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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

#636

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Annual RAO Seminar Scheduled for Oct. 17

Attention all former service members and family members! Sign ups are being taken for the annual Retired Activities Seminar onboard the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove on Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. in the base gymnasium.

Sponsored by the NAS JRB Willow Grove Retired Activities Office (RAO), this seminar has been a tool for information gathering and educational purposes for all military retirees, veterans who have served but did not retire from the Armed Forces, and their family members.

The event is free and open to military retirees and veterans who served in any of the Armed Forces branches as well as their family members

Since this is a very informative and popular program, space is limited and pre-registration is required to assure seating as well as to meet security requirements.

For further information and to register for the seminar, contact the RAO located at NAS JRB Willow Grove by calling 215-443-6033.

SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR GULF VETS

Each Memorial Day, Americans remember the men and women of the armed forces who have given their lives in service to the United States. Pennsylvania is proud of its veterans and offers a number of programs to help them and their families, but many who served in the first Persian Gulf War have not taken advantage of a program intended specifically for them.

The Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefits Program honors those on active duty in Desert Shield or Desert Storm from August 2, 1990, until Aug. 31, 1991, with a special, one-time payment. More than 7,200 individuals have applied, but approximately 20,000 Pennsylvanians are

eligible.

The program pays \$75 per qualifying month of active-duty service up to \$525. For personnel who were declared prisoners of war or who died through illness or injury received in the line of duty, an additional \$5,000 payment may be available to them or their surviving family.

If you have yet to apply or need more information, visit www.persiangufbonus.state.pa.us or call toll-free, (866) 458-9182, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Brig. Gen. Scott Wagner

Deputy adjutant general

Veterans Affairs

Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

'Fallen Heroes Ride' Will Honor Trooper/Marine

My name is Jeff Lutz and I am the president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 75. On 7 June 2009 Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Joshua D. Miller was shot and killed while rescuing a nine-year-old boy who had been abducted at gunpoint by his estranged father. Josh leaves behind three children and a wife.

Josh was a proud Marine known to always motivate those around him. On 7 June 2009 at approxi-

mately 1037 hours he wrote "I will not let anything happen to my brothers on my watch" in an email to a fellow Trooper. At 2038 hours he was killed being FIRST to FIGHT, by being first in line to rescue a boy in harms way.

On 3 October 2009 the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 75 will be sponsoring a Fallen Hero's Motorcycle Ride in Honor of

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

Now that fall is here, we have a few points of business to finish up before we head into the winter months.

On Sept. 19 we will be participating in the annual Nockamixon Day celebration in Revere, PA. We will be manning a table again this year and try to get new members. This will be the fifth year we have attended the celebration. As always, we could use some

help with this event, so if you can commit to attending, please contact **Public Relations Officer Don Gee**. Hopefully we will get a good turn out.

Then, on Sunday, Oct. 25, the All Divisions Detachment will be sponsoring the 26th Anniversary observance to honor those killed in the Marine Barrack bombing in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. It will take place at Fogleitta Plaza in Penns Landing in Philadelphia. It will begin at 10 a.m. I have attended the past four years and will be there again this year. The ceremony is fairly short and usually well attended by many Marine Corps League Detachments. I'm hoping that we can again display our colors at this ceremony. Please

try to make time to attend to represent your detachment and honor those fallen Marines.

Next up would be our Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Nov. 14. This is the tentative date and **Junior Vice Commandant Ben Jones** is currently working to getting everything set up. If you would like to help please contact Ben at your earliest convenience and let him know how you can help. We discussed this during the September meeting and hopefully we will have it formalized at the October meeting.

See you at the October Meeting.

Semper Fi,

Jim Powell



**CENTRAL BUCKS
DETACHMENT, Inc. #636
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Doylestown, PA 18901-1372
Meets
7:30 p.m.
2nd Wednesday of Month
American Legion Post 210
315 North Street, Doylestown, PA**

**Sr. VICE COMMANDANT
JAMES McCOMB**

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**WEB SERGEANT
JAMES POWELL**

Free Brochure Explains VA Burial Benefits

As a veteran, you may qualify for burial benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, but it's important to understand what they are and how to request them.

According to funeral industry experts, many veterans don't know all the facts when they or their families come in to plan their funeral services. The pamphlet **10 Important Facts About Your VA Burial Benefits** was created to educate veterans and correct some common misperceptions.

For example, a recent survey shows that 60% of veterans mistakenly believe the VA pays funeral, cremation and cemetery expenses for all veterans.

In truth, reimbursement of funeral or cremation expenses is limited, and certain restrictions apply. Six out of

10 veterans also believe caskets are provided free of charge to all veterans.

Actually, neither VA nor the various services provide a free casket for a deceased veteran unless death occurs while on active duty.

These and other facts are explained in the pamphlet, which also contains information on requesting a U.S. flag, military funeral honors ceremonies, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and the issuance or replacement of military service medals, awards and decorations.

For a free copy of **10 Important Facts About Your VA Burial Benefits** so you can take advantage of available VA burial benefits, call 1-800-821-2606.

SEPTEMBER DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting on the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 9, 2009, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 510 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant and the Mess Sergeant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce** and **Bob Sundling** and **Past Northeast Division Commandant and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**.

The **Minutes** of the August Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymaster's Report** by the Adjutant/Paymaster and was unanimously accepted.

New Member: Robert R. Leimer (Warminster, PA) was unanimously accepted as a Member.

Sick Call: Marine Ken Murray has been released from the VAMC in Philadelphia.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment had been invited to attend the annual ceremony at the Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. He again reminded that a major change at the National Convention was the outlawing of the khaki shirt as a part of ANY Marine Corps League uniform. He also reported the Detachment had received e-mail correspondence from the Gene & Marlene Epstein Foundation (Penns Park, PA) offering aid to wounded OIF/OEF veterans who were in dire straits financially. He also noted the Department of Veterans Affairs had eased eligibility rules for veterans previously denied care because of income limits. The Commandant also reminded the members about the Basilone Day Parade in Raritan, NJ, on Sept. 27 at 1 p.m.

In the absence of the **Senior Vice Commandant**, the Commandant reported the Detachment strength at 61 members including 28 Life Members, 25 Regular Members, 2 Dual members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Life Member. Three members are delinquent in paying their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Ben Jones reported on plans for the Detachment Birthday Ball. The Ball is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14. He circulated a "Sign Up" list for members planning to attend the Ball. Plans will be firmed up at the October Meeting. He is also seeking ideas for fund raising activities. Anyone with suggestions for raising monies for the Detachment should contact him at 267-907-2611.

Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported on upcoming Department staff meetings and the Department convention. For the first time in anyone's memory, the Detachment has been reimbursed for the registration fees for the National Convention. He also reminded the members about "Nockamixon Community Day" on Sept. 19. Volunteers are needed to help staff our booth.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Color Guard had not been requested since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported last month's sales at \$49.50.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rifle & Pistol Team: Team Captain Budd Pearce, PC, reported tentative dates for the 2010 Pistol Match are 4-6 June. Anyone wanting to join the teams should contact Budd.

Adopt-A-Highway: The next highway cleanup will be held on October 17. More participation from Detachment members is necessary if the Detachment is to continue in the program.

Young Marines Unit: The Liberty Young Marines Unit attended the last Evening Parade of the season last month at the Marine Barracks, 8th & I Sts., in Washington, DC. The Unit will be traveling to **Seamus Garrity's** home in Gettysburg for a weekend outing on September 26-27. The Unit members will tour the Gettysburg Battlefield (guided by **Marine Bob Sundling**) and then camp out for the night at Garrity's.

Marine of the Year Committee: Nominations for 2010 Marine of the Year must be presented **before or at** the October Meeting. The Committee will vote on the Marine of the Year at the conclusion of the October Meeting. Contact Budd Pearce (215-343-5609) for more information.

OLD BUSINESS

2012 Department Convention: Commandant Powell reported he had had no further communications from other Southeast Division Detachments concerning co-sponsoring the Department Convention in 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

PTSD Compensation Rules Simplified

WASHINGTON--VA is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"The hidden wounds of war are being addressed vigorously and comprehensively by this administration as we move VA forward in its transformation to the 21st century," said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki last month.

The VA is publishing a proposed regulation today in the Federal Register to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted over the next 60 days. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received.

Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist ac-

tivity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a Veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the Veteran's symptoms are related to the claimed stressor.

Previously, claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that a non-combat Veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity. This rule would simplify the development that is required for these cases.

PTSD is a recognized anxiety disorder that can follow seeing or experiencing an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury to which a person responds with intense fear, helplessness or horror, and is not uncommon in war.

Feelings of fear, confusion or anger often subside, but if the feelings don't go away or get worse, a Veteran may have PTSD.

VA is bolstering its mental health ca-

capacity to serve combat Veterans, adding thousands of new professionals to its rolls in the last four years. The Department also has established a suicide prevention helpline (1-800-273-TALK) and Web site available for online chat in the evenings at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans/.

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT MARINES ON THE NET

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**FIRST DAY
OF AUTUMN
22 SEPTEMBER**

**YUM KIPPUR
28 SEPTEMBER**

**COLUMBUS DAY
12 OCTOBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
14 OCTOBER**

**FALL STAFF
MEETING
23-24 OCTOBER**

**HALLOWEEN
31 OCTOBER**

**ELECTION DAY
3 NOVEMBER**

**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
10 NOVEMBER**

**VETERANS DAY
11 NOVEMBER**



THE STROUD LODGE 75 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, ALONG WITH THE TRI STATE TROOPERS FUND,
INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR

**FALLEN HEROES RIDE HONORING TROOPER JOSHUA D. MILLER #8819
PSP**

WE WILL START AT SCHOCHS HARLEY DAVIDSON WITH A POLICE ESCORTED RIDE THROUGHOUT
TROOPER MILLER'S PATROL AREA, AND ENDING AT THE TRI-STATE TROOPERS FUND, INC. OCTOBERFEST
AT BARLEY CREEK BREWING COMPANY, TANNERSVILLE, PA
A 2009 HARLEY DAVIDSON CROSSBONES WILL BE RAFFLED OFF!

OUR FIRST STOP WILL BE ROUTE 611 IN TOBYHANNA,
Where State Representative Mario Scavello will have copies of the two bills
introduced in Harrisburg for the re-naming of the section of Rte 611 in Honor of Trooper Miller.

COST IS \$25.00, WHICH INCLUDES THE POLICE ESCORTED RIDE AND CEREMONY, A
COMMEMORATIVE MUG, DOOR PRIZES, ONE RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE MOTORCYCLE, AND A
SPECIAL MEMORIAL BRACELET
AUTHORIZED BY Mrs. ANGIE MILLER.

YOU MUST BE OVER 21 WITH ID FOR ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT BARLEY CREEK

THERE WILL BE FOOD, MEMORIAL T SHIRTS, ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS, AND MEMORIAL BRACELETS
AVAILABLE FOR SEPARATE PURCHASE AT BARLEY CREEK.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
2009 TRI STATE TROOPERS FUND, INC RECIPIENT FAMILIES AND THE
TROOPER JOSHUA MILLER MEMORIAL FUND.

**WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 2009 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:30
a.m.**

KICKSTANDS UP AT NOON.

WHERE: LEAVE SCHOCHS HARLEY DAVIDSON IN SCIOTA PA, [http://
www.harleyclothes.com/](http://www.harleyclothes.com/)

"I WILL NOT LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MY BROTHERS ON MY WATCH,"
TROOPER JOSHUA D. MILLER BADGE NUMBER 8819 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
END OF WATCH - JUNE 7th 2009 : 2038 HOURS

www.troopersfund.org

www.fopldodge75.org

DETACHMENT AWARDS CRITERIA

Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze)

BACKGROUND: The Distinguished Citizens Medal (Bronze) is the highest medal which can be awarded at the Detachment level.

CRITERIA: Service to the Detachment, the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, or the community to an extraordinary degree is the major consideration for the award of this our most prestigious medal.

PRESENTATION: The medal is presented by the Detachment Commandant.

"Marine of the Year" Medallion and Ribbon

BACKGROUND: Being designated the Detachment "Marine of the Year" is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a Detachment Member.

CRITERIA: This award is presented to a regular member of the Detachment who has rendered service(s) and performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. Any meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Detachment, the Department, the Marine Corps League, and/or the Marine Corps; and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States. Nominations must be submitted in writing, with supporting documentation, to the "Marine of the Year" Committee Chairman and must specify the extraordinary, superior performance(s) and/or deed(s) the nominee has demonstrated.

PRESENTATION: The medallion and ribbon are presented by the Detachment Commandant upon the recommendation of the award committee.

Distinguished Service Medal

BACKGROUND: The Distinguished Service Medal is the second highest medal which can be awarded at the Detachment level.

CRITERIA: Service to the Detachment, the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, or the community to an exemplary degree is the major consideration for this medal.

PRESENTATION: The medal is presented by the Detachment Commandant.

Detachment Recruiter Medal (Bronze)

BACKGROUND: The Detachment Recruiter Medal (Bronze) is awarded for recruiting.

CRITERIA: This award is presented to the member who recruits five or more members during the period June through May.

PRESENTATION: The medal is presented by the Detachment Commandant.

Community Service Ribbon

BACKGROUND: The Community Service Ribbon recognizes outstanding service to the veterans and/or civilian community.

CRITERIA: This award is presented to a member who has distinguished himself/herself in service to the community.

PRESENTATION: The ribbon is presented by the Detachment Commandant.

Meritorious Commendation Ribbon (Individual)

BACKGROUND: The Meritorious Commendation Ribbon (Individual) is the highest ribbon awarded at the Detachment level.

CRITERIA: Service to the Detachment, the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, or the community to an outstanding degree is the major consideration for the award. It may be awarded to an individual or a group of individuals working in consonance.

PRESENTATION: The ribbon is presented by the Detachment Commandant.

PISC Statue to Get Another Makeover in its 7th Decade

by *PATRICK DONOHUE*
pdonohue@beaufortgazette.com

One and a half times larger than life, the Iwo Jima Memorial at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island has served as the backdrop for countless photos of smiling parents, friends and family members, their arms draped proudly across the shoulders of their new Marine.

Few of them seem to notice that the statue -- depicting Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal's famous 1945 image of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima -- is melting before their eyes.

"It's made of some type of moldable plaster with a steel framework underneath," said David Woodward, an architect in Parris Island's engineering department. "We're not even really sure what kind of steel work is under there. It was never meant to be a permanent statue."

The plaster mold -- nearly a quarter of the size of the 300-ton, 32-foot-tall bronze Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery -- was donated to Parris Island by Austrian-born sculptor Felix de Wheldon after World

MILLER *From Page 1*

Trooper Joshua D. Miller.

The ride will begin at Schock's Harley Davidson in Snyder'sville, PA.

The first stop will be at a ceremony to rename the roadway where Josh was murdered.

The ride will end at Barley Creek Brewery in Tannersville, PA, for Oktoberfest, which will benefit the Tri-State Troopers Association.

The Tri-State Troopers Association is an organization that supports the families of Law Enforcement Families.

I have attached a file containing the event flier for the Fallen Heroes Ride (see Page 5). If you could support this event by passing this on, I would greatly appreciate it.

Semper Fi,
Jeffrey Lutz, President
Stroud Lodge # 75
Fraternal Order of Police

War II. One of two molds de Wheldon donated to the Corps, the statue arrived at Parris Island and was dedicated Sept. 5, 1952, on its current site near the depot's parade deck. The other mold was taken to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Both molds, which de Wheldon built before the war memorial was even conceived, toured the nation with patriotic speakers to encourage Americans to buy war bonds during World War II, according to the Parris Island Museum.

For more than 50 years, the statue has stood along Boulevard de France battling the stifling Lowcountry humidity and frequent summer rains, elements that are beginning to deteriorate the iconic mold, Woodward said.

"When the rainwater gets inside the statue, the plaster gets kind of gooeey, like toothpaste, and oozes out of the bottom of the statue," Woodward said. "Ideally, we'd like to see it moved indoors where it ceases to get wet and replaced with a bronze casting of the statue. The statue we have now is living on borrowed time."

Leroy Washington, the depot's supervising engineer technician, and his staff have been helping those five famous Marines and one famous corpsman keep the flag atop Mount Suribachi aloft for much of the last decade.

"We need to go out there again before the end of the year and caulk the joints, reseal the statue and put a fresh coat of paint on it," Washington said. "It's been painted over at least three or four times that I can remember."

Over the years, workers have applied various coats of paint and protective sealant to shore up the cracks that inevitably form each year. An epoxy and paint mixture gives the monument its bronze hue.

Woodward said installing a permanent statue might be a job for the private sector or a community fundraising effort.

"A bronze casting will cost close to \$1 million," he said. "The Marine Corps and the Navy have bigger fish to fry. With all of the World War II veterans we have in our area, I wouldn't think it'd be very hard to get a drive going and raise enough money to commission a bronze mold."

In the meantime, Washington and his

staff will continue to apply paint, epoxy, caulk, rubber cement and whatever else they can to keep an important piece of the depot's history from melting in the sweltering South Carolina sunshine.

"We just have to work with what we have right now," he said.

VA Assistant Secretary Raises Awareness About Post-9/11 GI Bill

WASHINGTON--"The Post-9/11 GI Bill throws open the doors of the country's colleges and university to Veterans," VA's **Assistant Secretary for Public & Governmental Affairs Tammy Duckworth** said last month in Vermont. "The Department of Veterans Affairs is working with those educational institutions to help Veterans improve their lives through education."

Duckworth attended an awareness-raising event at Champlain College, in Burlington, VT, with **Rep. Peter Welch**. She also traveled to Rutland to participate in a roundtable discussion at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

The bill, which takes effect August 1st, allows eligible veterans who served at least 90 days active duty since September 11, 2001, to receive an in-state, undergraduate education at a public institution at no cost. Under this new GI Bill, certain members of the armed forces may transfer benefits to a spouse or dependent children.

Additionally, the Yellow Ribbon Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, allows degree-granting institutions to voluntarily enter into a formal agreement with VA to fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the highest public, in-state undergraduate rates. It provides for dollar-for-dollar matching funds from VA to educational institutions for tuition for Veterans above the amount funded through the new GI Bill.

<p>2009 Fall Staff Meeting 23—24 October 2009 Meetings at Headquarters Building Sleeping Arrangements Days Inn, Lickdale 3 Everest Lane, Jonestown/Lebanon, PA 717-865-4064 Room Rates: \$50.00 double /\$54.00 king Deadline: 1 October 2009 Roast And Toast of PDC Dick Brown 24 October 2009 Bldg 8-80 Fort Indiantown Gap 1800—????? Cost: \$10.00 per person</p>	<p>2010 Winter Staff Meeting 8 – 10 January 2010 Holiday Inn, Grantville 604 Station Road Grantville, PA 888-465-4329 or 717-469-0661 Room Rates: \$79.00 Deadline: 9 December 2009</p>
<p>National Mid-Winter Conference 11– 13 February 2010 Fairview Park Marriott Falls Church, VA 703-849-9400 Room Rates: \$95.00 Deadline: 15 January 2010</p>	<p>Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc Meeting Schedule</p>
<p>2010 Spring Staff Meeting 19 –20 March 2010 Meetings at Headquarters Building Sleeping Arrangements Days Inn, Lickdale 3 Everest Lane, Jonestown/Lebanon, PA 717-865-4064 Room Rates: \$50.00 double /\$54.00 king Deadline: 1 March 2010</p>	<p>National Northeast Division Conference 26—27 March 2010 Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel 700 Lackawanna Ave, Scranton, PA 570-342-8300 Room Rates: \$96.50 Room rate includes buffet breakfast for two, parking and taxes. The will be a dinner Saturday evening! Deadline: 26 February 2010</p>

Be Cautious About Giving Information to Census Workers

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

Tips on Spending Your Stimulus Check

Some helpful advice on how to best help the U.S. economy by spending your stimulus check wisely:

- If you spend the stimulus money at Wal-Mart, the money will go to China.
- If you spend it on gasoline, your money will go to the Arabs.
- If you purchase a computer, it will go to India.
- If you purchase fruit and vegetables, it will go to Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.
- If you buy a car, it will go to Japan or Korea.
- If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan.

- If you pay your credit cards off, or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.
- Instead, keep the money in America by:
- 1-spending it at yard sales, or
 - 2-going to ball games, or
 - 3-spending it on prostitutes, or
 - 4-beer or
 - 5-tattoos.
- (These are the only American businesses still operating in the U.S.)

Conclusion:
Go to a ball game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a yard sale and drink beer all day.

Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET

COVER



\$22.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

\$55.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

\$15.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact

Quartermaster COREY FISHER

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

**Application for Membership
Marine Corps League**

_____ (Date)

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN _____

Type of Application -- New () Renewal () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, the character of my service has been honorable and, if discharged, I am in receipt of an Honorable Discharge. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of Honorable Discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)



Remit this form with check or money order (made payable to **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL**)
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