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'Smedley' Stolen from Commandant's Home

Two years ago, Bill and Jeanette Miller were returning from a weekend in Atlantic City when they stopped in Smithville, N.J.

"It's a small town with lots of shops, sort of like Peddler's Village. We thought we'd look around," said Jeanette.

As they browsed, Bill's eyes fell upon an object that he knew he must have: a cast stone statue of a United States Marine.

Bill had served in the Marines from 1957 to 1963 and remains active in its associations.

"Bill is all things Marine," Jeanette said. In their living room is a "wall of honor" where Bill's dress blues and service medals are displayed.

The Millers purchased the statue, metallic gray and about three feet tall, and took it to their home on Indian Park Road in Levittown.

Bill set the Marine on the lawn at the top of his driveway.

"He's in dress blues and there's a rifle down at his side ... which is called 'order arms.' And with his right hand he's saluting. There was a place to put a flag, so I put the flag there," Bill said.

It was an eye-catching lawn sentinel. Neighbors, some of them military veterans, would stop to look at it and remark on its uniqueness.

"I was the only one who had one," Bill said.

For two years the statue stood at the top of the Millers' driveway - until Wednesday.

"I was going out to my car," Jeanette said, "and I did sort of a double take and I said, 'Smedley is gone!' "

Smedley?

"That's what I called him," Bill said. "Smedley is the first name of a famous Marine general, Smedley Butler. He's a two-time Medal of Honor recipient. He's from the World War I era. He fought in the Boxer Rebellion in China. He's the founder of Marine Corps Football, which I played. So I always liked Smedley."

The only thing left was the square imprint that Smedley had made in the Miller's lawn.

They called the Bristol Township police and filed a report.

"That thing weighed at least a hundred pounds," Bill said. "You would need two people to lift it. I'm convinced that it was trash pickers. You know, you put your trash out, then after dark the guys come around in their beat-up pickup trucks and they see something you put in the trash that might be of value to them, and they just pick it up and take it.

"My feeling is that it's gonna end up at a flea market somewhere," Bill said. "So I told the police I'm going to find out where all the flea markets are this weekend and if I find it, I'm not gonna be too happy with whoever is trying to sell it. I will take my

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

How about that blizzard that hit us this month. Boy, that groundhog was right on! My snow blower was working overtime as well as my back which is still stiff from all the shoveling that I had to do just to get moving again.

Our meeting on Feb. 8 started off by inducting two new members, **Marine PFC Bobby Sundling** and former **Marine Anthony J. Verrecchio**. Welcome aboard!

The nomination of detachment officers was begun with the final nomination and election to be held at the March meeting. As usual, the reluctance to become involved with new leadership was overwhelming. No surprise there. We still have some time before it becomes official so give it some thought. Any-

how, there will be a full slate of officers elected in March with the installation ceremony of in April.

I've been contacted by our **South-east Division Vice Commandant Bob Rup** about our detachment hosting a Southeast Division meeting. This was brought up for discussion and approved sometime last year. I'm being asked to come up with a date that will be suitable. This is something that we can discuss at our next meeting. Of course, the American Legion has to agree to letting us use their building.

I recently received the schedule of department activities. The spring meeting will take place at Department Headquarters Ft. Indiantown Gap from Friday, Mar. 17, to Sunday, Mar. 19. Really, only one day Saturday, the 18th, is


the business day. Most often I just drive up Saturday morning and drive back at night.

Also Leadership School is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, at 8:30 a.m. This is a worthwhile course for current detachment officers as well as those who plan on becoming officers. It's a full day of learning and can be fun at times.

Anyone interested in attending Leadership School can see me or **Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** for registration forms.

That's it for this month. See you in March. Stay warm!

Semper Fi!



SMEDLEY (From Page 1)
property back."

"Boy, would I like to find the guy who took that Marine," Bill said. "I tell you I would. ..."

He stopped, leaving it to the imagination what he might do.

"But I think at that point I would call the police and say, 'Please send someone here so I can get my property back,' " he said.

He's offering a \$50 reward for information leading to the return of Smedley.

"It's an easy 50 bucks for anyone to make. Just tell me where it is," Bill said.

However, if you happen to be the one who swiped Smedley, I would suggest you return Smedley to the Millers, and do it in the wee hours or when Bill's not home.

This is for your own safety. You burgled a Marine and, as they say, once

a Marine, always a Marine.

Mess with one and watch out.

Marines,

I'm coming to you with a heavy heart

"Freedom is not free, but the U. S. Marine Corps will pay most of your share." -- Ned Dolan

and my cover in my hand asking those of you residing in the Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware region if you could please keep an eyeball peeled for a prized possession of mine which was stolen from my property this past week.

I am determined to repatriate Smedley to his permanent duty station standing watch in my front yard.

So, if you should happen to be out and about checking out flea markets, or even specialty shops and you should spot Smedley on display, please contact me.

Believe me, you cannot mistake him as he's a one of a kind.

Thank you Marines and Semper Fi!

Bill Miller

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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 February 8, 2006, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce**, **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., and Bob Sundling** and **Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth**.

The **Minutes** of the January Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Sick Call: Former Detachment Member **Tony Kimes** passed away recently and **Marine Bill Rosenberger** was hospitalized recently but is back at work. **Marine Don Parzanese Jr.** reported two members of his National Guard unit passed away recently.

New Members: **PFC Robert M. Sundling, USMCR**, (son of **Past Commandant Bob Sundling**) and **Anthony Verrecchio** of Ivyland were accepted for membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bill Miller reported that contrary to news reports, the National Cemetery in Upper Makefield is not confirmed. There are unresolved issues between the developer, a very vocal community minority opposed to the plan, and the township. If the issues aren't resolved to the developer's satisfaction, he may pull out of the plan.

Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell reported the strength of the Detachment at 49 including 22 Regular Members, 21 Life Members, 5 Associate Members and 1 Honorary Member.

Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb reminded the members about the Department raffle. He has raffle tickets available. He also reported he had started negotiating with the Montgomery County detachment about this year's Birthday Ball.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no communications from either the National Headquarters or the Department since the last meeting.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson reported the Color Guard had not been requested since the last meeting.

Public Relations Officer set Feb. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the March issue of *Listen Up!* He also reported there will be a Veterans March in Washington on Mar. 20 & 21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE--Committee Chair **Budd Pearce, PC**, reported he will have a full slate of office nominations for the Election Meeting next month.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator **Budd Pearce, PC**, scheduled Mar. 12 as the date for the next highway clean-up. More details at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE--**Past Commandant Don Gee** reminded the members that volunteers from the Detachment will be needed at staff this year's Memorial Day Parade. Nine volunteers are needed to staff the parade. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist with parade should contact him at: (215) 822-6898.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND RAISER--**Past Commandant Budd Pearce** announced the Detachment will hold its annual Memorial Day Fund Raiser at the State Store from Thursday, May 25, through Sunday, May 28. Detachment members will be needed to man the donation table during those dates.

NEW BUSINESS

A-DAY FUND RAISER--**A-Day Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC**, reported he will be talking with John Knoell before the next meeting to discuss using his lot for parking during Delaware Valley College's "A-Day" festivities this year. He noted we had lost our major lot to new construction which will effect our income this year.

NOMINATIONS--A motion was made and carried to nominate all incumbent office holders for another term. The motion carried.

MESS SERGEANT--**Mess Sergeant Bob Sundling, PC**, requested he be replaced as Mess Sergeant due to his other commitments. Anyone interested in assuming the position should contact **Commandant Miller** or **Senior Vice Commandant Powell**. **REFRESHMENTS**--A motion was made to eliminate the after meeting refreshments. The motion was defeated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Bruce Sergeant recommended the book "Red Star Roses" to the membership.

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

BURIAL IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY

SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who died on active duty.
- A veteran who entered active duty as an enlisted person before September 7, 1980, or as an officer before October 17, 1981, and whose discharge/separation is under conditions other than dishonorable.
- A veteran whose first tour of duty began on or after the above dates if a continuous 2-year period was served or the veteran served the full period of active duty service for which called (except for disability).
- The spouse, widow/widower, and minor children (under 21 years of age or under 23 years of age if attending an approved education institution) of an eligible active duty member or veteran.
- Unmarried, adult children of eligible active duty members or veterans if they become permanently incapable of self support because of physical or mental disability incurred before attaining the age of 21. Special documentation is required to establish eligibility.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- One gravesite is normally authorized for the burial of all eligible family members. Gravesites may not be reserved. Space is assigned at the time of need based on availability.
- Provision of burial site, opening and closing of grave, perpetual care and a government headstone is included at no cost. Services provided by funeral directors and other related costs are a private expense incurred by the family.
- Burial arrangements may be made by the next-of-kin/or funeral director of choice at the time of need. The funeral director or next-of-kin should provide the cemetery director with a copy of the veteran's discharge papers, or the veteran's service, social security, or a VA claim number. Cemetery staff will verify eligibility. Eligibility must be established before scheduling can take place.
- For safety reasons, committal services are commonly held in shelters located away from the gravesite. Viewing facilities are not available. Viewing in a national cemetery is prohibited. Interment takes place following committal services.
- National cemeteries do not usually conduct burials on weekends or federal holidays. A weekend caller will be directed to call 1-800-535-1117 to schedule burials for the upcoming week.
- Military honors are not provided by the national cemetery. Honors must be arranged for by the family or their representative. The national cemetery can provide a list of military contacts.
- One headstone is normally provided for all family members buried within one grave. Upright marble headstones are standard in most national cemeteries.
- Special ceremonies are held at national cemeteries on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Publicly sponsored ceremonies require prior approval of the cemetery director.

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5. Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a "4."
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral & diagonal preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.

Navy SEALs Rules:

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

U. S. Army Rangers Rules:

1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from "Higher" to perform killing.

4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.

5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.

U. S. Army Rules:

1. Select a new beret to wear.
2. Sew patches on right shoulder.
3. Change the color of beret you decide to wear.

U. S. Air Force Rules:

1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on HBO.
4. Ask "what is a gunfight?"
5. Request more funding from Congress with a "killer" PowerPoint presentation.
6. Wine & dine 'key' Congressmen, invite DOD & defense industry executives.
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
8. Declare the assets "strategic" and never deploy them operationally.
9. Hurry to make 1345 tee-time.

U. S. Navy Rules:

1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Watch porn.
4. Deploy the Marines.

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17 MARCH

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MARCH 21

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APRIL 2

DETACHMENT MEETING
12 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 16

DETACHMENT MEETING
10 MAY

MOTHERS DAY
MAY 14

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