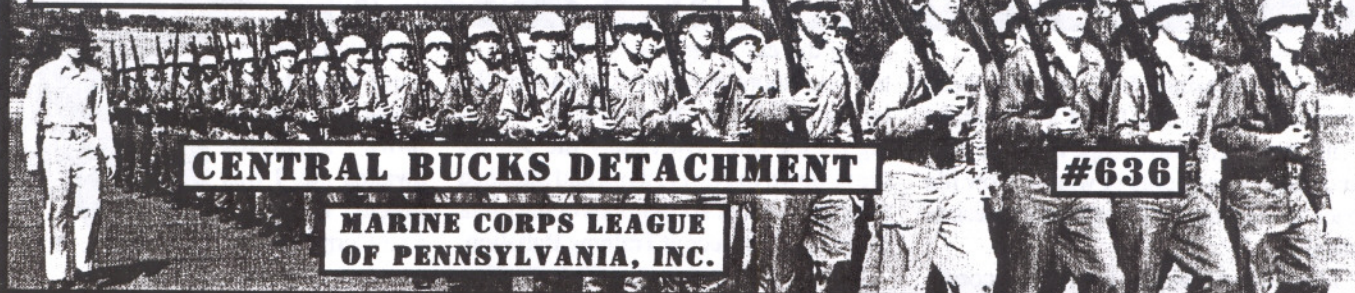


LISTEN UP!



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OPERATION DOWNFALL:

1945 Plans for the Invasion of Japan

Deep in the recesses of the National Archives in Washington, DC, hidden for nearly four decades lie thousands of pages of yellowing and dusty documents stamped "Top Secret". These documents, now declassified, are the plans for **Operation Downfall**, the invasion of Japan during World War II.

Only a few Americans in 1945 were aware of the elaborate plans that had been prepared for the Allied Invasion of the Japanese home islands. Even fewer today are aware of the defenses the Japanese had prepared to counter the invasion had it been launched.

Operation Downfall was finalized during the spring and summer of 1945. It called for two massive military undertakings to be carried out in succession and aimed at the heart of the Japanese Empire.

In the first invasion--code named **Operation Olympic**--American combat troops would land on Japan by amphibious assault during the early morning hours of Nov. 1, 1945. Fourteen combat divisions of soldiers and Marines would land on heavily fortified and defended Kyushu, the southernmost of the Japanese home islands, after an unprecedented naval and aerial bombardment.

The second invasion on Mar. 1, 1946--code named **Operation Coronet**--would send at least 22 divisions against one million Japanese defenders on the main island of Honshu and the Tokyo Plain. It's goal: the unconditional surrender of Ja-

pan. With the exception of a part of the British Pacific Fleet, **Operation Downfall** was to be a strictly American operation. It called for using the entire Marine Corps, the entire Pacific Navy, elements of the 7th Army Air Force, the 8th Air Force (recently redeployed from Europe), 10th Air Force, and the American far Eastern Air Force. More than 1.5 million combat soldiers, with three million more in support or more than 40% of all servicemen still in uniform in 1945 would be directly involved in the two amphibious assaults. Casualties were expected to be extremely heavy.

Admiral William Leahy estimated that there would be more than 250,000 Americans killed or wounded on Kyushu alone. **General Charles Willoughby**, chief of intelligence for **General Douglas MacArthur**, the Supreme Commander of the Southwest Pacific, estimated American casualties would be one million men by the Fall of 1946. Willoughby's own intelligence staff considered this to be a conservative estimate.

During the summer of 1945, America had little time to prepare for such an endeavor, but top military leaders were in almost unanimous agreement that an invasion was necessary. While naval blockade and strategic bombing of Japan was considered to be useful, General MacArthur, for instance, did not believe a blockade would bring about an unconditional surrender.

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PA Marine Killed in Al Anbar, Iraq

ALLENTOWN (AP)--A Marine from Lehigh County has died in combat in Iraq, DoD announced Feb. 7.

LCpl. Brandon J. Van Parys, 20, of New Tripoli, PA, was only 20 days into his first tour in Iraq when he died Feb. 5 in Al Anbar province.

His father, **Alan Van Parys**, said Van Parys was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade as his unit attempted to secure an area along the Euphrates River that insurgents used as a supply route.

"He's a hero," Alan Van Parys told WFMZ-TV. "He gave his life protecting his battalion commander. How can you not be proud of that?"

He said his son had been motivated to join the Marines by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Before deploying, his father said he told the family, "I've done this training, it's time to put it to use."

Van Parys was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Lejeune, NC.

He was described as a "very good student, a model citizen," by **Kenneth Fisher**, his high school assistant principal. "He worked hard and challenged himself."

Van Parys took courses in law enforcement at the Lehigh Career & Technical Institute, a vocational-technical school, Fisher said. He also served as a volunteer firefighter.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I just returned from my Caribbean cruise. Jeanette and I had a wonderful time. It was great to escape from the cold and snow for a couple of weeks. Now it's back to the frozen tundra and business as usual.

I found out that due to weather conditions, our monthly meeting was cancelled. Good call, guys! I know what a dedicated bunch you all are, however, I would never expect you to show up with condition being what they were. That

being the case, I guess I'll just have to tell you about my winter vacation. We left on 7 Feb for Charleston, SC, arriving on the 8th. On Friday the 9th we drove down to Parris Island and attended the graduation of six platoons of the Lima Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

I had never seen a recruit graduation ceremony since my own in 1958. I don't remember mine being anything like this with the Parris Island Band and all. We sat in a great location in the grand stand with a full view of the parade deck also known as the grinder. After all the VIP's in attendance were introduced and other announcements were made, they asked that all the people in attendance who went through recruit training and graduation at Parris Island to please stand up and be

Moving on, we went over to the museum. Even more surprises awaited me. I was greeted by a Marine Corps League member (by the way, I was in uniform) from the Yellow Foot Prints

Detachment Dept. of SC. He gave me the red carpet treatment showing us around the museum and introducing me to what seemed to be a never ending group of people involved with the museum. He saved the biggest surprise for last. It turns out that the manager of the museum gift shop is none other than the Drill Instructor from that "WE DON'T PROMISE YOU A ROSE GARDEN" poster. His name is Charles "Chuck" Taliano. I had a picture taken with him and he signed that famous poster for me as well. Chuck and I spoke for quite awhile and told me that he was a member of Marine Corps League Tinker Dorman Detachment in New Jersey and that he has been to Cookies Tavern and knew Jim Wagner aka "Daddy Wags (Cookie)."

We concluded our visit to PI with a drive by the DI School where future DI's were standing around doing what they have to do to become one and I received a nod and thumbs up from one of the DI instructors as I slowly passed by. Then a swing around to the 4th Battalion to see how the gal recruits were doing, followed by a drive out to the rifle range and on to Elliot's Beach (did not see one tent up). Did not see any live fire at the rifle range but did see a lot of snapping in going on. Try to explain "snapping in" to your wife. Good luck!

I did notice a whole lot of new housing going up out by the rifle range. All Town Houses being built in that one area. Guess they figure on being around for a few more years. Then it was off to Charlestown to catch our ship the next day and the beginning of our seven-day cruise.

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BILL MILLER
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recognizing **TALIANO & MILLER** former Marines standing tall and proud. At least a two-minute ovation took place and I was surely proud to have been one of them receiving the applause.

Continuing with the program and the entrance of six platoons marching in perfect formation to the sound of the PI Band, all in step, and not one bobbing head to be seen. I have to admit that my rather large chest was swollen ever larger with pride at what I was seeing. What can you say about the Drill Instructors who made it all possible other than "JOB WELL DONE." I'm sure the graduating recruits will always remember this day and I will remember it as well.

FEBRUARY DETACHMENT MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

ROBUST SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ON-GOING

A separate section of the Military OneSource Website now includes a page where community and military support organizations can post sponsored events to help connect families in their communities.

"Military families also serve. They have a patriotic and noble spirit," a DoD spokesman said, "but their sacrifices are greater than ever with change in deployments. We appreciate your steadfast support."

Key activities under way in the Department of Defense to support military units impacted by the policy change will address families' needs, the spokesman stated. Initial efforts will specifically target the needs of the units in the Minnesota National Guard, the first heavily impacted state.

A team of military family assistance counselors, requested by Minnesota's Adjutant General, will provide on-going support to families in the months to come. They will help coordinate local resources, identify needed services, conduct face-to-face counseling, teach classes and help families and children develop coping strategies.

These programs are based on recent experiences with similar changes in rotations. Other family issues will address financial stability and emotional challenges. Particular attention will be paid to respite child-care and children's emotional well-being.

Similar plans to support servicemembers and families of other affected units are under way by each of the military services; they are aggressively engaged. The Defense Department's robust Military OneSource central location for assistance is available 24-hours-a-day, seven days-a-week. The Web site <http://www.militaryonesource.com> and toll-free telephone number at (800) 342-9647 provide immediate access to a consultant for help with problem solving - no issue is too small.

"If ever there was a time to show that we care for our troops, it's now," one attendee said.

Organizations present at the meeting were: the **Marine Corps League**, Air Force Association, American Red Cross, American Legion, Armed Services YMCA, Army Emergency Relief, Association of the United States Army, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Fleet Reserve Association, Marine Corps Re-

serve Association, Military Officers Association of America, National Association for Uniformed Services, National Enlisted Reserve Association, National Guard Association of America, National Military Family Association, Navy League of the United States, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Reserve Officers Association, United Services Organization, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Reminiscent

'GUNG HO' RECRUITER

Along with five other 1956 grads from Alvine High School in Hudson, NH, I was lured to join the Marines by a fellow classmate.

When we arrived at the recruiting station to sign up, that classmate was nowhere to be found. The recruiter assured us that he would be coming soon and that we should "just sign the papers." We fell for it.

We later found out that he had chickened out and joined the Air Force instead. Of course, as we were going through boot camp at Parris Island, SC, Roger was on our mind--and not too favorably.

But fate has a way of stepping in. Plane trouble forced an interim stop at an Air Force base in Indiana. Guess who just happened to be stationed there? After being fed, we looked up our recruiter classmate and helped him understand that we

were not very happy about what he did.

I spent six great years in the Marine Corps Reserve and am very proud of every one of them. Funny, as tough as it was in the Corps, we remember the good times.

--Bradley Ford
Gilmantown, NH

PFC Ford
checking his
rifle range
score by field
phone at
Camp
Lejeune, NC,
in 1957



New Group Wants Public to Know Truth About Vietnam War

WASHINGTON, DC--A group of Vietnam Veterans, concerned and frustrated with the lack of public understanding of the Vietnam War and the negative image of those who served there, has embarked on a new mission--to tell the American people the truth about what really happened in Vietnam.

The new organization--the Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation--will be led by **Col. George E. "Bud" Day**, a Medal of Honor recipient and former POW who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and is the Air Force's most highly decorated combat veteran.

Col. Day said, "The false history of Vietnam has been used to demoralize our troops in combat, undermine the public's confidence in U.S. foreign policy and weaken our national security. Radical leftists such as Jane Fonda lied about the war 35 years ago, and are still lying about it today. The goal of the VVLF is to continue the work of countering more than three decades of misinformation and propaganda, and to set the record straight."

The VVLF Board of Directors also includes **Col. Kenneth W. Cordier**, **Cdr. Paul Galanti**, and the **Honorable James Warner**--all former POWs--**Mary Jane McManus**, wife of former POW **Kevin McManus**, and Vietnam veterans **Robert A. McMahon** and **Wallace Nunn**, who is Chairman of the Medal of Honor Foundation.

The VVLF will serve as a national repository of Vietnam-related materials, information and records, and will make this information available to the public. The organization will create independent films and documentaries, and provide exhibits and visual materials to museums, libraries and other public places. The VVLF will also act as a source of accurate information for journalists, authors and researchers, and will work to counter and expose false information presented about the Vietnam War in the media.

The VVLF (www.VietnamLegacy.org <<http://www.vietnamlegacy.org/>>) is a 501(c)(3) public service corporation whose mission is to educate and inform the public about the Vietnam War.



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The advocates for invasion agreed that while a naval blockade chokes, it does not kill; and though strategic bombing might destroy cities, it leaves whole armies intact.

So on May 25, 1945, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after extensive deliberation, issued to General MacArthur, **Admiral Chester Nimitz**, and Army Air Force **General Henry Arnold**, the top secret directive to proceed with the invasion of Kyushu. The target date was after the typhoon season.

President Harry Truman approved the plans for the invasions July 24. Two days later, the United Nations issued the Potsdam Proclamation, which called upon Japan to surrender unconditionally or face total destruction.

Three days later, the Japanese governmental news agency broadcast to the world that Japan would ignore the proclamation and would refuse to surrender. During this same period it was learned--via monitoring Japanese radio broadcasts--that Japan had closed all schools and mobilized its school children, was arming its civilian population and was fortifying caves and building underground defenses.

Operation Olympic called for a four-pronged assault on Kyushu. Its purpose was to seize and control the southern one-third of that island and establish naval and air bases, to tighten the naval blockade of the home islands, to destroy units of the main Japanese army and to support the later invasion of the Tokyo Plain. The preliminary invasion would begin Oct. 27 when the 40th Infantry Division would land on a series of small islands west and southwest of Kyushu.

At the same time, the 158th Regimental Combat Team would invade and occupy a small island 28 miles south of Kyushu. On these islands, seaplane bases would be established and radar would be set up to provide advance air warning for the invasion fleet, to serve as fighter direction centers for the carrier-based aircraft and to provide an emergency anchorage for the invasion fleet, should things not go well on the day of the invasion.

As the invasion grew imminent, the

massive firepower of the Navy--the 3rd and 5th Fleets--would approach Japan. The 3rd Fleet, under **Admiral William "Bull" Halsey**, with its big guns and naval aircraft, would provide strategic support for the operation against Honshu and Hokkaido. Halsey's fleet would be composed of battleships, heavy cruisers, destroyers, dozens of support ships and three fast carrier task groups. From these carriers, hundreds of Navy fighters, dive bombers and torpedo planes would hit targets all over the island of Honshu. The 3,000 ship 5th Fleet, under **Admiral Raymond Spruance**, would carry the invasion troops.

Several days before the invasion, the battleships, heavy cruisers and destroyers would pour thousands of tons of high explosives into the target areas. They would not cease the bombardment until after the land forces had been launched.

During the early morning hours of Nov. 1, the invasion would begin. Thousands of soldiers and Marines would pour ashore on beaches all along the eastern, southeastern, southern and western coasts of Kyushu. Waves of Helldivers, Dauntless dive bombers, Avengers, Corsairs, and Hellcats from 66 aircraft carriers would bomb, rocket and strafe enemy defenses, gun emplacements and troop concentrations along the beaches.

The Eastern Assault Force consisting of the 25th, 33rd, and 41st Infantry Divisions, would land near Miyaski, at beaches called Austin, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, and Ford, and move inland to attempt to capture the city and its nearby airfield. The Southern Assault Force, consisting of the 1st Cavalry Division, the 43rd Division and America Division would land inside Ariake Bay at beaches labeled DeSoto, Dusenber, Essex, Ford, and Franklin and attempt to capture Shibushi and the city of Kanoya and its airfield.

On the western shore of Kyushu, at beaches Pontiac, Reo, Rolls Royce, Saxon, Star, Studebaker, Stutz, Winston and Zephyr, the V Amphibious Corps would land the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Marine Divisions, sending half of its force inland to Sendai and the other half to the port city of Kagoshima.

On Nov. 4, the Reserve Force, consist-

ing of the 81st and 98th Infantry Divisions and the 11th Airborne Division, after feigning an attack on the island of Shikoku, would be landed--if not needed elsewhere--near Kaimondake, near the southernmost tip of Kagoshima Bay, at the beaches designated Locomobile, Lincoln, LaSalle, Hupmobile, Moon, Mercedes, Maxwell, Overland, Oldsmobile, Packard, and Plymouth.

Olympic was not just a plan for invasion, but for conquest and occupation as well.

TO BE CONTINUED

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS BEGINS
11 MARCH**

**DETACHMENT
ELECTION
MEETING
14 MARCH**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
17 MARCH**

**FIRST DAY
OF SPRING
21 MARCH**

**EASTER
8 APRIL**

**APRIL
INSTALLATION
MEETING
11 APRIL**

**A-DAY
FUND RAISER
28-29 APRIL**

Hard to Believe...

2006 DARWIN AWARDS

----- It's that time again... The Darwin Awards are finally out, the annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way. And remember that each and every one of these is a TRUE STORY.

Semifinalist #1

A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. This resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

Semifinalist #2

A 22-year-old Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot rail road trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground," Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was "Major trauma."

Semifinalist #3

Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter. Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

Now, the winner of this year's Darwin Award (awarded, as always, posthumously):

The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene. Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery. An amateur rocket scientist .. had somehow gotten hold of a JATO unit (Jet Assisted Take Off, actually a solid fuel rocket) that is used to give heavy military transport planes an extra "push" for taking off from short airfields.

He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert and found

a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the JATO unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed and fired off the JATO!

The facts as best as could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the JATO ignition at a distance of approximately 3.0 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched and melted asphalt at that location.

The JATO, if operating properly, would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph and continuing at full power for an additional 20-25 seconds. The driver, and soon to be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F-14 jocks under full afterburners, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event. However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 2.5 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied and completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires and leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles and impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock.

Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable. However, small fragments of bone, teeth and hair were extracted from the crater, and fingernail and bone shards were removed from a piece of debris believed to be a portion of the steering wheel.

USMC TRIVIA QUIZ



1. How many types of wounds are there?
2. Which cleaning agent is used to remove the quartermaster from the belt tip and buckle?
3. When entering a vehicle with an officer, who should enter first?
4. What does a silver star on the Marine Battle Color represent?
5. How many numbers are needed in grid coordinates to locate a point to the nearest 100 meters?

Answers in next month's *LISTEN UP!*

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. The belt loops represent the seven seas.
2. **Private Charles Robert Francis**, who was born in Doylestown in May 1875, earned the Medal of Honor "during the battle near Tientsin, China, 21 June 1900" when he "distinguished himself by meritorious conduct."
3. The three types of bleeding are: arterial, venous, and capillary.
4. There are three holidays which rate a 21-gun salute: Washington's Birthday, Independence Day, and Memorial Day.
5. The three main effects of a nuclear explosion are: blast, heat and radiation.

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Sandi Van Handel

AT&T Field Service Manager
(920) 687-904

Submitted by Bill Quigley

[EDITOR NOTE: SNOPE SAYS IT'S TRUE: Go to <http://www.snopes.com/> and enter area code 809 into the query box.

DETACHMENT OFFICER NOMINEES for 2007

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COMMANDANT from Page 1

I won't bore you with the details of that. Just to say that the Norwegian Cruise Line does a very good job and Charleston is a good port to sail out of.

Just a reminder that our March meeting will include nominations and election of officers for installation in April. Let's have a good showing of members and some names to vote on. Don't be afraid to throw your hat into the ring for any elective office. You can make a difference. See you then.

Semper Fi,



LAUGH OF THE MONTH

On their wedding night, the young bride approached her new husband and asked for \$20.00 for their first lovemaking encounter. In his highly aroused state, her husband readily agreed. This scenario was repeated each time they made love, for more than 30 years, with him thinking that it was a cutaway for her to afford new clothes and other incidentals that she needed.

Arriving home around noon one day, she was surprised to find her husband in a very drunken state. During the next few minutes, he explained that his employer was going through a process of corporate downsizing, and he had been let go. It was unlikely that, at the age of 59, he'd be able to find another position that paid anywhere near what he'd been earning, and therefore, they were financially ruined.

Calmly, his wife handed him a bank book which showed more than thirty years of steady deposits and interest totaling nearly \$1 million. Then she showed him certificates of deposits issued by the bank which were worth over \$2 million, and informed him that they were one of the largest depositors in the bank. She explained that for the more than three decades she had "charged" him for sex, these holdings had multiplied and these were the results of her savings and investments.

Faced with evidence of cash and investments worth over \$3 million, her husband was so astounded he could barely speak, but finally he found his voice and blurted out, "If I'd had any idea what you were doing, I would have given you all my business!"

That's when she shot him.



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