



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Central Bucks Detachment

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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1991

Welcome to 1991!

Christmas and New Years has come and gone and so has Buddy Ryan. Unfortunately, 1991 has started right off with a continuing world crisis in the Middle East. We can only hope that the January 15 deadline issued to Saddam Hussein will not be climaxed by a shooting war that makes everyone a loser.

On the lighter side, we would like to try to make this a banner year for the Central Bucks Detachment. We have numerous members who pay their dues, but never make a live appearance at the meetings. The American Legion Hall, where we gather, is a fine location and provides a clean and quiet atmosphere for our business meetings. Following the formal part, we have some light refreshments, small talk among the members present, and then call it an evening. I'm sure if some of you who have been "among the missing" would give it a try you would enjoy the evening, and we would be glad for your company. Think about it, and start off the New Year with a resolution to be "present and accounted for" on the second Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DETACHMENT MEETING ON DECEMBER 12

- * Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.
- * Bill Plant is home recovering from an eye operation. Frank Yohe's wife had an operation and expects to return home soon.
- * Reservations were available to any Detachment members who wished to attend a New Year's Eve party at "Fran's Pub" (owned by one of our active members, Fran Meyers).
- * Mike Waldron will try to schedule a trip to Washington to view the Evening Parade and other activities around June 21, at a cost of about \$35.00 each.
- * A Staff Sergeant from MAG 49 (Willow Grove) will contact Chaplain Bill Haas with the names of any needy dependents of Marines who are serving overseas with "Desert Shield". A Christmas turkey will be supplied to them, courtesy of Bill Haas and Bill Plant.
- * Plans are being formulated for the Detachment's Marine Corps Ball in November, 1991. More on that later.

- * Bill Richmond was appointed to handle the annual car-raffle ticket sales for this year. This is a money-maker for our local Detachment.
- * Don't forget that we can redeem register tapes from Genuardi's Market. We recently picked up \$70.00 for those we turned in. So, if you, or any of your friends, shop at that particular food market, please save the tapes for us to turn in.

Anyone wishing to send a gift box to the troops in Saudi Arabia can forward any of the following list of most requested items:

foot powder	sweat socks (green or white)
sugarless gum	hard candy
Beef Jerky/Slim Jim's	sugarless Kool Aid
dehydrated foodstuffs	toilet paper
disposable razors	shaving cream
Ivory soap	sunscreen
writing paper/envelopes	pens/pencils
sunglasses (no mirror type)	batteries (all sizes)
blank audio tapes	sewing kits
flashlight bulbs	books/magazines
small American flags	small travel games

To earmark your items for a Marine, send to....

To Any Marine
OPERATION DESERT SHIELD
FPO New York, NY 09866-0006

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 1991, (2000 hours), at the American Legion Home in Doylestown.

The License tag design is still under the gun in PA-DOT. Last word was, that the term, Leatherneck may be dropped, in favor of Marine Corps League, this decision by PA DOT, not by the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

15 Dec 90

TO: ALL DETACHMENTS

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL COUNCIL INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY HISTORY

FROM: CHAIRMAN

DURING THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, THE WAR DEPT. ISSUED GENERAL ORDER NO. 75 DATED SEPT. 11-1861 WHICH DELEGATED TO COMMANDING OFFICERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BURIAL OF SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN THEIR JURISDICTION.

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN ON JULY 17-1862 SIGNED LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE 37th CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES INTO WHAT WAS TO BECOME A NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM.

THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ACT OF JUNE 18-1973 (PL 93-43) WAS SIGNED INTO LAW WHICH TRANSFERRED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1973.

HOUSE BILL 1893, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR MILTON SHAPP ON JUNE 24, 1976 AUTHORIZED THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, ANNVILLE, PA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON SEPTEMBER 14-1976 INDENTURE EXECUTED BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THROUGH THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (GRANTOR) AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (GRANTEE) TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF FORT INDIANTOWN GAP MILITARY RESERVATION, ANNVILLE, PA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THIS CONVEYANCE OF TITLE.

THE SITE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THIS CEMETERY TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 30th, 1976 AND THE MAJOR PARTICIPANTS WERE: RICHARD A. ROUDEBUSH, ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND JOHN W. MAHAN, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM.

ON FEBRUARY 1978 A DEPARTMENT OF MEMORIAL AFFAIRS WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

IN 1981 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MOVED IN ON SITE AND BEGAN TO CLEAR THE GROUND AND MOVE THE EARTH. BY 1982 THE SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND THE COMMITMENT SHELTERS WERE BUILT AND THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND PARKING AREA WERE COMPLETED.

TO DATE, OCTOBER 13, 1990, APPROXIMATELY 50 ACRES OF THE CEMETERY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, 20 ACRES OF WHICH PROVIDES GRAVESITES FOR APPROXIMATELY 20,000 VETERANS AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS. THE CEMETERY IS IN PHASE ONE OF THE OPERATION. WHEN THE CEMETERY IS COMPLETELY DEVELOPED THERE WILL BE 677 ACRES AND SPACE FOR 500,000 GRAVESITES. AS OF THIS DATE, 5,511 VETERANS AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN INTERRED IN THE CEMETERY.

THE MEMORIAL COUNCIL OF THE CEMETERY SPONSORS TWO MAJOR PROGRAMS AT THE CEMETERY EVERY YEAR. ONE IS HELD THE SUNDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY AT 2,PM AND THE SECOND IS HELD THE SUNDAY BEFORE VETERANS DAY AT 2,PM. WHEREAS THE MEMORIAL COUNCIL SPONSORS THESE PROGRAMS, IT HAS CHOSEN TO "CO-SPONSOR" THESE PROGRAMS TO VARIOUS LEGITIMATE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES.

INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL COUNCIL PRESENTS ITS NINTH "VETERANS DAY" PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1990 AT 2:PM RAIN OR SHINE.

Historian...CH (LTC) L.E. SHUPP, USA, RET.

15 Dec 90

TO: ALL DETACHMENTS
SUBJECT: MEMORIAL COUNCIL
FROM: CHAIRMAN

Indigenous to most national cemeteries within the system are MEMORIAL COUNCILS. The all volunteer organization existing under current by-laws is known as "The Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial council."

The purpose of this all volunteer organization is that for "God and Country" they have associated themselves together to honor vetrans on the hallowed grounds of Indiantown Gap National Cemetery where honorably discharged parted comrades have been interred into their final resting place.

The offical headquarters of the Memorial Council is in the administration building of the cemetery. Any person who is a member in good standing of any recognized and authorised veterans organization is eligible for membership on this council.

Regular meetings of the Memorial Council, starting promptly at 9:30 am, are held in the Administration Building of the cemetery the second Saturday of each month except in case of emergency of which all Organizations will receive due and timely notice.

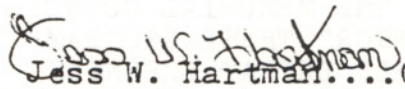
Most of the financial resources of this Council have been developed through the sale of lapel pins and charms that were made using the cemetery logo devized by the Memorial Council Chaplain.

Whereas the main functions of the Memorial Council are to sponsor the Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs, it, according to its stated purpose, accepts full responsibility for arranging and conducting the interment service for all indigent veterans entrusted to it.

The Memorial Council fully supports the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Out of Council funds, to date it has purchased a sound system which is used at all council functions, a farm wagon trailer to transport the flag poles and flags from storage to the area of use, tires for the trailer, and an oak podium used at all council functions which was donated to the council by Chaplain and Mrs. Leonard E. Shupp.

The interment flags that have been presented to the cemetery by families of the deceased are used to display the Avenue Of Flags. Flag poles are placed about 25 foot apart along the driveways of the cemetery. The flag poles are donated by private individuals, various military organizations, and the Memorial Council. The Avenue of Flags is displayed on selected days throughout the year and upon special request. The volunteers of the Memorial Council have accepted the responsibility for raising and lowering the Avenue of Flags.

The Memorial Council sponsors two major programs at the cemetery every year. Sunday befor Memorial Day at 2p.m. and Sunday before Veterans Day at 2;p.m. Whereas the Memorial Council sponsors these programs, it has chosen to "co-sponsor" these programs to various legitimate veterans organizations which help defray expenses.


Jess W. Hartman....Chairman
Memorial Council
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery



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August 4, 1937

Temporary Membership Card and Receipt
This will certify that:

_____ is a member in good standing of the

_____ This card is good for a period of sixty days from

Sponsor's Signature

Amount



Application for Membership Marine Corps League

(Date) _____

Name _____

Street _____ # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____

Date of Discharge/Separation/Retirement _____ SSN# _____

Type of Application—New () Renewal () Phone () _____

[] I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS** Detachment, Marine Corps League, and enclose \$ **30.00** for one year's membership.

—OR—

[] I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-at-large (MAL), and enclose \$25.00 for one year's membership.

*Includes subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

I hereby certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, that 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) _____

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment. Applicants for MAL Membership, remit this form with check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 to: National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 3070, Mernfield, VA 22116.

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