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## PAST CMNDT. FRANK YOHE DIES

Past Commandant Franklyn Kline (Frank) Yohe Jr. died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, of a heart attack. He was 79.

Frank was born in Philadelphia, the son of Franklyn K. Yohe Sr. and Mabel (Crumbling) Yohe.

He left high school and joined the Marine Corps shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, receiving a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat in the Pacific while serving with the 5th Amphibious Corps. After his discharge, he returned to Temple High School and was graduated in 1947.

In addition to being a Life Member of the Marine Corps League, Frank was a former member of the Willow Grove Lions Club, VFW Post 3612 in Willow Grove, and the Bell telephone Pioneers. He was a member of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Abington.

Frank's military awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the United Nations Medal.

During his service with the Marine Corps League, Frank earned the Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze) with USMC emblem signifying his being Central Bucks Detachment "Marine of the Year," two Distinguished Service Medals, the Detachment Commandant Medal, the Detachment Elected Staff Medal with three bronze stars, the Detachment Appointed Staff Medal with one bronze star, the Devil Dog Pound Keeper Medal, the Marine Corps League Membership Medal with three silver stars, and the Department of Pennsylvania 50th Convention Medal.

He is survived by his wife of five years, Alice J. (Whitaker) Yohe and his children--Kathleen Y. Stauffer of Willow Grove and Franklyn K. Yohe III of Green Lane. Frank's first wife of 48 years, Anne (Schuetter) Yohe, passed away June 16, 1997. Frank is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Religious services were held Monday, Oct. 18, at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Abington. He was buried in Hillside Cemetery in Roslyn. Eight members of the Detachment conducted formal Marine Corps League services at the Church and Marines from MAG-49 provided the military honors at the cemetery.



# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Let me begin by saying that we are forging ahead with our BIRTHDAY BALL plans and Jr. Vice Jim Powel is doing a wonderful job. The ball will be held at Wiliamson's Restaurant on Nov. 6 starting at 6:00 PM. The invitations have been sent out, so fill them out a.s.a.p. along with a check for \$30:00 for each person. This ball should be one of the best ever, so join us for an evening of food, fun, music, dancing, and camaraderie. We may even throw in a door prize or two. Hope to see you all there.

We had a good meeting this month including a special guest from the Dept. of PA. Chief of Staff Ray Devlin who stopped by to check us out. Hope we left Marine Devlin with a lasting impression of what a good detachment we really have. Of course, I had to be on my best behavior.

One of the big ticket items on the agenda was what to do about the trailer that we use as a float for the parades that we participate in. We need to find a place to park it for the year until we need it. Right now it's at Sarah Krouts house, however, we got to move it out of there soon as possible. We really need to park it somewhere, so I'm asking (begging) someone to please help out in this matter or else we'll be forced to sell it off and then if that happens, our participation in the two parades will be limited to the color guard and whoever want's to hoof it along the parade route. Not many takers there including myself.

Finely on a sad note. We lost a member of our detachment who reported to the Supreme Commandant. Marine Frank Yohe passed away on Tuesday November 12th. Frank was a veteran of WWII and served with the Pacific FMF and was a member of the 1st Marine Division Association. Also Frank was a long time member of the Marine Corps League having over 25 years of tenure, and a pedigreed Devil Dog, also a Life Member of the Central Bucks Detachment, and Past

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Commandant. Frank was always involved in our detachment activities and willing to help out when and wherever needed. He was never one to hang around for food and beverage after our meetings ended, but there was always five dollar bill that went into the donation basket. I've never met a kinder,

friendlier person than Frank Yohe. Rest in peace Frank. We're gonna miss ya buddy.

Semper Fidelis,

*Bill Miller*



10 November 2004

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Two hundred and twenty-nine years ago, the Second Continental Congress established a Corps of Marines to fight for a democratic people's independence. Since then, countless Marines have raised their hands and sworn to defend our Nation's freedoms and preserve its liberties. This year's anniversary again finds Marines engaged throughout the globe for the same noble purposes. The bravery, heroism and selflessness of all Marines--wherever they are serving--have added significantly to our rich legacy and measured up to the high standards that have come to epitomize all who wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

The current battlefields of the Global War on Terror are linked to the storied campaigns of our past by an unbroken tradition of proud and loyal service. At New Providence, Chapultepec, Belleau Wood, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, Con Thien, Kuwait, and now in places like Fallujah, Marines have consistently demonstrated a dedication to duty, a commitment to warfighting excellence, and a devotion to each other that has instilled a fierce determination to overcome seemingly impossible challenges. Our warrior ethos is and will continue to be the Corps' hallmark.

The fortitude and sacrifices of Marines and their families have been vital in protecting our Nation from those who would do us harm. Whether preparing and sustaining our agile force or engaged in battle, the *esprit de corps*, tireless energy, calm courage, and inspired leadership of Marines continue to make a monumental difference in this world. Your unselfish dedication and significant accomplishments--demonstrated repeatedly over this past year in numerous places such as the Anbar province in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, Haiti, and in the crucial job here at home supporting our deployed forces--are deeply respected and valued by your fellow Americans.

Marines, as we celebrate with friends and family the founding of our beloved Corps, you should take pride in our long history of distinguished service to this great Nation and its citizens. I ask you to remember especially the sacrifices of our fallen and wounded comrades. Finally, rededicate yourselves to taking care of one another and ensuring we remain the finest warfighting organization in the world.

Happy Birthday Marines, Semper Fidelis, and Keep Attacking!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. W. Hagedorn'.

M. W. HAGEDORN

General, U. S. Marine Corps



# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 13, 2004, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Budd Pearce; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bob Cody.**

**Distinguished Guest: Department of Pennsylvania Chief of Staff Ray Devlin.**

The Minutes of the September 2004 were unanimously accepted.

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

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Bill Miller** reported on the Department Staff Meeting. The structure of the Department Leadership School will undergo some changes. He also reported that Life Member dues will increase on Jan. 1, 2005. (Anyone desiring to obtain Life Membership by credit card before the price increase should contact Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee). He also reminded the members that the National Personnel Records Center will be automating its files and destroying paper records (see related story on Page 6).

**Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee**, PC, reported the Detachment strength at 54 including 21 Life Members, 24 Regular Members and 4 Associate Members. There are five members delinquent in their dues.

**Junior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** reported the Detachment's Birthday Ball will be held November 6 at Williamson's Restaurant in Horsham. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The formal program will begin at 7 p.m. Price is \$30 per person.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson** reported he had received a request for the Detachment Color Guard on Sept. 20.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** stated he had nothing new to report.

**Chaplain Ed Hoth**, PDC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Marine of the Year Committee--Marine of the Year Committee Chair Bob Cody** announced the committee would vote on Marine of the Year nominations at the conclusion of this meeting.

**Rifle & Pistol Team--Past Commandant Budd Pearce** reported the on the Department Rifle Match will Sept. 24-26. Budd was the Detachment High Shooter. The Department is looking for a new range at which to conduct future matches due to problems encountered with the Army at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

**Young Marines--In the absence of Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling**, PC, **Senior Vice Commandant Gee** reported on a Young Marines parents' meeting held Oct. 11.

**Adopt-A-Highway--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce**, PC, set Oct. 23 as the date for the next highway clean-up.

**Public Relations--The Public Relations Officer** set Oct. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* He also asked for volunteers to help with a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11. There were no volunteers.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

**Department Chief of Staff Ray Devlin** updated the members on future Department activities and programs and discussed a number of other items of interest and concern to Marine Corps Leaguers.

American Legion Post #210 will hold its annual Turkey Dinner on Nov. 7 and is seeking volunteers to help with the preparation. This year the dinner will be "TAKE OUT."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Marine Don Parzanese Jr.** was home on vacation from Iraq and briefed the members on his experiences there.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004.**



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# The HISTORY of VETERANS DAY

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on Nov. 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through Congressional action.

If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the war to end all wars," Nov. 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

An answer to the question of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas: Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make it an occasion to honor those who served America in all wars.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day, 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other

in the Korean War.

In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others.

To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army Guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that Nov. 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978, Congress returned the observance to its tradi-

tional date.

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m., on Nov. 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "Taps."

The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater. Veterans Day ceremonies in Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans organizations.

Governors of states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.



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or:

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## Will ROGERS-isms...

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading, The few who learn by observation, The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad Judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. AND FINALLY: After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him...

The moral when you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

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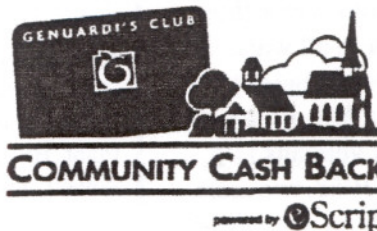
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# A VETERAN DIED TODAY

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He was getting old and paunchy  
and his hair was falling out,  
and he sat around the Legion,  
telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in  
and the deeds that he had done.  
In his exploits with his buddies:  
they were heroes, everyone.

And 'tho sometimes, to his neighbors,  
his tales became a joke,  
all his buddies listened,  
they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
for ol' Bob has passed away,  
and the world's a little poorer,  
for a VETERAN died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
their bodies lie in state,  
while thousands note their passing  
and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell of their life stories,  
from the time that they were young,  
but the passing of a VETERAN  
goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution,  
to the welfare of our land,  
some jerk who breaks his promise  
and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow,  
who in times of war and strife,  
goes off to serve his country  
and offers up his life?

The politician's stipend and  
the style in which he lives,  
are sometimes disproportionate,  
to the service he gives.  
While the ordinary VETERAN,  
who offered up his all,  
is paid off with a medal  
and perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,  
for it is so long ago,  
that our Bobs & Jims & Johnnys,  
went to battle, but we know.  
It was not the politicians,  
with their compromise and ploys,  
who won for us the freedom  
that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
with your enemies at hand,  
would you really want some cop-out,  
with his ever-waffling stand?  
Or would you want a VETERAN  
who has sworn to defend,  
his home, his kin, and country,  
and would fight until the end?

He was just a common VETERAN,  
and his ranks are growing thin,  
but his presence should remind us,  
we may need his likes again.  
For when countries are in conflict,  
then we find the military's part,  
is to clean up all the troubles  
that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor,  
while he's here to hear the praise,  
then at least let's give him homage,  
at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline  
in the paper that might say:

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
FOR A VETERAN DIED TODAY."

## 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**BIRTHDAY BALL  
6 NOVEMBER  
WILLIAMSON'S  
RESTAURANT  
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**DETACHMENT MEETING  
10 NOVEMBER  
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