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## Highlights

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held on November 13, 1996, at American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 20 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster. Distinguished Marines in attendance included **Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese** and **Frank Yohe**; and, Detachment "Marine of the Year" Ray Krout.

**Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger** reported the Detachment currently has a strength of 55 members including 14 Life Members, 34 Regular Members and 7 Associate Members. There are 5 Delinguent Members.

Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz reported that all of the bills from the Birthday Ball have not been received. A full report on the expenses for the Ball will be presented at the December Meeting. The Detachment will hold a fund-raiser at the Warrington State Store on Dec. 7. He will contact the manager to make the appropriate arrangements and contact the membership to recruit volunteers.

Adjutant Ray Krout reported there had been no correspondence from either National Headquarters or the Department.

Paymaster Bob Cody presented the Paymaster's Report. Report was approved unanimously.

Chaplain Budd Pearce reported that Marine Gary Smith's wife, Sue, was recuperating from an operation and that Detachment member George J. Chiartas passed away in California on Nov. 7. The Detachment

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 13 DECEMBER 1996 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN



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### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a terrific Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 9 at the Pitcairn Club at NAS, Willow Grove thanks to **Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz** and his committee. It was an especially enjoyable evening because we had a great program—including **Benjamin Franklin** (through the efforts of **Chaplain Budd Pearce**, who went to school with him, I think), and the Central Bucks Unit of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. We sincerely hope the Unit will continue to participate in social and community programs with our Detachment.

I really enjoyed singling out those members of the Detachment who have contributed so much to our success in the past year. Ray Krout was named "Marine of the Year" for his consistent contributions to the Detachment as our perennial Adjutant and liaison with the American Legion. For this distinction, Ray was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal (bronze), the highest medal that can be awarded by the Detachment. Marine Paul Caprio also received the Distinguished Citizen Medal (bronze) for his tireless efforts in bringing the Central Bucks Auxiliary Unit about and his extraordinary commitment to supporting the Detachment through his campaign to make this newsletter self-sustaining through its advertising, and his innovative fund-raising ideas. Receiving the Distinguished Service Medal were Mess Sergeant Wil Haas for his countless years of dedicated service and Past Commandant Bill Plant for his selfless service in immediately resolving the equipment storage problem encountered by the Central Bucks Young Marines Unit last spring. Bill made several trips (at his own expense and using his own vehicles) to pick up the gear and transport it to his home where he operated "Supply Point Plant" until all the material was donated to Marine Corps-family or community service organizations.

One of the goals we set in April was to make the Detachment more visible in the community. Our Detachment Color Guard, under Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, is helping to achieve this. The Color Guard is one of the most highly sought after units in our area because of its professional appearance and performance. We took great pleasure in awarding Meritoriious Commendations to those Detachment members who served in the Color Guard during the past year. They included Sundling, Past Commandants Bill Plant, Don Parzanese Sr., and Frank Yohe, Senior Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger, Junior Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz, Quartermaster Don Parzanese Jr., Chaplain Budd Pearce, and Marines Paul Caprio and Steve Weir. Also receiving a Meritorious Commendation ribbon was 1996 "Marine of the Year" Bob Schaffer for his service coordinating fundraising activities and acquiring the Detachment's food cart. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Past Commandant Frank Yohe for his contributions to the Detachment during the past year) and to Suzanne Pearce (Budd's wife and Auxiliary Unit Chaplain) for her years of service to the Detachment in compiling our multi-award-winning Americanism scrapbook; and Jimmy Pearce (Budd's son) and Bobby Sundling (Bob's son) for their continuous participation in parades, adopt-ahighway, and numerous other Detachment functions and programs.

Now that Thanksgiving is past and we look forward to the yule season, I wish each of you the most joyous of holidays and best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year on behalf of all your elected and appointed officers.

Semper Fidelis,

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY—Committee Chair Jr. Vice Commandant Ernie Ortiz reported a highway clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 30. Members will meet at Tilley's Restaurant at 8 a.m. NEWSLETTER—Newsletter Advertising Committee Chair Marine Paul Caprio reported he had sent out 50 letters to businesses within our area this month soliciting business card ads for the "Listen Up!" The newsletter is now making a profit, surpassing our goal to make it self-sustaining. The Newsletter Editor reminded the members the deadline for submission of articles, photos, etc., is the 25th of the month.

VAVS—Committee Chair Chaplain Budd Pearce reported the Detachment had logged 54 hours since our last meeting, including participation in the Veterans Day program at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center on November 8. The Detachment will be represented at the VAVS Committee meeting on Nov. 15. We received a Certificate of Appreciation from MCL National VAVS for our 100 percent participation in VAVS Committee meetings during 1996.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM—Team Captain Sr. Vice Commandant Bill Rosenberger reported our Detachment Team finished 17th out of 33 detachments participating in the Department Rifle Championships. The first award of the FRAN MEYERS TROPHY went to Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce who was the team's high shooter this year.

GENUARDI'S and REDNER'S RECEIPTS—The Detachment received a total of \$181.48 from these supermarkets. Keep bringing in those receipts.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CENTRAL BUCKS AUXILIARY LIAISON—Liaison Paul Caprio reported the Central Bucks Unit was holding its first "official" meeting this evening at the home of Unit President Cathe Rosenberger. FOOD CART—Committee Chair Bob Schaffer reported he is still trying to get the cart cleaned up enought to pass inspection. When this is accomplished, the Detachment needs a volunteer to take custody of the cart. Contact Bob at (215) 345-1673 if you are interested in taking on this assignment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

AWARDS—Individual "Meritorious Commendation" ribbons were presented to Past Commandant Frank Yohe for his participation in the Detachment Color Guard and to Marine Bob Schaffer for his dedicated fund-raising support.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**TOYS FOR TOTS**—Motion was made and seconded to handle "Toys for Tots" in the same manner we have in previous years. New toy donations should be brought to the December meeting.

MARINE BAND—Marine Mike Waldron informed the membership the Marine Band will be touring the northeast U.S. next year. He will find out what the Detachment must do to sponsor the Band in our area.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SAM'S CLUB—Marine Jim Marckstein** enjoined members to join the discount purchasing club. Cost is \$10, plus a very small fee. Contact him at the December meeting if you are interested.

DOYLESTOWN MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER—Marine Mike Waldron is researching archives and records to learn more about Marine Private Charles Robert Francis who earned the Medal of Honor during the Boxer Rebellion. He is the only Doylestown native to earn the Medal. There is absolutely nothing in Doylestown recognizing this Marine's achievement.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned until 1930 on December 11, 1996.

### CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT



COMMANDANT DON GEE AND THE "MYSTERY LADY" IRIS



JUDGE ADVOCATE DON PARZANESE SR. READING TRADITIONAL BIRTHDAY MESSAGE





COMMANDANT'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE



COMMANDANT DON GEE & AUXILIARY PRESIDENT CATHE ROSENBERGER CUTTING BIRTHDAY CAKE



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# The SENIOR VICE Says

Just a reminder to Recruit and Renew, so here is the list of who is due.

Robert J. Cody Edward W. Hoth

It appears that we didn't have anyone due in November. However, we still have five delinquent members. Once again, we are looking for 100% renewals.

P. S. Congratulations to Budd Pearce on

winning the Fran Meyers Trophy. He was the Detachment high shooter at the Department matches this year. I have to say that Budd shot better than I have ever seen him shoot (must have been the lucky boots). Also, a "job well done" to the rest of the team—Joe Hazen, Ernie Ortiz, Bob Randle, Paul Caprio, Charlie Wurst, and me (wait until next year).

### Short Rounds



Anyone interested in joining SAM'S CLUB--the discount purchasing store-contact **Jim Marckstein** at the December meeting. Membership is \$10 per year plus a very, very small service fee.

Sgt.-at-Arms Bob Sundling reminds us not to throw away those paperback and hardcover books after we've read them. Donate them to the Detachment "Selling Library." You can buys books from the library for \$1--which benefits the Detachment.

### Detachment Member George J. Chiartas Dies Nov. 7

George J. Chiartas, 73, a member of the Central Bucks Detachment since July 1991, died Nov. 7, at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Springs, CA.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late James G. and Mary Koultas Chiartas. He was the husband of Lillian (Kaden) Chiartas.

Mr. Chiartas was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, having fought in the battle for Iwo Jima in the South Pacific.

He attended Pierce Business School and Temple University.

Mr. Chiartas was the founder of Chiartas Associates, which were manufacturer's representatives for sev-

eral office products companies.

He was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Elkins Park.\*

He was also a member of the Doylestown Kiwanis Club, the 4th Marine Division Association, the Central Bucks and La Quinta SeniorCitizens, and Hirman Lodge #81 F&AM of Philadelphia.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children—Rosemary Fkiaras of Doylestown, James G. Chiartas of Perkasie, William G. Chiartas of Doylestown, and Cynthia L. Varcoe of Wycombe; two brothers—Thomas G. Chiartas of Chalfont and John J. Chiartas, Sr., of Dresher; a sister—Estelle Mueller of Bethesda, MD; and 12 grand-children.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 14, followed by interment in Mechanicsville Cemetery. The Detachment provided an Honor Guard.





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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We notewith sadness the passing of Marine George J. Chiartas on Nov. 7. He was buried on Nov. 14. Past Commandant Frank Yohe and Commandant Don Gee served as Honor Guard for the interment.

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas showed "Marine Metal" when he attended the Birthday Ball with wife Agnes just a few days after having surgery on his neck.

Marine Gary Smith's wife, Central Bucks Auxiliary Unit Senior Vice President Suzanne is recuperating after surgery.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a happy holiday season.

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YOUR USED CLOTHING TO
THE DECEMBER MEETING.
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