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Deadline for Retro 'Stop Loss' Special Pay Extended

The deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP) has been extended to March 4, 2011, allowing personnel more time to apply for the benefits they've earned under the program guidelines.

The deadline extension is included in the continuing resolution signed by President Obama last month, providing funding for federal government operations through March 4, 2011.

"There was a surge of applicants as we approached our earlier deadline, but there may still be more out there who have yet to apply," said **Lernes Hebert**, Director, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management. "We are pleased that this extension was included in the continuing resolution which will give those remaining the opportunity to apply as we continue to work through the current applications."

The RSLSP was established to compensate for the hardships military members encountered when their service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss Authority between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009.

Please see STOP LOSS, Page 6

PENNSYLVANIAN TAKES COMMAND

Marines and Sailors of II Marine Expeditionary Force welcomed **LtGen. John M. Paxton Jr.**, a native of Chester, PA, as he assumed command during a ceremony aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC, Jan. 181.

More than 300 friends, family and military personnel attended the ceremony, which included the Commandant of the Marine Corps, **Gen. James F. Amos**, and commander of United States Marine Corps Forces Command, **LtGen. Dennis J. Hejlik**.

Paxton completed his assignment as the Director for Operations for The Joint Staff in the Pentagon prior to assuming command of II MEF. As the

new Commanding General, he is now responsible for the training, equipping, and employment of a combined arms force consisting of nearly 60,000 Marines and sailors. This force of ground, air and logistic combat elements is the largest and most powerful type of Marine Air-Ground Task Force in the Marine Corps and is one of only three in existence.

"I want to assure you that I am proud and humbled to be in your ranks," the general explained in his remarks to the MEF Marines who have fought simultaneously in two wars over the last ten years.

Please see PAXTON, Page 5

CMC: Amphibious Operations More Than Forcible Entry

In a speech delivered recently at the Surface Navy Association's symposium, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, **Gen. James F. Amos**, told the surface warfare community that "Amphibious ships provide the multi-capable platforms that are the cornerstone of America's ability to respond to the range of crises that impact our National interests.

"I think of them as the Swiss Army knife of power projection. They are not task organized for one type of mission, but rather are flexible and suited to

many. This inherent flexibility and utility is not widely understood or appreciated, as evidenced by the frequent--and erroneous - assumption that 'forcible entry' capabilities alone define the requirement for amphibious ships.

"In fact, history indicates that the most frequent employment of amphibious forces is for situations of steady state engagement and crisis response. Since 9/11 U.S. amphibious forces have responded to crises and contingencies at least 50 times, a response rate more than double that of the Cold War."



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I'm hoping that our March Meeting will see lots of members attend as it is our Nominations and Election meeting.

Please think about being involved in your Detachment and step up to run for one of the Detachment Offices. Our Detachment cannot continue to move forward without participation from all of our members. If you have any interest in holding an office, please contact our **Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller**.

Since the February Meeting, I attended the National Mid-Winter Staff Meeting at the Marriott in Falls Church, VA, February 10th

through the 12th.

Past Commandant Bill Miller was also in attendance and I will present the pertinent information from that meeting at our March Meeting. I also assisted Southeast District Vice Commandant Miller perform the Installation of Officers for the Patriot Detachment on February 16th.

It's been a slow month, so that's it for now and I hope to see you all for our March Meeting. Hoping for a good turnout.....

Semper Fi,

SSA Phases Out Paper Checks

WASHINGTON—Unless you are around 90 years old or older, don't expect to receive checks for Social Security and other government benefits in the mail too much longer.

The U.S. government is phasing out paper checks for these benefit programs, under a new Treasury Department rule. The Treasury expects the shift to save Social Security \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

The Treasury Department's rule, although slightly modified from a proposal it unveiled in June, requires electronic payments for government programs such as those providing Social Security payments and veterans' compensation and pension benefits.

Under the final plan, anyone ap-

plying for benefits on or after May 1, will receive their payments electronically. People who already receive paper checks will need to switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013.

"Eight in 10 federal benefit recipients already use direct deposit, and now millions of additional retirees, veterans and other Americans will also receive their money in the safest, most reliable way—electronically," said **Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary Richard Gregg**.

"This important change will provide significant savings to American taxpayers who will no longer incur the annual \$120 million price tag associated with paper checks and will save Social Security \$1 billion over the next 10 years."

FEBRUARY DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 9, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 13 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Bob Sundling; Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Commandant Bill Miller;** and **Marine-of-the-Year Jack Gentile.**

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

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

New Member: Paul A. (Doc) Waldron of Warrington was accepted as a Regular Member of the Detachment.

Sick Call: Marine Ray Krout is in Intensive Care Unit at Doylestown Hospital. **Department Past Commandant Dick Brown** is in hospital undergoing chemotherapy.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported he attended the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting in January.

*If anyone wants to recommend a member for a Department award, he needs to be notified as soon as possible.

*The Distinguished Citizens Medals (Bronze & Silver) can be awarded to a non-League member.

*If anyone has any proposed National ByLaws changes, he needs to have them as soon as possible.

*This year's Department Convention will be in New Cumberland and the 2012 Convention will be in Johnstown.

*Nominations for the Chapel of Four Chaplains Awards must be submitted by March 1.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported he was distributing Department Raffle tickets. If anyone needs more than the initial issue, contact him at: 215-968-2291.

*The Detachment will be holding a fund-raiser on Saturday, Mar. 5, from 8 - 10 a.m. at Applebee's in the Barn Shopping Plaza, 1745 Easton Rd., Doylestown (corner of Easton & Almhouse Rds.). He needs six or seven volunteers to help with the event. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours, please contact him (See Pages 7 & 8 for tickets and additional info).

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported correspondence from **Department Commandant Leanna Dietrich** asking Pennsylvania Leaguers to send cards, letters and "care" packages to a young Marine who lost his right leg, fractured his left leg and injured his right arm in combat and is in Bethesda recuperating. Name and address is: **Cpl. RODRIGUEZ, 8801 Wisconsin Ave., Bldg. 10, Ward 5E, Bethesda, MD 20889-0001.**

***Marine Jim McComb** is looking for volunteers with vans and trucks to help move the surplus "Toys for Tots" donations from American Legion Post storage to more secure storage at his work site. If you can help, contact him at: 215-489-7711 or e-mail: jim_mccomb@verizon.net.

*The Bucks County Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans bus has arrived and is in use carrying Veterans to and from both of the VA Medical Centers in Philadelphia and Coatesville (Bus Schedule on Page 9).

*The Vietnam Veterans of America is holding a “Veterans’ Fair” in Plymouth Meeting on Feb. 27 (See Page 10).

*Received a message from **Department PR Officer Lyn McCleaster** stating Seamus, although in a wheelchair and using a walker, is alive and well and his “Steak & Beer” outings are still in full operation.

*Information about this year’s Department Scholarship information has been received and is available upon request from the Adjutant/Paymaster. If interested, contact him at: 215-822-6898.

*The Detachment received donation acknowledgements from the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported he had not received any requests for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOYS-FOR-TOTS--The Public Relations Officer reported 17,000 toys had been donated in the Central Bucks area and all 17,000 were distributed to needy children in this area. Toys donated after the deadline are currently being stored at the American Legion, as previously noted.

PARADE FLOAT--**Coordinator Budd Pearce** related plans for refurbishing the float.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE--In the absence of **Parade Marshal Jim McComb**, the PR Officer announced a parade committee meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28, at the American Legion Post. Parade “Key Personnel” should plan to attend this meeting.

REDNER’S MARKETS--The Detachment received a check for \$208.99 from Redner’s as part its non-profit organization grocery receipt donation program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--The PR Officer and Commandant Powell attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, Jan. 16, and presented a Marine Corps League “Eagle Scout Certificate” to **Scout Andrew Baumer**. The Commandant plans to have the Detachment become more involved in the Courts of Honor despite an earlier set-back from the Bucks County Council. He plans to contact individual Boy Scout Troops.

*He set Feb. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the March *Listen Up!*

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--**Coordinator Budd Pearce** scheduled the next clean-up for Saturday, Mar. 12.

YOUNG MARINES--**Coordinator Bob Sundling** reported the Unit had moved from its previous building aboard Willow Grove to the Air Force Headquarters Building on base.

*The Unit will be holding its annual Cold Weather Training in the Poconos the last weekend of this month. Anyone interested in attending can contact Bob at: 215-348-8925.

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Powell appointed **Junior Past Commandant Miller** to chair the Nominations Committee. His report will be presented at the March Meeting. Anyone interested in serving in, or nominating someone for, an elected or appointed position in the Detachment for the coming year can contact him at: 215-943-0133.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$50 to the Westchester County Detachment (NY) in support for a needy Marine family whose child suffocated recently. The family cannot afford the \$3,000 funeral expense.

A motion was made and unanimously approved contract for a 1/4-page ad in the National Northeast Division Meeting book.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to contract for a full-page ad in the Department of Pennsylvania Convention book.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$100 to the Veterans Memorial Park in Towanda, PA. The Association spearheading the memorial was founded by and is led by Marine Joe Doherty, one of

our Detachment members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported on attending the fund-raiser at the Irish Pub in Philadelphia. The event, benefitting the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Association and the Travis Manion Foundation, was attended by five Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipients. According to Bob, it was an overwhelming success.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 9.

2010 DARWIN AWARDS

This years nominees are:

Nominee No. 1:

An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriend's windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged, blowing a hole in his gut.

Nominee No. 2:

James Burns, 34, (a mechanic) of Alamo, MI, was killed as he was trying to repair what police describe as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped around the drive shaft."

Nominee No. 3:

Ken Charles Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, NC. Awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed instead a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which discharged when he drew it to his ear.

Nominee No. 4: Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death. A police spokesman said **Garry Hoy**, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early Friday evening as he was explaining the strength of the buildings' windows to visiting law students. Hoy previously has conducted demonstrations of window strength according to police reports. **Peter Lawson**, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the *Toronto Sun* that Hoy was "one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man association.

Nominee No. 5:

Michael Anderson Godwin made News of the Weird posthumously. He had spent several years awaiting South Carolina's electric chair on a murder conviction be-

fore having his sentence reduced to life in prison. While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell attempting to fix his small TV set, he bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Nominee No. 6:

A cigarette lighter may have triggered a fatal explosion in Dunkirk, IN. Using a cigarette lighter to check the barrel of a muzzle loader, A man was killed when the weapon discharged in his face, sheriffs investigators said. **Gregory David Pryor**, 19, died in his parents' rural Dunkirk home at about 11:30 p.m. Investigators said Pryor was cleaning a .54-caliber muzzle-loader that had not been firing properly. He was using the lighter to look into the barrel when the gunpowder ignited.

Nominee No. 7:

A man cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his condominium apartment in a Toronto, Canada, suburb slipped and fell 23 stories to his death. **Stefan Macko**, 55, was standing on a wheelchair when the accident occurred, said Inspector **Darcy Honer** of the Peel Regional Police. "It appears that the chair moved, and he went over the balcony," Honer said.

Finally, THE WINNER!!: Two local men were injured when their pickup truck left

the road and struck a tree near Little Rock, AR. **Deputy Sheriff Dovey Snyder** reported the accident shortly after midnight Monday. **Thurston Poole**, 33, of Des Arc, and **Billy Ray Wallis**, 38, of Little Rock, were returning to Des Arc after a frog catching trip. On an overcast night, Poole's pickup truck headlights malfunctioned. The two men concluded that the headlight fuse on the older-model truck had burned out. As a replacement fuse was not available, Wallis noticed that the .22 caliber bullets from his pistol fit perfectly into the fuse box next to the steering-wheel column. Upon inserting the bullet the headlights again began to operate properly, and the two men proceeded on eastbound toward the White River Bridge. After traveling approximately 20 miles, and just before crossing the river, the bullet apparently overheated, discharged, and struck Poole in the testicles. The vehicle swerved sharply right, exiting the pavement, and striking a tree. Poole suffered only minor cuts and abrasions from the accident but will require extensive surgery to repair the damage to his testicles, which will never operate as intended.

Wallis sustained a broken clavicle and was treated and released. "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when Thurston shot his nuts off, or we might both be dead," stated Wallis.

"I've been a trooper for 10 years in this part of the world, but this is a first for me. I can't believe that those two would admit how this accident happened," said Snyder. Upon being notified of the wreck, **Lavinia** (Poole's wife), asked how many frogs the boys had caught and did anyone get them from the truck. Priorities, after all!!

Though Poole and Wallis did not die as a result of their misadventure as normally required by Darwin Award Official Rules, it can be argued that Poole did, in fact, effectively remove himself from the gene pool.

Take a virtual tour
of the
Vietnam Wall
at:
[http://
www.virtualwall.org/
iStates.htm](http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm)

TRIVIA -- For REAL Trivia Buffs (Part II)

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for

a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather

around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have

scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive... So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth....Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

STOP LOSS from Page 1

Eligible members or their beneficiaries may submit a claim to their respective military service in order to receive the benefit of \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status.

When RSLSP began on Oct. 21, 2009, the services estimated 145,000 service members, veterans and beneficiaries were eligible for this benefit. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, the services have engaged in extensive and persistent outreach efforts over the past 14 months. Outreach efforts including direct mail, engaging military and veteran service organizations, social networks and media outlets, will continue through March 4, 2011.

To apply for more information, or to gather more information on RSLSP, including submission requirements and service-specific links, go to <http://www.defense.gov/stoploss>.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**ASH WEDNESDAY
9 MARCH**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
9 MARCH**

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS
13 MARCH**

**ST. PATRICKS DAY
17 MARCH**

**DEPARTMENT
SPRING STAFF
MEETING
17-19 MARCH**

**FIRST DAY
OF SPRING
20 MARCH**

**NATIONAL
NORTHEAST
DIVISION MEETING
25-26 MARCH**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
13 APRIL**

**TAX FILING
DEADLINE
15 APRIL**

**PALM SUNDAY
17 APRIL**

WWI Marine Finally Returns Home

The remains of a Marine killed in action during World War I were buried recently at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, after being missing for more than 90 years.

"It goes to show our country has not forgotten those who were lost overseas," said **Navy Capt. Guy Lee**, the Regional Chaplain for Naval District Washington.

The remains of **1stSgt. George Humphrey**, a native of Ithaca, NY, were found in a wooded area in north-eastern France in September, said **Gunnery Sgt. William Dixon**, Funeral Director at Marine Barracks Washington.

Humphrey, who was with 6th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Brigade, attached to U. S. Army 2nd Infantry Division, was killed Sept. 15, 1918, during the battle of Saint-Mihiel, the first major American-led offensive of the war. His Marines hastily buried him the next day.

A year later, one of the Marines sent a letter to Humphrey's brother with details of where the First Sergeant was buried, but attempts to recover the body were unsuccessful. The family said they still kept thinking of him.

"My mother used to point at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and say, 'That could be George,'" said Edith Scott, whose mother was Humphrey's cousin. Humphrey was born Feb. 15, 1889, to Welsh immigrants and joined the Marine Corps in Ithaca, Sept. 13, 1917.

Scott said a year later, he was leading Marines in the Great War.

"You're always going to be proud of your family," she said. "But to hear about the impact he had impressed us even more."

French citizens were searching for war relics near the town of Rembercourt-sur-Mad when they

found remains they believed belonged to a World War I American service member.

They notified the Joint POW MIA Accounting Command, said Dixon. The JPAC team used a variety of forensic identification tools, including dental comparisons and circumstantial evidence to identify the remains.

"I just hope families of people who are missing in action see this and realize that there is still hope that their loved ones will be found," Scott Said.

PAXTON

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"Proud because of who you are and what you do, and humbled to be in the presence of men and women who will continue the fight during upcoming deployments.

"In Iraq where I stood beside you and Afghanistan where I visited you, I know what you have done and what you are capable of."

Paxton was commissioned into the Marine Corps in 1974 through Officer Candidate School.

A career infantryman, the General has commanded Marines at every level from platoon through division and has served and commanded in all three active Marine Divisions. General Paxton has also served as an operations, plans and training officer within Fleet Marine Force units at the battalion, regiment, division and Marine Expeditionary Force levels.

In addition to his service as chief of staff for Multi-National Force Iraq in Baghdad, Paxton has had operational tours supporting stability efforts in the Bosnian conflict with Landing Force Sixth Fleet and in Mogadishu, Somalia, as United Nations Quick Reaction Force, both while commanding Battalion Landing Team (1/8).

For more information or a photo and complete biography of the General, please visit the unit's web site at <http://www.marines.mil/unit/iimef/Pages/default.aspx>.

COMMITTAL SHELTER

Washington Crossing National Cemetery

Mr. Don H. Gee, Adjutant/Paymaster
Marine Corps League
Central Bucks Detachment
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Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

Dear Mr. Gee and Members of Marine Corps League – Central Bucks Detachment,

The majority of my Eagle Project involving the renovation of the Committal Shelter in the National Veterans Cemetery at Washington Crossing was completed the weekend of December 4th and 5th thanks to your support. I was able to install the fence, gate, benches and potted evergreens. The last item, six service medallions, is on order and due to be shipped the first week of January 2011. I have included a set of pictures on a CD ROM that were taken showing work in progress and the completed fence. Below are before and after pictures:



Before



After

Due to your generous financial support, I was able to make the following upgrades: 1) increase the strength and durability of the vinyl fence posts from 4" to 5" centered with a 4X4X8 pressure treated post since the wind is fairly strong at this location; 2) increase the quantity and quality of the benches from two aluminum to four solid teak benches ; 3) increase the plant container size and quality of the evergreen from a 20" terra cotta planter with an arborvitae to a 30" fiberglass planter with a blue spruce; 4) increase the quality and size of the service medallions from 8" vinyl to 10" aluminum; and 5) procure the expertise of Lowes commercial fence installer, which not only allowed me to complete the project in one weekend, but provided the expertise, manpower and power tools. I had over twenty volunteers helping dig holes, mix cement, move material, plant the evergreens, and clean the fence and site.

The upgraded Committal Shelter was used starting Monday, December 6th for services and for December 11th's "Wreaths Across America" ceremony. The fence does a great job in blocking the wind – we noticed the difference as it went up. It should make the area much more comfortable during the winter or on windy days (the cemetery staff told me wind is very common at this location).

Again, thank you for your generous support and encouragement in helping make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Curtis".

Brett Curtis



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Bucks County Veteran's Bus

Daily Schedule – (Pre-registration is required)



Monday- Philadelphia VA Hospital

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
7:40 AM – Leave Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad – 140 Township Road, Richboro
8:15 AM – Leave Levittown Clinic – Government Services Center – New Falls Rd.
8:30 AM – Leave Bensalem Senior Activity Center– Byberry Road
9:30AM – Arrive at Hospital

Tuesday- Philadelphia VA Hospital

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
7:40 AM – Leave Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad – 140 Township Road, Richboro
8:15 AM – Leave Levittown Clinic – Government Services Center – New Falls Rd.
8:30 AM – Leave Bensalem Senior Activity Center - Byberry Road
9:30AM – Arrive at Hospital

Wednesday – Coatesville VA Hospital

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30AM– Arrive at Hospital

Thursday – Coatesville VA Hospital

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00 AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30 AM – Arrive at Hospital

Friday – Coatesville VA Hospital

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00 AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30 AM – Arrive at Hospital

Van Service subject to Weather conditions and County Holidays.

Veterans should make all appointments between 9:30am – Noon as the Bus will start its return trip early afternoon. Please call Betty at 215-345-3885 at least 2 weeks before your appointment to schedule your transportation.

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**Application for Membership
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I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, 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.

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(Applicant's Signature)



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