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Birthday Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps

10 November 2003

This year we celebrate the 228th anniversary of the founding of our Corps. As always, it is an occasion for remembrance, proud traditions, and joyful camaraderie. The events of the past year have called for great sacrifices from many Marines and their families. While the Global War on Terrorism will continue to demand the best from each of us, it is important that we join with our fellow Marines, families and friends to celebrate our Corps' special culture and unique warrior ethos.

This past year, Marines demonstrated once again that they are the most important entity on any battlefield. Lethal weapons and advanced technologies provide us unique advantages, but educated warriors ultimately determine victory in combat—not machines. During Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM, our small-unit leaders' skills, adaptability and flexibility produced victory on uncertain and at times chaotic battlefields. We proved once again the power of integrated ground-air-logistics teams as well as the importance of every Marine being first and foremost a rifleman.

Our special spirit is evident not only in battle; it is evident in the faithful performance of demanding duties by countless Marines at home and abroad. Every Marine makes a vital contribution to the ability of our Corps to project and sustain credible combat power. Moreover, the willingness and readiness of all Marines to accept and accomplish any mission is central to our success and a hallmark of our warrior ethos.

The culture that defines the Marine Corps is nurtured by our traditions. In celebrating our heritage, we strengthen the linkage to a glorious history and recommit ourselves to upholding the standards and values given to us by past generations.

In commemorating our 228th anniversary, remain true to the spirit of the occasion. Reflect on our fallen with deep respect, observe our traditions with justifiable pride, take care of one another, and of course, celebrate those special bonds that exist among United States Marines.

Happy Birthday Marines, Semper Fidelis, and keep attacking!

M. W. Hagee
General, U.S. Marine Corps

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

This newsletter is coming out early so that you have time to notify our **Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr.** or me if you wish to come to the Ball. As of this moment I'm not sure exactly how many we have signed up, but I know that it is not very many. In order to have the Birthday Ball the Detachment has to pay for a 75 person minimum. Our Paymaster's report shows me that if we don't have at least 35-40 paying people at the Ball we will be in a world of you-know-what. Although the Junior Vice announced that he will still be selling tickets at the door, we

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT
BIRTHDAY BALL
NOVEMBER 8**

**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER 10**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
NOVEMBER 12**

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MUST know if you plan to attend by 1 November! If we do not have at least 30 people committed to going by the 1st, I will call an emergency meeting of our Board of Trustees and Officers in an effort to cancel this year's ball, so that our Detachment doesn't go broke paying for people that aren't going to be there. This is our once a year chance to get together with our friends and families to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. Our Detachment has one of the best participation records in the Department of Pennsylvania, but yet when it comes to the Ball our participation has been dropping. If this is because all of the balls seem the same, well you are in for a pleasant surprise this year. We have guest speakers lined up and some fantastic door prizes, plus our **Past Commandant Bob Sundling** will be donning the official 50-50 helmet again. Please, if there is any chance that you can make it out to this year's ball give one of us a call. You may be the one Marine that makes the difference whether we celebrate this year or not.

Speaking of participation, the Adopt-A-Highway program is dying a slow death. It seems that although the members seem to like this program at the meetings, they don't support it enough to come out and help for an hour on a Saturday morning. Our clean-up was to be on 11 October, but due to a lack of interest only 3 trash pickers and our relief driver

showed up. The last time we held a clean-up only 6 people came out. I cancelled the 11 October clean-up and I am rescheduling it for Saturday 15 November. If the turn out is as bad as it has been I will make a motion at the December meeting that we no longer participate in the program. This would not be a good thing for the Detachment to have to do, but without help it can't continue. Try to come out in November and show some of the same support you seem to at the meetings. If you didn't make it because we changed breakfast locations come to the meeting and let me know that and we may change back. If you didn't make it because you think it is not a supportable program, that's fine, but come to the meetings and let me know how you truly feel. We schedule things because everyone at the meetings say to go for it and then it is the people who say yes that end up not showing up, or even calling to say they can't make it. Marines are supposed to work as a team. This means supporting the team in deeds as well as words. Like they say, "Talk is Cheap", get involved. come out and show your support by your participation.

I hope to see you all at the Birthday Ball, the November meeting and at the November Highway Clean-up.

Semper Fi,

Budd France



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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

228TH BIRTHDAY BALL

OF THE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2003

PLACE: **The Warrington**
Route 611 & Street Rd.
Warrington, PA

TIME: 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

DINNER: Buffet Style (Details to follow)

DETAILS: Cocktail Hour... Dinner... Ceremony & Awards...
Door Prizes... Dancing... Camaraderie...
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PRICE: All Central Bucks Detachment members... \$30.00
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Did You Know....

ONE DOLLAR BILL

Take out a one dollar bill. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design.

This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut.

Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, *ANNUIT COEPTIS*, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the pyramid, *NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM*, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776. If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "*E PLURIBUS UNUM*", meaning, "one nation from many people".

Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Get Your DD-214 'On the Web'

The National Personnel Records Center has provided the following website for veterans to access their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. Please see the details below. Point of contact is Lyn Krout, linda.krout@us.army.mil, or 410-306-1755.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request docu-

ments. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online website.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "*E Pluribus Unum*", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment. I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this, and their history teachers don't know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all.

Share this page with someone, so they can learn what is on the back of the UNITED STATES ONE DOLLAR BILL, and what it stands for... Otherwise, they many will probably never know...

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 8, 2003, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post # 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 19 members present including all officers except the Public Relations Officer. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling and Frank Yohe; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce.**

Sick Call: Marine Ray Krout will be going into the hospital for knee surgery later this month.

Guests: John Long, a six-year Marine Corps veteran attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the September Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce reported he has received a letter from the County Veterans Affairs Office about free flu shots and a letter from the American Legion seeking volunteers to assist with the Post's annual Turkey Dinner on November 3. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with the Dinner should contact Commandant Pearce./

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 60 members including 37 Regular Members, 19 Life Members and 4 Associate Members. There are still six members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. updated the members on plans for the Birthday Ball. He requested help from the members to set up the room at the Warrington. Anyone who can help should contact him at: (215) 275-2713 or e-mail: donparz@comcast.net.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no correspondence besides that upon which the Commandant had reported.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

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

Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC, reported his serves were available but not needed since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Bob Duff had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE—The Audit Committee reported it had found no discrepancies in the Paymaster's records. The report was unanimously accepted.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM—**Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** reported on the Department Rifle Match at Ft. Indiantown Gap on Sept. 28-30. Commandant Pearce was again the High Shooter for the Team.

YOUNG MARINES—**Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling**, PC, reported the Liberty Young Marines Unit will has planned a camping trip in the near future. He also reminded the Detachment that the Unit will make its annual visit to the Detachment at the November Meeting.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—**Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce**, PC, reminded the members that Saturday, Oct./ 11, was the date set for the highway clean-up. Members participating were to meet at the Roasted Pepper Restaurant on Rt. 611N at 8 a.m. for breakfast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Bill Rosenberger reported his daughter, Lindsay, will graduate from Parris Island on October 24.

Marine Mike Waldron reported that he joined the Marine Corps 50 years ago this month.

Junior Vice Parzanese reminded the members that Cookie's Tavern will continue to hold its annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration on November 10.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR BIRTHDAY BALL RESERVIATIONS TODAY. THE DETACHMENT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT THIS YEAR OR WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL IT.

NATIONAL COMMANDANT TO ATTEND DEPT. BALL

by *John Moyse*
Commandant, Department of Pennsylvania

The Department of Pennsylvania is being honored by having **National Commandant Helen Hicks** attend the Department Birthday Ball at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA on 9 November 2003.

Madam Commandant will also be in attendance at the National Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony at Indiantown Gap. On behalf of the Department trustees, I would like to encourage each and every member of the Department of Pennsylvania who is able to attend either or both of these events. Helen has always been a very good friend of the Department and does not hesitate to let the rest of the Marine Corps League know how much admiration she holds for the Department of Pennsylvania. We know that most Detachments are having their own Birthday celebrations, but this is a very special occasion for Pennsylvania. Please make an extra effort to attend. Those Detachments located close to Indiantown Gap always seem to come through and muster a good showing for special events and we ask that they again respond to this call. We also ask those Detachments and individual members who reside a little further away to at least send a small contingent to these events. If you haven't been to the ceremonies at FITG, it's worth the trip. It is a beautiful ceremony in a very unique setting. Bring your Colors and participate in the ceremony. It begins at 14:00. The Birthday Ball will begin at 18:00.

Please contact **Department Paymaster Paul Hastings** as soon as possible so that we can monitor how many members are planning to attend. Cost is \$30 per person. Check your schedule and do not wait until the last few days to respond. Those who have attended these events over the last few years will tell you that is a great day, full of memories and camaraderie. If you plan to stay overnight on 9 November 2003, at the Holiday Inn, make sure you inform them that you are with the Marine Corps League. The room rate is set at \$68.00 and cut off for the rate is 25 Oct 2003. Due to the short notice, it may be necessary to contact those members of your Detachment directly who may be interested in attending. You can greatly support these events by making that direct contact.

To show the confidence that we have in the membership of this Department, the trustees thank you in advance for again answering the call and assure each and every member that the extra efforts that are made by the membership of this Department do not go unnoticed by the Department or National Officers.

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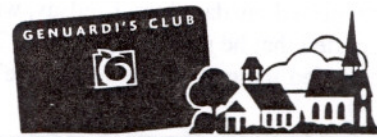
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