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From The Desk Of FRAN MEYERS, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

MARINES:

THANKS TO MY CABINET OF FINE OFFICERS I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO WRITE ABOUT. HOWEVER, HERE GOES; THESE EVENTS WON'T BE IN CALENDAR ORDER.

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11, 1992 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN DOYLESTOWN, PA. WE WILL HAVE THE BUX-MONT UNIT OF THE "YOUNG MARINES" THERE TO CELEBRATE THE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY. PLEASE NOTE ALL CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE LEGION FROM NOVEMBER 11, 1992 ON.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED OUR LAST MEETING WE BROUGHT ABOARD 5 NEW MEMBERS AND THERE ARE MORE IN THE WINGS. OUR MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH IS NOW 60. I AM HOPEFUL OF ACHIEVING 75 MEMBERS BY THE TIME MY TOUR OF DUTY AS COMMANDANT IS OVER.

ALSO, TRAGEDY STRUCK THE BUX-MONT UNIT OF THE YOUNG MARINES. PFC ERNIE BASON WAS KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE. I ATTENDED THE FUNERAL WITH FRANK YOHE AND DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT JACK HEIDEL.

THE FIRST QUARTER STAFF MEETING IN CHAMBERSBURG WILL BE NAMED IN HONOR OF ERNIE BASON.

THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 17TH WAS ATTENDED BY 16 MEMBERS AND FAMILY. A GOOD SHOWING!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE NEXT DIVISION MEETING ON SUNDAY JANUARY 24, 1993 IF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS AVAILABLE.

PAT MEYERS HAS STARTED THE NEW SCRAPBOOK, SO LETS GET PICTURES AND PRESS RELEASES INTO PAT AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE TO YOU ASAP.

ANYONE WANTING A CASE OF "TUN TAVERN" BEER LET ME KNOW. I HAVE 25 CASES ON HAND. RIGHT NOW EVERY CASE BOUGHT HELPS THE CAUSE OF RECONSTRUCTING TUN TAVERN. THE SCOOP ON THIS WILL BE ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

LARRY SCHEETZ AWARDS CHAIRMAN HAS THE LIST OF WHO IS ELEGIBLE FOR WHAT AWARD. A GOOD JOB LARRY, THANKS A LOT.

THE CAR RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN HANDED OUT TO ALL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. IF ANYONE NEEDS MORE OR HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT AT THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT BUD PEARCE OR MYSELF.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE BALL.

SEMPER FI,

Budd Pearce



Marines,

As you know from the last newsletter, the breakfast at Fran's went well. I hope that we can continue these Breakfasts as both a way to make some money and put our name out in the public eye. They make friends for the league (as long as Will doesn't poison anyone) and they are fun for all those who turn out to help. Thanks to all our members that either came out to help or brought their families to eat. Everyone will be notified well in advance of our next breakfast so you can make plans to join us.

Well, it's Car Raffle time again. I have tickets for anyone who needs them. 25 tickets were given out to each member at the October meeting, if any of you need more just call me. Anyone who was not at the meeting and thinks they could sell or buy 25 tickets or so, please call me at (609) 397-2343 and leave a message.

The Ball is on Saturday, November 14th and by now you should have made your reservations. If you haven't please get hold of Mike Waldron to see if you can be seated. I hope to see you all there to help celebrate the birthday of our beloved Corps.

The November meeting will be a joint meeting with the Young Marines. We will be having a cake cutting ceremony with them. I have noticed of late that fewer people are wearing their

uniforms to the meetings, this of course is your choice, but since the November meeting will be a bit special, please try to wear yours if at all possible. I also hope we have a larger than normal turn out to show our support for these young men.

The highway clean-up we did on Sat., Oct. 17th went very well (and no one got run over). We did have to keep Will Haas away from the road kills for fear of what might turn up to eat at the next meeting though. In all the clean-up took less than 2 hours and we had ample people turn out to help. Thanks to each of you and I hope you can make it to our next clean-up in January. You will be notified of the exact time and date.

That's all for now. Please make every effort to make our meetings. Don't forget our next meeting will be with the Young Marines and it will be in the Legion building, where we used to meet before moving to the VFW. From now on we will be meeting at the Legion and I will have new business cards ready soon showing the new address. If you need any of these cards to hand out to prospective members give me a call.

Semper FI,

Budd Pearce

Budd Pearce, Jr. Vice

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

Eighteen members were present including all officers except Marlin Miller who was excused due to personal injury.

Five applications for membership were presented and approved. They were:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Clifford Tice - Sellersville, Pa | (Reg. Member) |
| Ronald Wooters - Lambertville, NJ | (Reg. Member) |
| James Conover - Lambertville, NJ | (Reg. Member) |
| Jeff Kahler - Lansdale, PA | (Assoc. Member) |
| Nick Zelenevich - Carversville, PA | (Assoc. member) |

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.
Paymasters Report was accepted.

Sick Bay - Marlin Miller still on the injured list. Hopes to be back in time for the birthday ball.

A \$100.00 refund was accepted from the defunct Chris Holnick College Fund.

Beirut Memorial

All divisions detachment of Southampton will hold their annual Beirut Memorial at Penns Landing on October 25, 1992 at 1 PM (1300). Guest speaker is Lamar Golden, National Commandant of the MCL.

Newsletter

Motion was passed to have the Detachment Newsletter mailed a week earlier than current distribution.

Savings Account

A motion was passed to table the discussion on establishing a savings account, until the December meeting.

Birthday Ball

Mike Waldron reported that everything is moving ahead for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 14, 1992 at the Doylestown Moose. Guest Speaker will be Col. Robert A. Godwin who retired June 30, 1992 as Asst. Director for Reserve Affairs, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarter USMC, Washington, D.C. If you don't have a MCL full dress uniform, a suit or sports coat and trousers will be perfectly acceptable.

Young Marines Coin Toss

The young marines detachment held a coin toss on October 10, and 11. They collected approximately \$1500 for the two days.

Young Marine Killed

Ernest F. Bason, 11, of Upper Moreland

Ernest Francis Bason of Upper Moreland died Tuesday at Abington Memorial Hospital as the result of injuries received after he was struck by a car. He was 11.

Born in Abington, he was a son of James E. and Theresa Narducci Bason.

Ernie was a sixth-grade student

at St. Catherine of Siena School in Horsham.

He was an altar boy and was active as a member of the Bux-Mont Young Marines at Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Horsham.

He played for the Padres Intermediate Baseball Team of the

Horsham Little League. He also enjoyed archery.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, James Jr. and Edward, and a sister, Carol, all at home; paternal grandmother Joan Bason of Levittown; and maternal grandmother Beulah A. Narducci of Hatboro.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church, 317 Witmer Road, Horsham 19044.

Contributions may be made to the church.

Wetzel and Son Funeral Home Inc., Willow Grove

New Meeting Location

Starting in November, the detachment will return to the American Legion in Doylestown for their regular meetings, starting at 7:30 p.m. (1930) on Wednesday, November 11, 1992.

Special Meeting in November

The Central Bucks Detachment and the Young Marines will hold a combined meeting on November 11 to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. A good turn out of detachment members for this event would be appreciated and provide a nice gesture of support to the Young Marines. See you there.

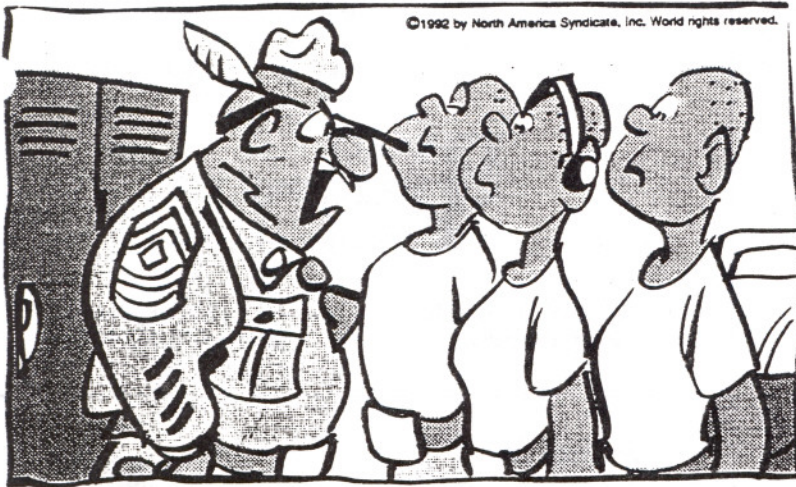
15 WAYS TO WRECK AN ORGANIZATION

1. DON'T ATTEND MEETINGS, BUT IF YOU DO, ARRIVE LATE
2. BE SURE TO LEAVE BEFORE THE MEETING ADJOURNS.
3. NEVER SAY ANYTHING AT A MEETING; WAIT UNTIL IT'S OVER
4. VOTE TO DO EVERYTHING AT MEETINGS, BUT NEVER DO ANYTHING.
5. FIND FAULT WITH OFFICERS AND FELLOW MEMBERS.
6. TAKE NO PART IN ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS.
7. NEVER INVITE NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN.
8. SIT IN THE BACK AND GRIPE WITH OTHER MEMBERS ABOUT THE MEETING.
9. GET ALL YOU CAN, BUT NEVER GIVE ANYTHING.

10. AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY THREATEN TO RESIGN AND TRY TO GET OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.
11. TALK COOPERATION, BUT DON'T COOPERATE.
12. IF ASKED TO HELP NEVER HAVE THE TIME.
13. NEVER ACCEPT AN OFFICE, BUT CRITICIZE ANYONE WHO DOES.
14. IF APPOINTED TO A COMMITTEE, NEVER GIVE TIME OR SERVICE.
15. DON'T DO ANYTHING MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO, AND WHEN OTHERS WILLINGLY AND UNSELFISHLY USE THEIR ABILITY TO HELP THE CAUSE ALONG, HOWL BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION IS BEING RUN BY A CLIQUE.

(Reprint from the Keystone Veteran Spring, 1992)





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"I hope you're listening to the Marine Corps hymn, Private!"

FROM: MICHAEL W. WALDRON
 TO: CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT
 SUBJ: ADOPT_A_HIGHWAY 17 OCT 1992.
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Franny Meyers of New Hope sent me the address after much research. He is commandant of the Central Bucks Marine Corps League.

Guadalcanal revisited

To the Editor:

I just returned from visiting Guadalcanal on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the landing in World War II, and the dedication of the American and Allied memorials commemorating that event.

I want to thank you very much for your articles on the Guadalcanal landing and about some who participated in the landings and subsequent battles. It was a period where the combatants who fought knew very little about the other side. My own knowledge of the Japanese (I was 17 at the time) came mostly from comic books. Articles such as yours help fill in the gaps in understanding.

My trip left me with a number of impressions that I would like to share with you:

The people of this newly independent nation, Solomon Islands, British Commonwealth, S.I.B.C., were very friendly to their Allied liberators but are caught between these feelings for us and what is best for their current economy, like their participation in the "Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere," which is alive and well on Guadalcanal.

In our hotel, Kitano Mendana, we awakened to three flags flying at equal level: Japanese, Solomon, Mendana Hotel. A delegation of Marine Corps veterans, without comment, lowered and removed the Japanese flag, and it

was not raised again until after we departed.

The visible press — camcorder, reporters and translators, and interviewers — came from Tokyo. Some representatives of the U.S. chains were present, but not visible and not very active. A crew from National Geographic was present, but I think they've been dealing with other people for so long they've forgotten how to relate to their peers. They required, even demanded, special treatment and adherence to their schedules wherever they went. The Tokyo Press worked hard and followed us everywhere.

Our group ranged in age from 11 (the grandchild of a Guadalcanal veteran in our group) to 91 (a retired colonel who kept pace, in spite of the heat), and all decades between were represented. There were husbands and wives, some in their 70s and 80s; there were widows and sons and nephews of those killed in battle; there were history and military buffs.

We all — veterans, relatives and history buffs — came away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what happened 50 years ago. We also recognized the accomplishments, the problems and the potential of the emerging South Pacific island nations.

John B. Christiansen
Glenside

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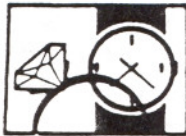
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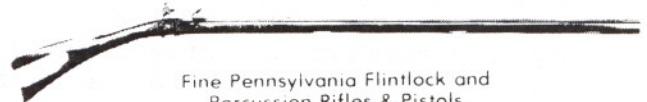
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The following House and Senate bills were acted upon by the General Assembly, and in two instances, signed into law by the Governor. These include:

1. Senate Bill 222 (sponsored by Senator Shumaker) - Designates the fountain in the plaza of the East Wing of the Main Capitol Building as the "War Veterans Memorial Fountain." Requires the Department of General Services to erect an appropriate monument to depict this designation. This bill received final passage in the Senate on April 2, 1991, and is currently on the House calendar.
2. Senate Bill 868 (cosponsored by Senator Shumaker) - Removes the criterion that a "paralyzed veteran," in order to be eligible for the paralyzed veterans pension, have served during an established war or armed conflict. This bill received final passage in the Senate on June 9, 1992, and is currently under review by the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.
3. Senate Bill 1572 - Provides a bonus of \$100.00 per month served to veterans who had active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater or to members of the Pennsylvania National Guard or reserve components who had active service in support of operations in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater. Compensation may not exceed \$3,000. Also, provides for compensation of \$4,000 to families of deceased veterans and to prisoners-of-war. Authorizes the issuance of bonds, contingent upon voter approval, to fund the bonus program. Finally, would appropriate up to \$1,500,000 to fund a memorial at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery for all Pennsylvania veterans. This bill received final passage in the Senate on June 8, 1992, and is currently under review by the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.
4. House Bill 211 - Provides for the issuance of special registration plates for veterans of the Korean War. NOTE: Amended to include special registration plates for veterans of the Persian Gulf War. This bill received final passage in the Senate on June 30, 1992, and is now awaiting the concurrence of the House.
5. House Bill 626 - Provides that members of the Pennsylvania National Guard or members of other reserve components who are called to active duty may: 1) terminate leases that were entered into prior to activation for active duty; 2) terminate or suspend memberships within health clubs, fitness centers, country clubs, etc. Also, sets a maximum interest rate of six percent for those obligations that were incurred prior to being called to active duty unless in the opinion of the court the individual is not materially affected by the service. Moreover, permits members activated to defer motor vehicle insurance coverage for the period of active duty on one or more vehicles owned by the member if they certify that the vehicle will not be operated during the absence while on active duty. This bill is now Act 29 of 1992.
6. House Bill 1309 - Provides for the observance of the third Friday in September of each year as "Pennsylvania POW/MIA Recognition Day." This bill is now Act 50 of 1992.

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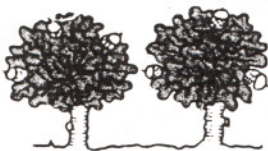
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