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JIM POWELL NEW DEPT. JUNIOR VICE

Junior Past Commandant Jim Powell was elected Department Junior Vice Commandant at the Department of Pennsylvania Convention in New Cumberland in June.

Jim, who completed a four-year run in April as Detachment Commandant, joined the Detachment in August 2002, is still the Detachment's Web Sergeant.

He is also very active with the Military Order of Devil Dogs, having held key positions at both the

Pack and Pound levels.



JIM POWELL

Additionally, he is the National Northeast Division Web Sergeant, the Department Assistant Adjutant, the Department MODD Pound Web Dog, and the Department's Northeast Division Vice Chief Devil Dog among other National and Department positions.

Additional Phases Identified for Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals

The Department of Defense announced recently that additional campaign stars are authorized for wear on the Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM).

The campaign stars recognize a service member's participation in DoD-designated campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Service members who have qualified for the ICM and ACM may display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each designated campaign phase in which

they participated. The stars will be worn on the suspension and campaign ribbon of the campaign medal.

The additional campaign phase and associated dates established for the ICM is:

- **New Dawn**--Sept. 1, 2010, through a date to be determined.

Six other phases, previously identified, include:

- **Liberation of Iraq**--Mar. 19, 2003, to May 1, 2003.

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August 14 Marks Navajo Code Talkers Anniversary

The Navajo Code Talkers received no recognition until the declassification of the operation in 1968. In 1982, the code talkers were given a Certificate of Recognition by **President Ronald Reagan**, who also named August 14 "National Code Talkers Day."

During World War II (1939-1945), the U. S. Marines trained Navajo soldiers as code talkers. During military campaigns in the Pacific, the Navajo soldiers relayed secret messages about troop movements and enemy locations in the Navajo language. Because of the complexity of the language, the Japanese were never able to decipher the code.

The idea to use Navajo for secure communications came from **Philip Johnston**, the son of a missionary to the Navajos and one of the few non-Navajos who spoke their language fluently.

Johnston, reared on the Navajo reservation, was a World War I veteran who knew of the military's

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

I wanted to thank everyone who made it to the parades. Our friend with his bulldog *Leatherneck* sure made us look even better. The lights on the float work well and by next year we will have replaced the handrails.

At the July meeting the members present decided to put our golf fund raiser on hold for a while. It was felt that in order to do the best job possible in promoting the affair, it would require more time than we have. There will be more on this fund raiser at the upcoming meetings. The possibility of making the kind of money this could bring in is really outstanding. The Detachment could do a lot more supporting of veterans programs if we had that kind of funding. Please pay attention to all the info you will be hearing about this and when the time comes PLEASE give of your time so that we may help our brother Marines!

The highway clean-up did not go quite as I had in mind. I envisioned about six Marines out to breakfast and a nice walk on a nice Saturday helping

our community. What happened was **Adjutant/Paymaster Don Gee** and I met while I signed a paper he needed and then we went our merry way because not one other person showed up.

Everyone was in agreement that this is a good program, so I think we should be able to get enough people out three or four times a year for about an hour. I plan on doing the clean-up on **Saturday the 30th of July!** PLEASE come give us a hand. If you usually come and can not, please let me know. If you have never, or haven't been to the clean-up recently, I look forward to seeing you. Don't worry about there being too many people, come anyway! See you at "Back to the Fifties Restaurant" (263 & Edison Furlong Rd) at 8 a.m. on the 30th!!!

For those of you who are planning to come to the August meeting early for the audit committee, the audit has been postponed until September.

Semper Par

Budd Pearce

LISTEN UP! Issues Needed

Junior Past Commandant Jim Powell is seeking copies of *LIS-TEN UP!* to complete our website archives.

If you can provide copies of the

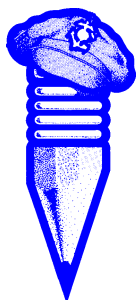
November 1966, July 1998, September 2001, and/or November 2002 issues, please contact him at: 215-862-6280 or e-mail **usmc80@comcast.net**.

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!

JULY DETACHMENT MEETING



MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 13, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown.

There were 10 members and 2 guests present including all officers except the Junior Vice Commandant, the Judge Advocate and the Chaplain. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Bob Sundling; Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant/Junior Past Commandant Jim Powell, and Past Department of New Jersey/Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth.**

New Member: F. Donald Warner of Warrington was unanimously accepted as a member.

Guest: Joe Spoltore who visited pursuant to joining the Detachment.

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

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce reported the Detachment had received a letter from the Warrington Police Department in thanks for a Marine Corps flag he had donated for the Police Chief's father's funeral.

*He and Marine Mike Waldron attended a Purple Heart ceremony in which the Commandant pinned the medal on a Marine who had not received his medal previously.

Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier reported the Detachment strength at 68 including 28 Life Members, 32 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. There are three members delinquent in their dues.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported on correspondence received since the June Meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported there had been no requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher, reported that the Quartermaster had \$36.00 in sales last month.

The **Public Relations Officer** set July 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the August *Listen Up!*

*He reported the Chalfont Antique Mall had contributed \$225.00 to the Rose Fund as proceeds from the June fund-raiser at that site.

*"Marines-4-R-Marines" is holding a fund-raiser on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Red Rooster Tavern in Philadelphia. Tickets are \$25 each and the event begins at 1 p.m. Featured will open beer & soda bar, entertainment, door prizes, and a Chinese auction.

*"Operation Philadelphia Standown 2011" will be held Sept. 9-11 in Levittown.

*Operation South Jersey Standdown" will be held on Friday, Sept. 23, at the Cherry Hill Armory.

*The Detachment received a "Certificate of Recognition" from the Wounded Warriors Project in acknowledgement of the Detachment's donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling reported on the Young Marines trip to Gettysburg and the planned "Boot Camp."

25th Anniversary Committee Chair Joe Kier reported on plans for the proposed Golf Tournament. A lengthy discussion was held resulting in postponement of the event until next year to allow more time for the Detachment to plan, advertise, solicit financial support, and implement the tournament.

*He also presented a proposed Detachment Patch for the 25th anniversary. Changes were recommended and the final design will be presented at the August Meeting.

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce set the highway clean-up for July 16 (*postponed until July 30*).

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Pearce appointed an Audit Committee of himself, **Senior Vice Commandant Kier** and

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling to meet at the August Meeting to review the Paymasters records. (*Postponed until September Meeting*).

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$50 to the Young Marines "Wall of Honor."

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$25 to the Northampton Township Socks for Soldiers.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to donate \$100 to the "Sgt. Mac Foundation" in support of its wreath-laying program for national cemeteries.

~~There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10.~~

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search for a code that would withstand all attempts to decipher it. He also knew that Native American languages--notably Choctaw--had been used in World War I to encode messages.

Johnston believed Navajo answered the military requirement for an undecipherable code because Navajo is an unwritten language of extreme complexity. Its syntax and tonal qualities, not to mention dialects, make it unintelligible to anyone without extensive exposure and training.

It has no alphabet or symbols, and is spoken only on the Navajo lands of the American Southwest. One estimate indicates that less than 30 non-Navajos could understand the language at the outbreak of World War II.

In May 1942, the first 29 Navajo recruits attended boot camp. Then, at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA, this first group created the Navajo code. They developed a dictionary and numerous words for military terms. The dictionary and all code words had to be memorized during training.

Once a Navajo code talker completed his training, he was sent to a Marine unit deployed in the Pacific theater. The code talkers' primary job was to talk, transmitting information on tactics and troop movements, orders and other vital battlefield communications over telephones and radios. They also acted as messengers, and performed general Marine duties.

Praise for their skill, speed and accuracy accrued throughout the war. At Iwo Jima, **Major Howard Connor**, 5th Marine Division signal officer, declared, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima." Connor had six Navajo code talkers working around the clock during the first two days of the battle. Those six sent and received more than 800 messages, all

without error.

The Japanese, who were skilled code breakers, remained baffled by the Navajo language. The Japanese chief of intelligence, **Lieutenant General Seizo Arisue**, said that while they were able to decipher the codes used by the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps, they never cracked the code used by the Marines.

The Navajo code talkers even stymied a Navajo soldier taken prisoner at Bataan. (About 20 Navajos served in the U. S. Army in the Philippines.) The Navajo soldier, forced to listen to the jumbled words of talker transmissions, said to a code talker after the war, "I never figured out what you guys who got me into all that trouble were saying."

Long unrecognized because of the continued value of their language as a security classified code, the Navajo code talkers of World War II were honored for their contributions to defense on Sept. 17, 1992, at the Pentagon, Washington, DC.

Thirty-five code talkers, all veterans of the U. S. Marine Corps, attended the dedication of the Navajo code talker exhibit. The exhibit includes a display of photographs, equipment and the original code, along with an explanation of how the code worked.

Dedication ceremonies included speeches by the then-**Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Atwood**, U. S. Senator **John McCain** of Arizona and **Navajo President Peterson Zah**.

The Navajo veterans and their families traveled to the ceremony from their

homes on the Navajo Reservation, which includes parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

The Navajo code talker exhibit is a regular stop on the Pentagon tour.

In a ceremony in the Capitol on July 26, 2001, the original 29 Navajo "code talkers" received the Congressional Gold Medal, and subsequent code talkers received the Congressional Silver Medal.

MEDAL *from Page 1*

- **Transition of Iraq**--May 2, 2003, to June 28, 2004.
- **Iraqi Governance**--June 29, 2004, to Dec. 15, 2005.
- **National Resolution**--Dec. 16, 2005, to Jan. 9, 2007.
- **Iraqi Surge**--Jan. 10, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2008.
- **Iraqi Sovereignty**--Jan. 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010

The additional campaign phase and associated dates established for the ACM is:

- **Consolidation III**--Dec. 1, 2009, through a date to be determined.

Three other phases, previously identified, include:

- **Liberation of Afghanistan**--Sept. 11, 2001, to Nov. 30, 2001
- **Consolidation I**--Dec. 1, 2001, to Sept. 30, 2006
- **Consolidation II**--Oct. 1, 2006, to Nov. 30, 2009

Service members should contact their respective military departments for specific implementation guidance.

On the Web: <http://www.defense.gov/releases/>
Public Contact: <http://www.defense.gov/landing/questions.aspx> or (703) 428-0711.

Check Out Our
Detachment Web Site
at:

www.mclcb.org

BrigGen. Lori Reynolds Takes Command at PISC

On Friday, June 17, **BrigGen. Lori Reynolds** took command of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC, becoming the first woman Commanding General in the 96-year history of the Depot. Reynolds was most recently in charge of the Headquarters Group for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA.

According to the website for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, while serving a yearlong tour of duty with the group at Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan, Reynolds became the "first female

Marine to command battle space." In her new role, BrigGen. Reynolds will manage the Marine Corps Eastern Recruiting Region, which includes all the states east of the Mississippi River.

"I look forward to learning from you, working alongside you and continuing this mission," Reynolds said. "There is no finer mission than the one we have in this Corps. I just got back from being with the operating forces ... and it is humbling every day to see what those kids are willing to do to be good Marines. That starts here."

The Depot's outgoing commander

was **BrigGen. Frederick Padilla**, who became the Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, on June 30.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
10 AUGUST**

**NAVAJO CODE
TALKERS DAY
14 AUGUST**

**LABOR DAY
5 SEPTEMBER**

**PATRIOTS DAY
11 SEPTEMBER**

**GRANDPARENTS
DAY
11 SEPTEMBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
14 SEPTEMBER**

**POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY
16 SEPTEMBER**

**CITIZENSHIP
(CONSTITUTION) DAY
17 SEPTEMBER**

**FIRST DAY OF
AUTUMN
23 SEPTEMBER**

Homeless Veterans Stand Down 2011

Veterans Helping Veterans

"A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT"

If you are a veteran, homeless and in need, consider attending this program. Fellow veterans and friends of veterans are offering options; opportunities and assistance.

*Shelter
*Meals
*Employment Assistance
*Medical Assistance

*Drug & Alcohol Treatment Information
*Veterans Benefits Information
*Barbers
*Legal Advice

September 9th, 10th, 11th, 2011

Government Services Building

7321 New Falls Road

Levittown, PA 19055

Intake Registration: September 9th & 10th Only

Cut Off Time: Friday, 7:00p.m. And Saturday 5:00p.m.

Participants "MUST" stay the entire weekend as transportation back to their original pick up points won't be available until Sunday the 11th.

Note: Only veteran's spouse and dependent children ages 15 and under may accompany a veteran to Stand Down. Proof of age may be required. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Driving Directions to 7321 New Falls Road, Levittown, PA from the Blue Route I-476:

Merge onto I-476N. Take PA Turnpike East to Exit 358 for US-13 toward Levittown/Bristol/Delaware Valley. Keep left at fork to continue toward Bristol Pike/US-13N and merge onto Bristol Pike/US-13 North. Make slight right at Beaver Dam Road. Take the 2nd left onto Edgely Road and follow to New Falls Road. Turn right at New Falls Road. Go 0.1 miles and Stand Down will be on the left.

From I-95 North:

Take I-95 North to exit 40 for PA-413N. Turn Left at New Rodgers Road (413N) and go 1.4 miles to New Falls Road. Turn right at New Falls Road and go 2.2 miles to Edgely Road. Stand Down will be 0.1 miles past Edgely Road on the left.

From New Jersey:

Take New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 6 toward PA. Go over the Turnpike connector bridge to the PA Turnpike. Get off at the 1st exit (US-13) at exit take Bristol Pike/US-13 North. Make slight right at Beaver Dam Road. Take 2nd left onto Edgely Road. Follow to New Falls Road. Take right at New Falls Road. Go 0.1 miles and Stand Down will be on your left.

**Free Pick-up will be made at the following sites:
8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.**

Friday, September 9th & Saturday, September 10th

Outley House.....6901 Woodland Avenue

Ridge Avenue Shelter.....1360 Ridge Avenue

Self.....907 Hamilton Street

Sunday Breakfast Association.....302 North 13th Street

Vet Center.....801 Arch Street

8:00 a.m.

Friday, September 9th & Saturday, September 10th

Chester PA CareerLink.....701 Crosby St., Chester

"Connect".....135 Long Lane, Upper Darby

NOTE: Return buses available Sunday afternoon only.



Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET



\$55.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

COVER



\$22.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT



\$15.00

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact
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"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

**Application for Membership
Marine Corps League**

(Date)

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Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN _____

Type of Application -- New () Renewal () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** 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)

(Applicant's Signature)



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