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## V-A Rechecking PTSD Stress Claims

FORT MYER, VA (AP)--Marine Corps General Peter Pace was sworn in Sept. 30 as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, becoming the first Marine to hold the nation's highest military post.

Pace succeeded Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, who retired after 40 years of military service, including two years as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and four years as the Chairman.

At a retirement ceremony on this ceremonial post adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery, President Secretary Donald H. Myers for his service. became Chairman just 2001, terrorist attacks sions of Afghanistan

"He helped design a military strategy to Bush said. "His lead- were essential to the adapting our tactics to help Iraqis build a

Bush also praised forward working with Chairman, by law, is adviser to the Presi- of Defense. He commands no troops and is not in the formal chain of command, which extends from the President to the Defense Secretary to combatant command- ers.

Pace, who was born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in Teaneck, NJ, had served the past four years as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. He was the first Marine to hold that position and also is the first to be chairman.

A 1967 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from George Washington University and attended Harvard University for the Senior Executives in National and International Security program. The General is also a graduate of the Infantry Officers' Advanced Course at Fort Benning, GA; the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, in Quantico, VA; and the National War College, at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC.

In 1968, upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, Gen. Pace was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam,



**GENERAL PETER PACE  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff**

Bush and Defense Rumsfeld thanked Bush noted that Myers weeks after the Sept. 11, and oversaw the inva- and Iraq.

broad and innovative win the war on terror," ership and flexibility liberation of Iraq, and to defeat the terrorists and peaceful democracy. "

Pace, saying he looked him. The Joint Chiefs the senior military

dent and the Secretary of Defense to combatant command- ers.

# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

It pleases me to inform you that everything is moving full speed ahead for the Birthday Ball on Friday November 11 from 1930 to 2330 being held at the Blair Mill Inn in Horsham, Pa. A few choice tickets still remain, so hop on it ASAP for what is to be a most enjoyable evening with family, friends, and most important, your fellow Marines.

Our October meeting started off on a sour note. When I arrived to set up my stuff for the meeting, I find out that the hall was being occupied by some religious group that the American Legion had scheduled for the same time. I tried contacting the President of the Home Association to no avail. My next and final call was to the Commander of the the American Legion Post, Ed O'Dyre who informed me that it was a scheduling mistake and would be corrected in the future. Our option was to cancel our meeting or go down to the basement which I refer to as the dungeon. We had our meeting. I don't like the dungeon because we've had meetings there before and it's usually cluttered with items being stored and it disrupts the flow of the meeting. Also, the steps leading to the basement are steep and hard on our members who's knees (mine included) are not in the best of condition. We're Marines who have learned to adapt and adjust. It was a good meeting which included the selection of the Marine of the Year to be announced at our November meeting on the 9th. Our November meeting will include the Liberty Young Marines who will be joining us for a cake cutting ceremony in recognition of the 230th anniversary of the Marine Corps. Members,

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family and friends are welcome.

Budd Pearce, PC reported that the highway clean-up was successful and there were six members present. Thanks to you for a job well done.

I would like to report that Bobby Sundling will have graduated Marine Corps recruit training at Parris Island on November 21st. The proud parents, Bob and Peggy attended the graduation ceremony

and will no doubt have a few good stories to tell us when they return.

That's about all I can think of for this month so I'll sign off. Hope to see you all at the Birthday Ball.

Semper Fi,



## CHAIRMAN

serving first as a Rifle Platoon Leader and subsequently as Assistant Operations Officer. He was later assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington DC, where he served in a number of billets including Security Detachment Commander, Camp David; White House Social Aide; and Platoon Leader, Special Ceremonial Platoon.

Gen. Pace has held command at virtually every level, and served in overseas billets in Nam Phong, Thailand; Seoul, Korea; and Yokota, Japan. While serving as President, Marine Corps University, then Brigadier General Pace also served as Deputy Commander, Marine Forces, Somalia, from December 1992 - February 1993, and as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force - Somalia from October 1993 - March 1994.

After an assignment as the Director for Operations (J-3), Joint Staff, Washington, DC, then Lieutenant General Pace served as the Commander, U. S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic/Europe/South. He was promoted to General and assumed duties as the Commander in

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Chief, United States Southern Command in September 2000.

As the Vice Chairman from October 2001 to August 2005, Gen. Pace served as the Chairman of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Vice Chairman of the Defense Acquisition Board, and as a member of the National Security Council Deputies Committee and the Nuclear Weapons Council. In addition, he acted for the Chairman in all aspects of the Planning, Programming and Budgeting System including participation in the Defense Resources Board.

Gen. Pace's personal decorations include: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, with two oak leaf clusters; Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with Combat V; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with gold star; Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"; Navy Achievement Medal with gold star; and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Gen. Pace and his wife, Lynne, have two children, Peter and Tiffany Marie.

## GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

**Peggy Sundling**, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!!" Items include: Moist Wipes--with and without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars - in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines - military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used are fine); Drink Mixes - individual envelopes. **Thanks for your continued support!**

# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 12, 2005, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 20 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bill Jerrom.**

The Minutes of the September Meeting were unanimously approved with one correction--the Birthday Ball will be with the Montgomery County Detachment.

The Paymasters Report was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody.** The Paymasters Report was unanimously approved.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Bill Miller** reported that the Southeast Division will be held Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

**Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** reported the Detachment strength at 53 including 22 Life Members, 23 Regular Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member.

**Junior Vice Commandant Jim McComb** reported plans for the Birthday Ball with the Montgomery County Detachment have been completed and that he had to have reservation for the Ball by October 21.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had received received no communications from either the National Headquarters or the Department of Pennsylvania.

**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. Commandant Miller requested the Color Guard participate in the October 23 ceremony at the Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia.

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

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

**Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC,** set October 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the November issue of *LISTEN UP!*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC,** set October 15 as the date for the next highway clean-up. Members will meet at 8 a.m. at the Back to the Fifties Restaurant at the corner of Furlong Rd. and Old York Road for breakfast on the Detachment before proceeding with the clean up.

**YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling, PC,** reported the Young Marines Unit will hold its Christmas Party on Dec. 14 at the American Legion Post.

**RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--In the absence of Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger, Team Member Budd Pearce** reported on the Department Pistol Match held Sept. 23.

**MARINE OF THE YEAR--Marine of the Year Committee Chair Bill Jerrom** announced the Committee would meet following the meeting to select the Marine of the Year for 2006.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Past Commandant Budd Pearce** reminded the members to bring donations for the "Toys for Tots" program to the November Meeting.

**Past Commandant Bob Sundling** announced his son **Bobby** would be graduating from Parris Island soon and would be coming home on recruit leave.

**Past Commandant Don Gee** announced he had received e-mails from **Bob Momorella** in Arizona. Bob sends his regards to the Detachment members. He is applying for disability retirement.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9.**

# 'SemperComm' Connects Troops to Families

By Steven Donald Smith

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, DC--Humans, by nature, are social creatures.

People have a primordial need to communicate, especially with loved ones.

"SemperComm," a non-profit partnership between Computer Systems Center Incorporated and the United Service Organizations, enables troops stationed in far-flung regions to do just that.

Since some servicemembers stationed in remote locations do not have access to computers or the Internet, SemperComm set out to connect them with the outside world, said **Monica Suber**, a communi-

cations specialist with CSCI.

The partnership between the small Springfield, VA-based technology company and the USO, which has been providing morale, recreation and entertainment services to men and women in uniform since before World War II, seemed like a perfect fit.

"This unique program targets remote U.S. military bases that the USO is unable to serve and helps to make deployments more bearable for servicemembers stationed far from home," said **Linda LaRoche**, chief executive officer of CSCI.

The name SemperComm stands for "al-

ways communication," a spin on the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis," Latin for "always faithful."

Rather than simply cough up money, CSCI decided to take the partnership one step further and actively lend its know-how to support the troops, Suber said.

The company donated laptop computers and built a secure, private, interactive Web site and communication worksite so that Marines stationed at the Jungle Warfare Training Center in Okinawa, Japan, can communicate with their loved one's back home via keystrokes, Suber said.

The JWTC did not have access to any of the services provided by the USO, such as Internet service, mobile canteens and satellite television. The center is the U.S. military's only jungle warfare training ground. It has provided military personnel with an ideal setting for jungle training since 1958.

According to Suber, the Marines at the JWTC can now log on to the secure SemperComm Internet server and join discussion groups or chat privately with family and friends. SemperComm also donated televisions and movie projectors.

The Marines stationed at the JWTC have certainly appreciated SemperComm's generosity. "Life can get pretty boring out here in the jungle, and they have made it a whole lot better," **PFC Aaron R. Mastro** said.

SemperComm continues to evaluate other remote military installations lacking basic communications and entertainment tools in order to provide them with the appropriate resources.

"CSCI is very excited about our partnership with the USO," LaRoche said. "This is a life-long commitment to making a difference in the lives of those who protect our nation, our freedom and our lives."

## New Handbook Updates Veterans Benefits

WASHINGTON (April 15, 2005)-- A new edition of the popular handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans.

Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health care to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2005 edition of the 120-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

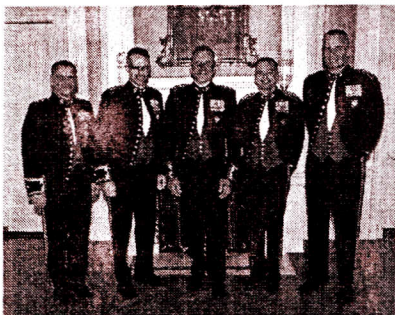
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, with a listing of toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's Web site at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>.

The handbook is one of the top selling consumer publications of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). GPO accepts credit card orders for the publication at 866-512-1800 (toll-free) for a cost of \$7 each to U.S. addresses, or \$67 for bulk orders of 25 copies. It can be ordered by mail from the GPO at Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 (stock #051-000-00228-8).

In addition to health-care and burial benefits, veterans may be eligible for programs providing home loan guarantees, educational assistance, training and vocational rehabilitation, income assistance pensions, life insurance and compensation for service-connected illnesses or disabilities.

## 20 Marine Corps Stars

For the first time in history, five, four-star Marine Generals were gathered in the same location. The Generals gathered in New York City for the 10th Annual Marine Corps Law Enforcement (MCLEF) Semper Fidelis Gala at which Vice President Dick Cheney, and Roger Ailes, CEO and Chairman of FoxNews were honored.



From Left to Right: General James Cartwright, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; General Peter Pace, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Michael Hagee, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; General William Nyland, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General James Jones, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

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# The Few, The Proud, The Marines

In the beginning was the word, and the word was God. In the beginning was God, and all else was darkness and void, and without form. So God created the heavens and the Earth. He created the sun, and the moon, and the stars, so that light might pierce the darkness. The Earth, God divided between the land and the sea, and filled with many assorted creatures.

And the dark, salty, slimy creatures that inhabited the murky depths of the oceans, God called sailors. And he dressed them accordingly. They had little trousers that looked like bells at the bottom. And their shirts had cute little flaps on them to hide the hickeys on their necks. He also gave them long sideburns and shabby looking beards. God nicknamed them "squids" and banished them to a lifetime at sea, so that normal folks would not have to associate with them. To further identify these unloved creatures, he called them "petty" and "commodore", instead of titles worthy of red-blooded men.

And the flaky creatures of the land, God called soldiers. And with a twinkle in his eye, and a sense of humor that only he could have, God made their trousers too short and their covers too large. He also made their pockets oversized, so that they might warm their hands. And to adorn their uniforms, God gave them badges in quantities that only a dime store owner could appreciate. And he gave them emblems and crests... and all sorts of shiny thing that glittered... and devices that dangled. (When you're God you tend to get carried away).

On the 6th day, he thought about creating some air creatures for which he designed a Greyhound bus driver's uniform,

especially for Air Farce flyboys.

But he discarded the idea during the first week, and it was not until year later that some apostles resurrected this theme and established what we now know as the "wild blue yonder wonders."

On the 7th day, as you know, God rested. But on the 8th day, at 0730, God looked down upon the Earth and was not happy. God was not happy! So he thought about his labors, and in his divine wisdom God created a divine creature. And he called this creature a Marine. And these Marines, whom God had created in his own image, were to be of the air, and of the land, and of the sea. And these he gave many wonderful uniforms. Some were green, some were blue with red trim. And in the early days, some were even a beautiful tan. He gave them practical fighting uniforms, so that they could wage war against the forces of Satan and evil. He gave them service uniforms for their daily work and training. And he gave them evening and dress uniforms... sharp and stylish, handsome things, so that they might promenade with their ladies on Saturday night and impress everybody! He even gave them swords, so that people who were not impressed, could be dealt with accordingly.

And at the end of the 8th day, God looked down upon the Earth and saw that it was good. But was God happy? NO! God was still not happy! Because in the course of his labors, he had forgotten one thing. He did not have a Marine uniform for himself. But he thought about it, and thought about it, and finally satisfied in knowing that, well... not everybody can be a MARINE.

*Submitted by Bill Quigley*

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9 NOVEMBER**

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10 NOVEMBER**

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11 NOVEMBER**

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11 NOVEMBER**

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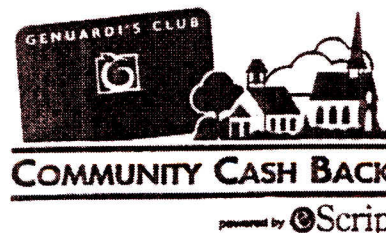
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