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JUNE 1996

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY DETACHMENT MEETING

The regular Detachment meeting was held on May 8, 1996 at the American Legion Home on North Street, in Doylestown, Pa.

There were twenty (20) members present including all officers.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe, Budd Pearce and Don Parzanese were recognized along with Marine of the Year, Bob Schaffer.

One application for membership was announced: Robert E. Duff - 3955 Countrywood Lane, Hatboro, Pa. Following the required discussion of his qualifications and other pertinent information, he was voted to be accepted as a member.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed.

The Paymaster's report was approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information was received from the Department of Pennsylvania advising of the upcoming State convention to be held at the Valley Forge Hilton, June 27-29. Everyone should make an effort to attend. Anyone wishing to be designated as a delegate should contact Commandant Don Gee.

Forms were made available by Dept. of Pa. for nominations of state-wide "Marine of the Year".

SR. VICE - Bill Rosenberger

At the present time the Detachment has sixty one (61) members: thirty-eight (38) regular, fourteen (14) life and nine (9) associate. There thirteen (13) delinquent in their dues.

Anyone wishing to join the pistol team should contact the J. Vice. They can use more on the team.

A motion was made and defeated to print the names of delinquent members, in the newsletter.

JR. VICE - Ernie Ortiz

The Car Raffle tickets for the Department of Penna. Should be turned in as soon as possible so that they will all be included in the drawing at the State Convention, in June.

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Don Parzanese

The Detachment received a check from Genuardi's Market for \$111.29 as reimbursement for cash register receipts that were collected by the Detachment members. Keep those slips coming in because that is real easy money to acquire for the Detachment bank account.

CHAPLAIN - Budd Pearce

A new monthly feature in the newsletter will be a column entitled "CHAPLAIN'S CORNER" which is intended to keep us up to date on who is ill and who is recovering and all that kind of thing. Watch for it.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

A volunteer is needed to head up this program since Mike Waldron has asked to be relieved of his duties. Anyone interested please contact Commandant Don Gee.

POW/MIA

Bob Randle reported that the Willow Grove American Legion has instituted a new program offering \$10.00 for each Pow/Mia bracelet that they can acquire for their POW/MIA MEMORIAL that will be dedicated on September 14, 1996. A motion was made and approved to donate \$50.00 to this worthy cause. The Detachment Color Guard will be present and members are urged to attend.

VAVS

Don Gee reported that he has accumulated 172 volunteer hours at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. He also has been appointed to the executive committee. Commandant Gee would like to see more members volunteer to help with the activities at the hospital.

AUXILIARY

Paul Caprio will be contacting members wives to see when a meeting could be set up to discuss forming a Detachment Auxiliary.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PARADES

The Central Bucks Detachment will participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Sellersville, Pa. on Saturday, May 9, 1996 (0900). Uniform will be summer service - short sleeve white shirt and black trousers.

The Detachment will also be in attendance at the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown, Pa. on May 27, 1996 (1000). Uniform will be the same as listed for the Sellersville Parade. There will be a flag raising ceremony at the Bucks County Court House (0815)

There will also be a special Memorial Day Veterans service at the Salem Reformed Church, 186 East Court Street in Doylestown, Pa. on Sunday, May 26, 1996.

FUND RAISER

Ernie Ortiz reported that a fund raiser table will be set up at the Doylestown, Pa. State Liquor store on the 4th of July week-end. A motion was made and passed to have this event take place on June 28 & 29.

FLEA MARKET

Paul Caprio is gathering information for this event which will take place later in the summer. There will be more information at the next meeting.

CAR PARKING

The Detachment was given the use of a parking lot, near Delaware Valley College Annual "A" DAY event and raised \$391.00 parking cars. A special thanks to Don Gee, Budd Pearce Bob Schaffer, Gary Smith, Bill Plant and Bruce Sergeant for their assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

The American Legion is selling commemorative pins honoring Korean Veterans. Anyone wanting to purchase a pin can sign an order sheet after the meeting.

MARINE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Bob Schaffer is the automatic chairman of this committee since he is the current holder of this honor. Nominations can be submitted to Bob for next year's candidate.

MESS SERGEANT

Will Haas was appointed mess sergeant for the coming year. Also, a Quartermaster is need to take over the duties from Don Gee.

VAVS

Don Gee was re-appointed as chairman of the VAVS committee.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

It was suggested by the Commandant that the officers should all write a short column for the news letter

All the current books that are for sale at each Detachment meeting will be donated to the VA Hospital and a new stock will be gathered for sale.

Don Parzanese suggested that we send a copy of our newsletter to the pastor of the Mt. Carmel Church since he is interested in local activities.

Ray Krout motioned to send \$50.00 to the Penna. Veterans Memorial to be placed in Indiantown Gap. The motion was withdrawn until more information can be obtained.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 12JUNE96 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.



COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

Our Detachment had a very busy Memorial Day weekend. We participated in our usual parade in Doylestown on Memorial Day, held our fund-raiser at the Doylestown State Store on May 24-25 and, for the first time, took part in the Sellersville Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25.

The Sellersville Parade had our Color Guard (Chaplain **Budd Pearce**, Senior Vice Commandant **Bill Rosenberger**, Sergeant-at-Arms **Bob Sundling**, and **Steve Weir**); our Detachment Float, driven by Adjutant **Ray Krout's** son, **Richard**, and staffed by **Marlin Miller**, **Cliff Tice**, and Past Commandant **Frank Yohe**; and **Walt Roach** and the **Bux-Mont Young Marines** unit.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Junior Vice Commandant **Ernie Ortiz** and Senior Vice **Bill Rosenberger**, and ably supported by Paymaster **Bob Cody**, Mess Sergeant **Wil Haas**, Judge Advocate **Don Parzanese**, Quartermaster **Don Parzanese Jr.**, **Tony Parzanese**, Chaplain **Budd Pearce**, and Sgt.-at-Arms **Bob Sundling**, we raised \$617.00 for the Detachment and sold \$63.00 worth of raffle tickets during our 15-hour post at the State Store.

Our previous fund-raiser, the one-day "parking concession" during Delaware Valley College's "A-Day" festivities netted the Detachment \$391.00. "Marine-of-the-Year (1996)" **Bob Schaffer** ramrodded the effort with Chaplain **Budd Pearce**, Past Commandant **Bill Plant**, **Bruce Sergeant**, and **Gary Smith** manning the parking areas.

For our annual participation in the Doylestown Memorial Day program, we had **Paul Caprio**, Paymaster **Bob Cody**, **Herb Krout**, Adjutant **Ray Krout, Jr.** Vice **Ernie Ortiz**, **Pat Parsonese**, Judge Advocate **Don Parzanese**, Quartermaster **Don Parzanese Jr.**, **Tony Parzanese**, Chaplain **Budd Pearce**, Past Commandant **Bill Plant**, Senior Vice Commandant **Bill Rosenberger**, "Marine-of-the-Year" **Bob Schaffer**, Sgt.-at-Arms **Bob Sundling**, **Mike Waldron**, **Charlie Wurst**, and Past Commandant **Frank Yohe** representing the Detachment. **Walt Roach** and **Larry Scheetz** and their **Bux-Mont Young Marines** added significantly to our parade contingent. We give a special "tip of the cover" to Chaplain **Budd Pearce** and his wife, **Suzanne**, for providing refreshments after both of the parades.

It is still confounding, however, that the same small group of Marines from our Detachment attend our meetings and take part in our community activities. It is difficult to understand why someone would want to join our "Band of Brothers and Sisters" and then neither attend Detachment meetings nor participate in our community activities or fund-raisers. Hopefully, we'll see some new faces riding on our float for the "4th of July" parade in New Britain. It's **YOUR** Detachment.

Semper Fidelis,

DON H. GEE

Chaplain's Corner

I am happy to report that almost all of the news I have for you this month is good. I understand that Bill Plant had another bad experience with a log, but he's fine now. Bill missed our Memorial Day Parade in Sellersville because he was tied up with the chainsaw contest he told us about. We all miss Bill when he isn't there. It's always interesting to see what he'll be wearing when he shows up.

Some really good news is that Marlin and Doris Miller are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of June. Congratulations to both, and a special "Well Done" to Doris for putting up with Marlin for all these years! It's good to see that two people can love each other and live together for such an amount of time and still have so much respect and love for one another. Marlin and Doris are a great example of the term Semper Fidelis.

Ann Yohe has been under the weather recently. I am happy to hear from Frank that she is hanging in there though. The Detachment's best wishes go out to her.

Larry Scheetz tells me that his wife Brenda has been feeling rather poorly as of late. She had a short stay in the hospital, but is home and reportedly doing well. Our thoughts are with you Brenda. I'm sure that with all the help and attention Larry has been giving you, you'll be as good as new in no time.

That's all I have for this month. Please remember to let me know of any bad or good news that happens to you members, or your families, we all want to know about it.

A Little R & R

I would like to begin, by saying thank you for electing me, again, as your Senior Vice.

As you may know I have compleated leadership school, and guess what ?? I think I know what I'm suppose to be doing. (Yea Right !!!)

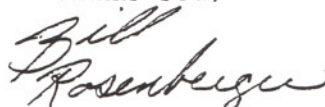
R & R Marines is Recruit and Renewal....

This is what I am here for, so every month I will have a list of who is due for renewal one month before, as well as the month you are due.

George D. Hartpence	6/96	Anthony Parsonese	5/96
Joseph Hazen	5/96	Gary S. Smith	5/96
Don P. Huggins	6/96	S.E. Weir Jr.	6/96

Once again Marines, we are looking for 100% renewal as well as some new faces, so if you know of any former, or active Marines with an honorable discharge have them come to a meeting and check out just what the Marine Corps League is all about.

Thank You,



Senior Vice Commandant



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ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

REGULAR DRILLS WERE HELD APRIL 10 AND 24 WITH OUR SPRING COIN TOSS FUND RAISER HELD THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 20TH & 21ST. THE MONTH OF MAY IS A BUSY MONTH WITH REGULAR DRILLS ON THE 8TH, 18TH, & 29TH. MEMORIAL DAY PARADES ON SATURDAY THE 25TH AT SELLERSVILLE, PA., AND IN DOYLESTOWN ON MONDAY THE 27TH.

THE DRILL AT MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER IN WEST TRENTON, N.J., ON MAY 18TH WAS AN EDUCATIONAL DAY FOR OUR YOUNG MARINES. MR. WILLIAM B. MEYTROTT, OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM WAS ON HAND TO GIVE A PROGRAM ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS. BILL IS A RETIRED CHIEF OF POLICE OF RARITAN TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY, FORMER MARINE VIETNAM VETERAN. AMONG HIS OTHER STATIONS BILL DID A TOUR OF DUTY AT EIGHT AND I.

AFTER BILL MEYTROTT THE UNIT WAS INTRODUCED TO MAJOR JAMES DURANT, USMCR (RET.), CAPTAIN AMERICAN AIRLINES (RET) MARINE CORPS LEAGUE BULLDOG DETACHMENT, FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY. JIM PROVIDED INFORMATION ON HIS EXPERIENCES AS A WORLD WAR II AVENGER PILOT FOR THE CORPS IN THE PACIFIC, AND HIS DAYS AS AN AIRLINE PILOT. HE IMPRESSED UPON THE YOUNG MARINES TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND TO ALWAYS STRIVE TO DO OUR BEST, TO SET THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

MAJOR DURANT WAS FOLLOWED BY CAPTAIN MICHAEL HERRON USMC OFFICER CANDIDATE SELECTION RECRUITER. CAPT. HERRON IS ALSO A MARINE CORPS PILOT AND HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING IN SCHOOL AND GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION, AS WELL REINFORCING WHAT CHIEF MEYTROTT AND MAJOR DURANT SAID, HE URGED THESE "LITTLE LEATHERNECKS", TO STAY MENTALLY FIT AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY FIT. TO SET REALISTIC GOALS FOR THEMSELVES AND WORK HARD TO ACHIEVE THEM.

THE UNIT HAS A FEW OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED AS WELL AS REGULAR DRILLS THAT WILL KEEP US BUSY FOR THE SUMMER. OUR UNIT CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AND MOVE FORWARD.

SEMPER FI,
LAWRENCE F. SCHEETZ, SR.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Who was the only Marine Corps Combat Correspondent to win the Medal of Honor?
2. Who was the first Marine helicopter pilot to win the Medal of Honor?
3. What was the first Vietnam battle which was fought only by Marines?
4. Who said, "Any officer can get by on his Sergeants. I'd rather be an outstanding Sergeant than just another officer."?
5. What code name was used to identify Marine recon-pilots in Vietnam?

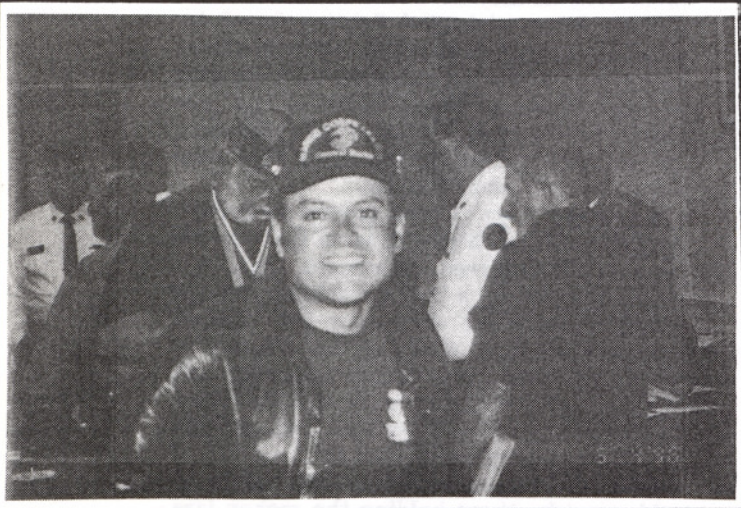
Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The first Marine MEDEVAC pilot was General Christian F. Schilt.
2. 227 Marines were taken prisoner during the Korean War.
3. The "Old Breed News" is the official publication of the 1st Marine Division Association.
4. Approximately 19,000,000 gallons of Agent Orange were dumped on Vietnam.
5. "The Grand Old Man of the Marine Corps" was Commandant Archibald Henderson.

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT MARINES GO TO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL!

Senior Vice Bill Rosenberger, Jr. Vice Ernie Ortiz and Marine Bob Randle attended the Dept. of PA Leadership School that was held recently.



Junior Vice Ernie Ortiz receives another diploma.
(Look Ma, I gradjeated!)



Senior Vice Bill Rosenberger learns yet another lesson
from the famous Bob Randle.

Dan McGrew

Some Marine gear

doesn't cut it

The Marines have always had a reputation for being hard-nosed, ornery, beach-storming maniacs who take a perverse pride in being mentally and physically abused, and who like to brag about the junk they are given for weapons, vehicles and other gear. The old maxim of a Marine not being happy unless he has something to complain about still rings true today. Well, as you might have guessed by now, I'm quite happy today. In fact, I am downright ecstatic.

Let's start with some of our uniform items. Take the all-weather coat, for example. Years ago, someone whose favorite television show was *Get Smart* decided that Marines should all wear the intrepid Agent 86's trench coat. So he threw out the sharp-looking, albeit heavy and not especially waterproof wool overcoat — the "horse blanket" — and replaced it with this abomination of a garment.

The idea behind this replacement was sound: We needed a coat that kept us warm but also dry, and we needed a coat that could be worn with comfort when it was chilly as well as freezing. The problem is that the all-weather coat doesn't have a traditional Marine look to it. It's just not sharp-looking enough for Marines. Let's replace it with something equally weather-resistant but better looking.

Speaking of weather, why are some Marines still being required to wear ugly, ineffective, rain gear such as the drab olive, here's-a-chunk-of-useless-rubber suits of days supposedly gone by?

There is absolutely no reason for one Marine to have an outstanding set of Gore-Tex rain gear when another Marine has to wear garbage. Don't try to say that we are working toward replacing this old rain gear, because the Corps is still buying them. When officers are walking around in Gore-Tex and enlisted Marines are walking around with these ludicrous rubber rain suits on, something is seriously amiss.

This issue needs immediate attention. We have got to stop making excuses and start finding ways.

OK, the Hummer. We replaced the M151 Jeep a long time ago with the Hummer because the Jeep, even though it had served us well in the past, tended to tip over easily, and wasn't very versatile. The Hummer has neither liability. Problem solved, right? No. The Hummer is notoriously hard to maintain and costs a fortune. Check out many Fleet Marine Force motor pools and you'll find cannibalized and dismembered Hummers strewn all over the place. Why aren't we getting a better product for our money? We're giving the company that makes the Hummer buckets full of large bills, and we are getting a machine constantly breaking down. Let's hold it accountable.

Tents. Been in a Marine Corps tent recently? If you have, the chances are fantastic that it is the same kind of tent Marines were using 40 years ago; tents with easy-to-break wooden poles, easy-to-tear canvas, and easy-to-part ropes. They are heavy, bulky, and prone.

Meanwhile, regular Army soldiers, Rangers, Green Berets and Navy SEALs are sleeping in state-of-the-art tents that are light, warm, rugged, and totally weather-proof. Why do they have better tents than the nation's most celebrated fighting force? Instead of running those crucial surveys of how many high-speed woodpeckers are banging on pine trees at Camp Lejeune, and how many brown-eyed tortoises are crawling around Twentynine Stumps, let's buy some better tents for our Marines.

But, hey, we are gaining ground elsewhere. The old M60 machine-gun is on the way out to a much deserved retirement, and it is being replaced by a better machine-gun, the M240G. We've got some new hot weather cammies inbound. Our amtracs are always being improved, and maybe someday we'll see the new AAV. Our tank, the M1 series, is the best available anywhere. And our new night vision goggles are good stuff.

Still, we have some glitches that need to be addressed by those holding the money jars. Get some Marine Mail heading toward the commandant on these matters. The more we complain about things that shouldn't be, the more attention we'll get and the happier we'll

Dan McGrew is the pseudonym for a staff noncommissioned officer with 19 years' experience in the Marine Corps. These are his opinions.

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