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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT
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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 9, 1997, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 23 members present including all officers except the Junior Vice Commandant and the Quartermaster. 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;** **Department of Pennsylvania Southeast Division Vice Commandant Charlie Shaw;** and, **Marine of the Year Ray Krout**. Members of the **Central Bucks Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary** were also present.

The Minutes of the March Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

The Commandant reported he had attended the Bucks County World War II Memorial Committee meeting and that the project was progressing. He reminded the membership the monument will be dedicated on Nov. 11, 1997. Brick subscriptions are moving briskly and, if anyone is interested in purchasing one of the memorial bricks, they need to submit their subscription as soon as possible.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment membership strength was at 54 with 34 regular members, 6 associate members, 14 life members, and 8 delinquent members.

In the absence of the Junior Vice Commandant, **Bill Rosenberger** reported Department of Pennsylvania Raffle Tickets are still available.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported he had received Department of Pennsylvania Convention dates. No communications from Marine Corps League Headquarters.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, reported he had reviewed the contract for participation in the Freedom Air Show in June. He voiced his concern about differences in what we had been told and what the contract stipulated.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 14 MAY 1997 AT
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I want to thank everyone for electing me Commandant. I had a great time doing the job before and I am sure I will enjoy it this time just as much. I would feel a bit better if we could get some of the newer members interested enough to try an office. Maybe we can work on some of the new members—and some of the old ones—who have not held an office before to give it a shot. After all, it is everyone's Detachment and it should not be run by the same people all of the time. Don't get me wrong, I am happy to be the Commandant and will remain so until somebody else wants to get in on all the fun. I look forward to a productive year with some fun for the entire family and some work for them, too. Try not to miss too many meetings for you will definitely be missing out on a lot of interesting discussions and useful information.

You have elected some very good officers this year. I am sure that **Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** will have some new and innovative member recruitment ideas for this year. The new **Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio** is already hard at work. He has been busy making plans for our Birthday Ball and he has gotten us a place at this year's NAS Willow Grove "Air Show." I understand the "Blue Angels" are to be the main attraction. If you want good seats, call Paul Caprio at 674-4111 and sign up to work at our booth—it's the coolest place at the show! **Gary Smith** is our new Adjutant and I am sure he will do an outstanding job. **Don Parzanese Sr., PC**, will be stepping down from the Judge Advocate position and **Bill Plant, PC**, has volunteered to serve out the remainder of his term. Thanks, Bill! I'm sure sitting up front will help everyone hear your words of wisdom better than ever. Now, if you could remember to bring your glasses... Many thanks to **Bob Sundling** for consenting to be Sergeant-at-Arms again. **Frank Yohe, PC**, is owed a debt of gratitude for the job of Chaplain. I can't forget to thank **Don Parzanese Jr.** for continuing as Quartermaster. We also owe thanks to **Bob Cody** for again serving as Paymaster. Bob has done a great job keeping up with all of the high finances of the Detachment. As I said, you have a fine group of officers this year. Let's do all we can to help them move the Detachment FORWARD!!!

I have had no news to date concerning the Sellersville Memorial Day Parade. I will have information as to whether or not we are invited to participate in it again this year at the May meeting. The Detachment will be taking part in the Doylestown Parade again this year, as we have in past years. There will be a Detachment Picnic at **Herb Krout's** house on Pickertown Rd. in Warrington after the parade. I hope you can make it to both the parade and the picnic. If we get a good turn-out for the picnic, it might become an annual event. An annual picnic could do a lot for the Detachment. Even more than giving the members a chance to get together socially, it gives the other family members a chance to get acquainted, or reacquainted. Please make every effort to make it to the parade and the picnic. Full details on both will be available at the May meeting.

The Detachment has some desperately needed fund raisers coming up. We have a table planned for the Memorial Day weekend, possibly at the Doylestown State Store, and a car parking concession for DelVal College's "A-Day" on April 26 and 27. We **REALLY NEED YOUR HELP** on these; so, please try your hardest to find some time to help out. Call **Bob Schaffer** at 345-1673 if you can help during "A-Day" or **Bill Rosenberger** at 348-7275 if you can work at the donations table. It's your Detachment...come help us fund it!

Semper Fi,

Budd Pearce

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported no one sick or in distress.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

VAVS — The VAVS Committee logged 36 volunteer hours since the March meeting including attendance at a meeting of the VAVS Executive Committee.

“LISTEN UP!” — The Newsletter Editor reminded the membership the deadline for submission of articles, photographs, etc., for the newsletter was April 20.

POW/MIA — POW/MIA Coordinator Bill Plant, PC, reported on a POW/MIA article published in a recent *VFW Magazine*. He stated the article dealt with POWs who were shipped to China during the Korean War.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS — Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported he had received no nominations for the Chaplain of Four Chaplains’ “Legion of Honor” award. He has nomination forms for any “Legion of Honor” recipient who wanted to nominate someone for the award.

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE — Newsletter Advertising Committee Chair Paul Caprio reported he had mailed out another 50 advertising solicitation letters. No replies received yet.

GROCERY RECEIPTS — Genuardi’s Sales Receipts Coordinator Jim Marckstein urged the membership to submit their Genuardi’s sales receipts at the meetings. “I can’t report on what I don’t receive,” he stated.

Redner’s Sales Receipts Coordinator Gary Smith reported he had submitted receipts to Redner’s but had not received a check for them yet.

“MARINE OF THE YEAR” — “Marine of the Year” Ray Krout reported “Marine of the Year” nomination criteria was available on the Senior Vice Commandant’s table. He has received no nominations as yet.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAMS — Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment will be able to field a full “A-Team” and a partial “B-Team” for the Department competition. He announced a pistol practice for 1 p.m. on Sunday Apr. 13.

YOUNG MARINES — Young Marines Liaison Bill Plant, PC, reported the Bucks-Mont Young Marines Unit will be holding a weekend event at Spring City on April 19 and a fund-raiser in New Hope on Saturday, May 17 and 18. He urged the Detachment members to support the Unit’s fund-raiser.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

“A-DAY” PARKING — “A-Day” Parking Committee Chair Bob Schaffer reported plans had been confirmed with John Knoell and the garage next door to allow the Detachment to again use their properties for car parking during Delaware Valley College’s “A-Day” activities on April 26 and 27. A list for volunteers to assist with this fund-raiser was created.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Nominating Committee Chair Budd Pearce, PC, presented the names of members nominated for Detachment elected offices for 1997-98.

OLD BUSINESS

MARINE MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT — Marine Mike Waldron reported he had received no new information on Doylestown’s only Medal of Honor recipient. He stated he had had an article requesting information published in *The Daily Intelligencer* and that he had received one response from it; however, it produced no new information.

NEW BUSINESS

MEDALS CHART — Marine Mike Waldron presented an updated Medals Chart he had received from *Navy Times*. It was given to Adjutant Ray Krout for further presentation to the American Legion Post.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS — Department of Pennsylvania Southeast Division Vice Commandant Charlie Shaw installed the 1997-98 Elected and Appointed Officers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Mike Waldron reminded the membership he still had tickets for the Marine Band Concert in Arlington, VA, on April 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on May 14, 1997 .

INSURANCE HOAX SURFACES--AGAIN!

An insurance hoax that has returned time and again for more than 40 years to create administrative problems for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has been revived by groups asking veterans to pay for assistance in collecting a nonexistent life insurance dividend.

"In the past," said VA Secretary Jesse Brown, "the insurance hoax caused only administrative problems for VA. Now there are those who are trying to make a profit at the expense of veterans and we are resolved to stopping them. I have instructed the VA Inspector General to work with the Postal Service to do everything possible to put an end to this latest version of the hoax and to alert all veterans," the Secretary stated.

The VA Regional Office & Insurance Center on Wissahickon Ave., in Phila-

delphia, reports veterans and active duty military personnel throughout the country have received flyers, including return forms, from groups or individuals offering veterans assistance in applying for the dividends or in answering questions they may have for fees ranging from \$2 to \$15 for each request.

The flyers falsely claim that dividends for veterans' life insurance policies are available and payable to any veteran who applies. For veterans who served at least two years in the military, the flyer claims, the dividends range from \$264 for two years of service and increase for each additional year of service.

The phony applications and flyers, past and present, claim the dividends have been recently authorized by Congress. In fact, there is no such dividend for veter-

ans who do not keep their insurance in force, nor a rebate for active duty personnel. No such legislation has been approved or proposed by Congress.

In the past, the hoax applications were unwittingly printed in magazines, newspapers and newsletters, or distributed in handbills.

The hoax has caused wasted efforts by thousands of veterans, active duty military personnel and dependents, and has generated needless labor and mailing expense by VA.

Legitimate insurance dividends are automatically paid, usually on the anniversary date of the policy, to approximately three million veterans with active policies in four GI life insurance programs. No application is needed to receive the dividend payment.

Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Seeking Funds

The Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery will cost \$3 million to construct.

Funds are being sought by the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund to complete the project.

The Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Commission will erect a memorial on the grounds of the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in honor of all military veterans. Designs for the memorial were solicited and the final design by Charles J. Frederick Jr. of West Chester.

Frederick's design, entitled "The Ruins of A War Torn Building Centered in a Land of Solemnity," is functional and aesthetic. It is spacious, approximately 260 feet long by 85 feet wide, and will be capable of accommodating many activities. The Memorial's architecture is peaceful and harmonious. It contains the elements of air, land and water representative of the "battlefields" where our veterans fought for our freedom. A tomb for all soldiers, "known" and "unknown" is strategically located mindful of the sacrifices shared for the cause of freedom.

The amphitheater contains seating for large groups during any type of memorial service. The Memorial is to be a proper place within which one may offer

devotion to those men and women who risked and sometimes gave their last full measure of devotion to our nation, our state and our way of life.

Each of us can become part of the effort to erect this long overdue Memorial. Tax-deductible donations can be made to: Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund, Veterans' Memorial Commission, Building S-O-47, Ft. Indiantown Gap,

Annville, PA 17003-5002.

The Trust Fund is also offering inscribed granite bricks ranging in size from 9"x3" for \$100 to 36"x12" for \$1,000. A Gift Catalog, offering items from Memorial Pins to the \$1,000 bricks, is available from the Memorial Commission. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Memorial Commission at (717) 861-8901.



OFFICER INSTALLATION--Department of Pennsylvania Southeast Division Vice Commandant Charlie Shaw (left) administers the Oath of Office to the 1997-88 elected and appointed officers of the Detachment during the April meeting. (Photo by Joe Hazen)



MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Name two forms of assault maneuver employed by Marines.
2. Where do Marines go to conduct simulated NBC exercises?
3. Name three types of discharge.
4. What are the only two flags which may be flown above the American flag?
5. Who was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Camp Johnson is located at Jacksonville, NC.
2. Heat cramps are caused by the loss of body salt.
3. SALUTE stands for Size, Activity, Location, Unit, Time, and Equipment.
4. "Reveille" is the command given to wake up troops.
5. "Band of Brothers" was coined by Major General John A. Lejeune following WWI. It is still a creed of the Corps and the Marine Corps League.

DETACHMENT GETS 'FRIENDLY'S FUNDS'

The fund-raiser at Friendly's Restaurant in Doylestown on Wednesday, Apr. 16, netted \$99.20 for the Detachment.

This initial venture with Friendly's Restaurant was "a great success," according to **Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger**. It was so successful that Rosenberger is working with the restaurant to hold a similar fund-raiser in May.

He is also pursuing making this a monthly event to further enrich the Detachment coffers.

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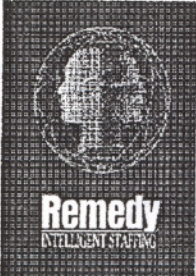
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WWII

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I wish to purchase a Bucks County World War II Commemorative Brick, honoring a WWII loved one, unit or comrade, to be incorporated into the design of the future Bucks County WWII Monument. Cost of the brick is \$100.00 and will aid in the building fund. Please engrave the brick as follows:

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