and take you there. It might just change your perspective, but I doubt it.

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