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Highlights

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held on September 11, 1996, at American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members present including all officers. Distinguished Marines in attendance included **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Plant** and **Frank Yohe**; **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**; and, Detachment "Marine of the Year" **Bob Schaffer**.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment currently has a strength of 57 members including 14 Life Members, 35 Regular Members and 8 Associate Members. There are 8 Delinquent Members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz motioned to hold a "Fund Raiser" on Dec. 7, 1996, at the State Store in Warrington. Motion was carried. Details will be presented as soon as arrangements are completed.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported the Detachment had received a copy of the Marine Corps League Insurance Certificate from MCL Headquarters. Other correspondence included a blank Installation Report form and a copy of the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting schedule.

Paymaster Bob Cody presented the Paymaster's Report. Report was unanimously approved.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported the Detachment Color Guard had been requested to participate in the POW-MIA Ceremony at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at the American Legion Post in Willow Grove. He stated the Color Guard was ready.

Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr. reported on income from the August Meeting and reminded members he would "special order" and items which he did not have in stock.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BIRTHDAY BALL — Committee Chair **Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** reported preparations for finalizing the Birthday Ball are moving along smoothly and that final information on costs, choices of dinner, etc., will be presented to the Detachment shortly.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 9 OCTOBER 1996 AT
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Our October Meeting will be something extraordinary for us. You should make every effort to attend.

The newly formed **Central Bucks Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary of Pennsylvania** will receive its charter and have its officers installed at our meeting. This is a real milestone for the Marine Corps League in our area—the first Marine Corps League Auxiliary Unit. I am especially proud that this effort came to fruition during my watch...and, as I pointed out last month, it is largely due to the efforts of **Marine Paul Caprio** and his wife and daughter.

Department Auxiliary President Sally Bergman will present the charter and install the officers during the ceremonies. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 on Wednesday, October 9, at the Atkinson American Legion Post on North Street in Doylestown. Try to attend this meeting and, if possible, wear your Marine Corps League uniform. Let's have a good turn-out to show our Auxiliary we support it. **We will NOT hold our regular meeting this month.**

Our Detachment Color Guard, commanded by **Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling**, took part in the POW/MIA ceremony at the VFW Post in Willow Grove on Saturday, Sept. 14. From all accounts, the Color Guard conducted itself magnificently for the event. According to **Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** (who attended the ceremony), we even got some TV news coverage (featuring a close-up of our own **Frank Yohe**). In addition to Sundling and Past Commandant Yohe, **Chaplain Budd Pearce** and **Marine Paul Caprio** served as the Color Guard on this outing. Thanks, Marines, for your usual outstanding job.

I also want to thank **Past Commandant Bill Plant** for his participation in this year's **Operation: Standdown**. Bill served as part of the Security Force on Saturday and Sunday for the three-day program Sept. 6-8. Perhaps next year, we can get more members involved in this most worthwhile program.

More stuff next month. Semper Fi,

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—Committee Chair **Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** reported the Detachment had received a **Certificate of Recognition** from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation lauding us for our support of the “Adopt-A-Highway” Program. No date was set for the next highway “clean-up.”

NEWSLETTER —The deadline for submitting items, articles, photos, cartoons, stories, etc., is the 25th of the month. Anything received by the editor after that date will be considered “real early” for the next issue.

POW-MIA —Committee Chair **Bill Plant**, PC, gave a report on a published story about the longest held Vietnam War POW and reminded the Detachment that the new POW-MIA stamps will be issued on September 20.

YOUNG MARINES —Young Marines Liaison **Bill Plant**, PC, reported the recent membership problems had been resolved and almost all of the former Young Marine members have returned to the fold. He also presented the Detachment a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the Bux-Mont Young Marine Unit for our support of the Unit.

VAVS—The Detachment logged 172 volunteer hours since the last meeting. Additionally, the Detachment was represented at “**Standown '96**” in Philadelphia Sept. 6-8. **Past Commandant Bill Plant** served on the Security Force for the event.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS —Committee Chair **Paul Caprio** presented two letters for mail-out to potential and current advertisers. Both were approved with minor revisions. Marine Caprio pointed out that if each Detachment member would bring in two new advertisers, **Listen Up!** would be self-sustaining.

CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS —**Chaplain Budd Pearce**, PC, reported there was nothing new to relate from the Chapel.

REDENERS SALES SLIPS —Committee Chair **Gary Smith** reported he had forwarded sales receipt slips to Redeners recently and the Detachment should be receiving a check from the company shortly.

MARINE OF THE YEAR —Committee Chair “**Marine of the Year**” **Bob Schaffer** reported he has received no nominations to date for 1997 “Marine of the Year.”

RIFLE TEAM—Rifle Team Captain **Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** reported the Detachment will try to field two teams at this year’s Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Championships at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

BUX-MONT AUXILIARY UNIT —Marine **Paul Caprio** reported that plans were underway to present the Unit Charter and install the officers-elect at our next Detachment Meeting, October 9, 1996. **Department President Sally Bergman** is expected to officiate at both ceremonies.

FLEA MARKET —Project Coordinator **Paul Caprio** reported the Flea Market was cancelled due to lack of participation. We needed a minimum of 10 “vendors” for the event. We had 4. We hope to try to make this a success next year. Additionally, he recommended we send a “thank you” letter to **John Knoell** for his support of this project. The Commandant stated he would send the letter within the week.

OLD BUSINESS

FOOD CART —Project Coordinator **Bob Schaffer** stated he needs help in getting the Food Cart “USMC-clean” and that, once that is accomplished, the cart needs a home. Anyone interested in taking custody of the cart for the Detachment should contact him at (215) 345-1673.

NEW BUSINESS

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas is planning another “Dine Out” for Detachment members and their significant others. He will contact membership when plans are set.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger represented the Detachment at the Southeast Division Staff Meeting on Saturday, September 7.

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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The Commandant reported that 330 homeless veterans (including five families and five women veterans) were fed, clothed, housed, and given a variety of services during "Operation STANDDOWN '96."

Wil Haas stated he will deliver any used clothing that Detachment members bring to the October meeting.

The Commandant and **Sr. Vice Bill Rosenberger**, serving as a Detachment Honor Guard, participated in the funeral of a World War II Marine Corps veteran on August 30.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Oct. 9, 1996.

MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who was the first Marine Corps ace pilot?
2. Who was the last Marine pilot killed in World War II?
3. Who was the second Marine Corps pilot?
4. Who was the first Marine Warrant Officer pilot?
5. Where was the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing originally located?

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. Colonel Samuel L. Howard was the only Marine officer to ever surrender a Marine regiment.
2. The first naval aviator was Lieutenant Ralph T. Ellyson.
3. Colonel Katherine A. Towle was the first Director of Women Marines.
4. The first four-star Marine General was Alexander A. Vandegrift. He was promoted to General from Major General during the closing days of World War II.
5. There were 241 Marines killed in the suicide bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in October 1983.

Commandant Approves 'The Hat' for Female DIs

Now all "hats" can wear The Hat.

Female Drill Instructors, long distinct from their male counterparts because they could not wear the distinctive "Smokey the Bear" hat on the drill field, are now cleared to don the campaign cover.

Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Marine Corps Commandant, signed the order, which affects all female drill instructors assigned to recruit depots or recruit rifle ranges. It was announced Sept. 11 in a Marinewide message, ALMAR 327/96.

Krulak made the decision in response to a Corporal who suggested letting women wear the campaign hat in a "Marine Mail" submission, said **Major Betsy Arends**, Krulak's spokeswoman.

The campaign cover replaces the scarlet shoulder cord worn until now only by female drill instructors. The scarlet cord is no longer authorized.

"We're going to retire the cords," said **BrigGen. Jerry Humble**, recruit depot commander at Parris Island, SC.

At Parris Island, the first women to receive the campaign covers are the female instructors at Drill Instructor School. The depot is ordering additional covers for its force of female DIs, a process which may take some time before everyone has them in hand. Some sizes weren't readily available and will have to be ordered.

The reaction so far, Humble said, was positive: Most drill instructors, both male and female, support the change.

"We're trying to make recruit training as equal as possible,"



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Bob Randle is making rapid progress. He still isn't at full strength, but he was well enough to serve in the Firing Squad for the POW-MIA Ceremony in Willow Grove. He says he doesn't think he'll be able to assume his place on the Rifle Team, but he hopes to be able to make it to Indiantown Gap and just "hang out" with the team. He misses the camaraderie.

Senior Vice Bill Rosenberger broke his ankle recently trying to clean one of his rain gutters. He's hobbling around pretty well and expects to take part in the Rifle Competition.

said a senior drill instructor, **SSgt. Kimberly Coleman**, "and this makes us just as equal." Women get the same training as men to earn the title of a DI, Coleman said, "and we should have the same recognition."

Previously, only female Marines who served as rifle marksmanship instructors were authorized to wear the hat, but such women are rare.

Equal training was on the mind of **Cpl. Marie P. Clemenko** when she sent her plea to Krulak through Marine Mail Sept. 3.

Clemenko, assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC, had read about changes to Marine boot camp, including many that aimed to treat male and female recruits equally, and wanted to know if that equal opportunity treatment would be extended to DIs.

The SENIOR VICE Says

It's time again to "Recruit and Renew."

So, let's start with "Renew" (as I'm sure you are all doing your best to "Recruit").

September Renewals

Marc J. Berger
Maryann Scarpill
Charles J. Wilson Jr.

October Renewals

Ronald C. Wootters
Nicholas Zelenevich

P.S. Just a reminder that the Birthday Ball is coming up. All of the arrangements have been made and we will have everything available by our October Meeting.

Medals and Ribbons Approved For Civilian Attire Wear

It has been discussed, debated, argued, and wagered upon. Now we know the answer.

Ribbons and medals are authorized to be worn on civilian clothing.

According to Article 6105.1 of the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations, the wearing of ribbons and medals on civilian clothing is permitted.

"Decorations, medals, appropriate ribbon bars or lapel buttons may be worn on civilian clothes at the individual's discre-

tion," the article states. "In doing so, the individual should ensure that the occasion upon which worn and the manner of wearing will not reflect discredit on the award."

What about miniature medals?

Paragraph 2 of Article 6105 says, "Miniature medals may be worn with civilian evening dress."

So, get out all of that old hardware, shine it up and get ready for the Birthday Ball on November 9.

POSTAL SERVICE ESTABLISHES BOSNIA TROOP ADDRESSES

The postal services have established addresses for "Any Service Member" to the Bosnia area, for those who want to show support for the troops and help morale by writing letters or sending packages. These addresses cannot be used to reach specific individuals.

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DEVIL DOGS TO HOLD PIG ROAST ON OCT. 19

The Teufelhunden Pound #188 will hold a "Pig Roast" on October 19 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. It will be held at All Divisions Detachment's home on Second St. Pike in Southampton. Contact **Frank Yohe** at (215) 659-1621 for details. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES G.I. BILLOF HEALTH

The G. I. Bill of Health took a giant leap closer to reality last month when U.S. Representative Jim Longley of Maine formally introduced the bill in Congress.

"Our G.I. Bill of Health will expand the choices available to veterans," said Longley, a Persian Gulf veteran. "This will be a tremendous plus for veterans and a strong shot in the arm for the VA hospital system."

The G.I. Bill of Health would open up the VA medical system to all veterans, preserve the government's commitment to provide free care for veterans with service-connected problems and strengthen the VA medical system's ability to tap other governmental and private-sector sources to pay for services.

Short Rounds



Past Commandant Frank Yohe was reelected Pound Keeper for Teufelhunden Pound #188, Military Order of Devil Dogs on Sept. 23.

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Given this 25TH day of JUNE, 1996

Walter B. Roach

(Signature)
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