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American Legion Post 210
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER DETACHMENT MEETING

Eighteen members were present including all officers except the Adjutant, Ray Krout who was excused.

Visitors included Assistant S.E. Division Vice Commandant, Jim Bradford and his assistant Jim Cruz.

Past Cmdts' Bill Plant, Don Parzanese and Frank Yohe were recognized.

Paymasters report and minutes from the previous meeting were approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SR. VICE - (Don Gee)

An advertiser's log indicating expiration dates for all ads in the Newsletter has been compiled and is available for reference.

On November 10, 1993 the V.A. Hospital Medical Center , in Philadelphia, will have their Marine Corps Birthday Ball celebration co-sponsored by the C.B. Detachment an Tun Tavern Detachment. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services will be gratefully accepted by the Sr. Vice. Also, there will be medals awarded to nine World War I veterans.

Copies of the Detachment By-Laws were distributed to those present. A vote for adoption will be taken at the September meeting. The major change is a proposal to make the Adjutant's position an elected office rather than an appointed.

JR. VICE (Tony Kimes)

Just a reminder to make your reservations for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be held at the Orlon Club, Willow Grove Naval Air Station on Saturday, November 13, 1993. The tab is \$65.00 per couple for dinner, dancing and all related activities. Contact Tony Kimes at 659-6430 for any other details.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next clean-up day will be Saturday, October 23, 1993 at 0900. For those who have not joined us in the past, our designated section of highway is Route 413 (Swamp Road), between Route 202 and Route 263 (Old York Road). If it rains, stay home and a rain date will be announced.

GENUARDI TAPES

Don Parzanese announced that he submitted over \$13,000 worth of register tapes for the rebate to the Detachment. This is the easiest way we have to raise money. All you have to do is save your tapes or collect them a friend and give them to a Detachment member or mail them to Don Parzanese, 263 Belmont Ave., Doylestown, Pa. 18901. It may not sound like much but it all adds money to the bank account.

POW/MIA (Bill Plant)

Bill provided a hand-out that gave an analysis of the situation is at the present time. Articles appeared in the VFW and Legion magazine.

Bill also reported on his trip to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida. All of the issues that we voted on, at the August Detachment meeting, were duplicated by the National delegates. It was voted not to change the League Charter for the next ten years which will automatically prevent Navy Corpsmen from becoming voting members.

Paul Seton won his election to National Jr. Vice by 2000 votes. The Central Bucks Detachment won 2nd place in Category II, under Americanism, for the Scrapbook entry. At this point, Pat Meyers was given a Certificate Of Appreciation, from the Detachment, for all her work on the scrapbook.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

There is a boat ride on "The Spirit of Philadelphia" (on the Delaware River) and a luncheon following for patients at the Phila. V.A. Hospital on Wednesday, September 15, 1993 (starting at 10 AM). Don Gee will attend for the Detachment. A motion was made and passed to make a monetary donation to this affair.

The Detachment will have a Barge Ride on the Delaware leaving the dock at New Hope, Pa. (6:15 PM) on Thursday, Sept. 30, 1993. Everyone is invited to attend.

The United States Marine Band will perform at the Hatboro-Horsham High School on November 14, 1993. There will be more details available at the October meeting.

Bill Barnish made a suggestion that we have pamphlets printed to pass out to prospective Detachment members to give them some idea of what our organization stands for and the activities that we participate in, throughout the year.

Don Parzanese Jr. announced that he has been accepted by MAG 48, Bravo Det., Heavy Equipment Reserve Unit located in Wyoming, Pa.

Jim Bradford, Asst. S.E. Div. Vice Cmdt., spoke briefly to the members present, reporting on some items of interest from the Dept. of Penna. He mentioned memberships and recruiting new members; the awards program and the selling of the car raffle tickets which he left with us; announced the slate of new National Officers; stated that the next State Convention will be in Erie, Pa. on June 24, 25, 26, 1994; and reminded everyone of a Rifle Match in Indiantown Gap, Pa. in September. He ended up by presenting a Ribbon to the Detachment for 100% Membership Renewal which was awarded at the National Convention, in August.

NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 13 OCTOBER 93 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PENNA.

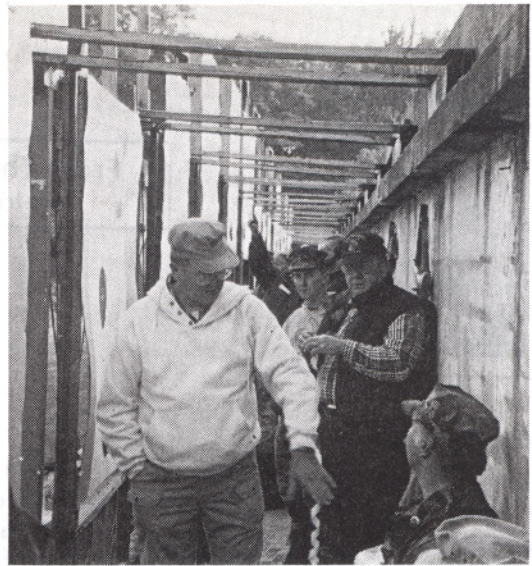
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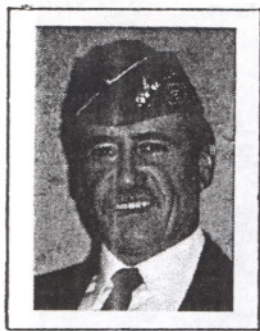
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From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines,

I am proud to say that although our Rifle Team did not win any high honors at the MCL Service Rifle Match at Ft. Indiantown Gap, we did well for a first year team. The entire weekend was an experience to be remembered. I can not describe the feeling of renewed comraderie that seemed to prevail at the match. Each marine was as interested in helping each other as they were in helping themselves. Any member that wishes to be a part of this event next year should get hold of Will Haas or me as soon as possible. We are permitted to enter as many 5 man teams as we want. If you need a rifle we have some available or you may purchase your own. Four of our team did purchase their own weapons for the match. Each person that took part in the rifle match received a very nice patch for participating. So, if you can shoot a little, and want to have the fun we had this year, I would like to see you join the team!

I wanted to have some news for you about the Ball, but I have not heard anything from my Jr. Vice. I am sure that he will have a full report at the 13 October meeting. I do know that our reservation at the Willow Grove club has been received by them and we got a notice stating as such. The people that said they would like to help with decorating will be notified soon as to what help will be needed and when.

Speaking of meetings, we were honored to have the S.E. Division Vice Commandant, James Bradford, attend our September meeting. He was accompanied by his assistant, Jim Cruz. I wish to thank them both for stopping by and adding to our already interesting meeting. Jim Bradford will be having a Division meeting on Saturday, 16 October at the Valley Forge Detachment home. The home is located at 342 Jefferson St., Bridgeport, PA. The time of the meeting will be 1400. Please make every effort to get to this meeting if you can. It is important to make as many of these meetings as possible so that you can let the Div. Vice know what is on your mind, as well as the minds of your fellow detachment members. This meeting is not far from Doylestown so I hope a lot of our members will show their support of the League by being present.

On Friday, 30 September, the detachment held a boat ride on the Delaware. Only about eight people could make it, but we still had a great time! The ride lasted almost two hours. Along with the refreshments we managed to serve a full helping of full moon and fun. There will be other informal activities and trips in the future. You will be notified of these events so you can make plans to attend. If you don't make these informal gatherings, you miss out on a big part of what the League is about. I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting and our next function.

On a more solemn note...On Friday, 1 October we laid to rest a fellow Marine. Marine Roland E. Miedel served his Country, his Marine Corps and his League with honor and integrity. It was an honor having Roland as a member of the Central Bucks Detachment. The sympathies of the detachment go out to Roland's wife, Barbara, and all of his survivors. Their lose is shared by us all. May you rest in peace Marine Miedel, your memory will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew you.

Semper Fi,

Budd Pearce

Commandant



Larry Scheetz is looking good at his birthday party that was held in the early part of September. Happy 50th Larry!



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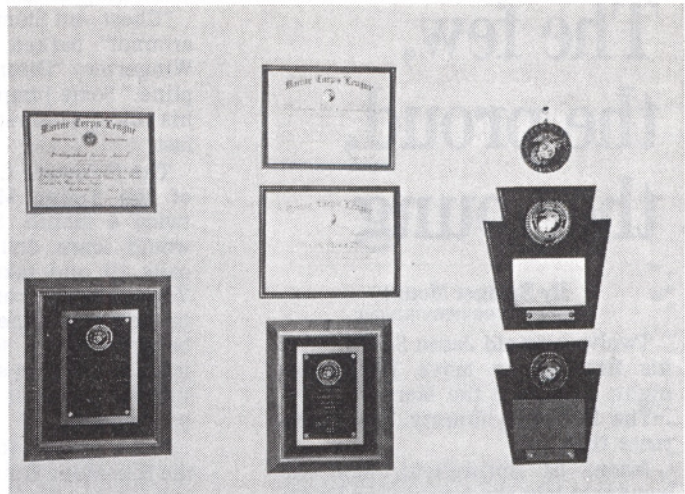
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The first quarter Staff & League meeting will be Saturday 30 October 1993 at the Ramada Inn, Pottstown, ~~\$42.00~~ rate call 215-326-6700.

A dinner will be held on Saturday evening for Jr. Past Commandant Jack Heidel, cost \$20.00 per person, make checks payable to "Manatawny Detachment" and send to John Groves

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The few, the proud, the young

By Bridget Mount
INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT

Twelve-year-old Jason Smith made his first career move Wednesday night: He joined the Marines.

The Delaware County Young Marines that is.

Jason, of Springfield, said he wanted to join the Army when he got older. So he and his best friend, Lee Madonna, 11, decided to join and were inducted to the newly formed Delaware County Young Marines at the Folsom Reserve Center.

"We used to play, like, Army and stuff," Jason said.

"Yeah, like Civil War," Lee interjected.

"Yeah. We heard about this — it sounds cool. I want to be in the Army," Jason said.

The Young Marines is sponsored by the Gen. Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Detachment, an organization of retired Marines. Young Marines Commander Robert Stanton said the purpose was to deter

drug use as well as teach respect for country, flag and parents.

"Our youth will become an endangered species," Stanton said of drug abuse among young people. "This is the greatest battle, and the Marines have never lost a battle."

Sixteen recruits were inducted in a ceremony Wednesday night. Before the ceremony, the young Marines lined up outside for their first drill practice. While drill instructor Lance Cpl. Ricardo Colon tried to teach them how to stand at attention and how to address an officer, most of the recruits snickered, looked around and played with their new

camouflaged hats, until...

"Chest out! Stomach in! Don't look around!" barked First Sgt. Robert Wingerter. "Discipline, men, discipline." Some jumped at the sound of his voice, others stood at attention — fast.

The Delaware County detachment of the Young Marines will meet twice a month. Stanton said they would learn drills, become physically fit and take field trips. The Young Marines can advance just like in the real Marines — the final rank being gunnery sergeant. Advancement is based on school and community involvement as well as Marine performance.

Gunnery Sgt. Robert Foreman of the Bux-Mont Young Marines has advanced to the top after being a Young Marine for nine years. The 16-year-old, dressed in full Young Marine garb, said it was the best thing that had happened to him.

"It got me through life, kept me on a straight and narrow path. It built me up mentally," he said, adding that he may turn traitor and, gasp, join the Army.

The Young Marines have strict dress and honor codes to live by: foul or obscene language will not be tolerated; all officers must be addressed as "Sir" or by their rank; all are required to attend all drills and meetings, and haircuts will be quasi-military fashion, no shoulder-length, ponytail or exaggerated styles.

But one Young Marine has an exemption from the long-hair regulation — Nikole Suter, 9, of Chester, is the only female Young Marine as of Wednesday night, but it doesn't bother her.

"I'm tougher than my brother," she said. "But he's younger than me." Wingerter told her that now she



For The Inquirer / JAY GORODETZER

Nikole Suter, 9, watches Staff Sgt. Walter Roach Jr. of the Bux-Mont Young Marines give commands during drills.

could really boss the boys around.

Nikole's mother is a police officer in Chester, and she encouraged her to join because of the outfit's anti-drug message. Although Nikole joined the drill practice late, she caught on to the "about-face" order faster than anyone.

Even after being ordered around for about an hour, many of the Young Marines were just as enthusiastic as they were before practice.

"I love it. I'm going to stay in. My brother told me about this stuff," said Mario Colbert, 12, of Philadelphia. Mario's brother is a real Marine.

There are about 5,000 Young Marines all over the country. Stanton said that he was pleased with the turnout of 16, but that he was always looking for more recruits. As the detachment grows, it will participate in parades, marches and the formation of other Young Marine Corps, he said.



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Lance Cpl. Ricardo Colon puts these Young Marines through their paces at the Folsom center.

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