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**NEWSLETTER** 

MARCH 1993

# MEETING MINUTES FROM 10 FEBRUARY 1993

There were 18 members present including all officers except the Sqt-At-Arms.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as outlined in the Newsletter.

The paymaster's report was approved.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Detachment totals 61 as of this date.

#### ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The next highway clean-up under the Adopt-A-Highway Program will take place in April or May. The exact date will be announced later.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship should submit an application to the committee for consideration.

#### WAYS AND MEANS

Budd Pearce will have a report at the March meeting concerning various fund raising ideas for the coming year.

# BUDGET COMMITTEE

A report will be ready for discussion at the March meeting. A proposed budget will be formulated for review according to Chairman Jim Marckstein.

#### YOUNG MARINES

Larry Scheetz volunteered to assist Bill Plant as Detachment Liason to the Young Marines. The Memorial service on Sunday February 7, for Ernie Bason, the Young Marine who died from injuries after being struck by an auto. was well attended. The League Commandant, Lamar Golden was in attendance and spoke to those assembled.

## MESS NIGHT

The first ever "MESS NIGHT", formal dinner gathering will be held by the C.B. Detachment on April 24, 1993 at the Lady Luck Club, Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster, Pa. Additional information is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The annual installation of officers will be held during the regular detachment meeting in April.

#### EASTER FLOWER SALES

The C.B. Detachment will once gain be selling Easter flowers, as a fund raiser. Sales will begin on Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Palm Sunday and will continue through the entire week before Easter. Three sales locations have been obtained... the two Getty stations in Doylestown and Fran's Pub in New Hope, Pa. Advance order forms will be available at the Detachment meeting for members to obtain and distribute.

# AUTO RAFFLE TICKETS

Now that most of the holidays are behind us for a while, we can now concentrate on the Auto Raffle Tickets. They are only \$1.00 each, so try to sell as many as possible. Remember, the detachment is able to keep \$.40 from each ticket, so it is another money-maker. If you don't want to sell the tickets just buy them yourself as a donation. You might even win the car or \$5,000.

# MARINE BAND CONCERT

The famous U.S. Marine band will be performing at the Hatboro-Horsham High School in November 1993. More on that, later.

#### BOOKS FOR SALE

Don Gee has obtained a supply of books entitled, "Anyone Here A Marine", which is full of stories and photos of movie stars and other famous people who were in the Corps. or portrayed Marines in the films. If you would like a copy or wish to look at it first just contact Don Gee.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates for the 1993 Detachment officers. They are as follows:

COMMANDANT - Budd Pearce

SR. VICE CMDT. - Don Gee

JR. VICE CMDT. - Tony Kimes

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Marlin Miller

PAYMASTER - Bob Cody

There were no other nominations from the floor, however, additional nominations could be made prior to the elections at the March meeting.

#### EASTER FLOWER SALE

A motion was made and approved to advance the necessary funds to purchase the flowers for the Easter Flower Sale.

#### SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY DEDICATION

On Memorial Day weekend 1993, there will be a re-dedication of the 104th Pennsylvania Monumentfor it's 125th anniversary, in Doylestown. Pa. Various activities include a Chuck Wagon Dinner, Camp Life 1861-1865, Military Drill, Parade and Honor Guard all to be held on the Bucks County Courthouse grounds. Bill Plant was designated as the Detachment representative to place a wreath at the monument during the ceremonies. All league members are welcome to attend the festivities.

On Monday, May 30, 1993 the C.B. Detachment will march in the annual Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown, Pa.

# BOAT RIDE ON THE DELAWARE

Budd Pearce announced that another boat ride on the Delaware is being arranged, possibly in May.

# SOUTHEAST DIVISION MEETING

On March 14, 1993 the Central Bucks Detachment will host the S.E. Division meeting at the Doylestown American Legion Home, 2PM sharp. Volunteers are needed to help with the refreshments, etc. The C>B> Detachment Commandant. Fran Meyers has requested that as many members as possible attend this meeting to assist as hosts for the gathering. Incidentally, the "Locker Box" will be in attendance with numerous items for sale.

#### ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM DRESS

Option 1 - Short sleeve white shirt/sunbursts and no tie. If you wish to wear a long sleeved white shirt then

a black tie is worn but no collar sunbursts

Option 2 - Short sleeved white shirt/sunbursts and no tie Dress blue trousers/red stripe.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON 10 MARCH 1993 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.



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SAMPLE ORDER FORM FOR EASTER FLOWERS



#### ATTENTION ON DECK AND LISTEN UP

Information on the 1993 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements has become available, those interested please contact me for a copy. In the past the Department of Pennsylvania has been able to award 98 to 99% of the properly filled out applications that have been presented to them. Each awarded grant is amminimum of \$200.00.

I also have donation forms for those who may wish to donate to the Marine Corps League Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made in McmoryCOF; IN HONOR OF or Because OF. Any and all donations are accepted, and for every \$200.00 collected means one more scholarship is awarded, and one more dependent of a Marine gets a leg up to Higher Education. I know times are hard and things are tight, but if you could see your way clear to make the slightest contribution you could take satisfaction in knowing that you helped, Hone of Our Own".

#### Awards

I have been trying to make contact with everyone regarding your time in service, not just with our detachment but with the Marine Corps League in general. If you have had at least five(5) continuous years of membership you are entitled to a Membership Medal. If you are in this catagory please contact either myself or the Commandant so that we can present you with this prestigous award.

If you have sponsored five(5) or more members between July1,1992 and June 30,1993 you are eligible to have your name placed in the drawing for a Marine Corps jacket or a Marine Corps League Blazer Crest. The drawing will take place at the National Convention in Orlando Florida. I have these forms in my possesion. They have to be received by the National Junior Vice Commandant by July 9,1993.

That's all I have for now, besides my typing finger is getting tired, so 1'11 have to give it a rest.

Larry Scheetz Sr. Scholarship/Awards Committees

## ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

On behalf of Walt Roach and the BUX-Mont Young Marines I would like to take this time to thank all those who turned out for the memmorial service for Corporal Ernest Buson. It was quite an impressive and moving service. It was particularly impressive that our National Commandant, Lamar Golden, took time from his busy schedule to spend this time with the Buson and our Young Marines.

On a happier note, on February 10,1993 three more Young Marines completed their 12 Drill Basic Training and were graduated into the regular platoon. There is still a full compliment of "Boots" to train and more coming aboard.

League member/Staff Officer Tom Cambell conducted a class on self defense, and the NCO's held an NCO meeting-training session.

On March 20,1993 at 0915 we will be making a field trip to the New Jersey State Police Museum at State Police Headquarters in West Trenton, New Jersey. We will assemble at the Administration Building at Washington Crossing State Park on the PA side and travel to State Police H.Q. from there, and return at approximately 1200 to tour the Park Museum, where they a display on the Continetal Marines.

Our continued support of these young people is important

OUR YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE!!!

Semper F1

Larry Scheetz Sr. Liaison Officer



From The Desk Of FRAN MEYERS, Commandant Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

I know you are probably wondering where I have been letterwise. At this point in time I wish to bring to your attention several things:

- 1. Final nominations from the floor and voting for next years Detachment Officers will be on March 10th. I will conduct this point of business under new business. I have arranged for Pa.. Dept. Commandant Heidel to install the new officers. Everyone try to attend both the election meeting and the installation.
- 2. Sunday March 14th, 14:00 S/E Division meeting at our detachment. I would like a good turnout for this.
- 3. March 26th and 27th 3Q Dept. meeting at Grantville, Pa. all of you new officers should attend this one.
- 4. Young Marine Program in our Department picking up momentum big time. I am both proud and honored to have been a small part of this program.
- 5. Jr. Vice Budd Pearce has a list of activities coming up in the near future. He will address some of them in this newsletter.
- 6. The Dept. of Pennsylvania M.C.L. will hold its convention in Reading June 24th 25th 26th 1993. Come out for this one. If you are a delegate, alternate or guest you will receive a commemorative medal. Pretty Neat.

This will be the end of my tenure as S/E Div. Vice.

The last two years of my life have been both personally gratifying and rewarding to me. I have learned so much and have met and been involved with the finest people in the world, the U.S. Marines and their families. My God it is Great to be One of the Best.

Some of you are wondering what I am going to do now. I will stay involved heavily with our Detachment the Division and the Department.

I have elected to be involved in New Hope Borough politics. I am running for town council this year. My town needs help and business input. I cannot just sit there and complain I feel I must get involved.

In closing I thank all of you for your support help and your patience with me during my time as Commandant.

Semper Fi,

# Fran Meyers

P.S. I hope you all saw our own Star of Stage, Screen, Radio and Marine Corps League, Don Gee on page 35 of our magazine. That is Exposure.

Marines,

I wish to thank all of you that made it to the memorial service for Ernie Basen. It turned out to be quite a moving experience. The entire service was very impressive and I am sure that young Ernie's family was extremely grateful to everyone. Our National Commandant, Lamar Golden, was there to deliver heartfelt condolences from the League and from himself. Thanks Commandant it was good of you to make the trip.

At the last meeting I said I would have sign-up sheets for the Easter Flower Sale, well, I have them. I also have the order forms for the flowers. The prices on the forms and the prices at the stand will be the same so as to avoid any confusion. Let's try to sell as many flowers as we can from these early order forms. We will pull all ordered flowers first, so get your orders in! The flowers will be available April 1st for pick-up at the American Legion Building, 315 North St., Doylestown. You may pick up your orders and deliver them yourself or the purchaser may come and get them. All money is to be paid either in advance or upon delivery. The sign-up sheets have a place where you can specify the times you'll be available...please let Will or me know if these times change prior to the sale. We need as many as possible to help out on this sale as we are selling from 3 locations as well as our order forms. Our turn out has been increasing for all our functions and projects, I hope this holds true this time!

We will be selling Mother's Day flowers this year also. This sale will be for 3 days and more information will be available at the March meeting. A sign-up sheet for that will be available soon.

Speaking of our next meeting...the March 10th meeting is the Election meeting. The election of officers will take place at the March meeting and installation of officers will be held at the April 14th meeting. It is important to have as many members as possible turn out for the elections so that the vote reflects the greatest percentage of our membership. We have over 60 members at present and we tend to see the same 18 or 20 faces at all the meetings. Now, don't get me wrong, this is a good percentage of turn out compared to a lot of organizations, but for the elections let's see if we can up this somewhat. Besides, if you have someone in mind that would make a good officer it is up to you to come out to the March meeting and get his or her name on the ballot. Nominations will be taken from the floor as well as those that have been presented by the nominating committee. At the installation in April family

members are welcome to attend to observe the installation if they so desire.

I have been in contact with the people at Corvell's Ferry Boat Rides to arrange our next boat ride. This will probably be held on May 8th but that is not etched in stone just yet. I will attempt to have that date locked in before the March meeting so you can get signed up early. I suggest that if you intend to join us for this that you get your reservations in EARLY. The last ride was such a sucess that I am sure we will fill the boat with no trouble this time. We have space for only 36 people and quite a few members have been asking me about this trip already, so call me at (609) 397-2343 and get your seats reserved NOW! Refreshments will be served as they were last time and a 50/50 will also be offered with 50% going to the winner and 50% going toward the cost of the trip. Any and all donations toward the cost will also be gratefully accepted.

Will Haas had a few of the wonderful clocks he put together at the last meeting. They are a great gift or a keepsake for any Marine and the price is RIGHT! Call Will or see him at the meeting to order yours! He has been extremely generous and donated all profits from the clocks to our detachment...way to go Will! I would bring mine in for all to see but, like my bulldog, it now resides with my son's possessions. (At least he keeps it in the living room so I can see it without having to go up to his room all the time.) I might be forced to buy another just so I can have one for myself.

That's all for now except to remind you to come to the March 14th Meeting and VOTE!!! See you there!

Budd Pearce

Budd Pearce, Jr. Vice



VA Employee hurricane relief: Marine Corps League Central Bucks (Pennsylania) Paymaster Don H. Gee (left) presents a \$100 donation from the detachment to Philadelphia VA Medical Center Director Vincent W. Ng for the "Employee hurricane Relief Fund" to aid employees of the VA Medical Center in Miami. More than 300 of the hospital's employees lost everything they owned during Hurricane Andrew.

#### MESS NIGHT/DINING IN

THE TRADITION OF FORMAL MILITARY BANQUETS TO CELEBRATE VICTORIES, DATES TO THE ROMAN LEGIONS. IN THE SIXTH CENTURY, THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE HAD SIMILAR GATHERINGS. MANY OF THE CUSTOMS EMPLOYED IN OUR CURRENT MESS NIGHT COMES TO US FROM THE OFFICERS' MESSES OF THE ROYAL MARINES AND THE REGIMENTAL MESSES OF THE BRITISH ARMY. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, VARIOUS CHANGES IN FORMAT HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BOTH BY PRACTICALITY AND THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF OUR CORPS.

ASIDE FROM THE TALES AND TRADITIONS OF MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL DINNERS, THE TRADITIONS OF MESS NIGHTS, AS WE KNOW THEM, COME FROM THE FOURTH MARINE REGIMENT, THEN STATIONED IN SHANGHAI. THE REGIMENTAL SWIMMING COACH, CAPTAIN LEMUEL SHEPARD, WAS INVITED TO THE MESS OF THE SECOND BATTALION, SCOTSGUARDS. HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, COLONEL DAVIS, WAS SO IMPRESSED, THAT SOON THEREAFTER, THE FIRST MARINE CORPS MESS NIGHT WAS HELD IN 1928.

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