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Commandant to Head NATO Command

BRUSSELS, Belgium (Reuters), July 19--The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) today appointed **U. S. Marine Corps General James Jones** as its top commander, a job whose focus has switched from Balkan peacekeeping to girding for post-Sept. 11 threats.

The 19-nation defense alliance said in a statement that Jones would replace U.S. Air Force **Gen. Joseph Ralston** as Supreme Allied Commander, Europe at a date still to be set.

The post, based at NATO's military headquarters outside the southern Belgian town of Mons, always is filled by a U.S. officer, and the nomination is Washington's prerogative.

Originally titled "Supreme Commander of the Allied European Forces" during World War II, the position was held throughout the war by **General Dwight D. Eisenhower**.

Jones, who was born in Paris and speaks French, is now Commandant of the Marine Corps and will become the first Marine to head alliance troops.

U.S. defense officials said President Bush's decision to nominate Jones to the post was part of a broad push to shake off Cold War military thinking and adopt a more mobile and modern fighting force for the 21st century.

"He is an innovator and not afraid to break ground in new areas," said one official when Jones was first mentioned as the next to fill the post earlier this year.

NATO said Bush had asked NATO allies to release Ralston from his assignment.

Ralston, a much-decorated Vietnam War veteran, took command of NATO forces in Europe in May 2000, when there were some 59,000 alliance-led peacekeepers in Kosovo and Bosnia.

NATO now plans to cut its forces in the Balkans, where it has since added a small peacekeeping operation in Macedonia, to around 46,000 by the end of this year.

Jones will have to grapple with NATO's plans to transform its forces to counter terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, dangers underlined by the hijacking attacks on Sept. 11.

The alliance is planning a revamped version of its Defense Capabilities Initiative to gear up for unconventional threats.

The initiative goes hand-in-hand with preparations for a new "military concept."

As part of this, strategists are considering whether NATO can act outside its Euro-Atlantic area and whether it could take preemptive action against potential aggressors.

THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 14
AUGUST 2002 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST,
315 NORTH ST, DOYLESTOWN, PA.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

The July Detachment meeting was pretty long and it wasn't my fault this time.

There was a good bit of discussion about the upcoming Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball. That made me feel really good considering the past few years' interest in our Ball was not so good. I just know this year's Ball is going to be the best ever! Now, I have to

figure a way to take all the credit...just kidding! Let's all try to give our Birthday Ball Chairman Don Parzanese Jr. as much help as he can stand.

Sorry I missed the highway clean-up on July 13. I had to work. **Past Commandant Budd Pearce** stopped by my second job on Monday night (the 15th) and informed me it went well, but was a little on the warm side. Thanks to eve-

ryone who showed up.

On Saturday, July 20, our Color Guard was on duty at Graeme Park. On August 10, the Color Guard will be Moland House. This one is supposed to be all down hill. That doesn't sound right, but that's what Budd told me!

We heard from Herb Krout from Florida. It was great to hear that he'll be back in this area from July 25 until mid-October. Hopefully, we'll see him at the next few meetings. And, thanks to Sarah for getting him here.

That's all for now. Come out and support the Color Guard, if you can. If not, I'll see you at the next meeting.

Semper Fi,

Bob Sundling

TIMELY HINTS

- 1) Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hairspray and they will take a quick dive. (This also works on spiders.)
- 2) Sealed envelope. Put in the freezer for a few hours, and then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.
- 3) Use empty toilet paper rolls to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll the appliance to which it belongs.
- 4) For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze.
- 5) Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!)
- 6) Permanent marker on appliances/ counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!): rubbing alcohol on paper towel.
- 7) Whenever I purchase a box of SOS pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After

years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. And now a box of SOS pads last me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get sharpened this way!

8) Opening brand new jars can be a feat in itself. Well, I have found a way to make it the easiest thing to do. Instead of banging a jar of jam, pickles, etc, with a knife until it loosens up, I simply reach into the drawer and pull out the handy nutcracker. It adjusts to the size of the jar and I simply give it a good twist and off pops the lid!

9) Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. Works everytime! (I'll have to remember to tell Uncle Guido about this one.)

10) Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak (Diagonal strokes between the panes turn them into extra vision)

11) Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on. Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come. You can also do this with towels and linen.

12) Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least three hours prior to burning.



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2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**4TH OF JULY PARADE
JULY 4**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
JULY 10**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
JULY 13**

**COLOR GUARD
AT MOLAND HOUSE
AUGUST 10**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
AUGUST 14**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
OCTOBER 9**

**BIRTHDAY BALL
ORION CLUB,
NARTB, WILLOW GROVE
NOVEMBER 8**

Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 10, 2002, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 19 members present including all officers except the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Public Relations Officer. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr. and Budd Pearce, Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Frank Yohe; and Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth .**

The Minutes of the June Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymaster's Report was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted.

Sick Call: Marine Herb Krout is doing better. He is expected to return to this area from Florida in late July.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bob Sundling reported the Detachment had received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Pennsylvania for our "*Listen Up!*" newsletter. He also reported he has forms available to order bulbs from the VFW to support maintenance of the WWI Monument at the Bucks County Courthouse.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 60 members including 20 Life Members, 35 Regular Members and 5 Associate Members. There are six members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported on the status of planning for the Birthday Ball.

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

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

In the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms, it was reported the Color Guard would be at the Celtic Festival on July 20 and at Moland House on Aug. 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, reminded the members the highway clean-up will be held on Saturday, July 13. Members participating will meet at Tilley's Restaurant at 8 a.m. for breakfast before starting the clean-up.

POW/MIA--Marine Ray Krout reported the People's Republic of North Korea had agreed to let the U.S. resume searching for KIAs. This year's search will include The Chosin Reservoir area.

Public Relations--Advertising Coordinator Bob Momorella reported he had received a double-advertisement from one of our members--**Marine Ron Wootters**--for a book he had written about Parris Island.

Rifle & Pistol Team--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported the teams are still looking for members. Anyone interested in joining either or both teams should contact him at: (215) 348-7275.

Market Receipts--Redners Coordinator Gary Smith reminded the members to keep saving the receipts and turn them in at each meeting. **Marine Bill Rosenberger** said he would contact **Genuardis Coordinator Bob Randle** to learn the status on Genuardis receipts.

NEW BUSINESS

A-Day Coordinator Bob Momorella reported he had sent out three Certificates of Appreciation to people who had sponsored us for the A-Day Fundraiser this year.

A motion was made and accepted to set Friday, November 8, as the date for this year's Birthday Ball. The members also passed a motion to have the detachment pay for members to attend the Ball.

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas reported on the bus trip to Washington, DC. From all reports, it was a very successful trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Plans are already underway for another bus trip next year.

Senior Vice Commandant Miller reported on the Department Convention in Pittsburgh. He announced the 2003 Department Convention will be in Williamsburg, PA. Dates have not yet been set.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14.

Guest Editorial

Living Without Liberty is Not Living

I sat in a movie theater watching "Schindler's List," asked myself, "Why didn't the Jews fight back?" Now I know why.

I sat in a movie theater, watching "Pearl Harbor" and asked myself, "Why weren't we prepared?" Now I know why.

Civilized people cannot fathom, much less predict, the actions of evil people.

On September 11, 2001, dozens of capable airplane passengers allowed themselves to be overpowered by a handful of poorly armed terrorists because they did not comprehend the depth of hatred that motivated their captors.

On September 11, thousands of innocent people were murdered because too many Americans naively reject the reality that some nations are dedicated to the dominance of others. Many political pundits, pacifists and media personnel want us to forget the carnage. They say we must focus on the bravery of the rescuers and ignore the cowardice of the killers. They implore us to understand the motivation of the perpetrators. Major television stations have announced they will assist the healing process by not replaying devastating footage of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers.

I will not be manipulated.

I will not pretend to understand.

I will not forget.

I will not forget the liberal media who abused freedom of the press to kick our country when it was vulnerable and hurting.

I will not forget that CBS anchor Dan Rather preceded President Bush's address to the nation with the snide remark, "No matter how you feel about him, he is still our president."

I will not forget that ABC TV

anchor Peter Jennings questioned President Bush's motives for not returning immediately to Washington, DC and commented, "We're all pretty skeptical and cynical about Washington."

And I will not forget that ABC's Mark Halperin warned if reporters weren't informed of every little detail of this war, they aren't "likely--nor should they be expected--to show deference."

I will not isolate myself from my fellow Americans by pretending an attack on the USS Cole in Yemen was not an attack on the United States of America.

I will not forget the Clinton administration equipped Islamic terrorists and their supporters with the world's most sophisticated telecommunications equipment and encryption technology, thereby compromising America's ability to trace terrorist radio, cell phone, land lines, faxes and modem communications.

I will not be appeased with pointless, quick retaliatory strikes like those perfected by the previous administration.

I will not be comforted by "feel-good, do nothing" regulations like the silly "Have your bags been under your control?" question at the airport.

I will not be influenced by so called, "antiwar demonstrators" who exploit the right of expression to chant anti-American obscenities.

I will not forget the moral victory handed the North Vietnamese by American war protesters who reviled and spat upon the returning soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines.

I will not be softened by the wishful thinking of pacifists who chose reassurance over reality.

I will embrace the wise words of Prime Minister Tony Blair who told Labor Party conference, "They have no moral inhibition on the slaughter of the innocent. If they could have murdered not 7,000 but 70,000, does anyone doubt

they would have done so and rejoiced in it?

There is no compromise possible with such people, no meeting of minds, no point of understanding with such terror. Just a choice: defeat it or be defeated by it. And defeat it we must!"

I will force myself to: -hear the weeping -feel the helplessness--imagine the terror -sense the panic -smell the burning flesh--experience the loss -remember the hatred.

I sat in a movie theater, watching "Private Ryan" and asked myself, "Where did they find the courage?" Now I know.

We have no choice. LIVING WITHOUT LIBERTY IS NOT LIVING.

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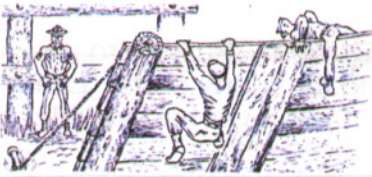
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Sample text and illustrations from *RINGSIDE*

"Everything on Parris Island is one of six colors: red, yellow, green, white, grey-black, or silver. The signs are red with yellow border, the mess hall and barracks are white, and the grass, palmetto trees, and utility uniforms are all green. The streets and grinder are grey-black, and the overhead steam pipes are silver. This whole base is kept as clean as a surgical room. On the rare day when there is no tension or screaming, it's a pretty place - it really is."



Today our two arguing privates were arguing over whether a dog ever won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"No d_-n dog ever won no Congressional Medal of Honor!"

"Did, too! Statue of him on Guam Island!"

"What did the dog do?"

"Carried a grenade in his mouth and dropped it on a Japanese General."

Sarcastically: "How did the dog pull out the pin?"

"Didn't. Carried it with the pin out and the safety lever down. BOOM! No more dog, but no more Japanese General"

"Aw, man, can't be!"

"Can, too! IS! Dog standin' tall in bronze guardin' the goonie birds."

"Get in there close, private, now crowd him! Crowd him! Don't give him room to swing that blade! Now g-ddamn it, thrust! Thrust! He gave you an opening, why didn't you use it? If he drops his eyes, that's your chance; you drop him!"



It turns out that every time Casaverde got mad at being hollared at, he'd let off steam by drawing pictures in his guidebook of our D.I.s being tortured. What worried the D.I.s and what sent him to P.O.U. is that all the figures were drawn stark naked. They didn't have a stitch of clothes on.

The psychiatrist at P.O.U. gently said to the quaking Casaverde, "I can understand why the drawings made you feel better, private, but why did you draw everybody naked? Is that how you feel about your drill instructors?"

Casaverde hesitated, then blurted out, "I drew 'em naked, sir, because I can't draw clothes!"

Even the psychiatrist sat back and laughed at that.



"Do you U.N.Q.s know where you're going from here? Do you? DO you? You're going to S.T.B. for a month, then you're coming RIGHT! BACK! HERE! You're gonna' do it all over again 'til you can hit and kill with that M-1 rifle!"

"Some of you people think you've had it rough here. Some of you have. But you've all made it through to the end and you're better off for having done it. You're not only physically tougher, you're tougher mentally.

"Some of you will re-enlist when your time's up, some of you will not. We know that. But all of you will remember your Parris Island training. People, the outside world is a slowed-down Parris Island. In the outside world, you'll make friends, you'll lose friends. You'll find loyalty, you'll know betrayal. You'll find love, you'll find indifference. Times will be hard, times will be good. When times get hard, people, *Remember what you went through at Parris Island. Think to yourselves, 'I made it through that, I can make it through this.'*

"And then you will make it, people. You'll survive and continue life until your natural term of enlistment is up. In and out of the Corps, people, what we've taught you here is how to live to be old men."

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