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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1995

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY DETACHMENT MEETING

A regular Detachment meeting was held on February 8, 1995 at the American Legion home on North Street, Doylestown, Pa.

Nineteen members were present including all officers and one visitor, Tony Parzanese.

The Commandant recognized past commandants Frank Yohe, Bill Plant, and Don Parzanese. Also recognized was the editor of the State newsletter, Don Gee.

There was one application for membership from Dave Douglas, a retired Staff Sgt. from the photo unit who formerly worked with our Sr. Vice, Don Gee. A motion was made and passed to waive the requirement that he be in attendance since he is presently a resident at the V.A. Hospital, in Philadelphia, Pa. and accept his application.

The minutes from the January meeting were accepted with one correction concerning the Genuardi tapes. The YELLOW AND PINK tapes will now be accepted, not the BLUE ones and the tapes should be mailed or given to Jim Marckstein (1771 Palomino Drive, Warrington, Pa. 18976), not sent to the Marine Corps League post office box.

The Paymaster's report was accepted as reported to January 31, 1995.

Correspondence was received from the St Joseph Society, thanking the Detachment for placing an Ad in their newsletter.

SR. VICE - Don Gee

The Detachment at the present time has 46 regular members, 14 life members, 8 associate members and 8 delinquent members.

On 23Feb95 (0100), the 50th anniversary ceremony of the Iwo Gima invasion will be held at V.A. Hospital to honor veterans of that campaign. Medals will be distributed to those present.

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

Tickets for the Department of Penna. Annual Car Raffle have been distributed to all members. Please sell as many as you can since the Detachment gets to keep \$.40 from each and every ticket that is sold. If you need more ticket contact Mike Waldron at 672-7095.

The next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up will be on April 22, 1995 (0800)

An informal vote was taken and it was decided that the option for a bus trip to the Evening Parade presentation at Eighth and "I" in Washington, D.C. was favored. The tentative date is June 16 and the cost will be about \$35.00. More details will be forthcoming when all details are finalized.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

Nothing new to report as far as the Detachment is concerned. The next awards will be announced at the Third Quarter Staff meeting.

POW-MIA

A new American office has been opened in Vietnam and a liaison office for Vietnam has been established in Washington, D.C.

YOUNG MARINES

Pennsylvania has started a Young Marine Detachment....but no date has been set for graduation from Boot Camp for the current group.

PISTOL TEAM

Bill Rosenberger is forming a pistol team for the Detachment. The first tentative practice will be on February 12 at the Nockamixon Park Range. The dates have not been established by the State for the competitive matches but Bill is hopeful to be able to field one or two teams.

The plaque that was presented to Central Bucks for Sharpshooter Second Place at the recent dinner in Grantsville was on display.

FUND RAISING

Ernie Ortiz requested permission to set up a table outside the State Liquor Store on the week-end before Memorial Day same as last year which was quite successful.

Also, the Detachment will be operating parking lots in the vicinity of Delaware Valley College for "A" Day weekend in late April or early May and again during the Auto Show, in July. Some volunteers are need for these two dates so please try to help out if you can.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1995 OFFICERS

Don Parzanese, chairman for the nominating committee announced the following candidates for Detachment Offices.....

COMMANDANT.....	Budd Pearce & Don Gee
SR. VICE.....	Bill Rosenberger III
JR. VICE.....	Mike Waldron
ADJUTANT.....	Ray Krout
JUDGE ADVOCATE..	Jim Marckstein
PAYMASTER.....	Bob Cody

Elections will be held at the March meeting. S.E. VICE, George Curley will make the installations at the April meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul Caprio will be taking over the handling of the ads for the newsletter. Bob Cody suggested that bills be sent out for the current year and a copy of the ad page be sent along to show the advertiser what the bill is for.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Dedication of the MARINE CORPS HIGHWAY (formerly Route 15) will be made on February 2, 1995.

Leadership School will be held on May 5, 6 and 7 at the Embers in Carlisle, Pa. Jim Bradford will be in charge.

The Third Quarter Staff meeting will be held in Bethlehem, Pa. on Saturday, April 1, 1995.

Central Bucks Detachment representatives will hold a flag etiquette course at the Barclay Elementary School, in Warrington, some time in the spring.

The State Convention will be held in Lancaster, June 22, 23 & 24 at the Comfort Inn. A motion was made and passed to place an ad in their convention book.

Governor Casey signed into law Act 172 which will provide for special license plates for all World War II veterans, commemorating their services.

Department of Pennsylvania announced that Dave Pavey will be running for State Commandant and Paul Seton will be a candidate for National Commandant in 1995.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 8 MARCH 95 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PENNA.

ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

DUE TO THE WINTER WEATHER YOUNG MARINE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HELD JUST TO OUR NORMAL DRILL SCHEDULE. AT THE ARMY RESERVE CENTER, MAG 49 AND THE 14TH MARINES RESERVE CENTER IN WEST TRENTON, N.J. HOWEVER WITH PUXATAWNEY PHIL'S FORECAST OF AN EARLY SPRING THINGS WILL START TO PICK UP AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUTSIDE FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES. IN APRIL WE ARE GOING TO HOLD OUR COIN TOSS FUND RAISER OUTSIDE OF NEW HOPE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 179 & 202. IN MAY WE HAVE PLANS TO HOLD A BATTALION ENCAMPMENT AT SPRING CITY NATIONAL GUARD CENTER, SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA.

THE YOUNG MARINE PROGRAM IS CONTINUING TO GROW AS MORE UNITS ARE STARTING UP ACROSS THE NATION. PENNSYLVANIA HAS GROWN IN THE PAST YEAR WITH LANCASTER AND PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG MARINES COMING ABOARD, AND ANOTHER UNIT MAY BE IN THE MAKING. AT PRESENT TIME OUR OWN UNIT HAS A RECRUIT CLASS OF 13 YOUNG MARINES "BOOTS".

WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MCL, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BEST PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO GIVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION AND BE PROUD TO BE PART OF THE FEW.

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LARRY SCHEETZ**

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Which Marine unit raised the Colors on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima?
2. Name the still photographer and motion picture camera man who recorded the famous second flag-raising on Iwo Jima?
3. Who commanded the V Amphibious Corps during the assault on Iwo Jima?
4. How many Marines were killed on Iwo Jima?
5. Who photographed the first flag-raising on Iwo Jima?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue," said Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz upon returning to his flagship after visiting Marines on the island.
2. During WWI, 25 Marines were taken prisoner.
3. Felix de Welden sculpted the "Mount Suribachi" War Memorial.
4. Colonel Katherine A. Towle was the first Director of Women Marines.
5. A 6-ft., 5-in., tall Sergeant who weighs 240 pounds is called, "Sir!"

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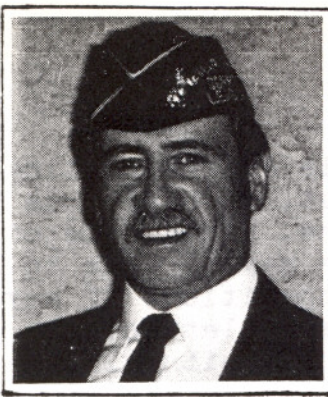
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From The Desk COMMANDANT - BUDD PEARCE
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I have been attending meetings of the Joint Veterans Council of Doylestown. They (we) are planning a day of celebration in honor of the end of WWII. It is to be held on 6 May at the War Memorial Field in Doylestown. It is going to be an all day affair starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until 3 p.m. A ceremony with a few noted speakers will be held at 10 a.m. There will be a numbers of local bands and static displays throughout the day. Hot Dogs and sodas will be sold to help offset the costs. Letters have been sent to area service groups and organizations in an effort to have as many color guards as possible attend. The next meeting of the council will be on 16 March at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at the VFW home, 181 S. Main St. and it is open to anyone wishing to come. As more info becomes available I will notify our membership so that they have time to make plans to come out and lend a hand. I will need some people for the refreshment stand and to man our recruiting table. I would like these volunteers to be other than WWII vets. It is to be their day and it's not right to have them work. I know that we have enough people that making these guys work will not be necessary. I will have further info at our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, it is ELECTION NIGHT. This meeting is just about the most important meeting of the year. It is at this meeting you get to choose the leadership for the coming year. If you want any of the people that are running for office to be elected, it is up to you to get there and give them your support. Likewise, if you wish to have someone else be an officer you must be the one to get out to the meeting and nominate them and vote for them. Either way it is important that you come to this meeting and VOTE. Your vote is your voice if you don't use it no one can do it for you. The reason the Marines fight it to assure your rights, one of which is the right to vote. This right is also a privilege and in our Detachment you not only get to exercise that right, you get to eat afterward. So please, come out to this meeting and share in the refreshments, talk to old friends and above all...VOTE.

Mike Waldron passed along some new info on the trip to Washington that he is putting together. I told him to tell the detachment members at the next meeting. He has some very interesting sounding ideas and I'm sure that all of you that are thinking about going on this trip will be very impressed. Come on out and get in on this trip now, it will be a trip to remember for a long time!

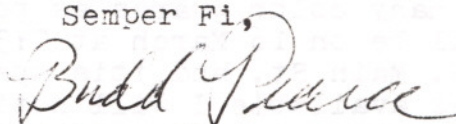
Other than the JVC meetings I have a few other things to discuss this month. I have been talking to Bill Rosenberger about the Pistol Team and we have a few ideas that will make our team stand out at the match this spring. If you are on the team, or want to be, please come to the March meeting. We will have sign-up sheets there that we need to get filled out so we will have some idea how many members are planning to compete this year. We must get our reservations in soon so if you are going to get on the team you must let us know, thanks.

Information on the Rifle Teams will be available at the meeting also. this year our teams should do even better than last. We have some very fine shooters and we have a lot of time to practice. Since some of the rifle team members are also pistol team members we may be able to have a few combined practice sessions before either competition. If anyone has a weapon that can be used by a team member please let someone know about it. Any weapon that is loaned will be cared for with all the love and respect that it deserves, I assure you.

A few good ideas for fund raisers have been mentioned, at meetings as well as through phone calls. Ernie has his fund raiser table going on during the Memorial Day weekend and he will need some assistance on that. Bill Rosenberger has an idea about a Turkey Shoot that sounds like a lot of fun, as well as profitable. If you wish to know more, or have a few good ideas, please see me at the meeting, or bring it up yourself during Good of the League time.

Well, that's all for now. See you on 8 March.

Semper Fi,



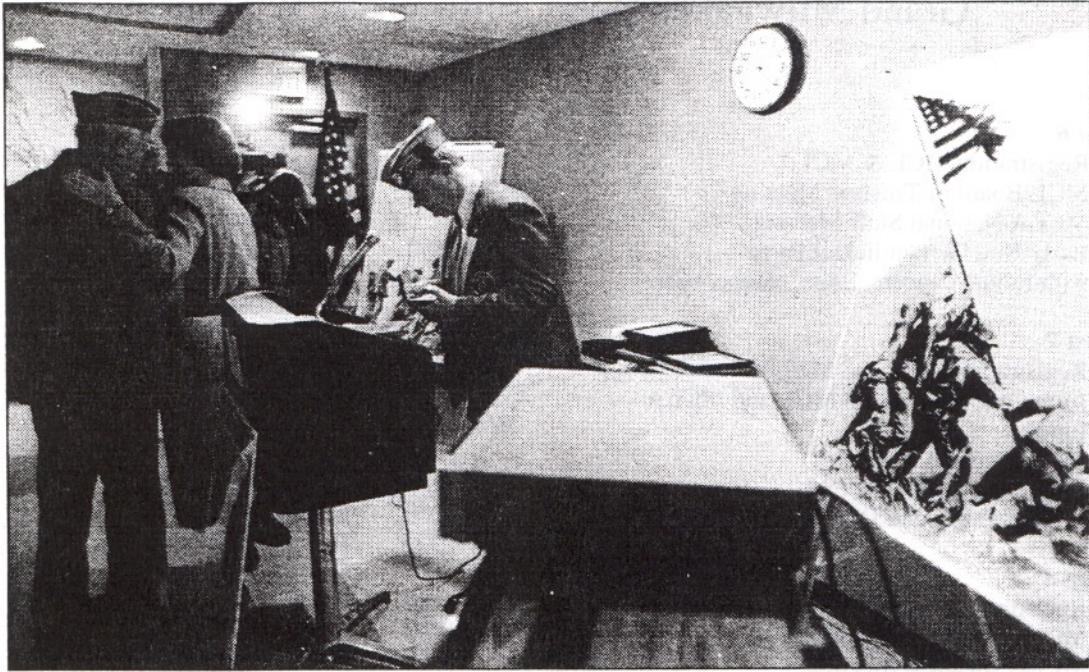
Commandant



S.E. Div. Vice, George Curley gets set for the S.E. Div. meeting that was hosted by our detachment on 28 Jan.

Dept. Chaplain Jim Miller and Jim Bradford were among the guests of the detachment at the S.E. Div. meeting.





Marines and their families gather near Joseph Rosenthal's photograph of the flag-raising.

Honoring Iwo Jima survivors

Marines who served at Iwo Jima received commemorative medals yesterday in a ceremony at the VA Medical Center in West Philadelphia. The ceremony marked the 50th anniversary of the raising of the U.S. flag on the island, amid one of the bloodiest battles of the 20th century.

Inquirer photographs by
Vicki Valerio



Joseph Duffy of Stewartville, N.J., receives his medal from Margaret O'Shea, medical center acting director.

NOTE: If you look closely you might recognize our Sr. Vice (Don Gee) in the top photo.

Marine Corps League 72nd Annual Convention

August 6th through August 12th, 1995
Grand Milwaukee Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sunday, August 6

1200-1700 Registration MCL & MCLA
1800 MCL Board of Trustees Meeting
MCLA National Staff Meeting
1900-2230 Early Bird Gemeutlichkeit Party
with Ethnic dancers. Brats, cheese, beer

Monday, August 7

0800-1630 Registration MCL and MCLA
0900-0945 Joint Opening Session MCL and MCLA
1200-1315 Lunch
1315-1700 MCL Business Meeting
MCLA Business Meeting
1815-2330 Trip To Dairyland Dog Track - Kenosha

Tuesday, August 8

0800-1600 Registration MCL and MCLA
0900-1200 MCL Business Meeting
MCLA Business Meeting
1200-1330 Lunch
1330-1500 MCL Business Meeting
MCLA Business Meeting
1550 VAVS Meeting
1500-1730 Miller Brewery Tour
1830 Potawatomi Bingo/Casino

Wednesday, August 9

0745 Golf Match
0930-1530 Excursion to the Wisconsin State Fair
1300 Rifle Match (tentative)

Thursday, August 10

0830-1630 Registration MCL and MCLA
0900-1200 MCL Business Meeting
MCLA Business Meeting
1200-1330 Devil Dog Luncheon
Luncheon for Ladies
1330-1630 MCL Business Meeting
MCLA Business Meeting
1900-2000 Joint Memorial Service
2030 Supreme Growl
2100 Flea Scratch

Friday, August 11

0800-1200 Registration MCL and MCLA
0900-1200 Business Meeting MCL
Business Meeting MCLA
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1600 Business Meeting MCL
Business Meeting MCLA
Recess for Banquet
1800-1830 Reception (cash bar)
1830 Dinner, Installations, Awards,
Speakers, Dancing

Saturday, August 12

0900-1100 MCL National Board of Trustees Meeting
0900-1100 MCLA National Staff Meeting
0900-1100 Hotel Check Out

Optional: Special tours for 8 or more. Scheduled as each group requests (i.e. shopping, Harbor Yacht Dining, bingo/casino)



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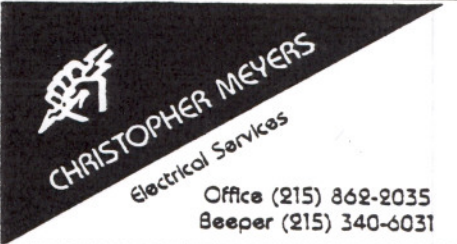
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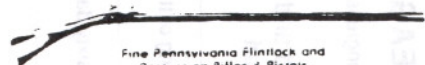
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