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**NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 1995**

## MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING

The scheduled Detachment meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11, 1995 at the American Legion Home on North Street, in Doylestown, Pa.

There were twenty-three (23) members present including all officers except the Judge Advocate.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe, Don Parzanese and Bill Plant were recognized along with Department of Penna.. Public Relations Officer, Don Gee.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the September Detachment meeting were accepted and approved as printed.

### PAYMASTER'S REPORT

The paymaster's report was distributed and approved as written.

### SICK BAY

Joe Hazen had a disc removed from his back and is at home recovering from the operation.

### CORRESPONDENCE

We seem to have a problem receiving our mail from the State prior to our meeting. It usually arrives after our regular meeting and therefore is not always current news by the next meeting. Unfortunately, some of the news that we have to report is not always current. Tun Tavern statue is listed for sale. Anyone interested in more details, contact Budd Pearce.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### SR. VICE- BILL ROSENBERGER

As of this meeting we have a total of sixty (60) members; thirty-nine (39) regular, fourteen (14) life and seven (7) associate members. There are ten (10) delinquent members.

#### JR. VICE - MIKE WALDRON

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is all set for November 11th at the Orion Club, Willow Grove NAS. The tap is \$32.00 per person with an open bar all evening. Names of those attending will be given to the guards at the gate who will check you aboard. It should be a fun night for everyone. If you haven't signed up but would like to go, contact Mike Waldron at 672-7095 and he might still be able to get you onboard.

Mike will have car raffle tickets available at the November meeting for the 1996 Dept. of Pa. Annual event in June of 96.



### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next trash pickup will be 13Jan97. Please mark your calender and come out, weather permitting.

### POW/MIA

The president of the VVA Memorial, in Washington, D.C. , sued a group of activists in an effort to stop them from selling "T" shirts at the memorial. He won but now the activists are counter-suing him.

### VAVS

In August, approximately 200 hours were logged at the Phila. Veterans Hospital. One-hundred and thirty of these hours were during a stand down at which 312 homeless from the Delaware Valley area were served meals.

### CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS - No report

### YOUNG MARINES

The 11November95 Detachment meeting will be a joint meeting with the Young Marines at the American Legion Home in Doylestown, Pa. .There will be a cake cutting ceremony and some remarks by the officers. Please try to attend, you will enjoy it.

### GENUARDI TAPES

We seem to falling a little behind in our collection of GENUARDI cash register tapes. It is such an easy way to make some money since all you have to do is contact your family and friends to save their tapes and give them to you to turn in. Nothing could be simpler.

### RIFLE TEAM

Our Rifle Team is competing at Indiantown Gap with other Detachments throughout the state on September 13-14-15. Since Joe Hazen had a back operation, the team is one member short this time so they will field a five man team. There are still openings for anyone who is interested in becoming a team member. Contact Bill Rosenberger or Budd Pearce.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There will be a sign up sheet posted, after the meeting, for those who can spend some time at Detachment's fund raiser which is scheduled for November 9th & 10th at the State Liquor Store in the Doylestown Shopping Center, on North Main Street in Doylestown, Pa.). People are needed on Thursday (11-9-95 ) from 3PM until 9PM and all day on Friday (11-10-95 ) Contact Bill Rosenberger (348-7275) or Ernie Ortiz (541-0370) if you can help. All that is required is for the two-man teams to stay there and collect the money. That's about as easy as it gets.

### NEW BUSINESS

Don Gee announced that the he had received a copy of an insurance certificate from the State which covers the Detachment for liability during any events or activities that we might engaged in.

Ladies Auxiliary applications will be mailed to all the Detachment members wives to see if they are interested in joining. If a sufficient response is forthcoming the proper action will be taken to move this forward.

### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

On Friday, 13November95, a ceremony will be held during the half-time of the Central Bucks High School Football game to recognize and honor veterans of WWII. Those who would like to participate are asked to meet at the War Memorial Field , in Doylestown, Pa., at six-thirty PM.



## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE cont'd

The Detachment has obtained a stainless steel food cart which can be used at various events to sell hot dogs and sodas, as a money maker. It needs a few repairs and a good cleaning and then it will be ready to go. Also, a location is going to be needed where the food cart can be stored when it is not in use. If anyone knows of a place or has room themselves please contact Bob Schaffer or Budd Pearce. It is about the size of a utility trailer and naturally an inside storage area, out of the weather, would be the best, if possible.

Paul Caprio reported that arrangements are being made to have Flea Market in the Spring of '96. No exact date has been set but more information will be forthcoming at future meetings.

Items from the Locker Box will not be available at the next meeting Purchases can be made at subsequent meetings.

Tony Parzanese reported that he wasn't able to arrange for pictures to be taken at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball by the company that he works with but he felt that things could be worked out for next year.

## THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 08NOVEMBER95 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

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Jim Marckstein would like to remind those of you who have memberships to "SAMS CLUB" that the annual renewals are due in December. You can call Jim at 343-2786 or catch him at the December meeting.



## MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Where is the Marine "Martyr Square" located?
2. Where was "Leatherneck Square" located?
3. Which battle was the critical turning point of the Vietnam War?
4. Who formally established the Marine Corps Institute correspondence course?
5. Who commanded the 1st Raider Battalion during World War II?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

## ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. General Clifton B. "Lucky" Cates was the Commandant wounded six times and gassed during WWI.
2. 37,500 Chinese Communists were killed at the "Frozen Chosin."
3. Corporal William T. Perkins was the only Marine Corps Combat Correspondent to earn the Medal of Honor.
4. The first Marine Corps motto was, "By Land, By Sea."
5. Gunnery Sergeant Dan Daly won his first Medal of Honor in Peking, China.





From The Desk **COMMANDANT - BUDD PEARCE**  
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

There is not much to tell about this month, but here goes anyway. The rifle match at Ft. Indiantown Gap was canceled due to the extremely bad weather. Everyone was very disappointed, but since you couldn't see the targets at 200 yds., you would have a hard time hitting them. The decision to call off this year's match was a wise one, especially when you think of the safety factor. If a shooter was to slip in the mud while in the off-hand position, the results could be deadly. We will just have to wait until next year to see who will be the winner of the Fran Meyers Memorial trophy.

This year the detachment will be doing it's In-House Toys program again. If you can bring in an unwrapped toy to the December meeting it would be appreciated. When you come to the meeting in December there will be a table set up for your toys. At the end of the meeting you can feel free to take whatever toys you have need of. If you know of a needy child or family, please take them some of the toys from the table. All toys left on the table after the meeting will be given to the Toys-For-Tots Program at the VA Hospital in Phila.

This is also the time of the Turkey Giveaway. I believe that the detachment intends to do this again this year. Last year we gave turkey dinners to the Marines at MAG 49 that had no place to go for Thanksgiving dinner. If you gave last year, you are permitted to give again. If you didn't give to this last year, you are also permitted to do so this year. There will be a list made at the November meeting of food needed for the dinners, please find out what is needed and see if you can help out.

I can't end my letter without reminding you to come to the Birthday Ball on 11 November. If you have not gotten your reservations in to Mike Waldron by now, you better call him IMMEDIATELY!!! Be prepared to hear a ration of \_\_\_ for not getting them in sooner though, you know how Gunnies are. No kidding though, I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the ball. Mike has not told me anything that is going to be going on, other than what you have heard, so I can't say what exciting things he has planned. Come out and see for yourself!!!

Semper Fi,

*Budd Pearce*

Commandant



# Chalfont man receives Marines' Dickson Award

Don H. Gee of Chalfont, was recently presented the highly prestigious award by Brigadier General T. P. Murray, Marine Corps director of public affairs, in an awards ceremony in Clearwater, Fla. as part of the annual U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association Conference.

Named for the late Col. Donald L. Dickson, an original USMC combat correspondent in world War II and a former publisher of Leatherneck Magazine, the award is presented to the individual Marine Combat Correspondent "who contributes the most to the organization" during a specific time period. Gee was cited for more than 25 years of "significant, material contributions" to the

organization.

Gee is credited with founding combat correspondent chapters in Atlanta, Ga., Quantico, Va. and Philadelphia. He was the first person in the group's 54-year history to serve three consecutive terms as its national president. He authored the organization's paid life membership program and its absentee balloting provision, helped rewrite its national by-laws, served nine years on its board of directors, chaired its Distinguished Performance Award (DPA) Program for two years, served as "News Story" DPA judge for five years, and helped write the Marine Corps' DPA Order.

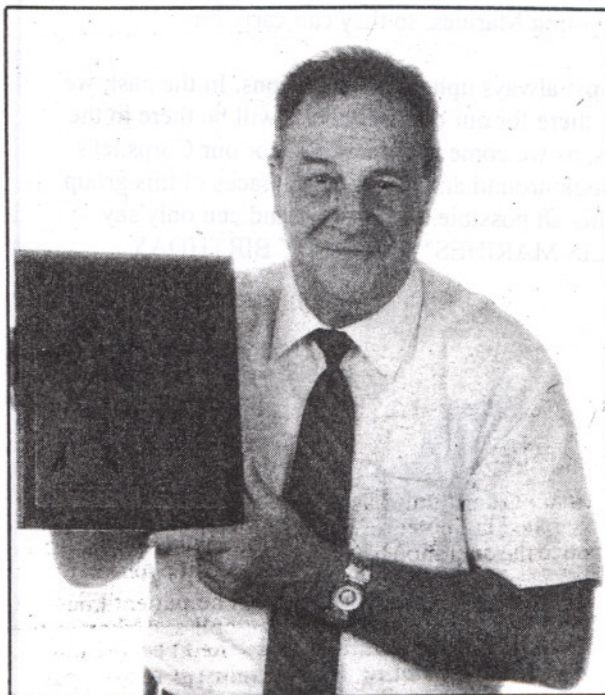
Gee, now the president of the CC's Tun Tavern Chapter in Philadelphia, is also

the public relations officer for the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania and the volunteer public affairs officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia.

In addition to the Dickson Award, Gee also received a "Certificate of Apprecia-

tion" for his service this year as the organization's Ways and Means Committee chairman.

A retired Gunnery Sergeant, Gee was an award-winning Marine Corps journalist and newspaper editor before entering civil service. He retired from federal service in February.



Don H. Gee displays the Donald L. Dickson Award he received from the U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association Inc.



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## 220TH BIRTHDAY

On this the 220th Birthday of our Corps, I wish to extend my best wishes to all the Marines, and families and friends, of the Department of Pennsylvania. As we march into the future, let us never forget our past and what made us so proud. Let us remember to pass the torch of the knowledge and history we possess on to the young Marines, so they can carry on.

Remember, we must always uphold our traditions. In the past, we have always been there for our county and we will be there in the future. So Marines, as we come together to Honor our Corps, let's take a second to look around and look into the faces of this group who have made this all possible. I salute you and can only say "SEMPER FIDELIS MARINES" and HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



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National Headquarters

1995 Birthday Message.

On 10 November 1995, we the Marine Corps League Family celebrate the 220 birthday of our Marine Corps.

We always reflect back on the many accomplishments in patriotism and service to the Nation by our Marine Corps, and look to its future mission.

To preserve the traditions and promote the interest of the United States Marine Corps is a top priority of the Marine Corps League.

As with every birthday, you blow out the candles on the cake, and make a wish. Our wish will be to continue to contribute & support our Marine Corps in every direction possible.

So as Marines lets celebrate this as a day of comradeship, and ceremony.

This is the top occasion of the Marine Corps and Marine Corps League. There is only one solid rule for the birt

"Make it a good one" HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES

Semper Fidelis

*Paul J. Seton*  
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Veterans from area groups, including the American Legion Post 210 of Doylestown, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 175 of Doylestown, Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 210 of Doylestown, and Central Bucks Detachment Marine Corps League, prepare to march onto War Memorial Field to be honored during the sixth annual Band Night.

October 26, 1995



Photo by ANN G. KRISHER

### VFW banquet

Enjoying the Veterans of Foreign Wars banquet Saturday night at the American Legion are (from left) Ken Rose, president of the Vietnam Veterans of American, Bucks County Chapter 210, Doylestown; Budd Pearce, commandant of the Central Bucks Detachment Marine Corps League; Doylestown Mayor William Neis; Gen. Hugh Foster of Furlong, featured speaker; James Pentecost, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 175; and Fred Wilmer, commander of the American Legion Post 210, Doylestown.





**COMBAT  
ARTIST**

**HARD TARGET—**  
Waterhouse  
clutches his  
shoulder after  
being shot by a  
Japanese sniper.

Waterhouse's service in the corps colored his paintings. "To capture the spirit of the Marines, you have to be a Marine," he explains. "I've heard them talk. I saw what they did. I've been where they've been. I've experienced what they have experienced. You add that all together and you make pictures."

Over the years, however, Waterhouse's immense talent has been recognized beyond the Marine Corps. Today he is one of the foremost combat artists in the country. During the past 15 years, he has done numerous illustrations for THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, as well as other national publications.

But above all else, perhaps, Waterhouse's art always leads back to Iwo.

Against brutal Japanese forces, nearly 7,000 GIs, most of them Marines, died in the battle for the island.

"I had a machine-gun in my hands and fought side by side with my fellow Marines," says Waterhouse.

"There was no need for artists on Iwo Jima. On that island, I was a Marine."

More than 15,000 men were wounded. Waterhouse himself was

shot in the shoulder and received nerve and artery damage that hampers some of his finger movement to this day.

Many of Waterhouse's comrades, of course, fared worse.

One of his charcoal paintings shows a cave on Iwo Jima where two Marines from his squad were killed and entombed: "They were sealed in that cave on Iwo Jima, but they live on in the painting."

The U.S. Flag was raised above Mount Suribachi on Feb. 23, 1945. "I remember seeing the Flag flying," says Waterhouse. "I had a lump in my throat and I knew that we had the high ground." Still, Iwo didn't fall to the Marines until March 16.

Waterhouse looks back on that merciless stretch with a certain perspective. "Everybody who has ever been shot at wonders why he lived and others around him didn't," he says. "Perhaps I was supposed to become a good enough artist to serve the Marine Corps."

Waterhouse accomplished that mission, and through his art, the U.S. Marine Corps will live forever. □



**SERVICE—**The last WWII veteran serving on active duty, Charles Waterhouse retired in 1991.

Miles Z. Epstein is Managing Editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.



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