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Central Bucks Detachment
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Meets 7:30 P.M. 2nd Wednesday of Month
American Legion Post 210
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EDITOR - BOB SCHAFFER

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MAY 1995

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL DETACHMENT MEETING

The scheduled Detachment meeting was held on 12 APRIL 95 at the American Legion Home on North Street in Doylestown, Penna.

Seventeen members were present including all officers, plus ~~two~~^{THREE} visitors: Steve Weir, Chuck Wilson and Anthony Parzanese, all former Marines.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe, Don Parzanese and Bill Plant were recognized along with State Newsletter Editor, Don Gee.

The Commandant welcomed SE Div. Vice Commandant, George Curley and Asst. SE Div. Commandant, George Ciofalo who will perform the installation ceremony of the new officers for 1995-96.

The Commandant also welcomed three guests: Suzanne Pearce and son Jimmy and Dorothy Waldron who will witness the installation.

At this point in the meeting, the installation, as outlined in the by-laws, took place.

The formal meeting then continued.

There were no new applications for membership.

The following corrections to the March minutes were noted and are as follows: CHANGE ONE - The Chapel of Four Chaplains did not donate \$100 to the Detachment; it was the VAVS. CHANGE TWO - The date shown for the Burger King fund raiser is May 2 not May 9. The Newsletter was approved with these corrections.

The Paymasters report was accepted as presented.

SICK BAY

Marlin Miller's wife has been having some problems with her knees and is going to have some cardiac testing.

CORRESPONDENCE

The United Veterans Organization of Doylestown sent information concerning their planned celebration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, Saturday, May 6 at the War Memorial Field, in Doylestown, Pa. The public is invited to attend. The Central Bucks Detachment will be participating in this event. Also, there will be commemorative pins on sale that day as well as at the next regular meeting and the State Convention. The cost of the pins will be \$3.00.

VAVS

There are no special programs scheduled at the present time, only the usual day-to-day type things that are normally on the agenda.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Detachment has a five member "A" Team for State pistol competition on June ~~X~~, 2, 3, and 4. If other people wish to join, a "B" Team, or become an alternate, contact ~~Ray~~ **Bill** Rosenberger (348-7275), for details.

Ernie Ortiz has a fund raiser donation table scheduled for May 26th & 27th at the State Liquor Store in Doylestown, Pa. He would like to set up several two man teams for Friday night and all day Saturday. Contact Ernie or Budd Pearce if you can help.

The Detachment received a check from Genuardi's Market (Approx. \$140.00) for register tapes that were collected and turned in for the cash rebate that is offered by their company. Please collect as many tapes as you can and send them to Jim Marckstein, 1771 Palomino Drive, Warrington, Pa. 18976 or give them to any Detachment member to turn in at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Central Bucks Detachment will participate in three parades this summer. The first will be the annual Memorial Day Parade, in Doylestown, Pa.; the second will be the color guard marching in the Doylestown Fireman's 100th Anniversary Parade on June 10th; and the third will be the annual Fourth Of July Parade in the Chalfont & New Britain areas. We would like to have a nice turn out for these events.

Paul Caprio announced that all NTW Tire Stores will give a discount for Marine Corps League members. If you encounter any problem, have them contact Paul their King Of Prussia location.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

George Curley, SE Div Vice announced that he is running for re-election. His Asst. Vice Cmdt., George Ciofalo is also making a bid for the same office as well as an office in the Devil Dogs.

George Ciofalo also stated that Detachments should disregard the new bylaws concerning the approval to place sunburst ornaments on white shirt collars when wearing them with the red blazer uniform. This is not allowed.

The State Rifle Team matches will be held on October 13-14-15 at Indiantown Gap. ~~Each participating Detachment will be required to carry their own insurance for their members.~~ **DEPT. OF PA. WILL CARRY INSURANCE**

Paul Seton, State Adjutant, will be running for election as National Commandant at the August Convention, in Milwaukee, Wis.

SR VICE - Bill Rosenberger

The Detachment membership stands at 57 which breaks down to: 35 Regular members; 14 Life members; 8 Associate members. There are 6 delinquent members at the present time.

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

The Bus Trip to Washington to view the "Evening Parade" at Eighth & I Sts. will be a one day trip rather than overnight since their was not enough response to schedule a two day trip. The date is set for June 16th and will cost approximately \$35.00 per person. Anyone planning to go must let Mike know by May 10th.

The Burger King fund raiser is set for Tuesday, May 2 at the Doylestown restaurant. Coupons were mailed in last months Newsletter for members and friends to use. The Detachment will receive 20% of your dinner purchase. Please try to get as many people as possible to eat there on the date shown above.

Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at 0800. Everyone should meet at Jim's Restaurant in Furlong, Pa. for breakfast prior to the clean-up.

An invitation was received from the Allentown Reserve Unit to attend their Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Nov. 4th at the Days Inn on Route 309. The cost would be \$25.00/ person. There will be more information on this later if you are interested.

The Central Bucks Detachment Birthday Ball will be held on Nov, 11th at the Orin Club NAS Willow Grove, Pa.

Remember to sell as many State raffle tickets as you can since the Detachment receives \$.40 from each ticket sold. This can be a nice moneymaker.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

No report...however Don Gee announced that he has pins for Chapel of Four Chaplains for sales among his "locker Box" items.

POW/MIA

Bill Plant discussed a report that he read, which claims that 78% of the men who served in the Desert Storm campaign have some kind of disease or ailment which they feel is directly related to that theater of operation.

On May 29th, a commemorative stamp is being issued by the Postal Service as a remembrance of all the POW/MIA's.

QUARTERMASTER

Don Gee announced that he can no longer continue in this capacity and would like someone to volunteer to take over this job. Anyone who might be interested, please contact Don at 822-6723 or contact Budd Pearse (343-5609).

Based on our current membership, the Central Bucks Detachment will be judged in Category I for any eligible awards at the State Convention in Lancaster, Pa. from June 21st to 24th.

Will Haas was presented with a Marine Corps League certificate for 5 years of good and faithful service with the Detachment.

The Detachment Rifle Team will be competing in the 17th Annual Rifle Shoot in Towanda, Pa. on July 22nd.

The American Legion has requested that Detachment members refrain from smoking inside their building. Anyone wishing to smoke must do so outside.

Will Haas has invited everyone to picnic at his home following the Memorial Day Parade. He would appreciate if those planning to attend would let him know, prior to May 29th, so that he can prepare for the right number of people. You can reach Will at 257-7828 or tell him at the next meeting.

On May 20th & 21st, the First Annual Chainsaw Sculptors Contest will be held at "The Gathering" in Penns Park, Pa. Chainsaw carvers from around the country have been invited so you can expect to see some of the best known talent in this field compete for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cash prizes. The primary sculpture will consist of carving a log 7' to 8' in length and 24" in diameter within a nine hour time period (4 hours on Saturday and 5 hours on Sunday). This isn't the type of thing that you can see very often and it is something that the whole family can enjoy so come out join in the fun. If you wish more details or know of someone who like to compete please contact Bill Plant at 794-8268.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 10 MAY 95 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PENNA.

DATES OF COMING ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER

MAY 6th - WWII COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION AT DOYLESTOWN WAR MEMORIAL FIELD IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

JUNE 21st to 24th - STATE CONVENTION IN LANCASTER, PA.

AUGUST 7th to 11th - NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE, WIS.

THE DETACHMENTS' FOURTH TRIP TO THE MARINE BARRACKS WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SEE THE "EVENING PARADE" IS NOW A ONE DAY TRIP. THE DELUXE MOTORCOACH WILL DEPART FROM THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF THE ACME, MAIN STREET, DOYLESTOWN, PA. 11:00 AM, FRIDAY 16 JUNE 1995, RETURN ABOUT 3:00 AM SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1995.

THE COACH WILL VISIT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, " THE WALL", THEN TO MARINE BARRACKS FOR BUFFET DINNER AT 6:30 PM.

COST WILL BE \$40.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER.

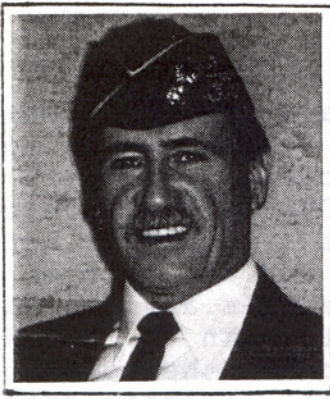
WILL NEED PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 1995.

(DETACHMENT NEXT MEETING)

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MAIL TO MICHAEL W. WALDRON
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ANY QUESTIONS ???? 215-672-7095.



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

Marines,

First things first...my wife told me not to forget to remind you to get all material for the scrapbook in by the May meeting. This bears repeating...**GET ALL SCRAPBOOK MATERIAL IN BY THE MAY MEETING!!!** Our scrapbook has placed first at the convention for the last few years. In order for us to do this again it is important for our members to collect material throughout the year and get it in to the detachment so it can be added to everyone else's. My wife has been kind enough to offer to put the scrapbook together with me since she has been organizing our photos during the past year. I plan to have the scrapbook on display at the June meeting since this will be just before the convention.

Thanks to everyone for helping out with the trash clean-up on Saturday 22 April. We had about 14 people turn out for this one. Although we had a good amount of people on Saturday we did miss some of the old familiar faces. If you have not participated in a highway clean up yet you really should try to make the next one. You get to have breakfast with some good friends then take a nice walk along one of the nicer roads in the area. You don't get to see how nice the neighborhood is along Rt. 313 until you have gotten out and walked it. Come on out and join us next time.

The planned celebration of the end of WWII which is to be held on 6 May at the Memorial Field (CB West) looks like it should be a good one. I have a few names on my sign-up sheet to help out. I hope that all that signed show up! If you can possibly do it I would appreciate it if you wore the Dress Blue trousers and short sleeve white shirt (with your ribbons if desired). If you are going to volunteer to help out in the hot dog stand, an apron would be advisable. Please people, this is an important event in this community and we should be well represented. All WWII vets should be at the field by 0900 so you can get signed in and line up for the very short march onto the field. See Bill Plant upon your arrival at the field.

Speaking of planned celebration, don't forget that Memorial Day is coming up this month. WE will be participating in the annual Doylestown Memorial Day Parade again this year. The uniform of the day will be the short sleeve shirt and dress blue trousers for the color guard. All others are invited to wear the same or the black trousers with the short sleeve shirt. Our float will have to be put together and decorated prior to this event, so we will need a couple of people to help out on this. I will have a sign up sheet for the parade and the float at the May meeting.

One more thing before I sign off. We have had to cancel plans for the overnight trip to Washington that we were going to hold on 16 & 17 June. It is now going to be a one day trip (16 June). The bus will be leaving at approximately 0900 and returning at 0300 Saturday. I know that this seems like a long day, but remember, you can always get some sleep on the bus. You don't often get a chance to go on a trip like this so if there is any way possible I hope you can join us. Get your reservations in to Mike Waldron at the next meeting. He would also like to see the color of your money at this time. This trip is open to all members, friends and families.

That will be all for this month. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the WWII ceremony on 6 May and at our next regularly scheduled detachment meeting on 10 May. Don't forget your scrapbook pictures, etc.

Semper Ei,
Budd Prince
Commandant

P.S. Since Don Gee can no longer be our Quartermaster I need a volunteer to take over the lockerbox. This requires bring the box to the meetings and events where we will be setting up a sales and recruitment table. You must also keep the box stocked with the necessary do-dads. Obtaining these things is not hard and I am sure that Don will be glad to lend what assistance he can to anyone willing to take over this job. Please consider this and talk to me at the next meeting.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



Answers in Next Month's Newsletter ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Which Marine Corps Commandant was nicknamed "Sunny Jim?"
2. What is the casualty radius of the M16A1 "Bouncing Betty" mine?
3. When is "Field Day" usually conducted on a Marine base?
4. What are the punitive articles under the UCMJ?
5. Who was the first Marine Major General?

1. The famous drummer who served in the Corps during WWII was Buddy Rich.
2. Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington was the top Marine fighter ace of World War II. He led the famed "Blacksheep Squadron (VMF-214)." One of his pilots, Lt. Robert Anderson went on to serve as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps during the late 1960s.
3. The first Marine four-star General was Alexander A. Vandegrift.
4. General Kuribayashi commanded Japanese forces on Iwo Jima. He did NOT survive the battle.
5. World War II's most famous combat correspondent was Ernie Pyle.

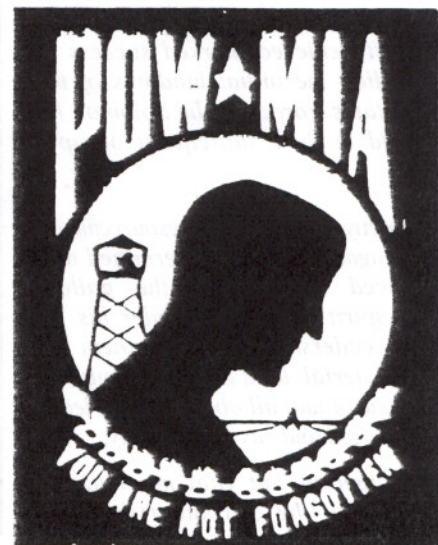


Photo by ANN G. KRISHER

Organizing the May 6 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II are the United Veterans of Doylestown (seated from left) Kenneth Rose of Hilltown, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Bucks County Chapter 210; Lou Salemno, commander of the VFW Post 175, Doylestown; and Dale Webster of the VFW, VVA and American Legion; and (standing from left) Bud Pierce, commandant, Central Bucks Detachment Marine Corps League; and Jim Pentecost, commander of the American Legion Post 210, Doylestown. The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at War Memorial Field, Doylestown.



Commandant Budd Pearce gets sighted in during a recent practice.



Vandegrift

General Alexander Archer Vandegrift earned the Medal of Honor in World War II, and served as the 18th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The General was born on March 13, 1887, in Charlottesville, Va., and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1909.

He commanded the First Marine Division, Reinforced, in the battle for Guadalcanal, and the First Marine Amphibious Corps in the landing at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, during World War II.

For outstanding service as commanding general of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, during the attack on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and Gavutu in the Solomon Islands on Aug. 7, 1942, he was awarded the Navy Cross, and for the subsequent occupation and defense from Aug. 7 to Dec. 9, 1942, was awarded the Medal of Honor. His citation for the latter reads in part:

"With the adverse factors of weather, terrain and disease making his task a difficult and hazardous undertaking, and with his command eventually including sea, land and air forces of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Major General Vandegrift achieved marked success in commanding the initial landings of the United States Forces in the Solomon Islands and in their subsequent occupation.

"His tenacity, courage and resourcefulness prevailed against a strong, determined and experienced enemy, and the gallant fighting spirit of the men under his inspiring leadership enabled them to withstand aerial, land and sea bombardment, to surmount all obstacles and leave a disorganized and ravaged enemy.

"This dangerous but vital mission, accomplished at the constant risk of his

life, resulted in securing a valuable base for further operations of our forces against the enemy."

General Vandegrift declared in October of 1944 that Camp Pendleton would be a permanent installation. During his visit to the base in July 1946, he outlined the base's future role: it was to remain the center of all Marine Corps activities on the West Coast and was to be permanently maintained as the home of the 1st Marine Division.

The general died at the age of 86. The main east-west road is named Vandegrift Boulevard in his honor.



LtGen A.A. Vandegrift, Marine hero and later Commandant.



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