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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 12, 1997, at the Albert E. Atkinson American League Post #210, 315 North Street, Doylestown, PA.

There were 19 members present including all officers. Distinguished Marines in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, Bill Plant, and Frank Yohe; Department of New Jersey Past Commandant Ed Hoth;** and "Marine of the Year" **Ray Krout.**

An application was received from **Thomas Lyon**, a former Detachment member whose membership had lapsed. The application was unanimously approved and administration of the Oath of Membership was waived by the Commandant since Marine Lyon had taken the Oath previously.

The Minutes of the January Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Commandant reported he had attended the Bucks County World War II Commemorative Committee Meeting on Jan. 19 and that dedication of the World War II Monument will be held on Nov. 11, 1997, at the Bucks County Courthouse. The Committee has awarded the contract for construction of the monument to Christiansen and Son of Montgomeryville. "Memorial Bricks," honoring individuals and units may be purchased for \$100 each from the Committee. The brick subscriptions have been limited to 800. About 200 have already been purchased. They are being offered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. No further subscriptions will be accepted after the 800th brick has been purchased.

Paymaster Bob Cody issued the Paymaster's Report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment membership strength was at 52 with 39 regular members, 5 associate members, and 8 delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz reported he has received the Department of Pennsylvania Annual Raffle Tickets and that they will be distributed to the membership. Members in attendance received their's at the meeting. All other members will receive some with their copy of "Listen Up!" Additional tickets can be acquired by contacting the Junior Vice Commandant.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported on communications received from the Department of Pennsylvania. No communications from Marine Corps League Headquarters.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported no requests had been received for the Detachment Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Detachment had received no reports of anyone sick or in distress and that he had received no nominations for the Chapel of Four Chaplains' "Legion of Honor."

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**THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 12 MARCH 1997 AT
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN**



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Enclosed with this issue are tickets for the Annual Department of Pennsylvania Raffle. Please either sell them to your friends or keep them for yourself. The monies should be sent to the Detachment's Junior Vice Commandant at our Post Office Box address. Additional tickets can also be obtained by contacting the Junior Vice Commandant.

As we explained to the membership during the Detachment's February Meeting, I will not be a candidate for re-election as your Detachment Commandant.

This past year has been an eventful year and a rewarding one for me. I have had the opportunity to get to know the "really active" Marines of our Detachment better. I also had the privilege of being involved with the organization and chartering of our Central Bucks Auxiliary Unit.

However, with my commitment to the Bucks County World War II Commemorative Committee, the Greater Philadelphia Marine Corps Coordinating Council, and "Operation: STANDDOWN"; my appointments to the VA Voluntary Service Executive Committee and as Marine Corps League Deputy Representative at VAMC Philadelphia; and my service with the 3rd Marine Division Association and the 1st Marine Division Association, as well as serving as editor of "Listen Up!", I feel I can better serve the Detachment as its Public Relations Officer.

I sincerely appreciate the support I have received during this past year from each of you. The participation in our meetings, activities and programs by the "Terrific 20" who actually keep the Detachment moving in a positive direction is indeed indicative of the "Marine spirit" that makes us a "Band of Brothers and Sisters. Thanks for being the Marines you are.

This month's meeting will see a new Commandant elected to serve your Detachment. I cannot emphasize enough the need for each Detachment member to attend our regular meetings, take part in our varied activities and support our numerous programs. It is your Detachment as well as mine and the rest of the "Terrific 20." The "Terrific 20" need to become the "Terrific 21" or "Terrific 22", etc.

Thanks again for a great year.

Semper Fi

Judge Advocate **Don Parzanese Sr., PC**, had nothing to report.
Quartermaster **Don Parzanese Jr.**, had nothing to report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

VAVS--The VAVS Committee reported logging 27 volunteer hours since the January Meeting.

"**LISTEN UP!**"--The Newsletter Editor reminded the membership that deadline for submission of articles, photos, etc., for "**Listen Up!**" was February 20.

POW/MIA--POW-MIA Coordinator Bill Plant, PC, reported on a POW-MIA article published in the VFW National Magazine.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE--Newsletter Advertising Committee Chair Paul Caprio reported receipt of \$50 in newsletter ads.

GROCERY RECEIPTS--Genuardi's Sale Slips Coordinator Jim Marckstein reported the Detachment had received a check \$65.45 from Genuardi's. He reminded the membership that these sales slips bring easy money to the Detachment and enjoined all to save the cash register receipts and bring them to Detachment meetings.

Redner's Sales Slips Coordinator Gary Smith reported he had recently forwarded \$13,000 worth of cash register receipts to Redner's. He reemphasized Marine Marckstein's remarks about submitting the receipts to the Detachment.

"**MARINE OF THE YEAR**"--"**Marine of the Year**" **Ray Krout** reported he had received no nominations for "1998 Marine of the Year."

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAMS--Rifle and Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported he will be attending the Department of Pennsylvania Range Officer School and that Detachment Pistol Team practice will begin in April. Anyone interested in joining the Pistol Team or Rifle Team should contact him as soon as possible.

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marine Liaison Bill Plant, PC, reported he had not been advised of the recent Young Marines Award Ceremony publicized in the newspaper. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined the Commandant would contact **Bux-Mont Young Marines Unit Commander Walt Roach** to try to arrange to have the Young Marines meet at a different time so Detachment members could attend and show support for the Young Marines. It was noted that the Central Bucks Detachment is "the" sponsor of the Bux-Mont Young Marines, not MAG-49.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE--Nominating Committee Chair Budd Pearce, PC, presented the 1997-98 nominations he had received to date. Nominated are: **Budd Pearce, PC**, for Commandant; **Bill Rosenberger** for Senior Vice Commandant; **Paul Caprio** for Junior Vice Commandant; **Bob Cody** for Paymaster; **Gary Smith** for Adjutant; and, **Don Parzanese Sr., PC**, for Judge Advocate.

OLD BUSINESS

FOOD CART--Food Cart Coordinator Bob Schaffer reported he and **Marine Mike Waldron** were working together to find a suitable place for the Food Cart.

CHARTER MEMBER AWARDS--Meritorious Commendation ribbons were presented to Detachment Charter Members still active in the Detachment.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION were presented to Detachment elected and appointed officers by the Commandant for their support and dedication during the past year.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was unanimously approved to renew the annual Detachment Ad in the St. Joseph's Society newsletter. Cost is \$15.00. **Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** will contact Friendly's Restaurant to arrange for Detachment fund-raiser on April 2. Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to utilize Friendly Restaurant as a quarterly fund-raiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. has a petition to USPS to issue a stamp honoring Chesty Puller. Detachment received two letters from VAMC, Philadelphia, for donations of books and puzzles to the hospitalized veterans there. Detachment received a letter from the Perkasio Rotary Club thanking us for the donation of toys during the Christmas season.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on March 12, 1997.

The

SENIOR VICE

Says

Once again, Marines,
It's time for a little "R&R",
So, let's get down to business
and see who is due...

-the other half of "R&R".

With your help, we can make our Detachment grow and prosper.

future Detachment Meetings. Bring a new "recruit" to our March meeting.

Semper Fi,

Bill Rosenberger

Well, it appears no one is due this month. So, now we can concentrate on "recruit"-

All it takes is a few dedicated Marines. Maybe we can see a new face or two at

Short Rounds



Detachment **Judge Advocate and Past Commandant Don Parzanese Sr.** was recently named "Man of the Year" by the St. Joseph's Society. He has worked tirelessly for the Society and is its newsletter editor.

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