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NEWSLETTER

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This has certainly been a winter to remember. The weather has effected many things including our Marine Corps League meetings. The regularly meeting scheduled for February 9, 1994 had to be canceled due to the inclement weather conditions. In fact, the attendance at the January meeting was also reduced for the same reason. So, this Newsletter will not have the normal format that you are used to but we will try to make it informative nevertheless.

The scheduled ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY trash pick-up that was slated for February 19 was preempted by the snow. However, some of the members did meet that morning at Okies Restaurant for breakfast and had a pleasant get-together, just for fun. A new date will be announced for another try at the trash, probably sometime in April.

GENUARDI RECEIPTS....Please try to remember to collect those cash register receipts from your friends, neighbors and relatives and send them to Jim Marckstein - 1771 Palomino Drive, Warrington, Pa 18976 or bring them to the Detachment meeting. We need all the funds that we can obtain to keep things moving and no amount is too small to be accepted. It is the easiest way possible to raise money with no selling or time involved so see what you can do.

CAR RAFFLE TICKETS.....Don't forget about the Car Raffle tickets for the Dept Of Penna. that many of you have been given to sell. Once again, the Detachment profits directly from the sale of these tickets since we are able to keep \$.40 from every \$1.00 ticket that is sold. Forty percent is a good deal and the more we sell the more we make plus everyone has a chance to win the car or take the \$5,000 prize money. So sell all you can for the Detachment.

The American Legion Post #210, in Doylestown, Pa., will be holding one of their fund raising Turkey Dinners' on Sunday, March 6th. They could use some help such as waiters, kitchen duty, or just miscellaneous service. If you can spare some time on that day to give them a hand they sure would appreciate it. Just report in at the Legion Post between 10 and 11 and tell them why you're there. If you can't go there to work then possibly you and your family could go to eat. As far as good food, it's the best deal in town. Either way, the Legion will be grateful for your assistance.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9 (1930)
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET , IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

PARRIS ISLAND HISTORY

Parris Island is the home of basic training for today's male Marines east of the Mississippi and all female Marines. Covering approximately 7,800 acres of land and water, Parris Island is located off the South Carolina coast about midway between Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga.

The history of Parris Island is unique. Spanning a period of over 450 years, it includes everything from the first attempts at colonization by the Spanish in the early 1500s to the ravages of Civil War.

Discovered by Spanish seafarers, the area around Parris Island was the scene of Spain's repeated efforts to establish a colony on the Atlantic Coast. It was visited in 1526 by Valaquez de Alleyn, who headed a Spanish expedition in search of slaves and gold. Probably the first European to land there, de Alleyn named adjacent St. Helena Island and claimed it for the Spanish.

Following French explorer Jean Ribaut's explorations in 1562, the Spanish town of Santa Elena on Parris Island was founded in 1566, and for about 10 years, was the Spanish capital of America. Santa Elena was abandoned after colonists decided the settlement was too isolated.

In 1670 the English arrived in the area and settled down to establish permanent towns and the first of the famed southern plantations. Prior to the Civil War several plantations flourished here.

The Lord Proprietors of South Carolina passed the land title of Parris Island down through several colonial settlers until 1715 when Alexander Parris, longtime Public Treasurer of South Carolina, came into possession of it. The island's name dates back to him.

United States Marines were first connected with the island in 1861 when they took possession of it and nearby Forts Beauregard and Walker during the war between the states.

Military buildings and homes dating back to 1891 form the nucleus of the Parris Island Historical District. At the district's center are the Victorian-style commanding general's house; a 19th century wooden dry-dock, one of only five ever built in the United States; and a turn of the century gazebo; all of which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The island has been home to a naval station with a small detachment of Marines in 1891, a school for Marine officers in 1909, and a small recruit depot in 1911. Toward the end of 1911, the island was turned over to the Navy for use as a Naval disciplinary barracks.

The Marine Corps regained possession of the island in November 1915 and recruit training was reestablished. There was a rapid expansion of depot activities during the World War I years in order to train more than 41,000 Marines for that conflict.

Between 1941 and 1945, the depot expanded to 13 recruit battalions, and during that period 205,000 recruits were trained for their role in the Pacific campaign.

After World War II, the depot was reorganized. And for the first time a Recruit Training Battalion was designated for the training of women Marines in February 1949. Today, all women enlisting in the Marine Corps continue to receive their basic training at Parris Island.

On May 4, 1956 the Recruit Training Regiment was organized and is composed of the First, Second, Third and Fourth (women Marines) Recruit Training Battalions, and Weapons Training Battalion.

At the height of the Vietnam conflict, Parris Island put almost 320,000 recruits through training. Parris Island's progress has been chiefly along military lines, but, in keeping pace with advances in the art of training recruits, the island has grown from a desolate stretch of wasteland to one of the most efficient and picturesque military reservations in the world.



From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

As you know, the February meeting was cancelled due to the extremely bad weather. Now I know that a bit of bad weather never stopped a good Marine, but I thought that it would be a good time to practice the art of strategic withdraw. With luck next month will bring nicer weather.

Even though we were unable to appoint the nominating committee at the February meeting, I checked with Fran Meyers as to his list of nominations. Fran, being the Jr. Past Commandant, would naturally be the head of the nominating committee. His recommendation is that the present officers be re-elected to another term in office. For any of you that don't know who the present officers are I'll list them for you. Budd Pearce, Commandant; Don Gee, Sr. Vice; Tony Kimes, Jr. Vice; Bob Cody, Paymaster; Jim Marckstein Judge Advocate; Ray Krout, Adjutant and Bob Sundling is Sgt.-At-Arms. All of these officers have agreed to repeat their terms if elected.

The elections will be held at the 9 March meeting. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you make this meeting!!! If you don't make it to the meeting you don't get a chance to vote. If you wish to have your voice heard in the affairs of the detachment, then you must get out to the meetings to let us know what you have in mind for the detachment. Nominations for the election will be taken from the floor prior to the vote, so if you know of a Marine that would make a good officer, come out in March and give him or her your support. When the majority of the membership turns out for an election it gives the elected officers confidence that they are representing the detachment the way that the members want them to.

Our winter hwy. clean-up was also cancelled due to the bad weather. We have decided to wait until April to have our next one. April would be our next regular clean-up anyway. The exact date in April will be announced at the March meeting. We will also be discussing plans for our next fund raiser at THE next meeting. I know that not everyone is thrilled about fund raisers, but without them our detachment would not last long. We need two things to keep the detachment running, money and members. Please show your support of our detachment by supporting our fund raisers and bringing in new members. The Dept. of PA MCL is offering a bonus for those detachments that bring in the most new members. I will have more info about this at the meeting in March.

That's all for now except to say, sorry for the poor typing, my typesetting machine is down and I am not too used to this typewriter. Next months letter should look a lot better.

Semper Fi,
Budd Pearce
Commandant

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

CHECK LIST FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS IN THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

LISTED BELOW ARE SOME IDEAS TO HELP RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND TO BRING OLD MEMBERS BACK ON BOARD.

1. Always carry a MEMBERSHIP FORM with you at all times.
2. Be knowledgeable about the MARINE CORPS LEAGUE and be ready to explain it to potential members.
3. Talk one on one with FORMER MARINES.
4. Look for USMC DECALS OR LOGOS on vehicles or Bumper Stickers. Fill out a MCL information form and leave under the windshield wiper.
5. Make yourself visible in the community. Wear your UNIFORM and COVER; wear a USMC or MCL pin or other such device on your clothing; display USMC or MCL Decal or Bumper Sticker on your vehicle.
6. The Marine Corps League LICENSE PLATES are a good tool also.
7. Check the Military Affairs column in your local NEWSPAPER for information on Marine graduates from Boot Camp or Schools.
8. Talk to the LOCAL RECRUITER. Working with him can be a big help.
9. Work with your local RESERVE UNIT for potential members.
10. Check for any MEMBERS-AT-LARGE in your area and recruit them as members of a local Detachment.
11. Contact FORMER MEMBERS to get them to renew their membership.
12. Check for members of OLD DETACHMENTS that no longer have a CHARTER.
13. Go to local VETERANS CLUBS and talk to former Marines.
14. Talk to local VETERANS COUNCIL, tell them about the Marine Corps League and ask them to refer former Marines to the League.
15. Check the PURPLE HEART list for former Marines.
16. Check the DAV list for former Marines.
17. Check with the Veterans Affairs Office, they should have PAC cards on Marines in your area.
18. Check with the Veterans Affairs office at the local university or college for former Marines.
19. Work up a Membership Kit to carry with you at all times. The Kit should contain, membership application forms, a brochure explaining the purposes of the League, the benefits available through the League, how the League serves you, information on events, activities, date, place, and time of meetings of your Detachment, also a recent copy of the Marine Corps League Magazine. Be prepared to sign up a member on the spot, but if you can't, get a name, address and phone number, so that a follow up can be made.
20. The Detachment Jr Vice/Sr Vice Commandant is in charge of Membership recruiting and will be the point of contact for new member information.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who was the first Marine Corps recruiter?
2. Name two of the six Iwo Jima flag raisers in the Joe Rosenthal photo.
3. How many stars are on the Medal of Honor ribbon?
4. What is the rope on a flagpole called?
5. Name one official publication which regulates the Marine Corps.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. There are six types of wounds.
2. Ammonia is the cleaning agent used to remove quarter-master.
3. The junior man enters the vehicle first.
4. The silver star on the Marine Battle Color represents five campaign awards.
5. Six numbers are needed in grid coordinates to locate a point to the nearest 100 meters.

Answers in Next Month's Issue

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Feds Investigating 'Toys for Tots' Prez

The "Toys for Tots Foundation" took in more than \$10 million in the past two years--\$9.7 million went for "expenses."

A federal investigation of the former president and chairman of the "Toys for Tots Foundation, Inc." is now underway to determine if money donated to the foundation was misused, possibly for personal gain.

Jerry L. King, the former Marine who headed the three-year-old organization, is suspected of mismanaging the foundation.

According to a by-lined article in a recent *Navy Times*, the inves-

tigation is trying to determine if King illegally took money for himself or diverted funds to toy companies in which he had an interest.

Current foundation president retired Lt. Gen. Matthew T. Cooper told the *Navy Times* the organization's board of directors found "something was amiss" last year and turned the matter over to the U. S. Justice Department after firing King.

The "Toys for Tots Foundation, Inc." was formed to help raise the awareness of the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign and offer the

Marines financial support for administrative costs, according to Cooper.

Members of the Marine Corps Reserve collect toys for needy children annually around Christmas time.

Navy Times quoted Marine Corps Reserve spokesman GySgt. Jim Martin, who pointed out the foundation's problems should not effect the annual Marine Corps Reserve toy drive.

"More than 8 million toys were given to 3.5 million needy children this past Christmas", Martin told the *Times*.

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DATELINES

MARCH

- 1—(1960) Beaufort, SC, Auxiliary Air Station redesignated a Marine Corps Air Station.
- 2—(1867) Colonel Commandant Jacob Zeilin first CMC promoted to Brigadier General.
- 3—(1809) Three-year enlistments in USMC replaced by five-year terms.
- 4—(1801) First performance of Marine Band at Presidential Inauguration.
- 5—(1947) 7th Marines disbanded at Camp Pendleton after return from China.
- 6—(1932) Marine Band leader John Philip Sousa died at age 79 in Reading, PA.
- 7—(1951) The 1st, 7th, & 11th Marines commenced operations against enemy at Hongchon, Korea.
- 8—(1965) Marines landed at Da Nang.
- 9—(1847) Expeditionary Marines landed and seized Vera Cruz, Mexico, during Mexican War.
- 10—(1783) Marines in USS ALLIANCE fighting tops helped defeat HMS SIBYLL.
- 11—(1853) Marines from USS CYANE landed at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.

- 12--(1824) Boston Barracks Marines quelled Massachusetts State Prison riot.
- 13—(1945) 1st & 3rd Battalions, 9th Marines, attacked through "Cushman's Pocket," Iwo Jima, the last stronghold of enemy resistance on the island.
- 14—(1905) First Marine military attache appointed to Legation at Peking.
- 15—(1944) Marine medium bombers struck Japanese positions at Rabaul.
- 16—(1922) Marines guarded U.S. mail during national crime wave.
- 17—(1918) 5th Marine Regiment first unit to move into WWI front-line trenches.
- 18—(1945) MAG-14 flew air support for U.S. Army landings at Panay, Philippines.
- 19—(1928) First use of close air support as Marine planes bombed bandit group at Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua.
- 20—(1943) Marine "Avengers" conducted first aerial mine-laying mission.
- 21—(1945) Commandant A.A. Vandegrift became first Marine four-star general on active duty.
- 22—(1952) Six new Marine battalions and Marine air group activated on West

- Coast, giving Marine Corps the full authorized limit of 3 divisions and 3 wings.
- 23—(1815) Marines assisted USS HORNET capture of HMS PEGUIN off Tristan de Cunha.
- 24—(1944) 22nd Marines captured Ebon and Namu Atoll in the Marshall Islands.
- 25—(1863) Marines with Farragut's squadron engaged Confederates at Battle of Vicksburg, MS.
- 26—(1804) Secretary of the Navy approved first formal uniform for the Corps.
- 27—(1953) 1st Marine Division defeated Red Chinese in battle for "Vegas" Hill, Korea.
- 28—(1870) Marines seized and destroyed illicit distilleries in "Irishtown" (Brooklyn), NY.
- (1918) Marines placed under command of French Marshall Foch in World War I.
- 29—(1917) Marines garrisoned St. Croix to deny harbor to German submarines.
- 30—(1966) 7th Marines ended Operation Indiana in Vietnam with 69 VC killed.
- 31—(1801) Lieutenant Colonel Commandant W. W. Burrows and President Jefferson selected site of Marine Barracks, 8th & I, Washington, DC.

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