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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 14, 1997, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members present including all officers except the Junior Vice Commandant. Distinguished Marines in attendance included Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Plant, and Frank Yohe; Department Public Relations Officer Don Gee; Department Young Marines Regimental Commander Walt Roach; Department of New Jersey Past Commandant Ed Hoth; and, Marine of the Year Ray Krout.

The Minutes of the April Meeting were unanimously approved.

Paymaster Bob Cody issued the Paymaster's Report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported on his activities during the past month and presented the resignation of Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC. Marine Bill Plant, PC, was appointed to serve as Judge Advocate until the next Detachment election.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment membership strength was at 52 with 32 regular members, 6 associate members, 14 life members, and 6 delinquent members.

In the absence of the Junior Vice Commandant, **Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC**, reported the Detachment has a table reserved for the NAS, Willow Grove, Freedom Air Show in June and the Junior Vice has secured the Orion Club at NAS, Willow Grove, for the Detachment Birthday Ball on Saturday, Nov. 8. **Past Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** reported Department of Pennsylvania Raffle Tickets are still available and that ticket stubs and monies **MUST** be turned into the Detachment at the June Meeting.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received correspondence from the Department of Pennsylvania relating to proposed changes to the National Bylaws. The changes will be presented at the National Convention for consideration.

Judge Advocate Bill Plant, PC, reported he had received copies of the National and Detachment Bylaws and would familiarize himself with these documents.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 11 JUNE 1997 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Many thanks to all those who helped out at our "A-Day" car parking fund-raiser. The Detachment did exceptionally well on this one. If we can get a few more people, and weather like we had this year, for next year's event we will really make out well. This was our most successful fund-raiser to date. The Detachment owes **Bob Schaffer** a BIG round of thanks for doing such a great job putting this together. Bob got us three or four lots more than we had in the past and this made a very big difference in the money department. Thanks, Bob!

By the time this newsletter gets published we will have already had the Memorial Day Parade and the 1st Central Bucks Detachment Family Picnic. You might think that we're done for the summer, but we're not quite through yet. We have the Chalfont/ New Britain 4th of July Parade and another highway clean-up to get through.

I never heard anything from the people that run the Special Olympics, so I don't think we will be sending the Color Guard out there this year, although that may change if they call me.

The date for the next "Adopt-A-Highway" clean-up has yet to be set, but it will be during July. Dates and times for all our upcoming events will be announced at the June meeting.

I understand we have received the "OK" on having our Annual Birthday Ball at NAS, Willow Grove on Nov. 8. This is a Saturday evening instead of the Friday date we originally thought it would be. The price for tickets has not been set as yet, but further information will be announced, as soon as it becomes available.

The Department of Pennsylvania Convention is to be held in Pittsburgh this year. All raffle tickets MUST be turned in by the June meeting so they can be sent out to the Convention on time. Our scrapbook must also be sent out to the Convention so that we can be judged. We have won awards for the scrapbook for the past few years and, with luck, we will be in the running again this year. If you have anything that you wish to get into the scrapbook for this year it MUST be in my hands no later than the June meeting!!! Our Detachment Color will be going out to the Convention where it will be displayed on the Convention floor. That way, we will get another streamer to add to our collection.

Since I am trying to get this to Don Gee before he tells me I'm too late, it might be missing something of importance, although I can't think of what that might be. I know that I will probably think of something about half-way between here and Don's house, but what else is new.

Please continue to attend our meetings so that you can keep abreast of all the Detachment happenings. I hope to see a large turnout for the June meeting—it will be an important one.

Semper Fi, Buld Plance

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Chaplain Frank Yohe, PC, reported he had received no notice of any member or member's family being sick or in distress.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported he had no requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. had no report.

Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC, reminded the members the deadline for submission of articles, photos, etc., for publication in Listen Up! is the 20th of each month. He also reported that plans for the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown had been finalized. He will be providing the sound equipment for the wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery and Judge Advocate Bill Plant, PC, will be coordinating several activities during the parade. Neither will be on the Detachment float because of these commitments.

Young Marines Regimental Commander Walt Roach reported on past and future activities of the Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit and gave the members a broad overview of Young Marines activities throughout the Department. Young Marines Liaison Bill Plant, PC, reminded the members the Bux-Mont Young Marines will be conducting a "Coin Toss" on May 17 and 18 in New Hope and asked members to support the effort.

STANDING COMMITTEES

VAVS—The VAVS Committee logged 27 volunteer hours since the April meeting including attendance at the VAVS Executive Committee Meeting and the annual VAVS Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

POW/MIA—POW/MIA Coordinator Bill Plant, PC, discussed recent articles about Korean War POWs. He also discussed published reports of the discovery of remains of an Army Sergeant in Laos. He pointed out that, according to Laotian-Vietnamese "Law," the remains cannot be returned to the United States until October 1998.

GROCERY RECEIPTS—Redner's Sales Receipts Coordinator Gary Smith urged the members to save and submit their Redner's and Genuardi's sales receipts at Detachment meetings.

"MARINE OF THE YEAR"—"Marine of the Year" Ray Krout reported the Marine of the Year Committee has several items under review.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

"A-Day" PARKING—"A-Day" Parking Committee Chair Bob Schaffer reported the "A-Day" Parking fund raiser was a huge success. It appears this activity will be the Detachment's major fund raiser. Several members voiced congratulations for Bob's expert management and planning of the venture.

FRIENDLY'S RESTAURANT—Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported on the success of the fund-raiser at Friendly's Restaurant in Doylestown. He is pursuing making this a monthly event at the restaurant. Marine Corps League nights are planned for the 3d Wednesday of each month at the Doylestown Friendly's Restaurant. Marine Mike Waldron will try to set up a similar arrangement with Friendly's in Warminster and Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC, will contact Friendly's in Montgomeryville.

OLD BUSINESS

MARINE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—Marine Tony Parzanese reported he had been able to obtain more information on Doylestown's only Medal of Honor recipient—Marine Private Charles Robert Francis. He presented new information and informed the members he may be able to obtain a photograph of Francis. Francis, who received the Medal of Honor as a Marine Private during the Boxer Rebellion, retired from the Marine Corps as a Sergeant Major and is buried in the Hollywood Cemetery outside Los Angeles. Tony promises more information as it becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr. agreed to chair the "Adopt-A-Highway" Program for the Detachment.

4th OF JULY PARADE—Marine Bob Schaffer reminded the Detachment we should begin preparing for the 4th of July Parade in Chalfont.

PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS MEMORIAL—Marine of the Year Ray Krout motioned the Detachment purchase a \$100 Memorial Brick to be set at the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial at Ft. Indiantown Gap. The motion was unanimously accepted.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE—Judge Advocate Bill Plant, PC, gave an outline of the Parade route and several of the activities. Commandant Budd Pearce designated the "Uniform of the Day" as "Undress, Short-Sleeve" with black trousers for members riding the float and "Undress, Short-Sleeve" with Dress Blues Trousers for the Color Guard.

DETACHMENT PICNIC—Marine Herb Krout will host the Detachment Picnic at his house on Pickertown Rd. after the Memorial Day Parade. The picnic will run from conclusion of the parade until 4 p.m.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION—Commandant Budd Pearce reminded the members the Department Convention is set for June 19-21 at the Holiday Inn-Greentree, Pittsburgh, PA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. reported a military 5-ton truck is for sale by Baron's Auto Glass.

Commandant Budd Pearce reminded the members there will be a Memorial Sunday Religious Service honoring veterans on Sunday, May 25, at 10:15 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 311 W. State St., in Doylestown. He urged members to attend the service.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on June 11, 1997.

C-B AUXILIARY ALIVE AND WELL

The Central Bucks Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary is alive and well and making plans for the future, according to Unit **Treasurer Tammy Gee**.

"We have more than the required minimal number of members to continue with the Unit," she told LISTEN UP!

The Unit is regrouping after the resignation of President Cathe Rosenberger.

"We were concerned that we would not have the minimal number of members to keep the Unit going," relatedTammy. "We have more than enough members-and they're all dedicated to keeping the Unit going," she said.

According to Gee, the biggest problem facing the Unit, at present, is when and where to meet.

"We are trying to determine a date, time and place to meet," she explained, "that will not pose a problem for those members with young children. By meeting on the same night as the Central Bucks Detachment, we create a babysitting problem for our members."

The Unit previously met on the same night as the Detachment.



- 1. Where was "Bloody Nose" ridge?
- 2. What is the maximum speed of the UH-1N Huey helicopter?
- 3. Where should a shooting badge be placed on a Marine uniform?
- 4. What is the cadence for "double time?"
- 5. What is the most effective means of warning Marines of an NBC attack?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1. Two assault maneuvers used by Marines are Frontal Attack and Single Envelopement.
- 2. Simulated NBC exercises are conducted at the "Gas Chamber" aboard every Marine Corps Base.
- 3. There are five types of discharge: Honorable, General (Under Honorable Conditions), General (Dishonorable Conditions), Bad Conduct, and Dishonorable.
- 4. The only two flags which may be flown above the American Flag are the United Nations Flag and the Church Pennant (only during religious services at sea).
- 5. The first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor was Cpl. John Mackie.

New Utility Cover, More 'Don'ts'

Off-duty Marines beware: You better not get caught wearing your cover indoors. All Marines know they can't wear their covers inside-unless they're carrying a weapon—but new rules extend that to off-duty life as well.

The new regulation is one of several handed down by the Marine Corps Uniform Board and approved recently by Commandant of the Marine Corps General Charles C. Krulak. The others:

- * A new Utility Cover will soon be available.
- Wearing bandanas off duty is now prohibited.
- * Decorative dental work, like medically unnecessary gold caps, is now strongly discouraged as a violation of rules barring "eccentric" personal decoration.
- * Officers wearing "Class A" dress uniforms must wear their rank on their shirt collars, as well as their epaulets.

The Commandant approved adoption of a new Utility Cover for wear with

camoulflaged utilities. The new design features stitching all of the way around the top of the eight-sided cover, giving it a sharper, crisper look.

The current cammie cover tends to flop, so many Marines starch the hats to get the crisper "blocked" look. "But with the new stitching, you can crumple up the hat, put it in your cargo pocket and pull it out later-and it will still look fine," said Capt. Kent Williamson, secretary-recorder for the 15-member uniform board.

The new hat will be available in clothing sales stores soon.

Don't get caught wearing any hat indoors, even when you're off duty. The new regulation says that male Marines must remove all civilian headgear when indoors.

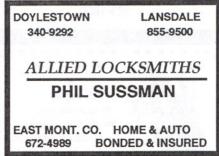
But female Marines don't have to. Women may wear hats inside "in accordance with established social norms," reads the new regulation.

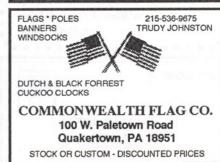
The intent of the rule is to get back to

what many consider common courtesy. While Generation Xers tend to have a more casual attitude about when and where it's OK to wear hats, the Corps' leadership is saying casual doesn't cut it, even off duty, said Williamson.

But already the new rule has got a lot of Marines up in arms. Protest letters and phone calls are already coming in.

Marines who like kicking it up in country-western dance halls, for example, are dismayed to learn they can't wear their favorite 10-gallon hats while doing the two-step.





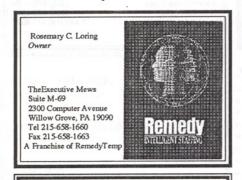


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