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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING

Sixteen members were present including all officers. Visitors included William Rosenberger, father of member Bill Rosenberger.

Past Cmdt's Bill, Frank Yohe, Fran Meyers and Don Parzanese were recognized.

Paymaster's report and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. Roland Meidel thanking the Detachment for the flowers and their participation in the services for her husband, a former Detachment member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SR. VICE - (Don Gee)

At the present time the Detachment has a total of 62 members; 37 regular, 14 life and 11 associate.

VAVS

On November 10, 1993, at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia, the Central Bucks Detachment, along with Tun Tavern Chapter USMC CCA Detachment, is sponsoring a Marine Corps Birthday celebration, at 7:30 PM. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services to help out please contact Don Gee at 822-6723. At the same facility, on November 11, 1993, a special service will be held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of all living WW II veterans. A resident of the hospital, Evard J. Snell, who served for four years in the Army, in WW I, and retired as a Major from the USMC after twenty-nine years of service, will be made an honorary member of the Central Bucks Detachment.

JR. VICE - (Tony Kimes)

A reminder to everyone to send in your reservation forms for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebration on November 13, 1993 at the Willow Grove NAS, to Tony Kimes as soon as possible. Also Car Raffle tickets are available for members to sell. Remember, the Detachment get to keep 40 cents from each ticket that is sold. That can add up to a considerable amount if we get out and make the sales. Call Tony at 659-3460 or Bud Pearce at 343-5609 if you want to help the Detachment.

GENUARDI TAPES

A reminder once again, that we do receive a steady income from the Genuradi Tapes that we collect for redemption. It is such an easy way to make money and all you have to do is save yours and get additional ones from your relatives and friends. You then mail them Don Parzanese, 263 Belmont Ave., Doylestown, Pa. 18901 or bring them to the meeting.

CHAPEL OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Frank Yohee has not heard anything about the members that were submitted for consideration.

POW-MIA

Bill Plant said that nothing new has been heard. It seem that at the present time there is just a lot of internal bickering going on without much progress on anything.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed changes to the By-Laws would make the Adjutant position elected rather than appointed and would create a new appointed office of Quartermaster. The motion was made and passed for these changes.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Fran Meyers congratulated Don Gee on his appointment as Editor of the Keystone Leatherneck and thanked him for the job he is doing. He also expressed a special thanks to Pat Meyers for the great job she did on the award wining Detachment Scrapbook.

MARINE BAND

The United States Marine Corps Band will be performing at the Hatboro-Horsham High School on November 14, 1993. FREE Tickets can be obtained at the Daily Intelligencer Building on North Broad St. in Doylestown, Pa., during working hours, any day of the week.

NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 10 NOVEMBER 93 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET , IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Where is Camp Johnson located?
2. What are heat cramps caused by?
3. The acronym "SALUTE" is used to outline enemy reports. What do the letters stand for?
4. What command is given to wake up Marines?
5. Who coined the phrase "Band of Brothers"?
6. Name two forms of assault maneuver employed by Marines?
7. Where do Marines go to conduct simulated NBC exercises?
8. Name three types of discharge?
9. What are the only two flags which may be flown above the American flag?
10. Who was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

Camp Lejeune holds memorial services

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Former Marine Cpl. Dana Spaulding's face still bears the scars. His mind carries few of the memories.

Spaulding survived the suicide bombing attack in Beirut 10 years ago, one of 175 servicemen wounded when their barracks building collapsed on them. Amnesia caused by the bombing has taken most of his recollections of the attack that killed 241 others.

When Spaulding was asked about the morning of Oct. 23, 1983, his eyes welled with tears, but he could say little. He doesn't even know what happened to some of the men in his unit.

"They didn't know who anybody was, because they were covered with dust. We left

with 21 men and came back with six," he said.

Spaulding, 29, now a city worker in Attica, N.Y., returned to Camp Lejeune for events this weekend to remember the Marines who died in the attack. This was the major staging area for the Marines sent to Lebanon.

Retired Lt. Gen. John Miller, who in 1983 was commander of Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, was awakened with the terrible news at 1 a.m. that Sunday at fleet headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

"These were my Marines. I was responsible for them," he said. "It was one of the real tragic events of our time. I suspect it was one of the tragic events in Marine Corps history."



From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

As you all know, on the tenth of this month we celebrate the 218th birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. This year it falls on our regular meeting night. I sincerely hope that all of you will make every effort to be at the November meeting. I'm not sure yet what we will do, or have, in the way of a ceremony or refreshments, but come on out anyway surprises are good for you. Coming to the meetings is always important, but when the meeting falls on the Marine Corps Birthday it becomes a bit more important somehow. The Marines have always prided themselves on their "Brotherhood" and by coming out to the 10 November meeting, you show not only your support of the League, but your continued commitment to that Brotherhood. I look forward to seeing the largest turnout for any meeting yet this year.

Another thing that comes up this month in honor of the Marine Corps birthday is of course the Ball. Tony Kimes informs me that everything is in order and ready to go. Dorothy Waldron and my wife, Suzanne, have been talking over plans for the decorations. All I can say about what they are going to do is that it sounds like you'll be sorry if you don't get there to see for yourself. If you have not gotten your reservation into Tony Kimes yet, you can call him at work or at home. Refer to the notice in this newsletter for his number. We have had a good turnout for our Birthday Ball in the past and everyone seems to have a great time, so get in touch with Tony NOW!!! I can't forget to remind you that the uniform of the day for the ball is our formal one; tux trousers, tux shirt, bow tie, cummerbund and red blazer. (don't forget the black socks Bill Plant)

The road clean up on 23 October went extremely well. We had a great turnout and great weather. Thanks again to everyone that came out to help with this project. We have a good time doing this road clean up, so if you haven't been out yet make sure to be there for our next one. The next clean up should be sometime in January, Mike Waldron will let us know the exact date later. Mike also informed me that our contract for the clean up runs out this spring. I think that we should continue this program and sign up for another two years. If you have any thoughts on this, or objections, please try to make a meeting and let me know. I listen ok on the phone, but I REALLY LISTEN when I am at the meetings!

The detachment has not had a fund raiser of any kind in quite a while and I get the feeling that we should get one under way real soon. I will raise the issue of a fund raiser at this meeting so that we can decide which of the various ideas we have had to go with. I'd like to see something set up for January if at all possible. Right now we have the Car

Raffle tickets, and they will give us some funds, so let's get selling them. Tony Kimes has all the tickets you need, so if you run short give him a call. This year the top prize has been raised so the ticket price of \$1.00 is an even better deal. We sold almost every ticket we had last year and I am sure that if we start now we can sell them all this year. I know that not everyone likes to sell tickets and that is why we try not to have too many ticket type fund raisers, but we do have this one, so give it hell marines!

That's about it for this month. Even though I'll see all of you at the meeting and the ball, I'll wish you a happy Thanksgiving now anyway. I wonder how many members won't be able to fit into their uniforms for the December meeting? I know that I'll have to watch it when those pumpkin pies come out or I'll be wearing blue jeans or sweat pants myself. Have a great November!

Semper Fi
Budd Pearce
Commandant



'BOOT CAMP' PLATOON PHOTOS AVAILABLE FROM PARRIS ISLAND

"How can I get a copy of my 'Boot Camp' platoon photo?"

Ed Garton, editor of The Hidden Bell Detachment newsletter, knows how, if you underwent recruit training at Parris Island. An item about platoon photos was printed in the Detachment's September newsletter.

"You can get platoon photos from an outfit at Parris Island for \$9.95," Garton told **Keystone Leatherneck**. "You have to provide specific information," he concluded.

The point of contact for the photos is the PX at PI.

Now called "MWR" (Morale, Welfare and Recreation), they need to know

(1) Your Platoon Number, (2) the month and year of graduation, and (3) the names of as many of your DIs as you can remember.

"We have negatives on file from 1939 to the present," stated an MWR employee contacted by **Keystone Leatherneck**. "It takes 60 to 90 days to provide an 8x10 black and white print once we receive the order," she said.

Your request must include a \$9.95 check or money order made payable and mailed to: MWR (0160); c/o Recruit Photo; P. O. Box 5100; MCRD, Parris Island, SC 29905-5003.

Be sure to include your name and return address with your request.

— NOTICE —

All reservations for the Birthday Ball should be in by 5 November. Send your check and menu requests to Tony Kimes immediately.

If you plan on going, but don't think your mailed reservation will be in on time, call Tony Kimes at work or at home. His number at work (215) 672-6300, at home (215) 659-3460.

There will be no reservations accepted after 12 noon on 10 November. There will be no tickets sold at the door, so get in touch with Tony NOW!!!



New Public Relations Officer Appointed

A career public affairs specialist with more than 30 years experience has been appointed Public Relations Officer for the Department.

Don H. Gee was appointed to the position following the Department Convention in Reading.

Gee, the Public Affairs Officer for the VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, is a retired Gunnery Sergeant. He earned the VA's "Public Affairs Excellence Award for Overall Public Affairs Program" in 1991 and a Second Place Award in 1991 and 1992 for the Medical Center's **INTER-MISSION** newsmagazine which he edits.

Retiring from active Marine Corps duty in June 1977, after 20 years of service as a Combat Correspondent, Photojournalist, and Public Affairs Specialist, he began his civil service career in October 1978.

During his Marine Corps career, Gee won the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award, the coveted Armed Forces Writers League "Silver Anchor" Award, the Chief of Navy Information Merit Award, and the Marine Corps Division of Information Merit Award for Newspaper Editing.

He served three terms as National President of the U. S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association. He is the Senior Vice Commandant of the Central Bucks Detachment and is a life member of the League.

Gee earned his baccalaureate degree from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture (Doylestown, PA) in 1987. He is also a graduate of the Department of Defense Information School (Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN: 1968), and Navy Journalist School (Great Lakes, IL: 1960). He is a widower and resides in Chalfont, PA.



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DEPT. OF PA. HISTORY

Back in June, 1922, in New York City, a group of energetic Marines started out to build a strong all-Marine veterans organization whose primary purposes would be to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps, and to band those still serving in the Corps and those of us who have been honorably discharged in fellowship, so that we could effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.

While the Marine Corps League is not connected with the Marine Corps in any official capacity, its primary purpose nevertheless is to "perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps". Another purpose is to assist men and women who have served and are serving with the Marine Corps whenever and wherever possible.

While this group of Marines in 1922, formed the nucleus of the present organization, it was not until 6 June 1923, that the present day League was organized. As the League grew it started to gain National recognition and on 4 August 1937, it was incorporated under an Act of Congress. In addition, the League was granted recognition in the presentation of veterans claims under statutes administered by the Veterans Administration.

The late Major General John A. LeJune, then Commandant of the Marine Corps, figured greatly in the inauguration of the League, and at the formation meeting held in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, was elected its first National Commandant, holding that office until 1927.

Other National Comandants who have directed the activities of the Marine Corps League during the past 31 years, and the terms they served include: W. Karl Lattons, 1927 to 1931; Carlton A. Fisher, 1931 to 1934; John F. Manning, 1934 to 1936; Maurice A. Illich, 1936 to 1938; Florence E. O'Leary, 1938 to 1940; Chris J. Cunningham, 1940 to 1942.

Alexander F. Ormsby, 1942-43; Thomas E. Wood, 1943-44; Alan Stevenson, 1944-45; Thomas Sweeney, 1945-46; Joseph F. Alvarez, 1946-47; George T. Bullen, 1947-48; Theus J. MacQueen, 1948-49; Clay Nixon, 1949-50; Maurice J. Fagan, 1950-51; John R. O'Brien, 1951 to 1953; Charles A. Weaver, 1953-54.

The idea of forming a State Department in Pennsylvania was conceived at a National Convention held in New York City in 1943. In the Fall of that year representatives from five of Pennsylvania's eight Detachments met in Reading, Pa., and signed the application for a Department Charter.

Detachment representatives signing the Charter application were: William P. Coyne, Leatherneck Detachment, Pittsburgh; Bertram J. Murphy, Russell M. Butterweck Detachment, Reading; Arthur Davis, George R. Newitt Detachment, Wilkes-Barre; Edward W. Hite, Lancaster County Detachment, Lancaster, and Charles J. Harvey, Scranton Detachment, Scranton. The Department of Pennsylvania was officially chartered 10 November 1943.

Other Detachments in Pennsylvania in operation at that time were the Private William O'Connor, Detachment, Connellsville; Gunnery Sergeant Harry T. Burns

Detachment, New Castle, and the Braddock Detachment, Braddock.

Marine Edward S. Armstrong, Pittsburgh, was the first Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania, serving through the fiscal year 1943-44. His Adjutant-Paymaster was Maurice E. Businger, Pittsburgh, who is now an active member in the new Allegheny County Detachment, Pittsburgh, as well as the Department Hospital Representative at Aspinwall V. A. Hospital.

Other Department Commandants who have served the Detachments, since 1943 include: Bertram J. Murphy, 1944-45; Theus J. MacQueen, 1945-46 (also served part of a term in 1946-47); David W. Graybill, 1946-47 (served out MacQueen's term); Stanley R. Bunn, 1947-48.

Maurice J. Fagan, 1948-49; J. Hugh McNeill, 1949-50; David W. Graybill, 1950-51; Lawrence W. Ryan, 1951-52; Charles W. Filingeri and Carl E. Bohn, 1952-53 (Bohn serving the balance of Filingeri's term following the latter's resignation). Charles A. Hellyer is the present Commandant for the fiscal year 1953-54.

After the Department of Pennsylvania was born in 1943, the officers immediately started out to organize new Detachments in order to build a strong State organization. The first three Detachments to come into the Department were Altoona Detachment, Altoona; Tarawa Detachment, Greensburg, and Tun Tavern Detachment, Philadelphia.

Marines from all parts of the State quickly organized Detachments, thereby giving added strength to the Department. At the 3rd Annual Convention of the Department held in the Penn Harris Hotel, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania had a total of sixty-six (66) active Detachments.

Following this peak year, some Detachments withered and died on the vine, due to many reasons best known to themselves. However the Department was struck a serious blow in July, 1950, when hundreds of Detachment members were called back to active duty in the Marine Corps Reserve, to fight in the so called "Korean police action." Many Detachments had their entire membership called up for duty by the Marine Corps, and others were so weakened by the loss of members they could not survive.

At the present time our Country is again enjoying peace and it is the fervent hope of this writer that next year the Department will be twice as strong as it is now. However in order to build up membership every present League member must cooperate with Department officers. Teamwork is of vital importance if we in Pennsylvania expect our Department and Detachments to flourish and prosper.

This article was written for one purpose only—to acquaint Leaguers in Pennsylvania with a brief history of the Marine Corps League and the Department, hoping to inculcate in each of you the same spirit shown by these former Marines who worked so diligently to build up the National and State organizations. This spirit is necessary if we as an all-Marine veterans organization hope to attain prestige and success in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation. This spirit is embodied in—Semper Fidelis --which to all Marines means Always Faithful.



AWARDS, MEDALS & DECORATIONS

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

A. Personal Military Decorations

- (1) Medal of Honor
- (2) Navy Cross
- (3) Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- (4) Distinguished Service Medal
- (5) Silver Star
- (6) Defense Superior Service Medal
- (7) Legion of Merit
- (8) Distinguished Flying Cross
- (9) Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- (10) Bronze Star Medal
- (11) Purple Heart
- (12) Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- (13) Meritorious Service Medal
- (14) Air Medal
- (15) Joint Service Commendation Medal]
- (16) Navy Commendation Medal
- (17) Joint Service Commendation Medal
- (18) Navy Achievement Medal
- (19) Combat Action Ribbon

B. Unit Awards (Ribbons)

- (1) Presidential Unit Citation
- (2) Joint Meritorious Unit Award (*)
- (3) Navy Unit Commendation
- (4) Meritorious Unit Commendation
- (5) Navy "E" Ribbon

C. U.S. Non-Military Decorations

- (1) Presidential Medal of Freedom
- (2) National Security Medal
- (3) National Sciences Medal
- (4) Gold Life Saving Medal
- (5) Silver Life Saving Medal
- (6) Medal of Merit
- (7) National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal
- (8) Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award
- (9) Navy Award of Distinguished Achievement in Science
- (10) President's Distinguished Fed. Civilian Service Medal
- (11) Department of Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- (12) Navy Distinguished Public Service Award
- (13) NASA Distinguished Service Medal
- (14) NASA Flight Medal
- (15) NASA Medal for Exceptional Bravery
- (16) NASA Medal for Exceptional Service
- (17) Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal
- (18) Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal
- (19) Merchant Marine Mariners Medal
- (20) Selective Service Distinguished Service Award
- (21) Selective Service Exceptional Service Award
- (22) Selective Service Meritorious Service Award
- (23) Congressional Space Medal of Honor

D. Campaign & Service Awards

- (1) Prisoner-of-War Medal
- (2) Good Conduct Medal
- (3) Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
- (4) Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal
- (5) Fleet Marine Force Ribbon

- (6) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- (7) China Service Medal
- (8) American Defense Service Medal
- (9) American Campaign Medal
- (10) European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- (11) Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- (12) World War II
- (13) Navy Occupation Service Medal
- (14) Medal for Humane Action
- (15) National Defense Service Medal
- (16) Korean Service Medal
- (17) Antarctica Service Medal
- (18) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- (19) Vietnam Service Medal
- (20) Southwest Asia Service Medal
- (21) Humanitarian Service Medal
- (22) Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- (23) Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
- (24) Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- (25) Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
- (26) Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
- (27) Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- (28) Naval Reserve Medal
- (29) Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon

E. Foreign Personal Military Decorations (awarded by name to individual service members)

F. Foreign Unit Awards (*)

- (1) Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
- (2) Korean Presidential Unit Citation
- (3) Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation (1954 action ONLY)
- (4) Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal w/Palm)
- (5) Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Medal First Class w/Palm)

G. Non-U.S. Military Service Awards

- (1) Philippine Defense Ribbon
- (2) Philippine Liberation Ribbon
- (3) Philippine Independence Ribbon
- (4) United Nations Service Medal
- (5) United Nations Medal
- (6) Multinational Force & Observer Medal (not for service in Lebanon)
- (7) Inter-American Defense Board Medal

H. Foreign Service Medals

- (1) Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- (2) Kuwait Liberation Medal

I. Marksmanship Awards

- (1) Expert Rifleman Medal
- (2) Expert Pistol Shot Medal

(*) denotes worn with brass frame

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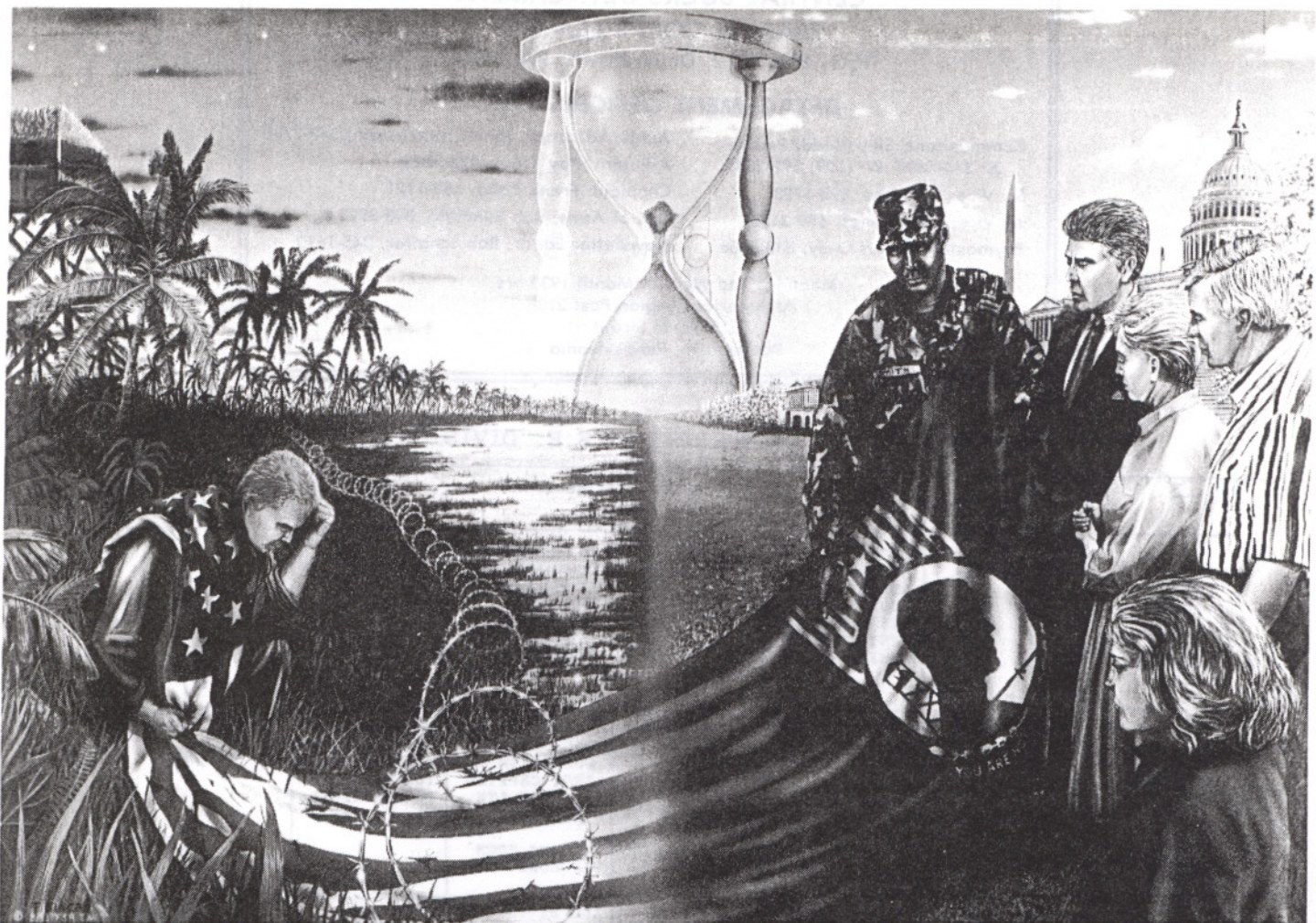
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4	TRI BORO LEHIGH VALLEY	CHESTER CTY	VALLEY FORGE BANTAM MARINE	ARMSTRONG AREA	DELAWARE CTY LANDIS McCLEA JUNIATA AREA		Gen Pedro Del Valle





IT'S TIME - BRING THEM HOME!

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by Tom Sincak

In 1973 when Nixon put an end to the Vietnam war, many of our service personnel came back home to their families and friends. Many did not. The same is true of the Korean war. It's time to bring them home . . . *they need your help.*

Bill Palmer, CEO of Financial Services of America, Inc. and radio talk show host, and Mike VanAtta, the director of the Live POW Lobby of America came up with a

plan to finance expeditions into places where POWs are known to be held and taking them back home where they belong!

To finance these expeditions, Bill Palmer is offering the commemorative print you see above, **signed by the artist, Tom Sincak, for \$25.00. It has been adopted by the Live POW Lobby as their theme portrait.**

In addition, he is also offering a commemorative Wittnauer Watch at a

fraction of its retail value. The artwork on the watch dial shows an hour glass whose time, like the POW, is just about run out. Wittnauer, an American Company, world famous for over a century, is offering this exclusive timepiece, with a full 1 year warranty. The watch is finished in **23 Karat Gold** and is shock and water resistant with a fine quartz movement. In both mens and ladies styles for only **89.95!**

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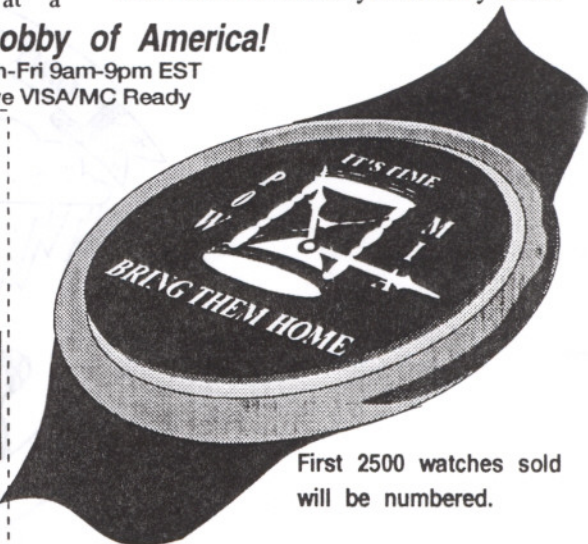
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