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**MARINE OF THE YEAR  
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## **'IWO' PHOTOGRAPHER JOE ROSENTHAL DIES**

Photographer **Joe Rosenthal**, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his immortal image of five Marines and a Navy Corpsman raising an American flag over battle-scarred Iwo Jima, died Aug. 20. He was 94.

Rosenthal died of natural causes at an assisted living facility in the San Francisco suburb of Novato, said his daughter **Anne Rosenthal**.

"He was a good and honest man, he had real integrity," Anne Rosenthal said.

His photo, taken for The Associated Press on Feb. 23, 1945, became the model for the Iwo Jima Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The memorial, dedicated in 1954 and known officially as the Marine Corps War Memorial, commemorates the Marines who died taking the Pacific island in World War II.

The photo was listed in 1999 at No. 68 on a New York University survey of 100 examples of the best journalism of the century.

The photo actually shows the second raising of the flag that day on Mount Suribachi on the Japanese island. The first flag had been deemed too small.



**JOE ROSENTHAL**

## **The Iwo Jima Flag-Raisings**

### **First Flag-Raising**



Photo by Sgt. Lou Lowery  
*Leatherneck Magazine*

### **Second Flag-Raising**



Photo by Joe Rosenthal  
*Associated Press*

# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines.

I recently attended the dedication of a memorial to the dogs of war officially known as the Pennsylvania War Dog Memorial which was held in Bristol Township, Bucks County on Saturday, September 16, in front of the township building in Memorial Park. The event was hosted by the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans. Notables in attendance were **Senators Vincent J. Fumo** and **Robert M. Tomlinson**, who spearheaded the drive and worked tirelessly in getting funding from the state making it possible to have this memorial. This has been an ongoing quest for about 10 years of finding the funds necessary for the completion of the project. You can imagine what a tough sell it must have been finding funding and donations to support a memorial for dogs. Few Americans are aware of the invaluable service given by War Dog teams during the Vietnam War. Dog teams consisting of Scout, Combat Tracker, Sentry, and Mine and Tunnel dogs saved thousands of lives. These dogs would locate injured GI's, search out Viet Cong weapon caches, locate deadly booby traps, and would alert and thwart enemy attacks and ambushes.

The War Dog teams were so effective that the Viet Cong High Command issued a bounty on them. These War Dogs served with valor and hundreds gave their lives in combat. Had it not been for the War Dogs, the "WALL" in Washington would have been a lot longer and a few feet higher.

The courage and loyalty of these dogs are honored only in the memories of the soldiers whose lives they protected.

Now for the sad part. Despite the impassioned pleas of the handlers, these valorous animals were classified as "expendable equipment" at the end of the Vietnam War and were abandoned to an unknown fate in South Vietnam.

Several of the dog handlers were present for the dedication and were introduced and participated in the unveiling of the statue. The statue depicts a War Dog on a leash with its handler with left arm raised and fingers extended. The statue sits atop a granite pedestal with a large "V" (for valor) and in the background are three huge 8' x 4' granite tablets with inscription.

The Ceremony concluded with a 21-gun salute by a firing squad of Vietnam Veterans followed with the playing of "Taps."

On Sunday the 17th, I attended the Southeast Division meeting hosted by the Valley Forge Detachment at their meeting place in Swedesburg, PA.

There were five detachments on board and about 20 members including two National officers whom are also Department officers and seven other Department officers. The meeting was chaired by the **Southeast Division Vice Commandant Bob Rup**. In spite of the low turnout, it proved to be a very informative and worthwhile meeting. Representatives from the five detachments all gave interesting activities reports. Sharing information on what works is a good tool for others to follow.

Other topics covered were the new dues transmittal forms reflecting the

\$6.00 National dues increase, State dues and Detachment dues. It was hinted that Detachments may have to consider an increase as well, however, we've already decided to keep ours at the same amount for now--at least until everyone gets over the shock of having to come up with an additional \$6.00 for National.

We also discussed territorial boundaries for Detachments as being in an area of proximity within the municipality where the Detachment is chartered. This means that in our case, Doylestown would be the only area we could use for recruiting new members and for fund raising and so on. Funny thing though, our Charter does not say Doylestown. It says Pennsylvania and as far as I'm concerned, we can cover the whole State. Look out Washington County. Here I come!

It became known that another new Detachment is in the process of being formed in the Southeast Division somewhere in Chester County. Chester County is a big County and I'm sure that it's able to support a second detachment. I wish them luck and success.

That pretty much covers it for this month. I hope everyone had a good summer. It was a very busy one for me and I'm glad it's over. I'm not going to miss the oppressive heat and all the rain we've had.

See you at the October meeting.

Semper Fi,



## LISTEN UP!

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## GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

**Peggy Sundling**, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!!" Items include: Moist Wipes--with and without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars - in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines - military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used are fine); Drink Mixes - individual envelopes. **Thanks for your continued support!**

# Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 13, 2006, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 20 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Bob Sundling, Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce**, and **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**.

The Minutes of the August Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Bill Miller** reported on the Marine Corps League Convention noting the Marine Corps League will increase its annual dues by \$6.00 effective 1 January. He announced the Department of Pennsylvania will hold its Quarterly Staff & Members Meeting Oct. 14-15.

**Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** reported the Detachment strength at 53 including 22 Life Members, 22 Regular Members and 1 Honorary Member. There are 8 members delinquent in their dues.

**Junior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC**, reported on plans for the Detachment Anniversary Dinner. A motion was unanimously approved to hold the dinner on a Sunday afternoon. Jr. Vice Pearce will have more definitive information at the October Meeting.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had received no communications from the National or Department Headquarters other than that reported by the Commandant.

**Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom** reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC**, reported the Detachment Color Guard & Honor Guard had been requested to participate in the Nockamixon Community Day Opening & Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Bucks County Horse Park in Revere, PA.

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

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** stated he had nothing new to report.

The **Public Relations Officer** set Sept. 20 as the deadline for the October issue of *Listen Up!* He also announced he had posted a "Sign-Up" sheet for Nockamixon Community Day.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling, PC**, reported on the Young Marines Unit's visit to Penns Landing where they toured a submarine. He also reported the Unit will be visiting Gettysburg Battlefield on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. He requested the Detachment make a "Flag Folds" presentation to the Unit on Oct. 18 at MAG-49. The **Public Relations Officer** and **Junior Vice Commandant Pearce** will make the presentation.

**RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--**With the impending relocation of **Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** to North Carolina, the leadership of the team was passed to **Past Commandant Budd Pearce**. He reported the Department Rifle Match will be held Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Commandant Miller** presented "Marine of the Year" ribbons to **Bob Cody, Don Gee, Bill Jerrom, Ray Krout, Budd Pearce, and Mike Waldron**.

**Commandant Miller** presented a plaque to new **Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Pearce** for the team's performance during the Department Pistol Match.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to have a plaque prepared for Tinus-Olson in appreciation for the company's support of the Detachment. The Public Relations Officer was tasked with preparing the plaque and coordinating the presentation.

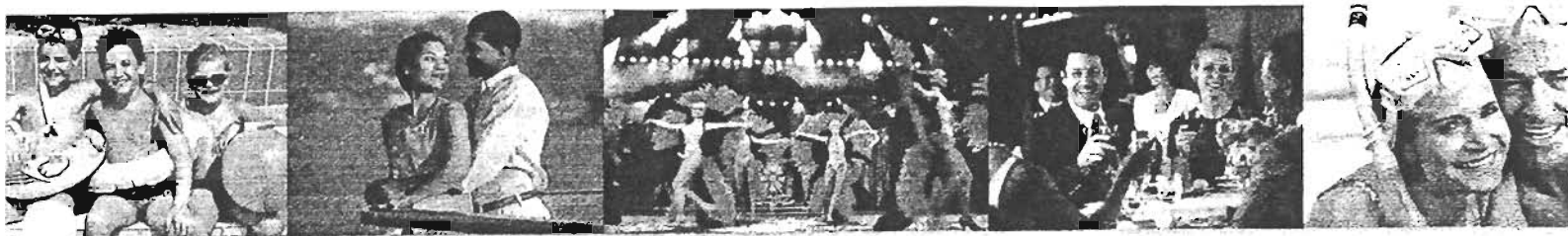
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Marine Mike Waldron** announced the Marine Band will be in our area during October-November and he is canvassing local high schools to find a suitable venue for the band.

**Marine Rich Scott** announced Central Bucks East High School has launched "Operation Eternal Gratitude" to recognize veterans of the Central Bucks School District. He also announced he would be renting a limousine on November 10 to go to "Cookie's Tavern" in Philadelphia for the annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration there.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on October 11.

**Ginny Kownurko**  
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**9 OCTOBER**

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**11 OCTOBER**

**DEPARTMENT STAFF MEETING**  
**JONESTOWN, PA**  
**12-14 OCTOBER**

**HALLOWEEN**  
**31 OCTOBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING**  
**8 NOVEMBER**

**MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY**  
**10 NOVEMBER**

**THANKSGIVING**  
**23 NOVEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING**  
**13 DECEMBER**

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