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'NATIONAL CALL TO SERVICE' BEGINS OCTOBER 1

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON--A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

Bob Clark, assistant director in DoD's accession policy directorate, said the program would allow the military services a new option to reach a group of young Americans who otherwise might not serve due to the length of traditional enlistment options.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, service members may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, service members may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of their eight-year commitments.

"The unique piece of this legislation is that while in the individual ready reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation," Clark said.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

Clark stated that the option would be limited to high-quality recruits -- those with a high school diploma and scores in the top half of aptitude tests. Officials hope this will make the military more attractive to college-bound youth who might volunteer to take a short period out between high school and college, but would not take off that three- or four-year period.

He feels the option may also attract college graduates interested in serving their country before attending graduate school.

But perhaps the largest potential pool for the option is with community college graduates who might serve the country for a short time and use available incentives to enter a four-year school, Clark said.

There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active duty service.

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Thanks to all the members who made it out to the Installations at the April meeting. I also wish to thank everyone for having confidence enough in me to make me Commandant. Although I joke and grumble about the job once in a while, I truly am honored that the outstanding Marines associated with our Detachment, think enough of me to want me as their Commandant for the 10th time! I am sure that your support will be there for the new officers, just as it has always been. Welcome to our new **Judge Advocate William Jerrom** and our New **Sgt.-At-Arms William Mickelson**. Thanks for getting involved and demonstrating your support and commitment to the Detachment. Marines like you make Central Bucks Detachment such an honor to be associated with. Thanks again to you, and all the Detachment officers, for your dedication. Come out to the meetings and say thanks to these Marines yourself.

Speaking of support, unless you have been out of the country for a while, you must know about the project our Past Commandant's wife, **Peggy Sundling**, put together. This is a program to DIRECTLY support our Marines over in the Iraq area of Operations. Our Detachment picks up the postage for the gift packages sent to these Marines. The only thing asked of you Marines is to do what you took an oath to do, and that is to show support for Marines. I went down to Target and picked up some 12 packs of cookies, a bunch of cheese & cracker packs, some bags of individually wrapped hard candies and I spent a grand total of about \$15.00. No one is

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asking you to spend even that much, but if you could spare \$2.00 you could give a 12 pack of peanut butter or cheese crackers. A bag of wrapped hard candies are about \$1.50 or so. I know that you all want to be supportive of this program and maybe you just haven't thought about it while you were out doing something else. Forgetting happens to all of us and that's why I'm reminding you now! Make the effort this month, and each month if you can, bring in some snacks for our Marines!!!

The meeting on 14 May will be an important one, so if there is any way for you to make it, please do. We will be finalizing plans for the Memorial Day Parade and your input and help is vital. As you know, the float is still stored at

Herb Krout's on Pickertown Road. It needs to be assembled and some help will be needed on that project. Since I will be driving instead of marching at the front of the parade I will need someone to fill in for me. We will get all the details settled at the May meeting, so be there! We will also find out how our main fundraiser went and whether we will need another one to help fund our Detachment. I look forward to seeing a big turn-out for the Memorial Day and the 4th of July parades, so be sure to attend this next meeting and get in on the fun.

Semper Fi,

Budd Plance

'GUNFIGHTING' RULES EXPLAINED

USMC Rules For Gunfighting

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive ENOUGH, quickly ENOUGH.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.

Young Marines Unit Holds 'Coin Toss'

Our Young Marines held a "Coin Toss" Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13, on Route 202 on the outskirts of New Hope.

According to **Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC**, the fund-raising event was a big success.

The "Coin Tosses" are the major fundraisers for the Young Marines unit. The Young Marines locate themselves at an intersection where they hold out buckets for donations from motorists passing through.

"We had a Hum Vee from the base both days," states Sundling. "The people who donated, were very generous."

The Young Marines Unit expressed its gratitude to Detachment Member **Charlie Wurst** for enlisting the assistance of the Solebury Police for the event.

5. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a 4.
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral and diagonal movement are preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In 10 years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating and reloading.
14. Someday someone may kill you with your own gun, but they should have to beat you to death with it because it is empty.
15. And above all ... don't drop your guard.

Navy Rules For Gunfighting

1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.

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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 9, 2003, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 18 members in attendance including all officers except the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Quartermaster. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., and Frank Yohe; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce.**

Guests included **Department Commandant John Moyse, Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant Dick Kondusk, and Aide-de-Camp to the Commandant Ray Devlin.**

The Minutes of the March Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bob Sundling reported the Detachment had received a Thank You card from Marine Wil Haas and his family.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 60 members including 39 Regular Members, 17 Life Members and 4 Associate Members. There are six delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reminded those in attendance about the Department Raffle and enjoined the members to turn in their ticket stubs and monies as soon as possible but not later than the May Meeting.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported on correspondence he had received about the Department Leadership School scheduled for Saturday, May 3, at the Department Headquarters at Fort Indiantown Gap. The school will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, moved that the Detachment donate \$50 to the St. Agnes School in memory of **Marine Wil Haas'** wife, Agnes, and \$50 to the Lambertville-New Hope Rescue Squad in memory of **Detachment Member Larry Scheetz'** wife. The motion was passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rifle & Pistol Team--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported on the team's efforts to prepare for the Department Pistol Match at the end of May. He reminded the members that the Team is always looking for new members.

Young Marines Unit--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Unit is scheduled to go on a White Water Rafting trip on June 6. The Unit will be holding a "Coin Toss"

A-Day--A-Day Coordinator Bob Momorella reminded the members that Delaware Valley College's "A-Day" festivities are scheduled for April 26-27 and that the Detachment needs members to staff the parking lots for this fund-raiser.

Adopt-A-Highway--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Pennsylvania department of Transportation has received a 10-Year Service Award for our highway clean-up program. A sign showing the length of service has been placed on the signpost.

The Public Relations Officer set April 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the May issue of *Listen Up!* **Advertising Coordinator Bob Momorella** reported he had received one new ad for *Listen Up!* and that all of the current ads expire with the next issue. He urged the members to obtain new ads and/or renew current ads for the next issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Commandant John Moyse installed the officers who will serve the Detachment for the coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Wil Haas reported Past Commandant Bill Plant will be moving to Texas in the very near future.

Past Commandant Sundling reported his wife, **Peggy,** had recently sent 65 lbs. of stuff to the troops in the Mid-East.

Junior Vice Commandant Parzanese announced the United Veterans of Doylestown is sponsoring an essay contest for youngsters in grades 7-12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14.

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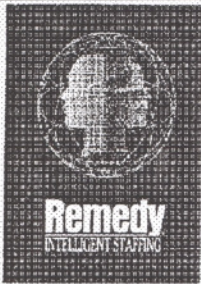
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