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An Editorial

Where's Our Dedication?

We don't have a Junior Vice Commandant!

It appears from the Nominations Committee report given at the February Meeting, there is no one interested in filling this key position for the Detachment. This year appears to be the culmination of the trend to "belong" but not to "serve" which began several years ago.

Why won't our members serve? "I don't have the time," is the most prevalent excuse. But the excuses run the gamut from "I'm not the officer-type!" to "I haven't been in the Detachment long enough!" to "Why me? Isn't there someone else who could do it?" to "I can't attend all of the meetings."

The response to each of these is "Bullshit!"

Marines are supposed to be a breed apart from others. We were taught--better yet, it was instilled in us--to find a way to achieve a goal not to find a way to "pass the buck" to someone else.

"I don't have the time!" **Budd Pearce** "doesn't have the time" either. He has a family; he has a job; he has commitments aside from the Marine Corps League. He can't attend all of the Detachment events. Yet, with no other candidate stepping forth for the position of Detachment Commandant, he reluctantly has agreed to serve again. He has "served" since his

second year in the Detachment. He reluctantly accepted the position of Junior Vice Commandant after being in the Detachment for less than a year. The following year, he became Commandant. He has served as Commandant for six of the past seven years. Even in the one year he was not Commandant, he "served" as Detachment Chaplain.

Budd is NOT the "officer-type"--he was "needed," so he BECAME the "officer-type." He wasn't "in the Detachment long enough"--but he thought he could do the job which had to be done. He doesn't "have the time" either--he MAKES the time. That's what Marines do (or, at least, are supposed to do). He doesn't ask "Isn't there someone else?" He just does the job. He can't attend EVERY Detachment event; but he TRIES to attend them. That's what counts! We apparently have forgotten the one word which sums up Marines like Budd Pearce --DEDICATION! Remember that one? Where's your's?

True, serving in a Detachment office DOES take time and DEDICATION. Where would our Detachment be today if it weren't for the time AND DEDICATION of those who served before us? And, what about those who have "served" WITHOUT even being asked? They

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 10 MARCH 1999
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN

Editorial

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were DEDICATED! They were dedicated to seeing the Detachment prosper, even though they "didn't have the time."

We wouldn't have a Detachment today if it weren't for the **Budd Pearces**, the **Don Parzaneses**, the **Wil Haases**, the **Bob Sundlings**, the **Bill Plants**, and the **Bob Codys** who have given so unselfishly of themselves for us since the Detachment started.

What's involved?

Detachment Commandant

The **Commandant** directs Marine Corps League activities within the Detachment area, presides at all Detachment Meetings, and serves as spokesperson for the Detachment. Additionally, the Commandant represents the Detachment at National and Department Meetings--including the National Convention (when appropriate), the Department Annual Convention, and the Department Quarterly Staff Meetings, represents the Detachment at all civic, fraternal, community, governmental, and veteran-oriented organization meetings and activities (as required), the County United Veterans Council, and serves as liaison with these organizations and civilians in gaining support for the goals, programs and activities of the Detachment.

Time Required: A great deal of time must be devoted to discharging the duties of this office. Representing the Detachment at Department functions may require overnight stays. Time is required to attend various meetings and activities when Detachment represen-

tation is necessary or advantageous.

Senior Vice Commandant

The **Senior Vice Commandant** serves as Chair of the Detachment's Membership Committee, presides at all Detachment Meetings in the absence or incapacity of the Detachment Commandant, maintains the Detachment Membership Rosters, assures refreshments are available at all Detachment Regular Meetings (in the absence of a Mess Sergeant), conducts a proactive Public Relations Program for the Detachment (in absence of a Public Relations Officer), produces the Detachment newsletter (in the absence of a PR Officer/Editor), assures members are kept abreast of Member Services and provides necessary information items at Detachment Meetings.

Time Required: A minimal amount of time is required in maintaining Detachment Rosters and assembling and distributing Members Services informa-

Korean War Vets Organization Formed

In preparation for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Korean War, veterans of that conflict are being encouraged to register with the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc.

According to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) statistics, less than 20 percent of Korean War veterans belong to a national veterans organization. The Foundation wants to locate the remaining 80 percent and notify them of the national and international events that will mark the anniversary.

If you were on active duty between June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953, send the following information to:

**U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc.
4600 Duke St., Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22304-2517**

Your Name
Spouse's Name
Mailing Address
Phone Number
E-mail Address

Dates of Military Service
Branch of Service & Units Served With
Personal Decorations/Awards
Highest Rank Held
Rank in Korea

tion. Devotion of more time is dependent upon filling the posts of Public Relations Officer and Mess Sergeant.

Junior Vice Commandant

The **Junior Vice Commandant** serves as Chair of the Detachment's Entertainment/Social Activities Committees and is directly responsible for initiating, planning and implementing Detachment fund-raising activities (including the Department's annual Scholarship Raffle and the Detachment's "A-Day" Parking venture). The Junior Vice Commandant is also responsible for planning, implementing and conducting the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Time Required: Minimal time is required, for the most part. Some time is required in respect to the Birthday Ball and the implementation and maintenance of the Scholarship Raffle.

Isn't it about time more of us MARINES "stepped up to the plate?"
How about YOU?

BILLION DOLLAR DRUG CROP DESTROYED

This past holiday season wasn't so happy for marijuana growers in St. Vincent.

With the help of about 100 Marines, police destroyed more than 1.1 million marijuana plants on the Caribbean island in December, a crop valued at more than \$1 billion. The eradication operation involved Marines from Marine Aircraft Group 42 and the 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO).

Hitching a ride into the fields on six Marine helicopters, agents from the Regional Security System chopped down all of the plants by hand. The effort enraged farmers on the island.

LtCol. Jeff Douglas, a Public Affairs Officer who accompanied the Marines on the mission, said most of the plants --cut at the height of the growing season --were seven to eight feet tall. He said the Marines only offered transportation and training to the police forces, and did not participate in the drug eradication.



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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 10, 1999, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 23 members present including all officers. Distinguished members present included **National Public Relations Officer and Past Commandant Don Gee** ; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr. and Frank Yohe**; **Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth** ; and **Marine of the Year Bob Sundling** .

Former Marine **Albert W. Brand** was unanimously accepted for membership.

The Minutes of the January Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymaster's Report was presented by **Paymaster Bob Cody** . The report was unanimously accepted.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported All Divisions Detachment will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Mar. 26 at the Orion Club at Willow Grove. All Marines are invited to attend. Cost is \$35 per person.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC , reported the Detachment strength at 48 members: 13 Life Members, 30 Regular Members, and 5 Associate Members. There are two members delinquent.

Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio reported the annual Air Show at Willow Grove has been canceled for this year. It is expected the Air Show will be something really spectacular in the year 2000.

Adjutant Gary Smith relayed correspondence from the Department of Pennsylvania pertaining to Dual Membership.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the required paperwork was completed for incorporation of the Detachment and that it would be filed before the next meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported the Detachment had a tentative request for the Color Guard for the dedication of a new flagpole. Details will be provided when more specific information is forwarded to the Detachment.

Quartermaster Bob Duff had nothing new to report.

Public Relations Officer Don Gee , set Feb. 20 as the deadline for material for the next issue of "*Listen Up!*" **Advertising Coordinator Bob Momorella** reported he had received two new ads and a renewal for the newsletter.

SICK CALL

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas is undergoing tests for clogged arteries.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce reported the next highway clean-up will be in March. He will designate a specific date at the next Detachment meeting.

POW-MIA--POW-MIA Coordinator Bob Randle reported that a recent article stated nine unidentified remains have been returned from Vietnam.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger stated the Rifle & Pistol Teams are looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining either or both teams should contact Bill at: (215) 348-7275.

GROCERY RECEIPTS--ACME Sales Receipts Coordinator Don Gee reported he had forwarded more than \$5000 worth of ACME receipts and that we should be hearing from that submission shortly. He also announced that ACME had extended the program through December 1999.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE--Junior Past Commandant Don Gee reported the slate of officers to date:

Commandant--Budd Pearce
Senior Vice Commandant--Bill Miller
Junior Vice Commandant--**NO CANDIDATE**
Adjutant--Gary Smith
Paymaster--Bob Cody
Judge Advocate--Bob Momorella

If you would like to nominate someone for Detachment office or would like to run for an office yourself, contact Don at: (215) 822-6723 or e-mail: GyGee@aol.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINING AROUND--Jr. Vice Caprio announced the "Dining Around Group" will be having dinner at The Old Mill Inn in Hatboro on Feb. 27. Anyone interested in joining the group for an evening of camaraderie and good food contact him at: (215) 674-4111.

AMERICAN LEGION TURKEY DINNER --The American Legion will hold its Turkey Dinner on Mar. 27 at the Atkinson Post. Tickets are available from **Marine Ray Krout**. Contact him at: (215) 822-2322.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until March 10, 1999.

G. I. JOE DOLL FEATURES MEDAL OF HONOR HOLDER

CHARLEROI, PA (AP)--**Mitchell Paige** had a few conditions before he let a toy maker put his face on G.I. Joe: Make him look like a Marine and put a machine gun in his hands.

Hasbro got it mostly right.

"I never had hair that red!" the retired U.S. Marine colonel said.

The action figure of the World War II veteran is one in Hasbro's "Classic Collection" of Medal of Honor recipients. The model was released in October.

Paige, now 81, earned the Medal of Honor in 1943 for keeping Japanese troops from taking a landing strip on

Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. In the four-month battle, the platoon of 48 Marines he commanded dwindled until he was the last man left.

He single-handedly held the line for four hours as reinforcements arrived, then led them to push the Japanese back. Americans secured the island a month later.

Bill Hartglass, Hasbro's team leader for G.I., Joe product development, said the company wanted dolls modeled after real-life heroes who "encompassed the Joe essence of honor, courage and valor." He said Paige fit the bill.

"His story is pretty compelling."

Hartglass said. "It's something out of a movie."

The \$37 limited-edition dolls sold out by the end of December. Hasbro may release a second wave next year.

Paige was skeptical at first, but his wife talked him into it.

"How many children have a doll of their grandpa?" she asked. "A lot of younger generations don't even know that Guadalcanal even happened. I felt this might cause them to look back and find out a little bit about the past."

1stMarDiv Association Seeks Volunteers For Philly Reunion

The 1st Marine Division Association will hold its 52nd Annual Reunion at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, 17th & Race Sts., in Philadelphia, Aug. 4-8.

The Liberty Bell Chapter is hosting the event and needs help Aug. 2-8, handing out paperwork, answering questions, etc.

All those Marines coming from other parts of the country are journeying to Philly to have a good time. Let's make it easy for them.

Anyone who has the time and would like to help, please call **Marine Mike Waldron** at (215) 672-7095 after 6 p.m.

SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION

Rumor: If a veteran did not register at a VA Medical Center by October 1, 1998, then he or she lost all VA medical benefits for life.

Fact: Veterans can apply for enrollment AT ANY TIME they come to a VA medical facility for care, even after October 1, 1998.

Rumor: VA cannot notify veterans about enrollment.

Fact: Enrollment Fact Sheets have been mailed to all veterans who are currently using VA for medical benefits. Information can be found at VA's web site: www.va.gov. VA has also contacted

Veterans Service Officers to help spread the news.

Rumor: Veterans should have visited their nearest VA Medical Center and signed up prior to the October deadline regardless of whether or not they have received treatment at a VA Medical Center since Oct. 1, 1996.

Fact: All veterans who have received treatment from VA since Oct. 1, 1996, had their applications for enrollment automatically processed. Any newcomers to VA can make application for enrollment any time they want to receive care.

Proposed 2000 pay chart

Here are the most likely pay rates and the percentage rate increases that would result from the raise for all ranks, which would take effect on Jan. 1, 2000, and targeted pay raises for many

on's pay-raise plan for 2000. The rates of pay and percentages include the percentage rate increases that would take effect July 1, 2000.

percent

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Commissioned officers																
O-10																
O-9																
O-8		4.4%	4.7%	4.4%	5.0%	7.7%	4.4%	5.4%	4.4%	5.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.9%	7.1%	4.4%
		6569.10	6784.50	6926.40	6966.60	7148.40	7443.00	7512.30	7794.60	7876.20	8119.20	8471.40	8796.60	9013.50	9013.50	9013.50
O-7		4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	5.2%	4.4%	7.3%	4.5%	7.6%	5.5%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.9%
		5458.50	5829.60	5829.60	5871.90	6091.20	6258.30	6451.20	6643.80	6837.00	7443.00	7955.10	7955.10	7955.10	7955.10	7995.30
O-6		4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.8%	9.3%	9.9%	9.9%	9.8%	6.2%	6.2%	9.0%	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%
		4045.50	4444.50	4736.10	4736.10	4754.40	4958.40	4985.70	4985.70	5152.50	5769.00	6063.00	6357.00	6524.10	6695.70	7024.20
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		3236.10	3799.50	4062.30	4112.10	4276.20	4276.20	4404.90	4642.50	4953.60	5268.30	5415.30	5562.30	5731.80	5731.80	5731.80
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		2727.30	3321.30	3542.70	3592.20	3798.60	3966.00	4236.90	4447.20	4593.60	4740.90	4791.60	4791.60	4791.60	4791.60	4791.60
O-3		4.4%	5.9%	6.9%	4.4%	4.4%	5.8%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
		2534.40	2873.40	3100.80	3351.90	3512.40	3688.50	3835.50	4024.80	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20
O-2		4.4%	8.9%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
		2534.40	2873.40	3100.80	3351.90	3512.40	3688.50	3835.50	4024.80	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20	4123.20
O-1		4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
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Warrant officers (Army, Navy and Marine Corps)																
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W-4		4.4%	4.7%	7.7%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%	5.1%	4.4%	4.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.3%	5.7%	4.7%
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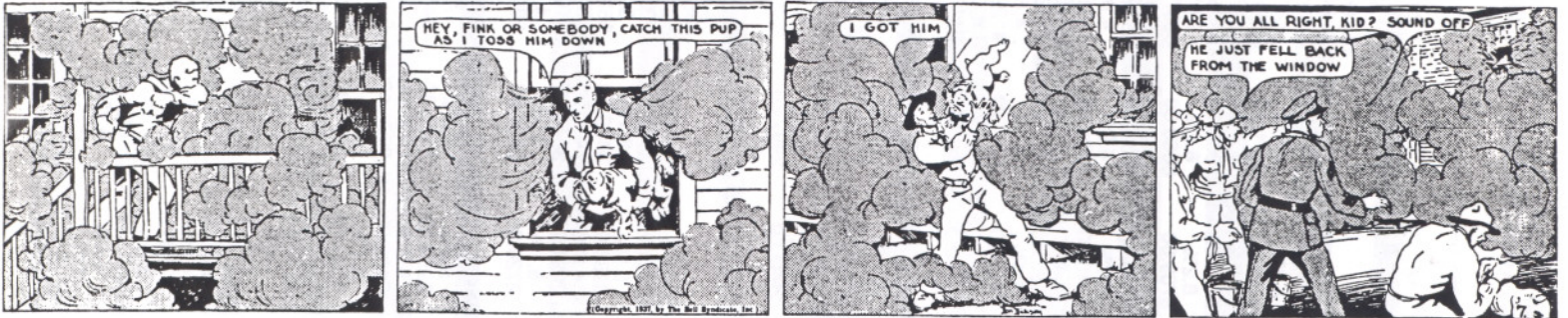
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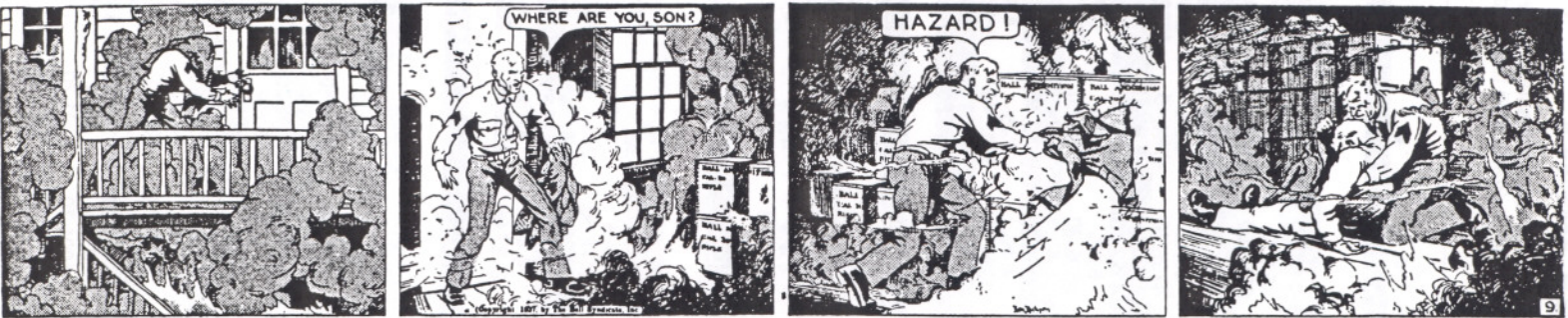
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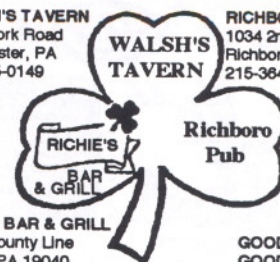
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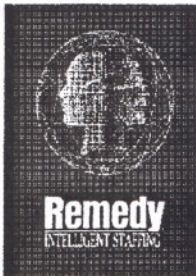
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