



# LISTEN UP!

Central Bucks Detachment  
P.O. Box 1372  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Meets 7:30 P.M. 2nd Wednesday of Month  
VFW Post 175  
181 South Main Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901

"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

COMMANDANT - FRAN MEYERS

EDITOR - BOB SCHAFFER

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

\* Nineteen members were present and all officers were in attendance. There were two applications for membership and one transfer.

1. Larry Sheetz, Lambertville, N.J.
2. Cpl. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick III, on duty with the State Dept. in Geneva.
3. Barry Smith, Revere, Pa. ( transfer from Hidden Bell Detachment )

All three applicants were accepted by vote.

\* The Paymasters report and the minutes from the previous meeting were available for review.

\* Appointment of special committee chairmen were made by the Commandant, as follows:

Marlin Miller - Americanism/Achievement Committee  
Frank Yohe - Chapel of the Four Chaplains  
Mike Waldron - Public Relations  
Bob Sundling - Marine of the Year

\* Tickets for the State Car Raffle will be available at the March meeting.

\* Don Parzanese reported that the detachment will receive a check from Genuardi Markets in the amount of \$100.99 for cash register receipt refunds. That will bring the total to over \$300 for the year.

\* The Detachment will participate in the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade. The float will depict a "Desert Storm" theme if preparation time permits. The Young Marines will also march with Central Bucks.

\* The Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be on Nov. 7, 1992, if the Moose Hall in Doylestown is available. Budd Pearce and Mike Waldron will check this out and report back.

\* Bill Plant and Pat Meyers are working on the Scrapbook. Anyone who has photos or other items of interest please contact either of them as soon as possible.

\* Bill Haas is in charge of the "Breakfast at Fran's Place" to be held on Saturday, May 16, 1992 (8-12). Help is needed to assist Bill in the kitchen and as waiters. ( 12 to 15 bodies would do the trick). If you can volunteer, contact Bill Haas or Fran Meyers. This could be a nice money maker for the Detachment, if the members pitch in and help.

\* Budd Pearce is in charge of making a survey to see if a Ladies Auxillary is a feasible idea for the Central Bucks Detachment. Questionnaires will be distributed to anyone who is interested.

\* A motion was made and passed to NOT increase the Detachment dues. The \$2.00 increase suggested by National will be absorbed by the Detachment.

\* Mike Waldron still has tickets available for the Pennsy Pops concert to be held at the Keswick theater in Glenside, Pa. on Sunday, March 22 at 3PM. If you are interested in going, give Mike a call at 672-7095.

\* The 1992 Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers:

COMMANDANT - Fran Meyers  
SR. VICE - Bill Haas  
JR. VICE - Budd Pearce  
JUDGE ADVOCATE - Marlin Miller  
ADJUTANT - Ray Krout  
PAYMASTER - Jim Marckstein and Don Gee

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March meeting and the official voting will follow.

\* The Civil War Monument, located at Main and Court Streets in Doylestown, will be 125 years old in 1993. A committee has been formed to raise money to clean and rehab the stone and metal memorial. Souvenir buttons are being sold at \$1.00 each and a gala Ball is scheduled for May 29th at the Doylestown Armory. More on that later.

\* A motion was made and passed to change the Detachment meeting site from the American Legion Hall to the VFW Post #175 at 181 South Main Street, in Doylestown.

Therefore:

The next regular Detachment meeting will be MARCH 11, 1992 (19:30) at the VFW home, 181 South Main Street , in Doylestown.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be an initial meeting of all ladies interested in forming a LADIES AUXILARY for the Central Bucks Detachment. This will be the same evening as the scheduled Agenda meeting at the VFW home, 181 South Main Street in Doylestown. We would like to see a good turnout, so talk to your wives, daughters or female friends about attending.

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The Valentines Day Raffle drawing was held following the regular meeting, in February. The winners are listed below:

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1. \$1000 - Greg Fratrik, Revere, Pa. (Barry Smith)
2. \$ 500 - Sandy Destolfo, Ft. Washington, Pa. (Will Haas)
3. \$ 400 - Iris Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa. (Don Gee)
4. \$ 300 - Bud Weber, Kitnersville, Pa. (Will Haas)
5. \$ 150 - Pat Uselrs, Willow Grove, Pa. (Bill Plant)
6. \$ 50 - Marvin Silver, VAMC, Philadelphia, Pa. (Don Gee)
7. \$ 50 - Walt Roach, Dublin, Pa.



- 8. \$ 50 - Floyd Bless, Quakertown, Pa. (Bill Parks)
- 9. \$ 50 - Fred Williamson, New Hope, Pa. (Fran Meyers)
- 10. \$ 50 - C. Downs, New Hope, Pa. (fran Meyers)

NOTE: A hugh THANK YOU to Greg Fratrick who made a very generous and welcome donation of \$100 to the Detachment from his winnings.

It is really appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS;

Anyone who has not turned in copies of their DD 214 and Discharge Papers please do so. All copies will be kept in the Judge Advocate's files

The Detachment will be selling flowers for the Easter holiday. The price list is shown below so please consider odering your holiday flowers from the CB Detachment. Talk to your friends and relatives and have them buy from us. Remember, every little bit helps.

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 1992 easter price list & order form

	PRICE EA.	QTY.	EXT. PRICE
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6 BLOOM 6" pot	5.25	_____	_____
HYACINTHS 1 BLOOM 4½ pot	2.25	_____	_____
3 BLOOM 6" pot	5.50	_____	_____
LILIES 4 BLOOM AND UP	7.00	_____	_____
AZALEAS 6" pot	7.50	_____	_____
DAFFODILS 6" pot	5.00	_____	_____
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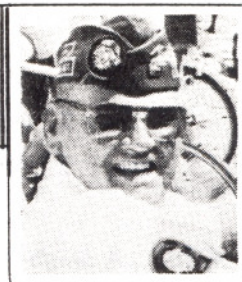
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From The Desk Of FRAN MEYERS, Commandant  
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League



MARINES,

WELL WE CERTAINLY PULLED THE VALENTINE'S DAY DRAWING OFF AND MADE APPROXIMATELY \$580.00. A SPECIAL THANKS TO BILL PARK, BILL PLANT, AND BUD PEARCE. THANK'S A LOT.

NOW WE WILL HAVE TO GET BUSY ON THE STATE CAR RAFFLE. THE TICKETS GET HANDED OUT AT OUR MARCH MEETING. DO YOUR BEST.

WILL HAAS IS SPEARHEADING AN EASTER FLOWER SALE AT FRAN'S PUB AND BILL PLANT'S PLACE AND HOPEFULLY AT ONE OF THE SHOPPING MALLS. ANYONE WISHING TO ORDER FLOWERS FROM WILL HAAS CAN DO SO AT THE MARCH OR APRIL MEETING. A PRICE LIST IS IN THE NEWSLETTER ELSEWHERE.

WILL WILL ALSO BE SPEARHEADING THE SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT FRAN'S PUB IN MAY. WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE FUND RAISERS.

BUD PEARCE WILL BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH BOB GERINSER, OWNER OF THE RIVER BOAT HERE IN NEW HOPE WHO HAS DONATED ONE OF HIS BOATS TO US FOR AN EVENING IN APRIL OR MAY. (THROUGH THE WEEK PREFERABLY) MORE ON THAT LATER.

ALL OF A SUDDEN MAY 25TH (MEMORIAL DAY) WILL BE UPON US. GET THE SHOES SPITSHINED, SOAP THE CREASES IN THE BLUE TROUSERS, AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO GET OUT THE BLITZ CLOTH FOR THE BRASS ETC.. LET'S LOOK SHARP THIS YEAR AGAIN. THE THEME IS GOING TO BE THE "SAND BOX WAR" (PERSIAN GULF). HERB KRAUT WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS BROTHER RAY AND SEE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WHEN.

I GUESS THERE ISN'T TOO MUCH TO REPORT ON THIS MONTH, HOWEVER, ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH AND 15TH 1992 PAT AND I WENT TO THE NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONVENTION AT TYSONS'S CORNER, VA (OUTSIDE D.C.) IN REGARD TO THE YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM. EVERYTHING WENT EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26TH PAT AND I WENT TO A BANQUET IN HONOR OF SEARGENT MAJOR OVERSTREET OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS HELD AT THE ELKS COUNTRY CLUB IN COLLEGEVILLE. HE WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND HAD SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE REST OF US. THE MARINE CORPS WILL BE CUT TO 177,000 TROOPS IN LIEU OF 157,000 TROOPS. THERE WILL BE A 26% CUT IN FIXED WING AVIATION. BY ATTRITION I CAN EXPLAIN AT OUR NEXT MEETING. THE MARINE OF TODAY WILL HAVE TO BE REALLY ON THE BALL OR THEY CAN GET OUT AND GO TO WORK FOR ANOTHER GENERAL, SUCH AS GENERAL ELECTRIC OR GENERAL MOTORS. THAT SOUNDS PRETTY GRIM, SO THEY BETTER PERFORM AT THEIR UTMOST POTENTIAL. THE OLD SAYING OF THE 10% DOES NOT APPLY ANYMORE. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ERROR OR SLACKERS.

AS I SAID BEFORE PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR FLOWERS FROM "BLOOMING WILL HAAS" AT THE MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS.

SEMPER FI,



BUX-MONT YOUNG MARINES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Hands  
FROM: Commanding Officer  
RE: ACTIVITY SCHEDULE  
DATE: 14 February 1992

1. 2/28 - 3/1/92 - N.C.O. School at Fort Mead MD - Attendance limited to L/Cpl and above.
2. 3/21/92, Saturday, U.S.M.C. Field Artillery Tour, Trenton NJ, Depart Army Reserve Center, Horsham PA at 0730 a.m., return at 1300.
3. 5/2 - 5/3/92, Saturday/Sunday. New Hope PA - Coin Toss operation. Very important that you attend to support our activities.
4. May date to be announced. Participation at 42nd Field Artillery ceremonies and Open House, Bristol PA.
5. 5/22/92, Friday - Pine Road Huntingdon Valley School, Memorial Day services - 1400 (2:00 p.m.)
6. 5/25/92, Monday - Memorial Day A.M. - Memorial Day parade at New Hope PA with Maine Corps League
7. 6/20 - 6/21/92, Saturday/Sunday - Willow Grove Naval Air Station Open House and Air Show
8. 6/26 - 6/27/92, Friday/Saturday - Gettysburg PA encampment with ceremonies at the Marine Corps League meeting
9. 7/4/92, Saturday - July 4th Parade - Middletown Township AM and Huntingdon Valley PM
10. Fort Dix NJ and Indiantown Gap PA - Week-end encampments are pending matters.
11. The National Encampment of Young Marines has not been confirmed to date. Last year, it was at Annapolis. This year it should be at an equally nice place. We will advise.
12. Green Lane Park encampment will be scheduled for this summer for an educational week-end in the woods.

Mark your calendars with these dates. We are also negotiating several other events that will prove interesting and educational to every Young Marine. Look sharp and have pride in the Bux-Mont Unit.

Semper Fi,



## VA Publishes Handbook to Assist Veterans in Business

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the publication of a handbook designed to assist veterans who own small businesses.

The free publication, *Handbook for Veterans in Business*, includes information on federal contracting programs, acquisition regulations and procedures, contracting opportunities, and small business assistance programs.

VA, which manages one of the largest procurement and supply programs in the federal government with annual expenditures of more than \$4.5 billion, is constantly looking for contractors in such areas as building construction, maintenance, supply, equipment repair and other activities.

While VA is not authorized to set aside noncompetitive contract awards for veteran-owned businesses, it can and does actively seek out and assist these firms in competing for VA acquisition opportunities.

Each VA purchasing office maintains active bidders' lists and commodity index files, indicating the various items offered by prospective bidders.

VA uses both competitive sealed bids and negotiated acquisition procedures. Depending on the commodity or service required, various contract types are used to provide needed flexibility in acquiring the large varie-

ty and volume of supplies and services needed by VA.

Veterans who own and operate small businesses may request a copy of the handbook by writing to Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (005SB), Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20420. Veterans also can contact the Chief of Supply at any of VA's 172 medical centers nationwide for additional information.

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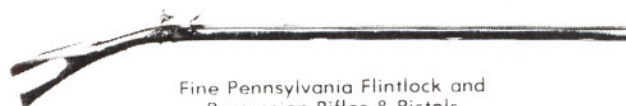
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- **WHY** the U.S. Government has abandoned POW's • MIA's from all foreign wars since WWI...
- **HOW** you can send a clear message to the U.S. Government...

## ***SPEAKERS:***

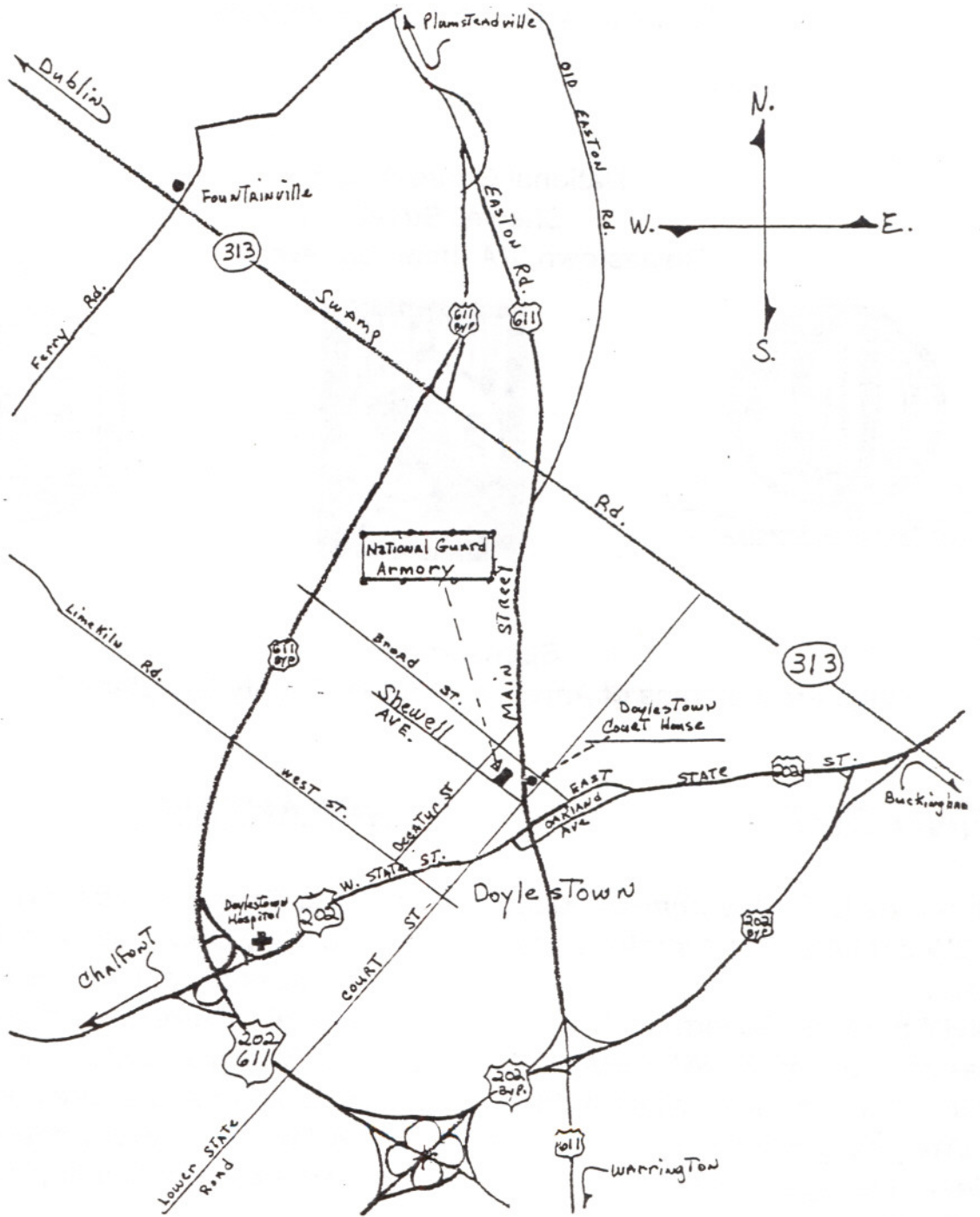
- **Dolf Droge** – former National Security Council staffer under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Reagan.
- **Dennis Burfete** – Information Officer for *Rolling Thunder – PA*, a POW • MIA education and awareness organization.
- **Al Mullen** – VVA Chapter #210 member and State Council Representative.

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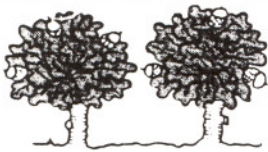
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Type of Application — New ( ) Renewal ( ) Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

( ) I hereby apply for membership in the Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$ 30.00 for one year's membership.\*

\*Includes \$2.00 subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

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