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**MARINE OF THE YEAR  
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## Marines' Aggressiveness in Iraq Lauded

QUANTICO, VA--The Marines have suffered almost no casualties during the stability phase in Iraq because they put more troops on the street than the Army and balance an aggressive response to any violence with a vigorous effort to help the Iraqi people, the top Marine field commander said.

"We manage the level of violence. If we take fire, we immediately achieve fire superiority and we govern the de-escalation. We don't let the bad guys do that," said **LtGen. James Conway**, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Because their units are primarily infantry, the Marines "can put about as many boots on the ground with a single Marine regiment" as an Army division, Conway explained.

"That presence out there is very stabilizing, very comforting to the Iraqis when they're looking for that safe and stable environment," he noted.

The Marines also have tried to gain local support by helping the Iraqis rebuild their country, focusing particularly on the children.

"It's hard to throw rocks at someone when they're doing good things for your kids," said Conway, whose headquarters is at Camp Pendleton.

Only one Marine has been killed by hostile action in Iraq, compared with more than 50 Army soldiers, since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1.

In a detailed briefing for a large audience of Marines here late last month, Conway and his senior commanders said the successful conduct of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* validated the Corps' basic organization and war-fighting doctrine. They heaped particular praise on the Marines' unique integration of air and ground combat units in what they call the MAGTF--Marine Air Ground Task Force.

"The concept of the MAGTF absolutely was validated," Conway said. "Every Army commander out there was envious of the MAGTF."

The air component of that force was the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing led by **MajGen. James Amos**, who is based at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego.

**MajGen. James Mattis**, commander of the Pendleton-based 1st Marine Division, related that the commander of the British division that fought under Conway's command told him the one big lesson he learned coming out of this fight is that he wanted the 3rd Marine Air Wing.

Amos said he did most of the critical close air support of ground forces with his helicopters, while the fighters conducted interdiction strikes farther from the front.

"Some of the most courageous fighting I saw" by air units was by the AH-1W Cobra and UH-1 Huey pilots who "went out there and slugged it out in the worst weather I've ever seen," he said.

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# COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Our August meeting was not as full as usual. Everyone seemed to be traveling either for fun or for business at the same time. We did have 13 members present so they already know about next month. I announced that I had spoken to our fellow member **Bob Gerenser**. Bob, or should I say, "Captain Bob" runs a river boat tour on the Delaware River out of New Hope. He is turning the boat over to our members and their spouses/friends for the evening. The ride will be in place of our regular meeting and will start at 1900. There will be wine & cheese, along with other goodies for your enjoyment. I gave this some thought before I set this up so that it would work out to be on the same evening as the full moon. Some of you may remember that we did this a few times in the past and one was when the moon was full. The moon reflecting off the river while we

cruise on what may be a steam driven paddle wheeler should add a nice touch to the night. I hope to see as many of you as possible and especially those of you that live in the Lambertville/New Hope area that find it hard to get to the meetings. We will be right in your neck of the woods, so you have no excuse. Most of you know here New Hope is but if you don't, feel free to call me for complete directions at 215-343-5609. Parking is located just up the street, near the train station, just before you get to the center of town. From there you walk down to the traffic light and the entrance to the boat area is just across the street to your right, next to Gerenser's Exotic Ice Cream. The ride usually lasts until we decide we're ready to quit. We'll meet at 1900, and get underway as soon as we think everyone is on board. Please try to make this, you'll have a great time, I guarantee you!!

I informed the members at the last meeting that **Bob Sundling**, myself and a few other have been looking for a place to store our float. We were having no luck until Bob talked his boss at Tinius Olsen into letting us store it behind their building. So as long as his boss stays happy with Bob, we might just have a place to keep the trailer. If for some reason we have to find some place else, I have had a few offers for a few of our members. Thanks for offering guys, I won't forget who you were if we need you!

That's about going to do it for now, except to say again. Come for the boat ride Wednesday evening 10 September at 1900! See you there.

Semper Fi,

*Budd Pearce*

## 2003

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
OCTOBER 8**

**MARINE CORPS  
BIRTHDAY  
NOVEMBER 10**

## LISTEN UP!

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## Support Needed for Shipments to Troops

The supply of "goodies" for our troops in Southwest Asia is exhausted.

**Peggy Sundling**, who has been collecting and shipping items to the troops, for the past few years, needs us to donate stuff.

"If each Detachment member would bring just three dollars worth of stuff to the meeting," says Peggy's husband, **Past Commandant Bob Sundling**, "it would help a lot."

Since they have depleted their donated items, the Sundlings will be purchasing stuff for the next shipment with their

own funds. Peggy makes shipments to the troops every two weeks.

Contact her or Bob at (215) 348-8925 to find out what is needed.

## Say What?

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

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A man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

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In Modesto, CA, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (Hellllllloooooo!)

## DEPARTMENT RIFLE MATCH

The Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match will be held Sept. 28-30 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Entry Fee for the match is \$30 per person which is due at the August Meeting.

Anyone interested in joining the Detachment Rifle & Pistol Team should contact **Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** at (215) 348-1112.

# Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 13, 2003, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 12 members in attendance including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Paymaster and Public Relations Officer. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandant Frank Yohe**; **Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth**; and **Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Budd Pearce**.

**Sick Call:** Marine Mike Waldron's wife, Dot, was hospitalized for a medical procedure.

The **Minutes** of the July Meeting were unanimously approved.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Budd Pearce**, PC, reported on correspondence he had received. The Detachment received a letter from **County Veterans Affairs Administrator Dan Fraley** concerning a Marine Vietnam veteran who was trying to get his Navy Cross upgraded to a Medal of Honor. We also received a list of winners in this year's Department Raffle. The list also showed what each detachment sold and a schedule for future Department meetings.

**Adjutant Gary Smith** reported he had no correspondence other than that reported by the Commandant.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson** reported the Color Guard has been requested for the Celtic Festival on Sept. 6 and 7.

**Chaplain Ed Hoth**, PDC, had nothing to report.

**Quartermaster Bob Duff** reported he has new sweatshirts and baseball caps available.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** reminded the members the Department Rifle Match is scheduled for September 28-30 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Anyone interested in joining the team should contact him..

**GROCERY RECEIPTS--Redners Coordinator Gary Smith** reported the Detachment had received a check from Redners Markets and enjoined the members to continue to support this fund-raiser.

**YOUNG MARINES--**The Young Marines Unit held a "Boot Camp" graduation on Aug. 9 and are planning as trip to Washington, DC. Cost for the trip is \$25 per person. They will visit the Marine War Memorial (Iwo Jima statue), the Navy Yard, and 8th & I Sts. to attend an evening parade.

## NEW BUSINESS

**SEPTEMBER RIVERBOAT MEETING--**Commandant Pearce reported he had made arrangements for the September Detachment Meeting to be a social gathering for Detachment members and their wives/guests.

## OLD BUSINESS

**DETACHMENT FLOAT--Past Commandant Bob Sundling** has made arrangements with Tinius-Olsen (his employer) to house our float on the company's property at NAS, Willow Grove.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Marine Bill Rosenberger's** daughter has enlisted in the Marine Corps and is undergoing recruit training at Parris Island.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13.**



# CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

## Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.



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Veteran's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No: \_\_\_\_\_ VA Claim No: C- \_\_\_\_\_

GI Insurance File No: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Duty Service Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Place(s) of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Place(s) of Separation: \_\_\_\_\_

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County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Vol: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Full Name Prior to Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Marriages of Veteran (Names, dates, places):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Marriages of Spouse (Names, dates, places):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names, dates, places of birth):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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## WILL ROGERISMS

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known.

Enjoy the following quotes:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman, neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men
  - The ones that learn by reading.
  - The few who learn by observation.
  - The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence.
9. Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier then putting it back.
12. AND FINALLY: After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

AND, ABOUT GROWING OLDER:  
Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



## Application for Membership Marine Corps League

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Type of Application -- New ( ) Renewal ( ) Associate ( ) Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose \$30.00 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)

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(Applicant's Signature)

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