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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 13, 1997, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 22 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster and Sergeant-at-Arms. Distinguished Marines in attendance included **National Public Relations Officer Don Gee** ; **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Plant, and Frank Yohe** ; **Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth** ; and **Marine of the Year Ray Krout** .

The Minutes of the July Meeting were unanimously approved.

Paymaster Bob Cody issued the Paymaster's Report. The report was unanimously accepted.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported that our newest member— **Marine Harry Niemann** was in the hospital for a knee replacement.

The Detachment received a letter from the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial Commission thanking us for our "memorial brick" donation.

The Marine Corps Drum & Bugle Corps is scheduled to appear at Upper Moreland Middle School on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported the Detachment has 52 members. Six of these members are "delinquent" with their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio reported he had sent out 50 letters for "Listen-Up" ads and had received four new ads and one renewal. He also reported we had received a letter from NAS, Willow Grove, thanking us for our participation in the Air Show last month.

Adjutant Gary Smith relayed correspondence received from the Department of Pennsylvania.

Judge Advocate Bill Plant , PC, reported the Detachment had no legal problems. He reminded the members that reimbursement for authorized expenses require receipts BEFORE individuals can be reimbursed by the Paymaster.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1997
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I thank everyone who made it out to the August meeting. It was not as warm as July, but it was still a hot one in the building. I am extremely proud of the Marines in the Central Bucks Detachment. Our turn-out for meetings continues to be in the upper 30-to-40 percent area with an occasional 50 percent-er thrown in. This is almost unheard of when it comes to participation in any organization. Again, thanks and please keep up the good work.

The forms for ordering your tickets for this year's Birthday Ball are ready. You will find one in this issue of "**Listen Up!**". Please get them to Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio as soon as you can. The earlier he gets them, the easier it is for him to "fine tune" all the arrangements. That way you get a better organized and more enjoyable Ball. Please feel free to invite as many guests as you wish—just get their ticket forms in quickly. The more members and guests we have, the less the Detachment will have to spend from our funds to help pay for the Ball. It also makes for an extra fun night when you have a whole lot of new faces in the place. It would be nice to set a record for attendance this year. Get your form in—bring a friend or two.

I don't have much to report on this month. I was on vacation in Southern Maryland for a week and I got to take the kid to "the Wall" and the Korean War Memorial in Washington on our way home. Other than that, not much has come my way that is newsworthy. If anyone was away on vacation and has pictures of themselves in any interesting places, get me a copy for possible use in the scrapbook or "**Listen Up!**".

Try to make our September meeting. I'll be appointing a Parade Committee Chairman at this meeting and taking volunteers to serve on the Committee. I'm sure some of you have some good ideas the Committee will want to hear. Remember, a prize will be given to the Marine who submits the best idea for our float for next year. The prize will be a Detachment tee shirt and a Detachment baseball cap. You can't spend it, but you can always wear it proudly! See you at the meeting.

Semper Fi,

BUDD PEARCE

Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC, reminded the members the deadline for submission of items for “**Listen Up!**” is August 25. He also reported he had completed the “1998 Calendar” for the Department.

STANDING COMMITTEES

VAVS—The VAVS Committee logged 27 hours since the last meeting. He also asked that those Marines who wish to take part in this year’s “Standdown” in Philadelphia contact him after the meeting.

POW-MIA—**POW-MIA Coordinator Bill Plant**, PC, announced that POW-MIA information is now available on the Internet.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM—**Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger** reported the Department of Pennsylvania Rifle Match is slated for Sept. 19-21.

YOUNG MARINES—**Young Marines Liaison Bill Plant**, PC, reported the Bux-Mont Young Marines will be holding a drill on August 30 at MAG-49, NAS, Willow Grove, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. They will also be raising money for “Toys for Tots” in Ewing Township, NJ, on September 21.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

BIRTHDAY BALL—**Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio** reminded the Detachment the Birthday Ball is scheduled for Nov. 8 at the Orion Club at NAS, Willow Grove. Tickets are available for \$32.50 per person.

FRIENDLY’S RESTAURANTS—**Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** reminded the members that the third Wednesday of each month is “Marine Corps League Night” at Friendly’s in Doylestown. He enjoined the members to come out and support this Detachment fund-raiser.

REDNER’S & GENUARDI’S RECEIPTS—**Redner’s Receipt Coordinator Gary Smith** reported the Detachment had received a check from Redner’s. He encouraged the members to save their Redner’s and Genuardi’s receipts and bring them to the meeting or mail them to him.

PARADE COMMITTEE — **Commandant Budd Pearce** announced the Detachment was forming a Parade Committee and that he was looking for members to join the Committee and held design a new float for the Detachment.

OLD BUSINESS

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT—**Marine Tony Parzanese** reported he had sent the photo of SgtMaj. Francis out to be touched up and printed. **Public Relations Officer Don Gee** stated he would begin putting a package together to present to the Detachment and the Doylestown Borough Council once the photo had been received.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—**Junior Past Commandant Don Gee** motioned the Detachment approve changing the Bylaws to create a Board of Trustees responsible for long-range planning for the Detachment. The Board will consist of Past Commandants of the Central Bucks Detachment, the Detachment Commandant and the Detachment Paymaster. The motion was passed unanimously. Gee stated he would try to arrange an initial meeting of the Board before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Budd Pearce put forth a motion to reimburse **Marine Herb Krout** at the rate of \$50 per year for the Detachment’s use of his truck and trailer for parades. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed until 1930 on September 10.

HISTORY OF THE MARINES HYMN

America declared war on the Barbary Pirates of northern Africa in 1805 because they had been raiding our ships in the Mediterranean Ocean.

During that conflict, **Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, USMC**, and his small force of Marines participated in the capture of the city of Derne in Tripoli (which is today part of the country of Libya). As this was the first time that the American flag had been hoisted over a fortress in the Old World, the Colors (ceremonial flag) of the Marine Corps was inscribed with the words: "To The Shores of Tripoli."

During the hardest fighting of the Mexican War, U.S. Marines were the first to breach the otherwise impregnable walls of Mexico City by capturing the Castle of Chapultepec, which was the palace of the great Aztec emperor, **Montezuma**. The Colors of the Corps were then changed to read "From the Shores of Tripoli to the Halls of Montezuma."

Following the close of the Mexican War came the first verse of the Marines Hymn, written, according to tradition, by a Marine on duty in Mexico. For the sake of euphony, the unknown author transposed the phrases in the motto on the Colors so that the first two lines of the Hymn would read: "From the Halls of Montezuma, To the Shores of Tripoli."

Many interesting stories have been associated with the Marines Hymn. One of the best was published in the *Stars and Stripes*, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe, under the date of August 16, 1918.

"A wounded officer from among the gallant French Lancers had just been carried into a Yankee field hospital to have his dressing changed. He was full of compliments and curiosity about the dashing contingent that fought at his regiment's left.

"A lot of them are mounted troops by this time," he explained, "for when our

men would be shot from their horses, these youngsters would give one running jump and gallop ahead as cavalry. I believe they are soldiers from Montezuma. At least, when they advanced this morning, they were all singing "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli'."

The Marines' Hymn has been sung and played in all four corners of the earth and today is recognized as one of the foremost service songs.

The Marines' Hymn

"From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of **United States Marine**."

"Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From the dawn to setting sun;

We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snows of far off Northern lands
And in sunny tropics scenes;
You will find us always on the job—
The United States Marines .

"Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By **United States Marines**."

DID YOU KNOW...

The Marine Barracks at 8th & I Sts. is the only Marine Corps post still using a live bugler or "duty music" to perform the traditional bugle calls on a daily basis.



MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ



1. Who was the first Marine Corps recruiter?
2. Name two of the six Iwo Jima flag-raisers in the Joe Rosenthal photo.
3. How many stars are on the Medal of Honor?
4. What is the rope on a flagpole called?
5. Name one official publication which regulates the Marine Corps.

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

1. There are six types of wounds.
2. Ammonia is the cleaning agent used to remove quartermaster.
3. The junior man enters a vehicle first.
4. The silver star on the Marine Battle Color represents five campaign awards.
5. Six numbers are need in grid coordinates to locate a point to the nearest 100 meters.

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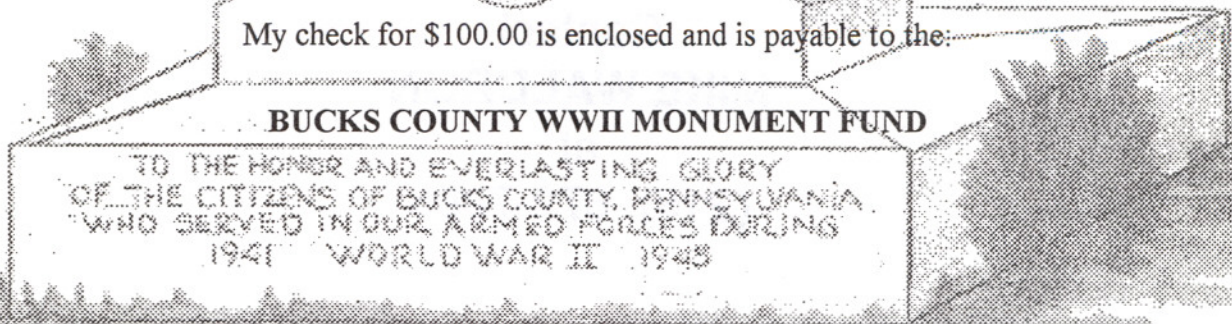
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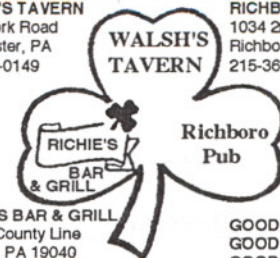


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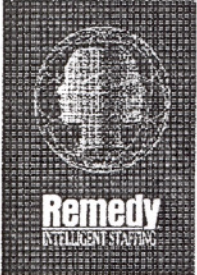
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