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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS 10 November 2008

During the summer of 1982, in the wake of a presidential directive, Marines went ashore at Beirut, Lebanon. Fifteen months later, on 23 October 1983, extremists struck the first major blow against American forces—starting this long war on terrorism. On that Sunday morning, a suicide bomber drove an explosive-laden truck into the headquarters of Battalion Landing Team 1/8, destroying the building and killing 241 Marines and corpsmen.

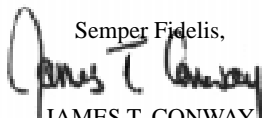
Extremists have attacked our Nation, at home and abroad, numerous times since that fateful day in Beirut. Their aim has always been the same—to kill as many innocent Americans as possible. The attacks of 11 September 2001 changed our Nation forever, and our president has resolved that this Nation will not stand idle while murderous terrorists plan their next strike. Marines will continue to take the fight to the enemy—hitting them on their own turf, crushing them when they show themselves, and finding them where they hide.

Only a few Americans choose the dangerous, but necessary, work of fighting our Nation's enemies. When our chapter of history is written, it will be a saga of a selfless generation of Marines who were willing to stand up and fight for our Nation; to defend those who could not defend themselves; to thrive on the hardship and sacrifice expected of an elite warrior class; to march to the sound of the guns; and to ably shoulder the legacy of those Marines who have gone before.

On our 233rd birthday, first remember those who have served and those “angels” who have fallen—our reputation was built on their sacrifices. Remember our families; they are the unsung heroes whose support and dedication allow us to answer our Nation's call. Finally, to all Marines and Sailors, know that I am proud of you and what you do. Your successes on the battlefield have only added to our illustrious history. Lieutenant General Victor H. “Brute” Krulak said it best when he wrote, “... the United States does not need a Marine Corps ... the United States wants a Marine Corps.” Your actions, in Iraq and Afghanistan and across the globe, are at the core of why America loves her Marines.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,


JAMES T. CONWAY
General, U.S. Marine Corps

MARINES' TOUR IN AFGHAN EXTENDED ANOTHER 30 DAYS

The Pentagon has extended the tour of 2,200 Marines in Afghanistan, after insisting for months the unit would come home on time.

The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which is doing combat operations in the volatile south, will stay an extra 30 days and come home in early November rather than October, Marine Col. **David Lapan** confirmed last month.

Military leaders recently stressed the need for additional troops in Afghanistan.

Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has often praised the work of the 24th MEU in fighting Taliban militants in Helmand Province.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, however, has repeatedly said he did not intend to extend or replace the U.S. Marines in Afghanistan, calling their deployment there an extraordinary, one-time effort to help tamp down the increasing violence in the south.

Asked about the possibility of an extension in early May, Gates said he would “be loathe to do that.” He added that “no one has suggested even the possibility of extending that rotation.”

Lapan said Thursday that commanders in Afghanistan asked that the Marines stay longer.

Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said the longer tour does not

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

Summer is finally over and again it was a busy one with vacations, parades, the Department Convention and the National Convention in Orlando. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

Now that fall is here, we have a few points of business to finish up. On September 20, we participated in the annual Nockamixon Day celebration in Revere, PA., where we performed Color Guard duties during the celebration and manned a table to try to get new members.

It was the fifth year that we have participated in the celebration. Thanks go

out to those that participated.

Again this year the All Divisions Detachment will be sponsoring the annual Beirut Memorial Ceremony to honor those killed in the Marine Barrack bombing in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. It will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Fogleitta Plaza in Penns Landing in Philadelphia. It will begin at 10 a.m.. Our Detachment has participated the past three years and we will again this year. If your schedule permits, please try to find the time to attend as this year marks the 25th anniversary. The ceremony is fairly short and usually well attended by many Marine Corps League Detachments. It would be nice to have a large contingent from our detachment on hand. Please contact me if you are going to attend.

The 233rd Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day are fast approaching. Even though we are not having our own Ball this year, there are options if you want to attend one.

The **MGySgt John W. Zaengle Detachment** is having their Birthday Ball on November 7 at Joseph's Catering in

Horsham, PA. There is an open invitation to anyone wishing to attend. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run until 11:30 and the cost is \$40 per person which includes an open bar. Please contact **Jim Fay** at 215-887-9738 if you are interested.

There is also an open invitation from the **Hunterdon County Bulldog Detachment** in Flemington, NJ. They are holding their ball on Saturday, November 8, at American Legion Post #159 on Route 31 in Flemington, NJ. It begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. with the Ball to follow. The cost is \$45 per person or \$85 per couple. You can contact **Dick Brandt** at (908) 432-4390 or by email at adj@hcmcl.org.

For Veterans Day events, the Township of Lower Makefield is having their 2nd Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 9 at 1 p.m. Also on November 9, The Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council will be sponsoring a Veterans Day Memorial Service. With a reception at noon to be followed by a Memorial program at 2 p.m. at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Anyone wishing to participate please contact me at 215-801-0432.

Remember at our next meeting on November 12. Hope to see you there.

Semper Fi

Jim Powell



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Doylestown, PA 18901-1372**

**Meets
7:30 p.m.**

**2nd Wednesday of Month
American Legion Post 210
315 North Street, Doylestown, PA**

**Sr. VICE COMMANDANT
WILLIAM L. MICKELSON**

**Jr. VICE COMMANDANT
BEN JONES**

**ADJUTANT-PAYMASTER
DON H. GEE, PC**

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JAMES McCOMB**

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ELLIS M. (BUDD) PEARCE, PC**

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
BOB SUNDLING, PC**

**MESS SERGEANT
VINCENT J. HAGAN**

**WEB SERGEANT
JOSEPH F. DOHERTY**

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

A "Veterans Appreciation Breakfast" will be held on Saturday, Nov 15, at the Franconia Heritage Banquet Hall, 508 Harleysville Pike (Rt. 113 & Allentown Rd.), in Franconia.

Sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church of Lansdale, the event begins at 8 a.m.

To reserve your seat, call 215-872-6690 or e-mail syzzi@cbs.edu no later than Nov. 10. Hurry, seating is limited.

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open the door to an extension beyond the 30 days, nor to the possibility of replacing them with other U.S. troops when they come out in November. "This is a slight addition to this tour and nothing more," he said.

He added that commanders in Afghanistan "asked for 30 more days to milk the fighting season to the bitter end and cement the gains they have made in the south."

OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 8, 2008, at Advanced Medical Solutions, 54 E. Oakland St., Doylestown, PA.

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

The **Minutes** of the September Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented by the Paymaster and was unanimously accepted.
New Members: Marine Carl A. Lefever was administered the Marine Corps League Oath.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment had a request from Lower Makefield Township to participate in its Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 9, and an invitation to participate in the Oct. 26 ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The ceremony will take place at Foglietta Place on Dock Street adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Anyone interested in attending should contact Commandant Powell as soon as possible. He also reported the Detachment had received an e-mail from Mrs. Amanda Weemer seeking support for her husband who is being Court Martialed for murder in Fallujah. He reminded the members about the Fall Staff Meeting on Oct. 17-18 at the Days Inn in Jonestown/Lebanon. He also reported he had participated in the Department Rifle Match. He also attended the Devil Dog Growl on Sept. 21 and invited members who have been in the League for more than a year to join the Devil Dogs.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment strength at 53 including 24 Life Members, 24 Annual Members, 4 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. There are four members delinquent.

Junior Vice Commandant Ben Jones distributed Department Raffle tickets and reminded the members, the more tickets we sell, the more money we earn in commissions. He also reported that MAG-49 will be holding a Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Valley Forge Convention Center. Tickets are \$75 each.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported he had received several SRB pages from members and was working on them. He also reported he had discovered there was never a file of Detachment Meeting Minutes kept and was reconstructing for posterity the Minutes from the Detachment's beginning.

Judge Advocate Jim McComb reported the Detachment had no known legal problems. He also reminded the members about the Veterans Day Breakfast at Plumstead Christian School on Saturday, Nov. 15. He invited all the members to attend the event.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Color Guard had not been requested since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting. He also reported Associate Member Larry Scheetz was recovering from a series of ailments.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported he had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Public Relations Officer set Oct. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the November issue of "Listen Up!" He reported the Detachment had received a Certificate of Appreciation for its participation in Nockamixon Day on Sept. 20. The Detachment has been represented at the event since its initiation five years ago. He also reported he was reconstructing a complete file of the

Detachment newsletters which does not exist at this point.

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set Saturday, Oct. 11, as the date for the next highway clean-up. He reminded the members to meet at 8 a.m. for free Breakfast at "Back to the 50s" restaurant in Furlong (Furlong Rd. & Rt. 63).

Marine of the Year Committee Chairman Bill Miller, PC, announced the committee would meet in the vestibule directly after this Detachment Meeting.

Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling, PC, reported about the Unit's trip to Gettysburg. The Unit will be holding a "Coin Toss" fund-raiser this weekend in New Hope. He also noted the Detachment had not been making the quarterly donation of \$100 to the Young Marines Unit. The Paymaster said he would resume the donations immediately.

Rifle Team Captain Budd Pearce, PC, reported on activities at the Department Rifle Match. He related that Fort Indiantown Gap no longer allows .30-caliber rifles on the range and the match shooters had to use AR-15s for the competition. Seems someone shot down an Army helicopter near the range and the F-B-I is investigating the incident.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made and unanimously passed to forego a joint meeting next month with the Young Marines Unit. It was determined there was not enough time to coordinate the use of the American Legion Post's main floor with the dance company for this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Mike Waldron reported that today marked the 55th anniversary of his joining the Marine Corps.

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

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MARINES ON THE NET**

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**SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS**

**HALLOWEEN
31 OCTOBER**

**ELECTION DAY
4 NOVEMBER**

**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
10 NOVEMBER**

**VETERANS DAY
11 NOVEMBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
12 NOVEMBER**

**THANKSGIVING
DAY
27 NOVEMBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
10 DECEMBER**

**1ST DAY OF WINTER
21 DECEMBER**

**22 DECEMBER
CHANUKAH**

**25 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**1 JANUARY
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
14 JANUARY**

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL SERVICE RECORD

PERSONAL DATA

NAME (Last, First M.I.):		DATE OF BIRTH:
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE & NINE-DIGIT ZIPCODE:		SPOUSE:
HOME PHONE:	WORK PHONE:	
FAX:	E-MAIL:	

MARINE CORPS/MILITARY SERVICE

From (Month/Year):	To (Month/Year):
MOS:	MOS Title:

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Date Joined (Month/Year):	Sponsor:
Chronology of Service	
Office Held	Inclusive Dates

Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET

COVER



\$22.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

\$55.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

\$15.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact

Quartermaster COREY FISHER

at

ph: 215-822-6898

e-mail: cbquartermaster@aol.com



Application for Membership Marine Corps League

_____ (Date)

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN _____

Type of Application -- New () Renewal () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, the character of my service has been honorable and, if discharged, I am in receipt of an Honorable Discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of Honorable Discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)

Remit this form with check or money order (made payable to **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL**)
to: **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, P. O. Box 1372, Doylestown, PA 18901-1372**

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