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The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 14, 1999, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 21 members present including all officers except **Quartermaster Bob Duff**. Distinguished members in attendance included **National Public Relations Officer and Past Commandant Don Gee**; **Southeast Division Vice Commandant Dan Doty**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr. and Frank Yohe**; **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**; and **Marine of the Year Bob Sundling**.

The minutes of the March Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Sick & In Distress: **Marine Herb Krout's** son-in-law passed away recently.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported he had toured the new Department Headquarters Building at Ft. Indiantown Gap during the recent Department Staff Meeting. He also informed the members the Korean War veterans are trying to get a memorial built at the Country Courthouse. A Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Awareness Program will be held May 8 at the Warminster VFW Post between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The VA Care Van is scheduled to be at the Bucks County Services Building in Quakertown on May 11 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC, reported on the material concerning the "woolly pully" sweater and the problems the League appears to be having with the Young Marines national organization. He also reported the Department plans to conduct a "Leadership School" this year at the new Headquarters Building. No date

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 12 MAY 1999
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN

has been set yet.

Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio announced we will be sponsoring a Town & Country Players show on Aug. 15. He also distributed the 1999 Department of Pennsylvania Raffle Tickets.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported we had no legal problems.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no correspondence other than that reported by the Commandant.

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

Advertising Coordinator Bob Momorella reported he had acquired six more new ads for the Listen Up!

STANDING COMMITTEES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce reminded the members of the scheduled clean-up on April 17. Participants were to meet at Lu's Place at 8 a.m. for breakfast (on the Detachment).

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported the teams will be practicing on Sundays and they are always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the Rifle Team or the Pistol Team or both should contact Bill at (215) 348-7275.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

A-DAY PARKING--A-Day Parking Coordinator Bob Momorella reminded the members that the "A-Day Parking" fundraiser at Delaware Valley College is the major fund-raiser of the year for the Detachment. He posted a roster for members to volunteer to help with the parking. He said he would also contact the members who were not at the meeting. The Detachment will provide hoagies and soft drinks to the participants.

INSTALLATION

Southeast Division Vice Commandant Dan Doty installed the newly elected Detachment officers for the 1999-2000 term. Installed were **Commandant Budd Pearce; Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller; Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio; Judge Advocate Bob Momorella; Paymaster Bob Cody; Adjutant Gary Smith; and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commandant Pearce thanked **Mess Sergeant Wil Haas** for the wooden replica of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima which will become a part of the Detachment's parade float.

Judge Advocate Momorella thanked **Marine Mike Waldron** for the new banners he acquired for the Detachment.

Marine Waldron announced the 1st Marine Division Association will be raffling an M-1 Garand rifle at its reunion in Philadelphia in August.

Junior Vice Commandant Caprio informed the members that the Orion Club at NAS, Willow Grove, is offering a "Mother's Day Brunch" for \$16 per person on May 9.



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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant Pearce stated he would be putting the scrapbook together again for the Americanism Award at the Department Convention. He said he would appreciate any photos, etc., members could donate for the scrapbook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 12.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

The Commandant's Column will return next month with Budd Pearce's hand comes out of its wrappings. He promises a long column to make up for missing this month.



MARINE CORPS DATELINES



MAY

1—(1992) Brigadier General Marvin Hopgood Jr. led 1,500 Marines from Camp Pendleton to help quell the Los Angeles riots.

2—(1946) Marines helped quell prison riot at Alcatraz, California.

3—(1898) Lieutenant Dion Williams and Marines from USS Baltimore raised flag over Cavite, the Philippines.

4—(1942) Marines participated in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

5—(1919) HQMC moved into new Navy Building on Constitution Ave., Washington, DC.

(1961) Marine pilots retrieved America's first astronaut, Cdr. Alan Shepard.

6—(1937) Marines at NAS, Lakehurst, NJ, helped rescue survivors of Hindenburg disaster.

(1942) 4th Marines colors burned to avoid capture on Corregidor.

7—(1942) 8th Defense Battalion (Reinforced) landed on Wallis Island from Tutuila Island.

8—(1808) Marine Barracks, Charleston, SC, established under Lt. Pinckney and 22 Marines.

9—(1846) Lt. Gillespie delivered Presidential message to Capt. Fremont in Oregon.

10—(1845) Marines and sailors of USS Constitution landed at Tourane Cochin, China (later known as DaNang, Vietnam).

(1934) First amphibious landing exercise by embryo Fleet Marine Force at Culebra.

11—(1920) 16th Marines organized in Philadelphia for duty in Cuba, Haiti, and Dominican Republic.

12—(1846) War declared against Mexico.

(1976) Marines alerted for rescue of USS Mayaguez crew and assault on Koh Tang Island, Cambodia.

13—(1928) Marines participated in Battle of Cua River, Nicaragua.

14—(1917) The 1st Marine Detachment transferred from Annapolis, MD, to the new post at Quantico, VA.

(1919) Marines from USS Arizona landed at Constantinople to secure American Consulate.

15—(1862) Corporal John Mackie became first Marine to be awarded Medal of Honor.

(1991) Operation: SEA ANGEL, 5th MEB, provided aid in Bangladesh after flooding killed 130,000.

16—(1927) Marines participated in Battle of La Paz Centro, Nicaragua.

17—(1962) 3rd Marine Expeditionary Unit landed in Thailand, easing Communist pressure.

18—(1902) Marines from USS Ranger landed at Panama City to protect Americans.

9—(1927) 11th Marines arrived at Esteli, Nicaragua, forarrison duty.

20—(1803) Marines participated in raid on Tripoli.

(1906) Major John A. LeJeune embarked battalion for duty in Panama.

21—(1847) Marine regiment formed for duty with Scott's Army in Mexico.

22—(1912) Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham became first Marine officer assigned to aviation duty.

23—(1899) Marines arrived to secure Cavite Naval Base, the Philippines.

24—(1900) Marines landed at Taku, China, to establish Legation Guard at Peking.

25—(1775) First recorded Continental Marine action; eight men escorted payroll.

26—(1853) Major Jacob Zeilin (in charge of Marines) arrived with Commodore Perry's squadron at Okinawa.

27—(1803) Marines aboard USS John Adams engaged Tripolitan gunboats off Tripoli.

28—(1945) 5th Marines began final assault against Shuri Castle, Okinawa.

29—(1944) 4th Marine Division sailed from Pearl Harbor for Saipan operation.

30—(1873) 68 Marines from Boston Navy Yard, USS Ohio and USS Powhatan restored order following a fire in Boston.

31—(1900) Marines guarded Peking Diplomatic Quarters during the Boxer Rebellion.

JUNE

1—(1918) "Retreat Hell! We just got here," said 5th Marines in France.

(1942) Recruiting of black Marines began.

2—(1918) French Croix de Guerre awarded those Marines serving at Belleau Wood, France, 2-13 June 1918.

3—(1918) Marines of the 4th Brigade fought at Les Mares Farm, Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry, France.

4—(1942) VMSB-241, VMF-221, and 6th Defense Battalion, began Battle of Midway.

5—(1944) LtGen. H. M. Smith designated first Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, commander.

6—(1853) Marines escorted Commodore Perry ashore at Naha, Okinawa.

7—(1912) Company "A", 1st Marines, landed at Santiago, Cuba.

(1918) Marines participated in Battle of Bouresches, France.

8—(1880) Marine Capt. W. B. Remey appointed first Judge Advocate of the Navy.

9—(1864) Col. Jacob Zeilin succeeded Col. J. Harris as 7th Commandant.

10—(1871) Marine battalion made first landing against Korean forts.

11—(1927) Marines held back crowds welcoming Lindbergh home from Paris.

12—(1948) President Truman authorized first Women Marines in regular Corps.

13—(1991) Marines from Okinawa joined members of three Marine Barracks at Subic Bay, Philippines, in evacuating 20,000 Americans after Mount Pinatubo erupted.

'Old Glory?' Well, What Do You Know?

Many flags have flown over what's now the United States, but none is as famous—or has inspired as much loyalty—as the Stars and Stripes. It has led soldiers into war, presided at half-mast at the funerals of presidents, and snapped smartly in the wind on Flag Days (June 14) and Fourth of Julys. But many of us don't know much about the flag other than it's red, white and blue.

Take the following quiz to see how much you know about this country's foremost symbol:

1-The first European flag to arrive in the New World was also the first to leave: a black raven with outspread wings on a white field. Who carried it?

2-What was the motto on the famous Revolutionary War flag of the coiled rattlesnake?

- a-Don't Tread on Me.
- b-Live Free or Die.
- c-Liberty and Justice for All.
- d-E Pluribus Unum.

3-The first unofficial "national" flag was flown by George Washington to celebrate the founding of the Continental Army in 1776. It was known as:

- a-the Mighty Banner.
- b-the Grand Union.
- c-Freedom Waves.
- d-the Continental Colors.

4-In 1776, the first American flag was raised on the flagship of the Colonial Navy. The ship was called:

- a-the Endeavor.
- b-the Liberty.
- c-the Black Prince.
- d-the Pine Tree.

5-Many flag authorities agree that the oldest known Stars and Stripes in existence is currently displayed where?

- a-Cooper Hewitt Museum, New York.
- b-Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- c-Independence Hall, Philadelphia.
- d-Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT.

6-Legend credits Betsy Ross with stitching the first American flag. Who is the source of that story?

- a-Betsy Ross's grandson.
- b-Benjamin Franklin's daughter.
- c-John Quincy Adams.
- d-Abigail Adams.

7-Other people besides Betsy Ross have

been credited with designing the American flag. Which of the following has NOT been called the parent of the American flag?

- a-John Paul Jones.
- b-John Hancock.
- c-John Hulbert.
- d-Francis Hopkinson.

8-When Vermont and Kentucky were admitted as states, what odd design change occurred along with the addition of two stars?

9-The fate of the flag at which fort during the War of 1812 inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the "Star-Spangled Banner?"

- a-Fort McHenry.
- b-Fort Sumter.
- c-Fort Belvedere.
- d-Fort Courage.

10-When Key wrote the poem that became the "Star-Spangled Banner," he set it to the music of an old British drinking song. Name it.

- a-"The Raven O'er the Waves."
- b-"Rule Britannia."
- c-"Along the Heathered Moor."
- d-"To Anacreon in Heaven."

11-How many official versions of the American flag have there been?

- a-27.
- b-37.
- c-47.
- d-57.

12-The first Flag Day observance occurred in 1861 and was organized by the people of what northern city to show support for the Union?

- a-Chicago.
- b-Providence, RI.
- c-Cairo, IL.
- d-Hartford, CT.

13-During the Civil War, how many stars were removed from the flag because their states seceded?

- a-11.
- b-10.
- c-9.
- d-None.

14-On June 24, 1912, which president issued an executive order prescribing the proportions of, and arrangements on, the flag?

15-At that time, how many different sizes and proportions of the flag were

there?

- a-66.
- b-77.
- c-88.
- d-99.

16-Which president officially designated June 14 as Flag Day?

- a-Calvin Coolidge.
- b-Herbert Hoover.
- c-Theodore Roosevelt.
- d-Harry Truman.

17-In 1889, one flag manufacturer brought out a 39-star flag, gambling that which two states would enter as one state? (They didn't, and he had an accurate flag for only a few seconds)

- a-Montana and Idaho.
- b-North and South Dakota.
- c-Texas and Oklahoma.
- d-New Mexico and Arizona.

18-In 1960, a million American flags with the now out-of-date 48 stars were sold as surplus to which Caribbean nation?

- a-Puerto Rico.
- b-Dominican Republic.
- c-Grenada.
- d-Haiti.

19-According to *Condé Nast Traveler*, on Memorial Day, which U.S. city has the single largest display of American flags, at 2,700?

- a-New York City.
- b-Oklahoma City.
- c-Kansas City.
- d-Salt Lake City.

20-Finally, which Apollo mission planted the U.S. flag on the moon?

- a-Apollo 11.
- b-Apollo 12.
- c-Apollo 13.
- d-Apollo 14.

ANSWERS: 1-The Vikings around 1000 AD; 2-a; 3-b; 4-c; 5-d; 6-a; 7-b; 8-Two more stripes were added (it wasn't until 1818 that the flag reverted to 13 stripes); 9-a; 10-d; 11-c; 12-d; 13-d; 14-William Howard Taft; 15-a; 16-d; 17-b; 18-d; 19-c; 20-a.

SCORING: Give yourself one point for each correct answer.

0-6: Your knowledge of the flag is ... flagging.

7-13: A lapsed Boy Scout.

14-20: A Yankee Doodle Dandy.

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of former Union soldiers and sailors--the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)--established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate graves of the war dead with flowers. MajGen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. The cemetery already held the remains of 20,000 Union dead and several hundred Confederate dead.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant and other Washington officials presided. After speeches, children from the Soldiers and Sailors Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, MS, April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today cities in the North and the

South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, GA, claim the title, as well as Richmond, VA. The village of Boalsburg, PA, claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, IL, cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866.

Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon B. Johnson declared Waterloo, NY, the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There a ceremony on May 5, 1866, was reported to have honored local soldiers and sailors who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-mast. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day. The Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971 Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of

Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

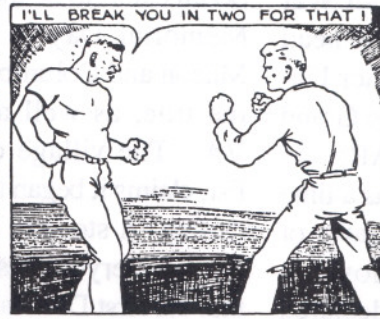
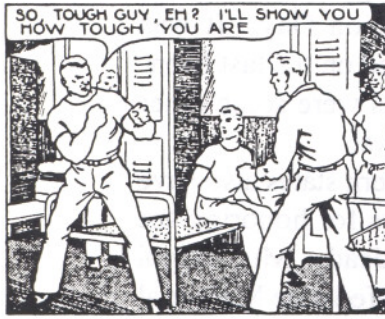
Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day the last Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ...Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave--a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

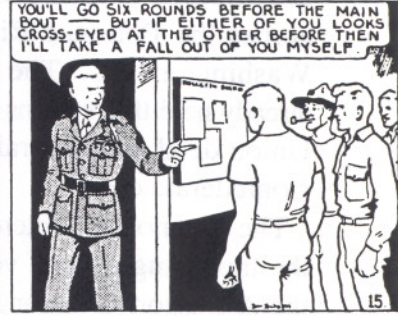
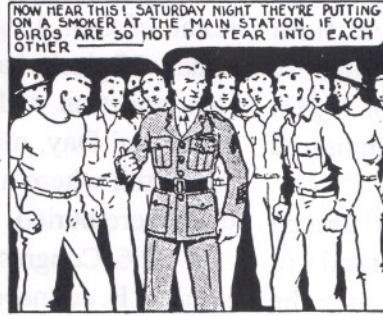
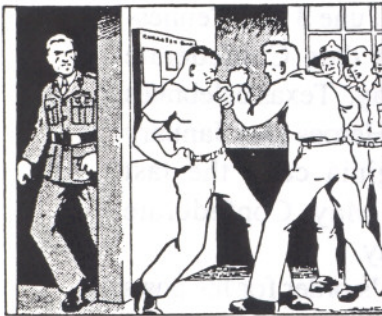
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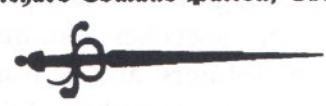
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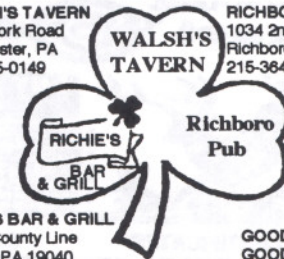
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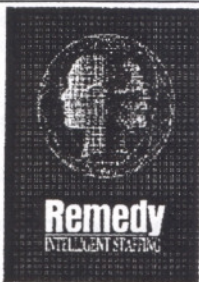
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