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#### NEWSLETTER

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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH DETACHMENT MEETING

Twelve members were present including all officers except the Paymaster and the Judge Advocate.

Past Commandant, Fran Meyers was in attendance and recognized.

Since there was no meeting in February due to the inclement weather, the minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed.

There was no paymasters report to be approved.

#### SICK CALL ....

Bob Randle's lady friend has passed away. The Detachment's sincere sympathies are extended to him at this time.

Marlin Miller's wife Doris has had her second knee operation and is presently recovering at home.

Frank Yohe is presently recovering from a recent eye operation.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

JR. VICE - (Tony Kimes)

Detachment membership is currently at 62 -- ( 36 regular members; 15 life members and 11 associate members.

#### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY - (Mike Waldron)

The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 (0800). As usual, we will meet at Okies Rest. in Furlong for breakfast and then proceed with the detail afterwards. Feel free to bring anyone along that you want to. The more help, the sooner we finish up. PennDot will hold a training course for those in charge some time in April. Mike Waldron will probably attend.

#### PARADES AND MEETINGS

On Saturday, May 7, the Village Improvement Association of the Doylestown Hospital is planning their 100th Anniversary celebration. They have requested that our Color Guard participate in the parade. A motion was made and approved to honor their request.

On Monday, May 16th, the 50th Anniversary of D-Day will be recognized by the Doylestown Borough Council, at their meeting. All veterans are urged to attend wearing your cover, if you have one.

On June 16th & 17th, the 10th Anniversary of the Viet-Nam Memorial dedication in Doylestown will be held in conjunction with a celebration in Southampton. More details on this will be forthcoming.

The Central Bucks Detachment will participate in the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown this year and also the 4th of July parade in New Britain - Chalfont area. Details will follow.

On May 21st & 22nd, the Bux-Mont Young Marine Detachment will hold their annual coin toss in New Hope Borough. This is their big fund raiser so we hope for good weather and lots of traffic.

#### GENUARDI TAPES

We received a check for \$109.36 from Genuardi Markets for register tapes refund. It's such an easy way to raise money. Please gather up as many tapes as you can and send them to Jim Marckstein, 1771 Palomino Drive, Warrington, Pa. 18976 or bring them to the meeting.

VAVS - No report

CAR WASH....Budd Pearce will get together with Bill Plant to check on a possible fund raiser involving a car wash in April at the K-Mart in Doylestown. We will have more details at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mike Waldron will pursue the possibility of a bus trip this summer to Washington (Eighth & I) for the Evening Parade starting with a meal at the Chief's Club. It may also be possible to combine this trip with the Young Marines to enlarge the group.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball this year will be on November 12. We will attempt to once again have it at the Orlian Club at the Willow Grove N.A.S.

The Dept. Of Penna. will offer a prize of \$200 to the Detachment that signs up the most new members between Jan 1 and June 1. Towards this end, the detachment has received an offer from an anonymous donor, to pay for mailing a weekly publication called "MIDWEEK MAILER," containing a membership application for our Detachment. This will go to every household in the Central Bucks area and hopefully we will attract enough new members to win the contest. If we do win, the prize will be divided between the donor and the Detachment. If not, the donor will absorb the cost. We can't lose on a deal like that. A motion was made and passed to go ahead with this proposition.

#### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The next Dept Of Penna. Quarterly Staff Meeting will be on 9 April 94, in Towanda, Pa. If you wish to go, call Budd Pearce.

This years State Convention will in Erie, Pa., in August.

The following members received a Service Award Certificate from the Dept. Of Penna. for continuous service: Fran Meyers, Mike Waldron, Robert Sundling, Robert Schaffer, Ray Krout, Herb Krout, Marlin Miller, Jim Marckstein, Robert Fay, Don Parzanese and Pat Parsenese.

Nomination Of Officers for 1994-1995

The following nominations were made by the nominating committee:

(Note- All present officers will remain except Tony Kimes, who, at his own request, will be replaced by Mike Waldron.)

Commandant- Budd Pearce Jr. Vice - Mike Waldron Paymaster - Bob Cody Sr. Vice - Don Gee Adjutant - Ray Krout Judge Advocate - Jim Marckstein

Appointments: Sgt-at-Arms - Bob Sundling Chaplain - Frank Yohe Jr.

Nominations were requested from the floor, three times, and the nominations were closed.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A single vote was cast by the Adjutant to accept all the nominated offices as listed.

There being no further business the meeting was closed

NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 94 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN, PA.

A great deal of confusion surrounded the Marines' Hymn until John Philip Sousa, then conductor of the Marine Corps Band, dug up some answers. Popular opinion had assumed the hymn had existed since the time the Marine band started in 1797. Sousa determined it came into being about 1867.

Sousa was a great one for research. Before foreign diplomats visited Washington, he would go to the Library of Congress in search of the anthems and music of the guests' country so he could arrange the pieces for the Marine Corps' band. During one such study, he researched the Marines' hymn because its origin was uncertain.

He discovered that the melody of the "Halls of Montezuma" is taken for (Jacques) Offenbach's comic opera, "Genevieve de Branbant," wherein two policemen talk about protecting the queen. The wife of a band member at the time questioned this since she said she heard her grandmother singing the same tune in Spain during her childhood. Nevertheless, there is no adequate proof that

Offenbach adopted the folk song into his opera. It is just as likely the popular opera spread to Spain as it did to this country.

Verses have varied over the years. Each time they fought a war or were involved in some other activity, such as guarding coal for the Navy, the Marines changed the lines to commemorate that engagement. Today, the three-verse ballad starts with Mexico and winds up in heaven, where it is presumed all good Marines go when they die.

Sousa, of course, also wrote "Semper Fidelis," one of the world's marches. Recalling the composition of the Corps' official march, Sousa said, "I wrote 'Semper Fideles' one night while in tears, after my comrades of the Marine Corps had sung their famous hymn at Quantico."

Incidentally, when the Marines commissioned Sousa at age 26, he was the youngest conductor of any service. Later, when talked into enlisting in the Navy as a lieutenant at age 62, he became the oldest conductor hired by any service.



# CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOMS

# The United States Flag

The flag of the United States is one of the oldest national standards in the world. No records confirm who designed the original "Stars and Stripes," but historians believe Francis Hopkinson, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, probably modified the unofficial Continental flag into the design we now have. General George Washington raised the Continental Army flag in 1776, a red-and-white striped flag which included the British Union Jack where we now have stars.

Several flag designs with 13 stripes were used in 1776 and 1777, until Congress established the official flag on June 14, 1777 — now observed as Flag Day. The act stated "That the Flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Washington explained it this way: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

The flag was first carried in battle at Brandywine, Pa., in September 1777. It first flew over foreign territory in early 1778, at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a fort from the British. The name "Old Glory" was given to the flag on August 10, 1831, by a sea captain, William Driver.

#### Betsy Ross Sews First Official Flag

Hopkinson requested compensation from Congress in 1780 for his design, but Congress denied it, saying that others had worked on the project as well. Betsy Ross was commissioned by a congressional committee to sew the first official flag. Some believe she was responsible for changing the stars from being six-pointed to five-pointed, easier to make.

After Vermont and Kentucky became states in the 1790s, Congress approved adding two more stars and two more stripes to the group that represented the original 13 colonies, now states. This was the "Star Spangled Banner"

of which Francis Scott Key wrote in 1814. As other states entered the Union, it became obvious that stripes could not be added continually, so in 1818 Congress reestablished the 13-stripe flag and allowed for additional stars for new states.

#### 1818 Law Sets Final Form

The law specified that stripes should be horizontal, alternately red and white, and the union, or canton, should display 20 stars for the states then in the union. But it did not specify color shades or arrangement of the stars, and wide variation persisted. During the Civil War, gold stars were more common than white and the stars sometimes appeared in a circle. In 1912, when the stars numbered 48, standards of design were set which became even more precise when the 49th and 50th stars were added in 1959 and 1960.

The regulated design calls for seven red and six white stripes, with the red stripes at top and bottom. The union of navy blue fills the upper left quarter from the top to the lower edge of the fourth red stripe. The stars have one point up and are in nine horizontal rows. The odd-numbered rows have six stars. The even-numbered rows have five stars, centered diagonally between the stars in the longer rows.

The reason the flag is folded into a triangular shape is to symbolize the shape of the cocked hats worn by soldiers of the American Revolution.

The first time the Stars and Stripes flew in a Flag Day celebration was in Hartford, Conn., in 1861, the first summer of the Civil War. Numerous patriotic groups supported a regular nationwide observance. In the late 1800s, schools held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities. But it was not until 1916 that the president proclamed a nationwide observance and not until 1949 that Congress voted for Flag Day to be a permanent holiday. It is not a "legal" holiday, however, except in Pennsylvania.



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

Marines,

Even with the bad weather, we managed to have a good turnout for our March meeting. We held the elections and heard a report, from Fran Meyers, about the race for elected offices in the Department of PA MCL. In our Detachment elections the nominated officers of our Detachment were elected unanimously. Tony Kimes expressed his regrets at having to turn down the nomination for another term as Jr. Vice, but he has taken on more responsibility at work and feels he can not devote the time necessary to do the job properly. Thanks for doing a great job for us this past year Tony! Mike Waldron was nominated to replace Tony and he was gracious, and dedicated, enough to accept. Mike will be our Jr. Vice Commandant for this year and I am sure that he will do a fantastic job, as he does on each project he undertakes. The other officers elected are: Budd Pearce, Commandant; Don Gee, Sr. Vice; Jim Marckstein, Judge Advocate; Ray Krout, Adjutant; Bob Cody, Paymaster. The appointed officers are: Bob Sundling, .-At-Arms and Frank Yohe, Chaplain.

The installation of officers will be held at the 13 April meeting. With all the bad weather and the cancelled meeting since the beginning of the year, I hope to see all our members turn out for this month's meeting. We will have full information on the Hwy. clean-up scheduled for 23 April as well as info on the 7 May Parade honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Doylestown Hospital. We have been asked to have our Color Guard in this parade. I would like to have our flags and 6 rifles entered in the parade. If you wish to march and don't have a rifle to use, we have some available, see me at the meeting and we will get things arranged. If you have a detachment rifle, please bring it back to this month's meeting so it can be cleaned and checked out for the parade. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting also. This sheet is for the Car Wash Fund Raiser we plan to have on 16 April. Full details about this fund raiser will be presented at the meeting. We need at least 10 or 12 Marines for this detail, please make every effort to be there to help out! We NEED this fund raiser!!

Speaking of fund raisers...the Car Raffle deadline is coming up so if you have tickets, sel them! If you need tickets call Tony Kimes, or see him at the April meeting. This Car Raffle gets us 40 cents for every ticket sold, so SELL...SELL...SELL!!!

he quarterly staff meeting for the dept. of PA will be held on 8 & 9 April in Towanda. If you have intentions of going, but need a map of the location, see me at the meeting. I have copies of the map sent by the dept. and will be glad to give you a copy. If you wish to attend this quarterly meeting and need a room for the night, I also have the listings of motels in the area, along with their rates. These

quarterly meetings are a good thing to attend if you really want to keep abreast of the changes going on within the League, so I hope to see a few of you in Towanda.

I don't want to forget to remind you of the upcoming Pistol Match. The match is scheduled for 14 & 15 May at Ft. Indiantown Gap. If you wish to join the pistol team see me at the April meeting, or call me at 343-5609 (after 5). We now have 3 members signed up and we need at least 2 more. We had such a good time at the Rifle Match last September that we thought we would give this pistol match a try. Come on...join us! We will try to schedule some practice time before the match, see Will Haas or me for the details.

The 2nd Dept. of PA Leadership School is scheduled for the weekend of 30 April and 1 May. This school was a great sucess last year and I am sure that it will be even better this year. Our own Don Gee will be teaching a course on Public Relations that should not be missed! The classes given at the school are intended to give you all the information available on the operation of the League. It deals with the Detachment level operation as well as the Department and National levels. It is a most informative school and should be attended by as many League members as possible. If you are an officer, or think you may wish to be one someday, this school will give you information that you would have a hard time getting anywhere else. If you wish to attend, or want more info on the school, see Don Gee or me at the April meeting.

See you on 13 April! Remember, family members that wish to observe the installation are welcome to attend.

Semper Fi.

Commandant



- 1. Who was the first Commandant promoted to Brigadier General?
- 2. How many Marine pilots were killed in the 1983 Grenada invasion?
- 3. Where is the Canton Bell displayed?
- 4. What does "gung ho" mean?
- 5. Who commanded the 2d Battion, 6th Marines, at Chateau-Thierry, France, during World War I?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1. The four parts of the M-16 magazine are the Base, the Spring, th. Follower, and the Case.
- 2. When saluting an officer, an enlisted Marine cuts away his/her salute eit her after the officer has cut his/her salute or after the officer has passed by.
- 3. Four Marines are needed to form a rifle team.
- 4. An Interior Guard is established to (a) protect property, (b) preserve order, and (c) enforce regulations.
- 5. The dimensions of a stradle trench are one foot wide by 2-1/2 feet deep by 4 feet long.

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#### ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MARINES

Due to the extreme weather conditions of this winter there hasn't been much going on with the young marines. It seems like everytime we schedule a drill mother nature decided to dump another load of ice, snow and freezing rain on us and we had to cancel the drill. However with the onset of spring we will get back into the the swing of things and get these "Little Leathernecks" back in shape and good to go.

On April 16th we will tour the New Jersey State Police Museum at Division Headquarters in West Trenton New Jersey. We will also hold drills at the 157th Army Reserve in Horsham and at MAG 49 at Willow Grove N.A.S.

Our office at 14th Marines Golf Battery in West Trenton, N.J. is under renovation and in disaray, but we should be back in there by the end of April.

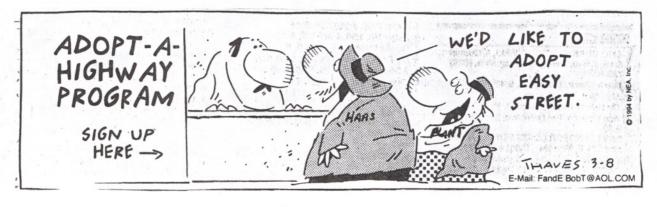
There is a National Young Marines Encampment scheduled for July 10 thru the 16th at Camp Pendleden, California, hopefully we will be able to attend, logistics and transportation are being worked out. I hope to have more on this by my next report.

Semper Fi.

Larry Scheetz Sr. Liaison Officer

Chesty Puller was once quoted as saying: "Old breed? New breed? There's not a damn bit of difference so long as it's the Marine breed."

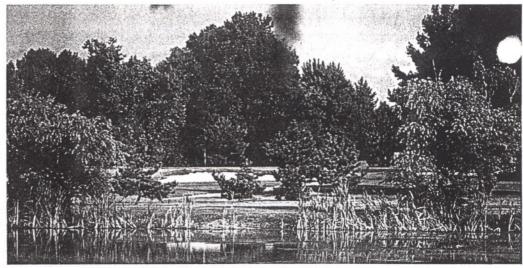
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# NEWS

from around the League

# Cherry Hill Hosts National Convention



Special attraction: golf for National Scholarship Foundation.

The Marine Corps League's 72nd annual national convention is set for August 7 through 15, 1994, at the Hyatt Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

The Hyatt Cherry Hill is located 10 minutes from historic Philadelphia, five minutes from the New Jersey State Aquarium, and two minutes to Garden State Race Track. The Philadelphia International Airport is only 20 minutes away and Atlantic City less than an hour.

The hotel offers a fitness center for guests. Outdoor facilities include a beautifully landscaped pool area and lighted tennis courts. Located along Cooper River Park are jogging trails, bicycling, sailing, and miniature golf.

Robert Applebaum, convention chairman, announces two special events during the week—a raffle and a golf tournament.

On Friday evening, August 12, he states, "the Department of New Jersey will be raffling off one complete miniature set of the entire 8th and I Barracks. The set consists of evening parade, five 27-man platoons, one silent drill team, parade staff, company commanders, color party, Presidents Own, (band), Commandants Own (drum and bugle corps), and mascot and handler. The price of the entire set is around \$3,300. We are selling the raffle tickets for \$5.00 each."

On Wednesday, August 10, Applebaum says, "we will be hosting the first ever national golf tournament to benefit the National Scholarship Foundation. The golf tournament will run like this. We are asking each department to sponsor a hole for \$50 and each detachment for \$25 to sponsor a hole, and we would like one

department to put up \$100 for a hole-inone on one of the par threes, and one detachment to put up \$100 for the longest drive on a par five. The price this year for golfers is \$50, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and a luncheon. There will also be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd low gross and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd low net; longest drive; and closest to the pin.

"What we are hoping to do is make this a yearly event to help our National Scholarship Foundation. Make all checks for the golf payable to Department of New Jersey National Convention. Make all checks for sponsor payable to National Scholarship Foundation. Send checks to Robert Applebaum, 1042 Garry Ave., Vineland, New Jersey 08360. The deadline for the golf is July 25, 1994."



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