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MARINE OF THE YEAR
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Gen. Raymond G. Davis Dead at 88

Gen. Raymond G. Davis, 88, former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps whose decorations included the nation's two highest awards for bravery, the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross, died Sept. 3 at a hospital in Conyers, GA, after a heart attack.

Gen. Davis, a resident of Stockbridge, GA, served in World War II, the Korean War and the war in Vietnam. He was one of the most decorated Marines of his generation.

During World War II, he took part in the fighting for Guadalcanal, an epic in the Marine Corps history of the Pacific war. He also served in the campaign for Peleliu, one of the bloodiest battles of the war, and it was there that he earned the Navy Cross.

In the Korean War, Gen. Davis, then a Lieutenant Colonel, commanded the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, during the campaign at the Chosin Reservoir on the border of North Korea and Com-1950. During this period, ing hundreds of thou- fight against U.S. and

Ordered to hold a key rifle company and open rine regiments, Gen. eight miles of icy path- more than 40 degrees be-

He constantly put him- rected his men in hand- Chinese. A abandoning a more direct route, he covered ridges to a point Marines to get away.

Along the way, a shell fragment struck his helmet and two bullets tore through his clothing. Having accomplished his mission, he led his battalion out of the mountains, taking all of his wounded with him.

"By his superb leadership, outstanding courage, and brilliant tactical ability, LtCol. Davis was directly instrumental in saving the beleaguered rifle company from complete annihilation and enabled [two] Marine regiments to escape possible destruction," his Medal of Honor citation read.

In the Vietnam War, Gen. Davis commanded the 3rd Marine Division along the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam. He retired in 1972 as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps.



LtCol. R. G. DAVIS

munist China in December China entered the war, send- sards of "volunteers" to U.N. troops.

mountain pass to relieve a a way to the sea for two Ma- Davis led his men through ways in temperatures of low zero.

self in harm's way as he di- to-hand fighting against the the only road in the area for led his troops over snow- that allowed the trapped

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines.

Sorry about the cancellation of last month's boat trip. Due to high water in the river, **Captain Gerenser** was unable to take us out. He sends his apologies and says that he is looking forward to taking us sometime in the spring or early summer of the coming year. I tried to call everyone that I thought might have been planning on attending. If I missed you I am sorry. Come to the October meeting and I will apologize in person.

The October meeting will be one filled with information. We will be having a last minute report on the upcoming Birthday Ball, an update on the Department Rifle Match and

several other items of interest to all of our members. There is a possibility that the one thing you have been meaning to ask about will be discussed, so you don't want to skip this meeting and miss it do you. You'll never forgive yourself if you miss this one! Meetings are a great place to be. Where else do you get to spend such quality time with such quality people? See you on 8 October.

Don't forget that our highway clean-up will be held on Saturday, 11 October. We will be meeting for breakfast at a different place this time. The members thought that we should try the Roasted Pepper in Doylestown. The restaurant is located next to the paint store just north

of the Rt. 611/313 intersection (Cross Keys) on the left. If you get to the entrance to K-Mart, you went a little too far. Hope to see a really good turn out this time. It will be the last clean-up of the year and we want to do a good job. We can use your help. I am looking forward to a beautiful Saturday morning, but just in case it turns out to be a rainy one, we will hold the clean-up on Saturday, 18 October. That's right, a rain date. If this date is needed, please remember it, I like to have the company for breakfast.

Semper Fi,

Budd France

2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT MEETING
OCTOBER 8**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
OCTOBER 11**

**DETACHMENT
BIRTHDAY BALL
NOVEMBER 8**

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TOP BUMPER STICKERS FOR 2003

Jesus loves you... but everyone else thinks you are a jerk.

The proctologist called... they found your head.

Everyone has a photographic memory... some just don't have any film.

Save your breath... You'll need it to blow up your date.

Your ridiculous little opinion has been noted.

I used to have a handle on life... but it

broke off.

WANTED Meaningful overnight relationship.

Guys... just because you have one, doesn't mean you have to be one.

If you can read this... I can slam on my brakes and sue you.

Some people are only alive because it is illegal to shoot them.

Try not to let your mind wander... It's too small to be out by itself.

Support Needed for Shipments to Troops

The supply of "goodies" for our troops in Southwest Asia is exhausted.

Peggy Sundling, who has been collecting and shipping items to the troops, for the past few years, needs us to donate stuff.

"If each Detachment member would bring just three dollars worth of stuff to the meeting," says Peggy's husband,

Past Commandant Bob Sundling, "it would help a lot."

Since they have depleted their donated items, the Sundlings will be purchasing stuff for the next shipment with their own funds. Peggy makes shipments to the troops every two weeks.

Contact her or Bob at (215) 348-8925 to find out what is needed.

Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 10, 2003, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

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

The Minutes of the August Meeting were unanimously approved.

The **Paymaster's Report** was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, reported the Detachment had received a "Thank You" letter for our support of the troops in Iraq. He explained to the members why this month's boat trip meeting had to be postponed until the Spring. He also reported on the Celtic Festival in Green Lane. He and **Marines Mike Waldron and Bill Rosenberger** served as the Color Guard for the event.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 60 members including 37 Regular Members, 19 Life Members and 4 Associate Members. There are six delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported this year's Birthday Ball will be held on Nov. 8 at The Warrington, Rt. 611 & Street Rds., in Warrington. He will have more details at the October Meeting.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no correspondence besides that on which Commandant Pearce had already reported.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported he had researched the issue of mailing raffle tickets. He was informed by USPS that the Detachment can mail 50/50 raffle tickets via First Class mail.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson reported he had received no new requests for the Color Guard since the July Meeting.

Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC, reported his services were available but not needed since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reported he had some new items available on the Quartermaster's table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARINE OF THE YEAR--Marine of the Year Committee Chair Budd Pearce reminded the Detachment that written nominations for the 2004 Marine of the Year must be received by Wednesday, October 8. The Marine of the Year Committee will meet immediately following the October Meeting to consider the nominations.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported on team activities pursuant to the Department Rifle Match slated for Sept. 28-30 at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

GROCERY RECEIPTS--Grocery Receipts Coordinator Gary Smith urged the membership to continue to support both Redner's Markets and Genuardi's Markets. This month the Detachment received a check from Genuardi's.

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC, reported on the bus trip the Young Marines Unit made to 8th & Eye Sts. to attend an Evening Parade.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set Saturday, Oct. 11, as the date for the next highway clean-up. Detachment members taking part in the clean-up will meet at the Roasted Pepper Restaurant on Rt. 611N in Doylestown.

PUBLIC RELATIONS--The Public Relations Officer set Sept. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the October issue of *Listen Up!*

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

A discussion was held concerning how the Detachment could show support for the former Marine who was cited by his homeowners association for flying his Marine Corps flag. It was determined that the only support the Detachment could legally provide was to write a "Letter to the Editor." Marine Corps League By-Laws forbid us from going beyond this in this case.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marine Bill Rosenberger brought the members up-to-date on his daughter's progress at MCRD, Parris Island.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8.



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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

228TH BIRTHDAY BALL

OF THE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2003

PLACE: **The Warrington**
Route 611 & Street Rd.
Warrington, PA

TIME: 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

DINNER: Buffet Style (Details to follow)

DETAILS: Cocktail Hour... Dinner... Ceremony & Awards...
Door Prizes... Dancing... Camaraderie...
and much more...

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Donald D. Parzanese Jr.
Junior Vice Commandant
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Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	M-Note
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BURKLE,	David J.	4462 Milords Lane,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-0000	UPHSTE D	R-3/04
CAPRIO,	Paul Jr.	359 Windsor Ave.,	Hatboro,	PA	19040-4809	215-674-4111	R-8/04
CODY,	Robert J.	201 Eagle Lane,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-2861	215-343-8786	LIFE
CUNNINGHAM,	Richard G.	70 Old Dublin Pike, G-9,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-3419	215-489-1149	R-5/04
DALY,	Stephen J.	524 Country Club Dr.	Lansdale,	PA	19446-1465	215-323-2910	R-9/03
DAVIS,	Andrew J. Jr.	308 Orchard Lane	Feasterville,	PA	19053-6144		R-902
DUFF,	Robert E.	3955 Countrywood Lane,	Hatboro,	PA	19040-2901	215-675-2377	LIFE
FLANAGAN,	Charles M.	555 N. Broad St. (Apt. 711A),	Doylestown,	PA	18901-3445	215-348-3917	R-4/04
GEE,	Don H.	238 Cornwall Circle,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2318	215-822-6723	LIFE
GERENSER,	Robert V.	22 S. Main St.,	New Hope,	PA	18938-1321	215-862-2050	A-11/02
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HOTH,	Edward W.	P.O. B. 41, 3635 Applebutter Rd.,	Fountainville,	PA	18923-0041	215-249-0481	A-12/03
HUGGINS,	Don P.	65 Brunswick Ave.,	Lambertville,	NJ	08530-1108	609-397-1636	R-6/02
JERROM,	William E.	2 Yellowwood,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-2161	215-340-7232	R-12/03
KOHLER,	William C.	25212 Pike,	Laguna Hills,	CA	92653-5142	949-830-4187	LIFE
KROUT,	Raymond R.	3538 Limekiln Pike,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3610	215-822-2322	LIFE
KUKUCHKA,	Frank J.	905 Middle Rd.,	Perkasie,	PA	18944-3044	215-249-3001	R-12/03
LYNCH,	Edwin J.	319 Rocky Court West,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2018	215-822-0467	R-7/03
LYONS,	Thomas M. Sr.	2568 River Rd.,	Kintnersville,	PA	18930-0000	610-847-5765	R-2/04
MAHALA,	Charles T.	RR 4, Box 4268,	Kunkletown,	PA	18058-9564	570-629-2803	R-12/03
MALLOZZI,	Joseph	501 Bell Ave.,	Maple Glen,	PA	19002-2830		R-03/04
METZ,	Michael D.	332 Ferry Rd.,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-5016	215-345-6804	R-9/02
MICKELSON,	William L.	1138 Farm House Lane,	Quakertown,	PA	18951-2450	215-538-0213	LIFE
MILLER,	Marlin J.	1309 Hartranft,	Ft. Washington,	PA	19034-1603	215-646-4990	LIFE
MILLER,	William R.	6 Indian Park Rd.,	Levittown,	PA	19057-2214	215-943-0133	LIFE
OMORELLA,	Robert A.	P. O. Box 4182,	Bisbee,	AZ	85603- 482		LIFE
MONAHAN,	Frederick	18018 Beacon Hill Dr.,	Holland,	PA	18966- 0000	5322	LIFE
NEUMANN,	Timothy	607 Walnut St.,	Lansdale,	PA	19446-2337	215-412-4117	R-12/02
PARSONESE,	Patricia	861 Callowhill Rd. #7	Perkasie,	PA	18944- 0000	3300	LIFE
PARSONESE,	Richard J.	Holidaysburg Vet Ctr., Box 319	Holidaysburg,	PA	16648-0319	724-545-9016	R-2/04
PARZANESE,	Donald D. Sr.	509 Plymouth Ct.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-0000	215-491-3275	LIFE
PARZANESE,	Donald D. Jr.	108-B N. Main St.	Sellersville,	PA	18960-2362	215-275-2713	R-12/03
PEARCE,	Ellis M. III	1811 Palomino Dr.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-2147	215-343-5609	LIFE
PLANT,	William	4366 U.S. Highway 202,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-0000	215-794-8268	LIFE
POWELL,	James	210 Leeds St.	New Hope,	PA	18938-1087	215-862-6280	R-9/03
QUERNEMOEN,	Brent M.	3440 Limekiln Pike,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3608		R-9/03
RANDLE,	Robert	1422 Reservoir Ave.,	Roslyn,	PA	19001-1625	215-657-3718	LIFE
ROSENBERGER,	William C.H. III	15 Stacey Dr.,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-3309	215-348-7275	R-8/03
SCHEETZ,	Larry	274 N. Union St.,	Lambertville,	NJ	08530-1506	609-397-0152	A-3/04
SCOTT,	Richard G.	3099 Antler Dr.	Doylestown,	PA	18801-1933		R-6/04
SERGEANT,	R. Bruce	42 Hillside Ave.,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2804	215-822-8210	LIFE
SMITH,	Gary J.	11 Unami Trail	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3203	215-997-1081	R-5/04
STANISLAW,	Dennis K.	24 Helens Lane,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-1314	215-822-3052	R-3/04
SULLIVAN,	David F. Jr.	888 Stallion Rd.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-2141	215-343-1473	R-8/03
SUNDLING,	Robert A.	539 Norris Drive,	Furlong,	PA	18925-1004	215-348-8925	LIFE
TICE,	Clifford W.	910 Diamond St.,	Sellersville,	PA	18960-2806	215-257-6162	LIFE
TRAUM,	Gerald T.	1255 Brookdale Rd.,	Warminster,	PA	18974-2166	215-675-7936	R-3/04
WALDRON,	Michael	619 Chaucer Court,	Warminster,	PA	18974-2066	215-672-7095	LIFE
WILSON,	Charles J. Jr.	1949 Robinwood Dr.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-1322	215-343-2594	R-9/03
WIMER,	Leland	1 Brookdale Drive,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-5073	215-345-6743	R-3/04
WOOTTERS,	Ronald C.	190 South Main St.,	Lambertville,	NJ	08530-1807	609-397-0026	R-10/03
WURST,	Charles L.	4882 Davis Dr.,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-1146	215-230-7124	A-1/04
WASTED,	Vincent J.	5127 Lr. Mtn. Rd., RD2, Box 158,	New Hope,	PA	18938-9461	215-794-5126	R-9/03
WHE,	Franklin Jr.	1945 Cathedral Rd.,	Huntingdon Valley,	PA	19006-5005	215-657-2202	LIFE

MEMBERS

Life: 21 Regular: 33 Associate: 4

TOTAL: 58

DELINQUENT: 6

Gen. DAVIS

(From Page 1)

In later years, Gen. Davis was chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board. He helped lead the effort to create the Korean War Veterans Memorial, on the opposite side of the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Korean memorial was dedicated in 1995.

Raymond Gilbert Davis was born in Fitzgerald, GA, and raised in Atlanta, where his parents ran a grocery. After graduating from Georgia Tech in 1938 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, he entered the Marine Corps. **Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller**, known for his aggressive fighting tactics, was one of his first instructors at basic school and remained his lifelong role model.

Gen. Davis, a trained artillery instructor, received the Navy Cross and the Purple Heart for his actions at Peleliu in September 1944. Wounded in the arm and leg shortly after landing, he stayed with his battalion and engaged point-blank enemy cannon fire to rally his forces and reestablish defense positions.

Between wars, he held a series of administrative jobs. After promotion to Brigadier General in 1963, he was Assistant Chief of Staff at Headquarters Marine Corps.

From 1968 to 1969, he was Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam. He told his intelligence staff to answer one question: "Where will I find the most enemy?"

He favored lighter command forces, namely helicopters full of troops, that could deploy quickly and then shock the opponents with men and firepower.

In addition to the Medal of Honor and Navy Cross, his decorations included two awards each of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

In July, Gen. Davis reminisced about his military career, recalling several "nicks" he got.

"Never lost a day of duty. Luckiest guy in the world," he told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. "Bullet through the skin here" -- he pointed to his forehead -- "one through the skin of my side, a sliver through my knee, a mortar shell that hit my helmet and knocked me down, that kind of thing.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Willa Heafner "Knox" Davis of Stockbridge; three children, Raymond "Gil" Davis Jr. of Covington, GA, Gordon Miles Davis of Seminole, AL, and Willa Kerr of Stockbridge; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

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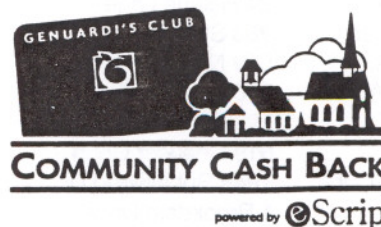
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The Bush administration has agreed in a deal with House Republican leaders to support concurrent receipt of full retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, backing a five-year phased end of the offset that reduces pay for about 700,000 people eligible for both benefits, Congressional sources said. But the cost of getting President Bush's backing for full concurrent receipt could be so high that military and veterans groups who have been pushing for concurrent receipt will refuse to accept the White House offer.

Sources involved in talks with the White House and Pentagon said that in return for allowing those who have served 20 years to receive full retired and disability pay, White House budget officials want a revision of veterans' disability payments.

The White House proposes giving future benefits or an increase in current disability only to those with injuries or illness linked directly to service.

This could cut the number of new claims by 40 percent and prevent many veterans who get disability payments

from seeing increases as their health worsens.

Limiting disability compensation isn't a new idea. Until it stopped producing the reports a few years ago, the Congressional Budget Office usually included in its annual report about ways to cut federal spending a proposal to restrict benefits for service-connected disabilities to those that had some direct link to being in the military. CBO argued that someone injured in an off-duty accident or who came down with an ailment while in the military did not have to be covered.



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