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MINUTES OF THE DETACHMENT MEETING ON 14 APRIL 93

Seventeen members were present including all the Detachment officers. Also in attendance were S.E. Division Jr. Vice, Jim Bradford and Dept. of Pa. VAVS chairman, Jim Miller They presided over the installation ceremony of the new Detachment officers for 1993.

It was decided that there would be no regular meeting agenda, following the installation, however there would some announcements. They were as follows:

* The next S.E.Division Meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall in Doylestown, Pa. on 23 May 93 (1400). The Central Bucks Detachment will be the host and it urged that all Detachment members to attend, if possible.

* The next Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Program is set for Saturday, 24 April 93 (0800). Everyone will meet at the Perkins Pancake House in the Cross Keys Shopping Center.

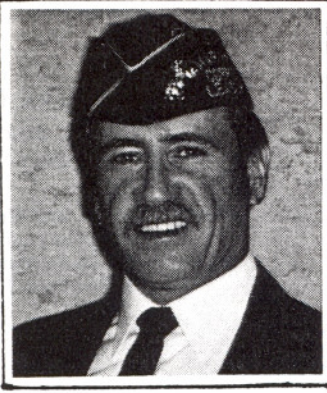
* Anyone interested in being a Detachment delegate at the State Convention in Reading, Pa. in June, should contact Commandant Budd Pearce to obtain the necessary papers. His number is (H) 343-5609 or (W) (609)-397-2343.

* Don Parzanese's son is scheduled to return from Somalia on 26 April 93 . He will have a stop-over in New Jersey prior to returning to his base in California.

* SICK CALL - Detachment Judge Advocate Jim Marckstein's wife and Detachment member Pat Meyers are both at their respective homes recuperating from recent surgery.

* Herb Krout is expected to return from Florida around May 16th and will have the parade float ready to roll by Memorial Day. We would like to have a large turn out for the Memorial Day and the July 4th parades. It is great exposure for the Detachment with the local communitiese so please come out and ride the float and help us to become better known to the hometown folks.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 12 MAY 93 (1930) AT THE AMERICAM LEGION HOME, IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.



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

Marines,

Since this is my first letter as Commandant, let me start by thanking all of you again for electing me. I will do everything I can to fill the shoes of our illustrious Jr. Past Commandant, Fran Meyers. His dedication to our detachment, as well as the Marine Corps League, make him an excellent example to follow and an extremely hard one. With his help and the help and guidance of all our members, I think I might be able to get through this. At any rate it will be a pleasure, as always, to be associated with such a fine group of Marines.

We didn't get a chance to give a report on the flower sales at the last meeting, because of the installation, so here it is. We made approximately \$150.00 profit from the sale and we met a few interested, and interesting, Marines who stopped by to say hello. Cards were given to these Marines and a few applications were handed out, with any luck we may be hearing from them again. The help we had turn out for this sale is much appreciated! For the next flower sale we will attempt to get our order forms out earlier so that our membership will have a chance to sell a few more flowers before they go on the stands. Again, I thank all of you that found the time in your busy schedules to come out to lend a hand. I hope that next year we can convince more of you that helping out is the Marine thing to do.

As I write this letter I am waiting for a call from the Captain of the riverboat as to my request for our June meeting to be held on his boat. The last time we did this was in October and it was a great success. I will have an answer by the May meeting, but because of the popularity of this ride, I suggest that you make your reservations as soon as possible. Call me at (609) 397-2343 and give me your name and number of people attending (or leave message on the machine), this is first come - first served and we can only take 36 people, so hurry!

On Sunday, 25 April I attend the Boot graduation of the Young Marines. The ceremony was well done and the parents and guests seemed to be pleased with the appearance and the performance of these fine young men. Chad Scheetz, the son of one of our finest members, was made Honor Man of the platoon and handled the honor with the dignity expected of a Marine. I must commend Walt

Roach, once again, on the outstanding job he and his assistants do in shaping these young men into Young Marines. For our detachment to be so closely involved with this program can only be beneficial to us as well as them and I will make every effort to continue this association.

On May 1st & 2nd Don Gee, Tony Kimes, Fran Meyers and me will be going to the MCL leadership school in Grantville, PA. We hope to learn something about the League and running our detachment that will prove to be beneficial to all our membership. By the May meeting I hope to have the answer to some of the questions that I have heard being asked, like the age old question of... "What is the correct uniform for the MCL". Among others, this seems to be one of the most contested areas in the entire Marine Corps League, with any luck we may be able to pin this one down.

Don't forget that with the coming of warm weather also comes the Parades. We will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown and the 4th of July Parade ... New Britain again this year. I would truly like to see every member that possibly can make these parades. I feel that it is important for us to participate in these parades as a way of showing the population who we are. By doing so we can only benefit when it comes to increasing our membership, after all, how can we expect people to hear of us and join our detachment if they have no idea who or what we are? By turning out for the parade you show the community that we are a group of dedicated Marines that have served our Country and our Communities with pride and will continue to do so in the future. We have 61 members and if we can get even 50% of you to fall out for these parades we will have taken an important step in making our detachment number one in the MCL and number one in the hearts of the community.

That's all I have to say for this month, other than to remind you to come to the meetings and if possible bring another Marine with you. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next meeting on 12 May 1993 at 1930 hours.

Semper Fi,

Commandant

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Honors for Tony & Arlene Kimes son, Michael.

■ Marine Sgt. Michael A. Kimes, son of Horace and Arlene L. Kimes of Lamott Avenue, Willow Grove, received the Navy Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he is currently assigned.
He is a 1984 graduate of Abington High School.

**Wife of former
Detachment Sgt-
At-Arms.**

RICHMOND, Jane A. (nee Vaughn) of Hatboro, April 23, 1993. Beloved wife of the late William H. Richmond Jr. and mother of Donna Marie Hamilton and her husband, Mark, of Horsham. Stepmother of Craig Richmond of Atlanta. Also survived by 10 grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to call Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., at the A. Groh Schneider Funeral Home, 431 N. York Road, Hatboro, and to attend her service Wednesday 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 505 N. York Road, Hatboro 19040, where friends may call after 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment Forest Hills Cemetery, Somerton. In lieu of flowers, her family prefers memorials be made in Jane's memory to the above-mentioned church.



Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Tony Kimes being installed by Jim Bradford, Judge Advocate Dept. Of Penna.



This cartoon was stolen from All Divisions newsletter and was worth reprinting.



Commandant Pearce and his son Jimmy selling Easter flowers at Fran's Pub in New Hope, Pa.

Retired brass oppose Bill on gays

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A group of retired military officers will try to persuade Congress to write into law the ban on homosexuals in the military that President Clinton seeks to overturn.

The creation of the Defense Readiness Council was announced at a news conference yesterday. Its purpose is "to stop a political effort bent on forcing the armed services to admit and accommodate homosexuals contrary to professional military judgment and experience."

The existing ban on homosexuals in the military is contained in a Defense Department directive issued in 1982. Before that,

each service had rules providing dishonorable discharges for anyone caught engaging in homosexual conduct. Those dated from World War II.

"The American people do not fund the American military for the purpose of social engineering," said retired Rear Adm. Clarence A. Hill Jr.

The retired officers said they have started a grass-roots campaign to persuade Clinton to withdraw his plan to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed services. They said they are attempting to raise money from veterans groups and others to lobby Congress to make the military ban on gays a federal law.









"I think Clinton is a pragmatic

politician, and we hope he will face up to the fact that most Americans don't support him on this," said retired Marine Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cooper.

Among the 21 members of the council's board of advisers is retired Adm. Thomas Moorer, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1970 to 1974. Others include retired Gens. Alfred M. Gray Jr. and Robert H. Barrow, both former Marine Corps commanders, and retired Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., former commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

In January, Clinton directed Defense Secretary Les Aspin to draft a regulation dropping the existing ban on homosexuals by July 15.



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3803

March 16, 1993

Dear Friend,

Thank you for letting me know of your opposition to lifting the ban on gays in the military.

As a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, I believe that we cannot tolerate any kind of sexual misconduct in the armed forces, whether it is heterosexual or homosexual. Any actual conduct that harms the effectiveness, command structure or combat readiness of the military must be strictly prohibited. As the recent "Tailhook" scandal demonstrated, such inappropriate behavior can be committed by heterosexuals as well as by homosexuals.

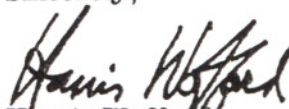
There are already, and always have been, homosexuals serving honorably in the United States military. We have invested in their training and they are serving with distinction and without incident. For these reasons, I believe we have been wasting millions of taxpayer dollars by conducting witchhunts against homosexuals in the military in an effort to enforce a ban that is ultimately impossible to enforce. I therefore support President Clinton's efforts to remove the ban on homosexuals in the military.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, however, were worried that an immediate lifting of the ban would hurt morale and combat effectiveness. Therefore, the President and the Joint Chiefs reached an agreement whereby Secretary of Defense Aspin will review lifting the ban and prepare a draft executive order based upon that review by July 15, 1993. In the meantime, the military's current policy remains in effect except that recruits will not be questioned about their sexual orientation, and dismissal cannot occur solely on the basis of their homosexuality. Dismissal proceedings will continue against service members charged with homosexual conduct and such service members will be placed in the Selective Reserve, a status in which they receive no pay or benefits.

I support this compromise and hope that a policy can be developed that will not adversely affect morale nor discriminate against people on the basis of sexual preference. I believe that military discipline should prevent and punish inappropriate sexual conduct in the ranks and that this more general prohibition can replace a ban based exclusively on sexual orientation.

Again, thank you for taking the time to give me your views. Please feel welcome to contact me on other matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,


Harris Wofford

THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution authorizing the formation of two battalions of Marines, to be known as "American Marines."

The resolution required that the men selected be "good seamen or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea."

Samuel Nicholas was commissioned a captain in the Continental Marines. Nicholas, considered to be the first Commandant of the Marine Corps, was charged by the Congress with the responsibility for raising the force of Marines.

So, along with another notable from the Corps' past, Robert Mullan, later commissioned a captain, the two Marine Officers set up the first Marine Corps Recruiting station, at Ten Tavern, in Philadelphia. By December, 1776, they had raised a battalion of Marines numbering 300.

That was the beginning of a long and illustrious history of tradition, bravery, and sacrifice by young Americans with a burning desire to serve their country as Marines. Much has been written about the activities of the Marine Corps, since its inception in 1775 - from its first amphibious raid into the Bahamas and the Battle of Trenton in the Revolutionary War, to the famed battles against Barbary Pirates along the "the shores of Tripoli, in the early 1800s, to the War of 1812, and on up to both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and now Somalia.

Our 'Ambassadors in Green' have set foot on every major continent in the world - under peaceful terms, or under arms - but effective doing both. Today the Marine Corps serves as a highly specialized amphibious assault organization - utilizing a single weapons system - known as the Air/Ground Task Force - the principal means of projecting naval power ashore.

Today, our Corps is undergoing the most extensive modernization program in its history, and the quality of today's recruits has never been better. Their spirit comes from those who served before them. They stand ready to serve - Wherever and whenever needed! Second to none!

Please invest 29¢ now - make your thoughts known.....

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*Includes \$2.00 subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

I hereby certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that the character of my service has been honorable, and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

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