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AN ORIGINAL WWII CODE TALKER DEAD AT 90

by George Hardeen

Flags on his Navajo Nation were flown at half-staff from sunrise on Sept. 11 until sunset on Sept. 15 honoring **Navajo Code Talker Allen Dale June**, 90, who died Sept. 8.

“Allen Dale June was renowned as one of the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers who served the U. S. A., the Marine Corps and the Navajo Nation during World War II with courage, honor and distinction,” said **Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr.**

“Mr. June endured the horrors of combat on Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima as a radio operator in a forward echelon against hostile forces,” he said. “The Navajo Nation unites and offers prayers and deepest condolences to his family during this time of grief.”

June was born on Nov. 28, 1921, to *Kinlichii nii-Tl izi Lani* and born for *Ye'ii Dine Tachii' nii*. He passed away at the Prescott Veterans Hospital of Natural causes.

He graduated from the Tuba City Vocational High School in Tuba City, AZ, in 1941. Upon hearing the news of the outbreak of WWII, June hitchhiked to Fort Defiance on his way to Fort Wingate when he heard the announcement seeking Navajos who would become Code Talkers.

He joined the U. S. Marines to become one of the first 29 Navajos to compose the secret group that developed an unbreakable code.

He served honorably from 1941 to 1945 and was honorably discharged with the

rank of Sergeant.

After his military service, Mr. June



ALLEN DALE JUNE

graduated from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Cruces, NM, in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting and economics. He went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Utah in 1975.

Although he spoke little about having been a Code Talker, in later life he always wore his red Navajo Code Talker cap with his name on it.

In 2001, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal along with the other original Code Talkers for his pioneering Marine service.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia June, his brothers Adolph, Floyd, Jackie, and Keith, 11 children, nieces and nephews and many grandchildren.

His funeral was held Sept. 15 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Page, AZ. Burial with full military honors was in the family cemetery in Kaibeto, AZ.

Retirement System Outdated Says Retired General

The U.S. military must overhaul and reduce the cost of paying its people, funding their retirements and underwriting their health care, a top Pentagon adviser said.

Arnold Punaro said Defense Department budgeteers are already taking aim at weapons programs and operations and maintenance accounts. But it was regarding the military's skyrocketing personnel costs that the retired Marine Corps General and former senior SAIC executive sounded the loudest alarm during a Sept.

8 presentation at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

Punaro, a Defense Business Board senior fellow, led a DBB task force that in July recommended that **Defense Secretary Robert Gates** close U.S. Joint Forces Command. Weeks later, Gates proposed doing just that.

Punaro called the military's pension setup a "pre-volunteer-force retirement

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As we head into the Holiday season, the Detachment has a few things on the schedule before things slow down. We had **Boy Scout Brett Curtis** come in and address the Detachment on a project he is endeavoring upon at the National Cemetery at Washington's Crossing. He is going to build up the family Committal Shelter pavilion at there. He is seeking donations of money and time to help achieve his goal. He is planning to do the building up of this pavilion the last half of November. If you have any interest, please contact me.

We also had **Kevin Miller**, the area Toys for Tots Coordinator, present the plan for the replacement of the Willow Grove Marines as they are moving to Fort Dix. He brought a list of businesses that are participating in the program and looking for volunteers

to help with the program. If you can help, contact Kevin at **toysfortots@com-cast.net**.

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 five 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.

The Detachment will be doing the Marine Corps League Rose Program this year. We will be this fund raiser the weekend of Oct. 30-31. We are working on getting the Liquor Store in Doylestown and one in Newtown. If you can help your Detachment on this endeavor, please contact me or **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**. More information will be forthcoming at the October Meeting.


The Detachment voted to have a Marine Corps Birthday Ball on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Water Wheel in Doylestown. Junior Vice Gentile and his committee are working on getting everything set up and will have all the information available at the October meeting. Please put this on your calendar and help celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday.

See you at the October Meeting.

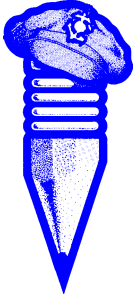
MARINE WEDDING



CPL. & MRS. ROBERT M. SUNDLING
The former Miss Amy Lynn Monastero married our own Bob Sundling Aug. 28. They are shown walking under the drawn swords of Bob's fellow MARTD Marines.

Semper Fi

Jim Powell

september DETACHMENT MEETING



M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 8, 2010, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 14 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, and Bob Sundling, Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth.**

NOTE: Marine Jim McComb provided an impressive power point agenda display for the meeting.

Sick Call: Marine of the Year Ken Murray is still undergoing treatment at the V-A Medical Center in Coatesville.

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

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and was unanimously accepted.

Guests: Boy Scout Brett Curtis of Newtown, PA, presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project to the members seeking the Detachment's support. It involves renovating the "Committal Shelter" at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. His well-organized, detailed, written plan was distributed to the members. Projected cost of the project is about \$5,000 and he is seeking financial help from businesses, veterans organizations and individuals for it.

Area Toys-for-Tots Coordinator Kevin Miller presented his appeal to the Detachment for assistance with this year's program. He is seeking volunteers to help collect "Toys-for-Tots" barrels in the Central Bucks area.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported on activities and business conducted at the Marine Corps League National Convention and set out the various handouts he had received at the convention for the members to review. He emphasized that all of the proposed ByLaws amendments concerning the khaki/tropical shirts were soundly defeated. He stated the new National Commandant pledged to "enforce the uniform code" and warned he would invoke appropriate "sanctions" against all violators.

He also reported the Air Museum at Willow Grove had acquired a new F84F aircraft.

He reminded the members that attending political rallies and political events in Marine Corps League uniform violates MCL rules.

The Detachment has again been invited to attend the Beirut Memorial Ceremony at Penns Landing in Philadelphia on Sunday, Oct. 24.

In the absence of the Senior Vice Commandant, **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** reported the Detachment strength at 68 including 29 Life Members, 30 Regular Annual Members, 2 Dual Detachment Members, 6 Associate Annual Members and 1 Honorary Member. He also reported on progress made for the Birthday Ball. Following his report on the four proposed sites and costs, the members elected to hold the Birthday Ball at the Water Wheel Inn in Doylestown on Nov. 6 beginning with cocktails (cash bar) at 5 p.m. He also discussed the "Rose Program" which was unanimously approved by the members. The members approved a \$360 expenditure to fund the initial purchase of 12 gross of roses. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31, are the tentative dates for conducting the fund-raiser at the State Stores in Doylestown and Newtown.

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

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported there had been no requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

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

The **Public Relations Officer** set Sep. 20 as the deadline for submission of material for the next **LISTEN UP!** He reported that **Marine MajGen. Ronald L. Bailey**, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot & Western Recruiting Region, San Diego, will be addressing students at Delaware Valley College on Oct. 11. He also reported that "Operation: Standdown," the annual program to aid homeless veterans, has moved from Philadelphia to Levittown and will be held Sept. 10-12.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported sales of \$89.75 at the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Young Marines Unit trip to Washington. He noted the "Tun Tavern" bartender at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA, is the "official" first Young Marine and he spoke with the Young Marines about his experiences in the beginning days of the Young Marines organization.

Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Budd Pearce reported the Department Rifle Match will be held Sept. 24-26 at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Marine McComb made his Marine Corps League power point presentation covering the purposes of the League and some lighthearted humor. He also showed a segment with a moment of silence honoring and highlighting those Marines who died in combat during August .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Atkinson American Legion Post will hold a **Breakfast Fund-Raiser** on Sunday, Sept. 12, at Applebee's in Doylestown.

Marine of the Year nominations are due at the next meeting. Written nominations should be sent to Chaplain Pearce at: **buddpearce@comcast.net** or submitted at the October Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13.

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 or 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, Marines, for your continued support!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
23 SEPTEMBER

COLUMBUS DAY
11 OCTOBER

DETACHMENT MEETING
13 OCTOBER

DEPARTMENT STAFF MEETING
22-23 OCTOBER

ELECTION DAY
2 NOVEMBER

marine corps birthday
10 november

detachment meeting
10 november

veterans day
11 november

thanksgiving day
25 november

pearl harbor day
7 december

detachment meeting
8 december

'ROSE GARDEN' POSTER D. I. CHUCK TALIANO LAID TO REST

Sgt. Chuck Taliano was awaiting an honorable discharge at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in 1968 when a reservist writing a book about boot camp snapped a picture of him giving a recruit an "attitude readjustment."

That cemented Taliano's place in Corps legend.

The photo captured his snarling mug inches from a fresh-faced recruit with the caption, "We don't promise you a rose garden." It was printed on thousands of Marine Corps recruiting posters printed during the 1970s and 1980s.

The poster made Taliano a celebrity among Marines, said **Stephen Wise**, curator of the Parris Island Museum, where Taliano worked as manager of the gift shop.

"Everyone from Generals to former Privates would stop by to see him," Wise said. "Everyone knew Chuck."

Taliano, 65, died in his Beaufort home June 4 after a long battle with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow. A memorial service was held for Taliano at the depot's Recruit Chapel,

and he was buried at Beaufort National Cemetery.

Taliano's outlook on life was an inspiration to those who knew him, but particularly to **Bruce Kinsey**, one of Taliano's co-workers at the museum who has the same form of cancer.

"He had such a great attitude about his disease," Kinsey said. "I can only hope that I deal with this disease half as well as Chuck did. It was the disease that slowed him down, not his attitude. He was always positive."

A Cleveland native, Taliano joined the Marine Corps in 1963 and was selected for Drill Instructor duty at Parris Island in 1966, according to an obituary prepared by Anderson Funeral Home.

Mike Theroux of Merrimack, NH, trained under Taliano in 1966 before he was deployed to Vietnam and later befriended his former Drill Instructor.

"He was a very fair DI to all of his Marines," Theroux said. "He was one of the most caring people in the world and just a really good man."

That famous photo of Taliano was taken less than a month before he was released from active duty, according to his obituary. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in November 1969 and retired to Beaufort in 2001 after working in publishing for more than 30 years.

Taliano began managing the Parris Island Museum's gift shop, the Alexander Ship's Store, in late 2002 and quickly became a living attraction, said **Dana MacBain**, the museum's exhibits coordinator.

"People would come in the museum, and they could care less about the exhibits or anything else in the museum," MacBain said. "They just wanted to see Sgt. T."

Lt. Sharon Hyland, Parris Island spokeswoman, said Taliano's death has left a void at the place that helped make him famous.

"For generations, Chuck Taliano served as the face of the Marine Corps," Hyland said.


"His iconic image as a Drill Instructor not only reinforced the intensity of a United States Marine, but it stood as an affirmation of the Marine Corps standard.

"Chuck Taliano's legacy will live on at Parris Island in the many lives he touched. He will be missed."

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General Bailey will be the keynote speaker for Multicultural Week, a campus-wide weeklong celebration of inclusion and the different cultures present at the College. The event is designed to foster awareness of our diverse world.

WWI Marine, Soldier Finally Return Home

The remains of a Marine killed in action during World War I were buried recently at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA, after being missing for more than 90 years.

"It goes to show our country has not forgotten those who were lost overseas," said **Navy Capt. Guy Lee**, the Regional Chaplain for Naval District Washington.

The remains of **1stSgt. George Humphrey**, a native of Ithaca, NY, were found in northeastern France last September, said **GySgt. William Dixon**, Funeral Director at Marine Barracks Washington.

Humphrey, who was with 6th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Brigade, attached to U. S. Army 2nd Infantry Division, was killed Sept. 15, 1918, during the battle

of Saint-Mihiel, the first major American-led offensive of the war. His Marines hastily buried him the next day.

A year later, one of the Marines sent a letter to Humphrey's brother with details of where the First Sergeant was buried, but attempts to recover the body were unsuccessful. The family said they still kept thinking of him.

"My mother used to point at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and say, 'That could be George,'" said Edith Scott, whose mother was Humphrey's cousin. Humphrey was born Feb. 15, 1889, to Welsh immigrants and joined the Marine Corps in Ithaca, Sept. 13, 1917.

Scott said a year later, he was leading Marines in the Great War.

"You're always going to be proud of your family," she said. "But to hear about the impact he had impressed us more."

French citizens were searching for war relics near the town of Rembercourt-sur-Mad when they found remains they believed belonged to a World War I American service member.

They notified the Joint POW MIA Accounting Command, said Dixon. The JPAC team used a variety of forensic identification tools, including dental comparisons and circumstantial evidence to identify the remains.

"I just hope families of people who are missing in action see this and realize that there is still hope that their loved ones will be found," Scott Said.

Healthcare Services Enhanced, PVAMC Gets \$4.74 Million for E-R

The Philadelphia VAMC will get \$4.74 million to renovate its Emergency Room as part of the \$1 billion VA has obligated to improve VA medical care facilities across the country through building renovations, roadway and walkway repairs, high cost equipment replacement, security improvements, new construction, replacement of steam lines and boiler

plants, upgrades in emergency power distribution, and purchases of additional emergency generators among others.

To help Veterans access care, Recovery Act projects in VA medical facilities will add or improve more than 26,000 parking spaces and 39 elevator banks are being built or upgraded. VA will upgrade nearly

14,000 inpatient bed spaces, while 16 pharmacy renovation projects will help Veterans get medicines quicker and more efficiently. More than 14,400 clinical improvement projects, some with multiple exam rooms, will be undertaken.

Funds are also helping ensure VA health care facilities function more efficiently.

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system."

"We know that it is not sustainable to pay people for 60 years to serve for 20," the former Marine Corps Reserve Director said.

He said the Pentagon spends \$46 billion a year on retiree pay, not including health care.

Among other problems, the current pay and pension system encourages people to leave the service after 20 years, when many reach their highest level of proficiency, Punaro said.

Many go on to take high-paying defense sector jobs while collecting a DoD pension and enjoying discounted military retiree health plans, he said.

Punaro called that arrangement "outdated," saying it is the kind of "middle-

class entitlement program ... not food stamps" that is threatening not just the U.S. defense budget but America's fiscal outlook.

Never one to pull punches, Punaro criticized sitting military leaders for acknowledging but doing nothing about the need for changes to the pay/compensation, retirement and health care systems.

He also pinged military advocacy groups, saying those organizations' primary objective has become ensuring the executive and legislative branches make no changes to the military's pay and benefits policies.

People are getting more expensive. Punaro estimates "35 percent of all DoD spending" goes toward personnel, he told the forum the Pentagon says it's closer to "50 percent."

Internal and external budget pressures likely will bring changes to the Pentagon's force structure, **Johm Hamre**, CSIS president and CEO, said during the event.

"We are at a tipping point," he said.

History shows that when the defense budget is a target for cuts "that we tend to break the force," said Hamre, Deputy Defense Secretary during the Clinton administration.

Pentagon leaders are pushing toward a goal of freeing up \$100 billion over five years and shifting those monies to hardware programs.

But is that enough? More and more experts say no. **Harlan Ullman**, a senior associate with CSIS, said he projects that DoD is "over-programmed or under-budgeted by one-third."

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