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Central Bucks Detachment
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Meets 7:30 P.M. 2nd Wednesday of Month
American Legion Post 210
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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1995

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY DETACHMENT MEETING

The scheduled Detachment meeting was held on May 10, 1995 at the American Legion Home on North Street, in Dolestown, Pa.

^There were twenty-four members present including all officers except the Judge Advocate, Jim Marckstein.

One guest was present, Ed Hoth, who is the National Northeast Division Vice Commandant.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe and Bill Plant were recognized along with the State Public Relations Officer, Don Gee.

There were two applications for membership: Anthony Parzanese Sr - 475 North St., Doylestown, Pa. 18901 (who is re-newing his membership), and Steve E. Weir Jr. 515 -B- Ivy Street, Warminster, Pa. 18974. Both applicants were accepted by vote of the members present.

The paymaster's report was accepted as presented. The Detachment received \$20.04 interest payment from National on Life members dues.

Anyone wishing to be a Detachment Delegate to the State Convention can sign up with Budd Pearce.

SICK BAY

Paul Caprio's wife is having surgery on her arm in two weeks. Jr. Vice Mike Waldron is wearing a cast on his right hand because of broken fingers.

CORRESPONDENCE

A check for \$136.60 was received from Genuardi Markets for cash rebate on register slips that were collected by the Detachment.

SR. VICE - Bill Rosenberger

The Detachment has fifty-one members -- 45 regular, 6 associate and 3 delinquent.

A pistol match is coming up June 2,3 & 4 at Indiantown Gap

A rifle match is set for July in Towanda, Pa.

Anyone interested in joining the Rifle or Pistol Teams can contact Bill Rosenberger.

VAVS - Don Gee

In August, a celebration is planned for the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day. Medals will be given out to those in attendance. A quarterly newsletter will be prepared and distributed at the VA Hospital by Don Gee. By the next Detachment meeting, Don Gee will have volunteered approximately 100 hours of his time for various activities at the hospital.

POW/MIA

No report

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

Unfortunately, the "Burger King Nite" was not supported to well and consequently we didn't receive very much revenue for the Detachment. Maybe we can try again sometime later and have better results.

The bus trip to Washington, D.C. to view the "Evening Parade" is still set for 16 JUNE with a total of 40 people signed up as of the meeting night on MAY 10th.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball is set for Nov. 11th at the Orion Club NAS Willow Grove, Pa. More information later.

Another Birthday Ball is being planned, in the Allentown, Pa. area, for November 4th, at the Days Inn (Route 309 & 22). Cost is \$25.00/person and anyone interested can contact Don Parzanese, by the end of August.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next clean up is scheduled for 26 AUGUST so come on out and give a hand. It will only take about an hour and a half and the exercise will be good for you. We will remind you later.

NEWSLETTER ADS

Paul Caprio reported that he had received five new ads.

YOUNG MARINES

Graduation for the current group will be on 21 MAY at the 157th INF. BATTALION RESERVE ARMORY in Willow Grove, Pa.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Detachment will provide a Color Guard and Float for the parade in Doylestown, Pa. on May 29th. Help is needed to decorate the float and all those wishing to participate is to assemble at the Lenape Jr High School on State St. at 0800.

There will also be a parade in Doylestown, Pa., on June 10th, which is being organized by the Doylestown Fire Company to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. All those planning to participate should be at the Doyle Elementary School by 11AM on Saturday, June 10th.

FUND RAISING

Ernie Ortiz has organized a fund raiser at the State Liquor Store (Doylestown Shopping Center) for Friday Evening (May 26th) and all day Saturday (May 27th). He needs help in teams of two each to stay at the table that will be set up outside the store. Please come out for a few hours and give a hand.

The uniform for parades will be :

Dress blue trousers; short sleeve white shirt.

or

Black trousers; short sleeved white shirt.

Will Haas has invited everyone to his home following the Memorial Day Parade for a cook out. Please let Bill know if you are coming.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS

All chance tickets for the Annual State Car Raffle must be turned in at the June Detachment meeting. None will be accepted beyond that date (June 14)

Parking for A-DAY visitors raised \$180 for the Detachment.

Ed Hoth, National Northeast Div. Vice. offered a few words expressing his gratitude for the hospitality shown to him during his visit.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 14 JUNE (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PENNA.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

ON APRIL 23TH THE YOUNG MARINES ALONG WITH THE SEA CADETS AND THE CIVIL AIR PATROL ASSISTED THE SAILORS FROM THE USS KENNEDY WITH THE OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES BASEBALL SEASON. AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONIES WE WERE INVITED TO WATCH THE GAME AS THE GUEST OF THE PHILLIES.

APRIL 29 & 30 WE HELD OUR SPRING FUND RAISER AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 202 & 179 OUTSIDE OF NEW HOPE. THE WEATHER WAS GOOD ON SATURDAY BUT WE HAD TO CLOSE SHOP BY 11:30AM ON SUNDAY BECAUSE OF RAIN.

MAY 6TH & 7TH BUX-MONT HOSTED A BATTALION ENCAMPMENT AT SPRING CITY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER. UNITS FROM LANCASTER, NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA AND DELAWARE COUNTY PARTICIPATED IN A DAY OF TRAINING AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

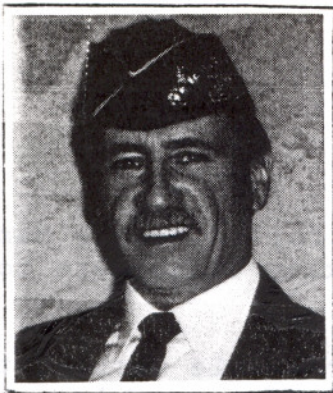
MAY 20TH OUR UNIT ASSISTED BILL PLANT AT HIS CHAINSAW CARVING COMPETITION AT PENNS PARK.

MAY 21ST AN AWARDS CEREMONY AND BOOT CAMP GRADUATION WAS HELD AT THE 157TH ARMY RESERVE CENTER ON ROUTE 611 IN HORSHAM. SEVEN YOUNG MARINES GRADUATED FROM BOOT CAMP INTO THE REGULAR PLATOON. SEVERAL YOUNG MARINES RECEIVED RIBBONS FOR EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND SOME WERE PROMOTED.

BEGINNING ON JUNE 3RD THRU THE MONTH OF AUGUST OUR YOUNG MARINES WILL BE BUSY WITH ACTIVITIES ALMOST EVERY WREKEND ALONG WITH REGULAR DRILLS ON THE SECOND AND LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

SEMPER PAR!

LAWRENCE F. SCHEETZ



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

Marines,

There is not very much to report in this letter. I do wish to thank everyone who made the Memorial Day parade and the picnic afterward. Thanks to Will Haas for inviting all of us up to his place. The parade and the picnic were both a success. We held a fund raiser over the weekend also. We had a table set up in front of the State Store in Doylestown. Small flags were handed out as a thank-you to those that made a donation to our Detachment. All together we brought in about \$630, not bad for an evening and one day. Our thanks to Ernie Ortiz for getting this organized.

The pistol team is ready, and has probably fired by the time you read this. A full report on our results will be given at the June meeting. Now it is time to start getting ready for the match in Towanda on 22 July. Good luck to all our shooters!

The Detachment is participating in the 100th Anniversary of the Doylestown Fire Co. parade to be held on 10 June. If you happen to get this newsletter before that date, I hope you can make it out to this parade. If not, you'll hear all about it at our meeting. We are going to be leading this parade and the 4th of July parade in Chalfont/New Britain. I know that we always have a good turn out for our parades and I hope that this record continues. We have new ribbons for the float, as the ones I got last year started to come apart. The new ones are made differently and should last much longer.

Thanks to those who signed up as delegates to the Dept. Convention. The convention is to be held 21-24 June in Lancaster. I hope to see as many of you out there as possible. Our Detachment colors will be on the floor of the convention. Our scrapbook is almost together and it will be at the convention, and in the proper hands, on time. With any luck we will continue our winning record. My thanks to all who contributed to the scrapbook this year. Make sure to start saving clippings and pictures for next year's book now. As you get stuff for the scrapbook turn it in so that a running log can be established. This will make the final assembly a lot simpler and the final product better.

That's all for now. Thanks again to all our members who make our projects and activities work!!! See you on 14 June. Don't forget that 14 June is not only our meeting, it is Flag Day, so fly your flag!

Semper Par
Budd Pearce
Commandant



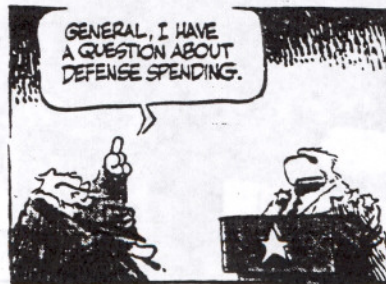
MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Which type of aircraft did the first Marine Aviation Force fly during World War I?
2. Who was the first Commandant to request the recruiting of women in the Marine Corps?
3. Which Marine Aircraft Group first engaged with the North Koreans?
4. Where is the largest Marine Barracks in the U.S. located?
5. What is the candlepower of the MK1 illuminating hand grenade?

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

1. Major General Alexander A. Vandegrift was nicknamed "Sunny Jim."
2. The casualty radius of the M16A1 "Bouncing Betty" mine is 27 meters.
3. "Field Days" are usually held on Thursday evenings aboard Marine bases.
4. The UCMJ's punitive articles are 77 through 134.
5. Major General Commandant Heywood was the first Marine Major General.



John Basilone

1916-1945

"Roosevelt and Churchill had years to change history...Basilone did it in three days."

Charles M. Herbek



GySgt. John marries Sgt. Lena Basilone in Oceanside in 1944.



Medal of Honor encircles hero's neck.

DATELINE: GUADALCANAL At 9:30 p.m. Oct. 24, 1942, thousands of Japanese attacked 600 Marines of First Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, shouting at the Americans, yelling in English, "Blood for the Emperor! Marine, you die!" The order came from Colonel Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller: "Commence firing!" It was an order that was to be obeyed almost non-stop for three days. The massive offensive faced by 26-year-old Sgt. John Basilone and his battalion continued nonstop for 72 hours. The extraordinary bravery and tenacity shown by the American troops, who in that weekend defeated an estimated 15,000 Japanese soldiers, changed the course of World War II. It

might not have happened but for the heroism of Basilone. As Japanese plans for their massive offensive matured, U.S. leaders judged that the main thrust of enemy ground attack would come against "Bloody Ridge," where the Main Line of Resistance was anchored by John Basilone and his gunners. They were right. The enemy came in waves, each attack lasting some 15 minutes, sometimes several attacks in an hour. Again and again, Basilone and his men mowed their attackers down with machine gun fire. Gunners are the backbone of any resistance; Basilone was the backbone of the gunners. As he supported his troops on the left flank - "troops" meaning seven men and two guns--a report reached him that the right flank, similarly manned, had been hit. Both guns were out; five of the seven men were killed or disabled. Taking one of the guns from the left flank, Basilone pushed his agonizing way through the thick wet undergrowth to the right flank, a distance of about 40 yards. On the way he encountered and killed eight Japanese. Grabbing a jammed gun, he disassembled it in complete darkness, discovered and fixed the problem. By feel, he reassembled the weapon, then immediately set it up and began to fire...Commanding two men with rifles to cover him, Basilone took his pistol and dashed back to where the supplies lay. He returned more slowly, burdened by 100 pounds of belted cartridges for the machine guns. These acts of heroism earned Basilone the highest military award, the Medal of Honor--the first to be awarded to an enlisted Marine in World War II. After several months in the United States, Basilone turned down a commission and a tour of duty in Washington, D.C., to return to the front lines. He was killed on February 19, 1945, in the first wave of attack on Iwo Jima--but not before he had guided a trapped tank away from a mine field and singlehandedly knocked out a blockhouse, an act that earned him a posthumous Navy Cross. He was 28 years old.

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I hereby certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor)

(Applicant's signature)

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