

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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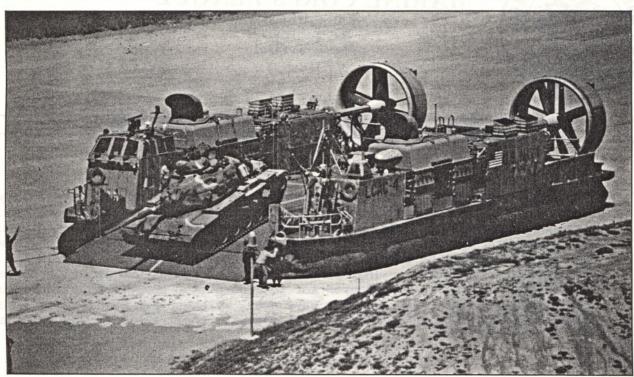
CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER - MARCH 1990

"Spring is sprung" - as they say, despite the fact that it has been a very soggy one so far. But at least it's better than having to think about snow, ice and bone-chilling cold. Instead, our thoughts have turned to tuning up the mower and watching the early Spring flowers starting to bloom. Before you know it, we'll be complaining about the heat and humidity and wishing for cooler temperatures. That's human nature, I guess, and it helps to keep us on our toes and to be prepared for the unexpected changes that inevitably come along. Since Easter is just days away, we hope that everyone will have a happy holiday and enjoy this special day with their families and friends.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DETACHMENT MEETING ON MARCH 14

- * An application for membership from Donald D. Parsonese (the Commandant's son) was submitted and approved. That's four members from the Parsonese family. A few more and they could have their own Detachment. We're very glad to have all of you as members.
- * Member Fran Meyers is still in the hospital but expects to be discharged soon.
- * The casino bus trip is all set for Sunday, April 29. It's just \$15.00 per person and you get a buffet dinner and \$7.50 back in coins. There are still some seats left, so get a couple of your friends together and make a fun day of it. Call Mike Waldron at 672-7095 if you need any other details.
- * The Vietnam Veterans of America, Bucks County Chapter #210 is having their annual banquet on Saturday, April 28 at the Warrington Motor Lodge. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Installation of the Detachment officers will be conducted at the next regular meeting on April 11. We will have the S.E. Division Commandant John J. Wilson attending, along with Maynard King and possibly Paul Seton. We would like to have a nice turnout and show our guests that our Detachment is alive and well. A couple of hours of your time could give the evening a big boost and your support would be greatly appreciated. A small effort on your part would result in a large dividend for the Detachment. Hope to see you there.



Landing Craft Air Cushion

The landing craft air cushion (LCAC) is a fully amphibious air cushion vehicle capable of operating from all existing and planned well deck ships.

The ability of the LCAC to operate independently of tides, and moderate beach gradients gives the LCAC accessibility to over 70 percent of the world's waterways, vice 17 percent with conventional landing craft. The significant reduction in supporting beach engineering equipment allows for greater landing force dispersion thereby complicating adversaries' beach defense plans.

Possessing both bow and stern ramps allows vehicles to drive on (vice backing) and drive off reducing both embarkation and debarkation times, which significantly increases the build up rate of force ashore.

Six LCACs are the minimum needed to provide an operational capability for a MEU.

The mission of the LCAC to transport weapons systems, equipment, cargo and personnel of assault element of the MAGTF both from ship to shore and over the beach and represents a significant improvement to the Marine Corps' amphibious warfare capability.

CHARACTERISTICS

DISPLACEMENT: 200 tons fully loaded

LENGTH: 87 ft. 11 in. on cushion

WIDTH: 47 ft. on cushion

HEIGHT: 23 ft. 6 in. on cushion

SPEED: 40 plus knots with payload

CARGO CAPACITY: 60 tons

CARGO DECK AREA: 1,809 square feet

RAMP WIDTH: Fwd 27 ft./STERN: 14 ft. 10 in.

ARMAMENT: 2 M60 machine guns

CREW/PERSONNEL: 5 crew members; 24 troops

RANGE: 200 miles at 40 knots with payload

POWER PLANT: Four Avco-Lycoming gas turbines; 12,280 hp; 2 shrouded reversiblepitch propellers; 4 double-entry fans for lift. Fuel: DFM or JP5.

BUILDERS: Textron Marine Systems
Avondale Gulfport Marine

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Central Division

BOOT MARINE Meets 1st Monday 730pm American Legion Pont 14 201 Carlisle Street Hanover PA 17331 (717) 632-3343

Russel M Butterweck Meets 2nd Tuesday 8pm East End A Club Mineral Spring Park Reading PA 19606 (215) 375-8848

COAL CRACKER
Keets 2nd Wednesday 8pm
Detachment Home
14 East North Street
Minersville PA 17954
(717) 544-4050

DEER-X-ING
Meets 1st Monday - 730pm
Detachment Home
Ralston PA 17763

FIRST CAPITOL Meets 2nd Wednesday 8pm Shiloh American Legion Post Shiloh PA

JUNIATA AREA Meets 4th Thursday 730pm VFW Post Mifflintown PA 17059

LANCASTER COUNTY
Meets 2nd Monday 730pm
VFW Post
Lititz PA 17543

LANDIS-McCLEAF
Weets 4th Thursday 730pm
Detachment Home
450 Grant Street
Chambersburg PA 17201
(717) 264-3845

LEBANON COUNTY Weets 1st Monday 730pm VFW Post 718 Chestnut Street Lebanon PA 17042 (717) 272-0331

PATRICK W MILANO Meets 2nd Tuesday 730pm Detachment Home First Street & Ross Ave New Cumberland PA 17070 (717) 774-7587

NITTANY LEATHERNECKS
Keets 3rd Wednesday 730pm
American Legion
Bellefonte PA
(814) 355-2212

PARRIS ISLAND Meets 1st Friday 8pm Detachment Home 370 Kings Mill Road York PA 17403

SCHUYLKILL CARBON Meets 1st Thursday 8pm Location in Schuylkill & Carbon Counties held at the discretion of Detachment each month

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY Meets 1st Sunday 3pm American Legion Post 44 Northumberland PA 17857

WILLIAMSPORT
Meets 3rd Thursday 730pm
American Legion Post 1 (topside)
10 East Third Street
Williamsport PA
(717) 322-9198

CARLISLE AREA

Southeast Division

ALL DIVISIONS
Meets 1st Monday & 3rd Wednesday
Detachment Home
80 S. Second Street Pike
Southampton PA 18966
(215) 357-3422

BETHLEHEM
Meets 3rd Wednesday 715pm Marine Reserve Training Center
Postal Road
Lehigh Valley PA

BRANDYWINE CONESTOGA
Keets 4th Thursday Jan-Oct 8pm
" " 3rd Wedneday Nov & Dec
VFW Post 287
Coatesville PA 19320

CENTRAL BUCKS
Meets 2nd Wednesday 8pm
Amber 1nn Am. Legion Home
Shawell & Doylon Sta 275 Norm St.
Doylestown PA 18901

CHESTER COUNTY
Meets 4th Monday 8pm
Elks Club
Wayne & W. Washington Sts
West Chester PA 19380

DELAWARE COUNTY Weets 2nd & 4th Thursday 730pm Detachment Home 3602 6th Street Upland PA 19015

DUTCH HELWIG Meets 2nd Tuesday 830pm 5836 Henry Ave Phila PA 19128

HUGH B EASTBURN Meets 3rd Monday 830pm VFW Post 5542 Bristol PA 19007

HANNINGS LINDERMAN Meets 1st Wonday 730pm American Legion Post 206 2nd & Walnut Street Lansdale PA 19446

HIDDEN BELL Meets 1st Sunday 7pm American Legion Post 255 Sellersville PA 18960

LEHIGH VALLEY Meets 4th Sunday 8pm Liberty Fire Company 311 N Hall Street Allentown PA 18102

MANATAWNY Keets 2nd & 4th Tuesday 730pm American Legion Post 450 57 N Franklin Street Pottstown PA 19464

NORTHAMPTON Meets 1st Wednesday 8pm Detachment Home 1621 Lehigh Street Easton PA 18042

PENNDELPHIA Meets 2nd Tuesday 8pm Detachment Home 5417 W Market Street Phila PA 19139

PHOENIXVILLE AREA Keets 1st Monday 730pm 1st Presbyterian Church Kain & Worgan Sts Phoenixville PA 19460

TRI BORO
Meets 2nd Wednesday 730pm
Trumbauersville Hotel
Trumbauersville PA 18970
Meets 4th Sunday 2pm
VFW Post 5954
Red Hill PA 18076

TUN TAVERN
Meets on Commandant's Call

VALLEY FORCE Weets 2nd & 4th Tuesday 8pm Detachment Home 342 Jefferson Street Bridgeport PA 19405 (215) 277-3005

Northeast Division

ANTHRACITE
Meets lst Monday 7pm
Odd Fellows Hall
43 N. Wyoming Street
Hazleton PA 18201

BLACK SHEEP Meets 3rd Sunday 2pm VFW Post 4909 Dupont PA 18641

George R Newitt Meets 4th Tuesday 730pm American Legion Larksville PA 18704

NORTHEASTERN
Meets 4th Sunday 2pm
Detachment Home
1340 Alder Street
Scranton PA 18504

PENN YORK Meets 1st Sunday 130pm VFW Post Bridge Street Towanda PA 18848

POCONO MARINE Meets 1st Monday 8pm American Legion East Stroudsburg PA 18301

WAYNE PIKE Meets 3rd Tuesday 8pm Fireside Lounge Honesdale PA 18431

WYOMING VALLEY Meets 1st Wednesday 7pm Detachment Home 158 E Main Street Wilkes Barre PA 18705

Southwest Division

BEDFORD AREA Meets 2nd Tuesday 730pm VFW Post Bedford PA 15522

CONEMAUGH VALLEY
Meets lst Wednesday 730pm
Jolly Fidler
Johnstown PA 15905

INDIANA AREA Meets 3rd Wednesday 730pm American Legion Indiana PA 15701

MON VALLEY Meets 1st Tuesday 8pm 2409 Orange Street McKeesport PA 15132

MOUNTAIN CITIES Weets 2nd Sunday 7pm VanZandt Medical Center Altoona PA 16602

SOMERSET AREA Meets 1st Tuesday 730pm VFW Post 554 Somerset PA 15501

THREE RIVERS LEATHERNECK Meets 2nd Wednesday 8pm VFW Post 278 4660 Gangwish Street Pittsburgh PA 15224 TURKALY RICHARDS
Meets 1st Wednesday 7pm
American Legion Post 481 or
VFW Post 8168
Midland Ave
Midland PA 15059

TYRONE AREA Meets 3rd Sunday 2pm American Legion Tyrone PA 16686

Northwest Division

AUREL BACHIAK Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7pm American Legion Saegertown PA 162 Days Inn Meadville PA 16335

SGT WILLIAM L DIXON Meets 2nd Wednesday 730pm 302 E Pine Street Clearfield PA 16830

CAPT R L GREEN Meets 3rd Tuesday 730pm American Legion Titusville PA 16354

LAKE ERIE MARINES Meets 3rd Wednesday 8pm American Legion Post 11 Erie PA 16506

CEN J H PENDLETON Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday 730pm Detachment Home 951 Jackson Ext Warren PA 16365

SHENANGO VALLEY Meets 2nd Tuesday 8pm American Legion Post 432 Council Ave Wheatland PA 16161

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Corps has long history of protecting American interests in Panama

Danny J. Crawford History and Museums Division

The participation of Marines in the recent events in Panama traces its roots to over a century ago. As early as 1860, the Marine Guard of the sloop St. Mary's augmented by 50 sailors was sent ashore to protect American interests during a period of civil unrest.

In 1873, 1885 and again in 1895, the lives and property of foreigners were jeopardized because of renewed hostilities between rival factions vying for control over the Isthmus of Panama. On each of these occasions, landing parties of Marines and sailors had gone ashore at Colon and Panama City to guard the

American-owned railroad that linked the cities and to protect lives and property.

The largest of the early Navy and Marine Corps interventions took place in the spring of 1885. French efforts to build a canal across the isthmus had collapsed. And revolution had flared against the Colombian government. Transit across Panama, vital to American security, had been stopped.

The Secretary of the Navy called for a battalion of Marines to be organized and ready for service in Panama in 24 hours. LtCol. Charles Heywood immediately collected a 232-man battalion from the barracks at Portsmouth, N.H., Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. and sailed from New York for Panama on April 3. On April 7, a second

265-man battalion of Marines and one battalion of sailors also left New York. Capt. Robert Huntington, later to win fame at Guantanamo Bay, had one company of this battalion; 1stLt. George E. Elliott, a future Commandant, was with him

Heywood arrived in Panama on April 11, crossed the 47-mile isthmus securing the railroad as he went and established himself at Panama City on the Pacific side. Augmented by ships' detachments from both the Atlantic and Pacific Squadrons and by another draft from Marine barracks, a third Marine battalion was formed. All three battalions were then grouped into a brigade under Heywood -- the first U.S. Marine brigade (Continued on next page)



A painting by Col. Charles Waterhouse, USMCR, depicts Marines in Panama in 1885.

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By mid-April, Colombian troops were back policing the city and Marines began to thin out their forces. On May 25, the last of the brigade embarked for New York and home stations. It was during the 1885 intervention that correspondent Richard Harding Davis coined the now familiar phrase, "The Marines have landed and have the situation well in hand."

By the turn of the century, the Spanish-American War had revived American interest in a canal across the Isthmus of Panama. When a civil war in Colombia spread to the isthmus in 1901 and 1902, ships' guards again landed to perform their traditional duties. American naval officers negotiated with the warring factions and produced a ceasefire. However, when it failed, the landing parties returned, this time reinforced by a Marine battalion from the United States.

In September 1902, LtCol. Benjamin R. Russell arrived at Colon with a 342-man Marine battalion formed from various East Coast barracks. While one company stayed in Colon, the rest went to Panama City, the center of the disturbance. They guarded the trains and kept the peace. They left two months later.

The following year, after the Colombian legislature rejected a proposed treaty transferring canal rights to the United States, Panama revolted and was promptly recognized as independent by the United States. U.S. Marines and sailors were conveniently nearby. A landing party from the USS *Nashville* went ashore Nov. 4, 1903, at Colon with orders to keep the Colombian garrison from crossing the isthmus to Panama City.

The next day a battalion of Marines commanded by Maj. John A. Lejeune arrived at Colon and two companies were promptly landed from the USS *Dixie*. A new canal treaty was negotiated with the new Panamanian government and President Theodore Roosevelt sought to solidify U.S. control over its new Canal Zone and defend Panama from Colombia.

On Nov. 9, a second Marine battalion set out from Philadelphia for Panama aboard the USS *Prairie*. Then, on Jan. 3, 1904, BGen. George F. Elliott, Commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived on the USS *Dixie* with two more battalions and assumed command of all the Marines in Panama. This was the first time a Commandant had taken charge of troops in

the field since Archibald Henderson had done so in the 1836 Florida Indian War.

The Marines then reconnoitered Panama and set up a permanent barracks near Panama City. Organized into a provisional brigade of two regiments commanded by LtCols. William P. Biddle and Littleton W.T. Waller, the Marines spent their time scouting, mapping the country and studying the defenses for the planned canal and Panama City.

In mid-February, Colombia agreed not to invade Panama, and with the new regime firmly in place, the brigade began withdrawing to Guantanamo Bay. By the end of March, only Lejeune's battalion remained in the Canal Zone.

Digging on the canal was started in May and Marines remained in Panama to ensure that neither the Panamanians nor the Colombians would interfere with the canal's construction. The Marine battalion finally left Panama in 1914 - the year the canal opened for business. The Navy-Marine Corps team had served as a force in readiness to help President Roosevelt ensure the construction of the Panama Canal.

Four Commandants of the Marine Corps received valuable field experience in Panama during intervention there between 1885 and 1904.



MGen. Charles Heywood 9th Commandant



MGen. George F. Elliott 10th Commandant



MGen. William F. Biddle 11th Commandant



MGen. John A. Lejeune 13th Commandant

Bedminster widow bestows honor on heroic Marine pilot

By Robert W. Steuteville-Staff Writer

On Jan. 12, Marine Corps Capt. Duane L. Pandorf's jet engine leaked fuel, but Saturday his cup runneth over.

"I guess I'll have to get a pickup truck to take home all of this stuff given to me, and build an addition to the house" to display it all, said Pandorf, the pilot who waited until the last second to eject from his A-4M Skyhawk jet that crashed in Upper Moreland seven weeks ago. Miraculously, no one was seriously injured.

In addition to the prestigious Marine Air Medal for heroic achievement and citations from nearly every level of government, Pandorf was the first recipient of the Kolbe Award, which will be given each year to the Marine Air Group 49 member who most contrib-

utes to safety.

The Kolbe Award is named for the late Lt. Col. Frank P. Kolbe Jr., the Bedminster resident and commander of the Marine Air Group 49 stationed at Willow Grove who died in an aircraft crash on the USS Guam in July, 1981. Lt. Col. Kolbe's decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, 27 Air Medals, and the Purple Heart.

Kolbe was the commander of the reserve squadron for nearly two years when the crash occurred. He was not pi-

loting the craft.

"This is a time when we can return to you the gratitude, love, caring and nurturing

that was given to us in the last nine years from the MAG 49 Marines," said Kolbe's widow, Barbara, who presented the award to Pandorf. Three of Kolbe's children, Susan, Kathryn and Franklin Kolbe III, attended the dinner. Another daughter, Air Foce Capt. Elizabeth Snadecki, could not attend.

"We just hope in the future that we don't have such a dramatic event to give the award for," said Col. Edward C. Schriber of the Marine Air Group.

Pandorf was repeatedly praised for heroism, intelligence, daring, courage, and for exemplifying the qualities that are supposed to make a Marine.



Barbara Z. Kolbe of Bedminster holds the trophy named after her husband, Lt. Col. Frank P. Kolbe Jr. The award was presented Saturday to Marine Corps pilot Capt. Duane L. Pandorf (left), whose plane crashed in a residential area of Horsham without any fatalities. With them is Lt. Gen. Charles H. Pitman, USMC, deputy chief of staff for aviation headquarters. (Staff photo by Richard M. Hendrickson)

U.S. Rep. Peter H. Kostmayer, D-8, who presented an award from the House of Representatives, told him President Bush had said, "'If you see Duane Pandorf tell him I said hello," during a recent bill-signing session at the White House.

Lt. Gen. Charles H. Pitman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation in the Marine Corps, presented

the Air Medal.

"It's very seldom that the Air Medal is passed on to a pilot in peacetime," Pitman said. "Especially in the Marines. We're very stingy about that sort of thing."

Also presenting commendations were state Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf, R-12, and state representatives Paul I. Clymer, R-145, and George E. Saurman, R-151.

"I hear all these people saying how calm and collected I was in the cockpit. It really wasn't that way," said Pandorf to general laughter of the dinner crowd.

Pandorf described his thoughts during the brief moment he had to make decisions in the plane.

"I can't believe this is really happening," is what kept going through his mind, right up to the time he was ejecting from the plane, he said.

"I think about what I did and I don't know if I would do anything differently," he said.

Navy-Marine Corps team vital to national security

Gen. A.M. Gray Commandant of the Marine Corps

The world in which we live will be dramatically different in the 21st century. But America's reliance on her naval forces will remain constant in our national security strategy. Access to the oceans and world markets has been vital to our security and economic health for more than 200 years. In the next century, maritime forces will continue to be indispensable to the defense of North America, for the support of our allies, and for the protection of the sea lanes that are our economic lifeblood. These maritime forces combine the surface, subsurface, and aviation assets of the Navy with the combined arms of Marine Corps expeditionary forces to provide our Nation with the most flexible and effective crisis response in the world.

The Navy-Marine Corps team can conduct a wide range of operations as the President may direct. These capabilities support a national strategy that is global in nature

The future will place a premium on forces that can adapt to uncertain geopolitical and economic situations—forces with mobility, sustainability, and flexibility that can task organize before or en route to a crisis. The ability to task organize an integrated air-ground-logistics force appropriate to the situation is the hallmark of the Navy-Marine Corps team.

Changes in the international environment mean that we must be prepared for challenges at all levels of conflict, but particularly in the low to mid-intensity range. Because of their flexibility and sustainability, expeditionary forces projected from the sea are well suited to deal with the wide range of challenges across the spectrum of conflict. The adaptability inherent in naval expeditionary forces makes them particularly well-suited for low to mid-intensity conflicts. They carry everything they need with them and can move quickly to the area where they're needed

Naval expeditionary forces can operate from forward-based facilities ashore or from sustainable mobile sea bases. Seabasing our forces means that our adversary can never know exactly where

and how these forces will be employed against him. It means the automatic presence of a highly desirable ambiguity of intent. Seabasing also means these forces can operate without the constraints of basing or overflight rights. The flexibility of naval forces allows military presence on our terms and only our terms.

Naval expeditionary forces can respond rapidly because they are forward-deployed. Other flexible methods of deployment, such as maritime prepositioned forces, augment our more conventional approach to power projection.

Naval expeditionary forces can also conduct naval campaigns in support of land campaigns or prosecute the landward portion of a naval campaign. At the lower end of the combat spectrum these forces provide a variety of options to deter a crisis short of war or should that fail, to conduct limited objective operations in defense of our national interests. At the higher end of the combat spectrum, expeditionary forces can function as theater reserves or strategic reinforcements. These forces have highly lethal combat power and can sustain themselves logistically at all levels of conflict because they carry what they need with them in the form of Combat Service Support Elements tailored to the mission.



Gen. A.M. Gray

This wide range of utility across the spectrum of conflict makes naval expeditionary forces particularly useful to our Nation's leaders.

Finally, these forces employ a flexible range of deterrent and warfighting capabilities that do not require mobilization. They are here today and ready to respond without calling up a single Reserve. They have a proven unity-of-command concept which means that additional forces can be easily integrated to fight against a wide range of adversaries.

In short, naval forces combine the formidable capabilities of the Navy and Marines to offer our country's leaders a sustainable crisis response force and the ability to conduct a forcibile entry that naval forces alone can provide.



A CH-53 Sea Stallion from HMM -163 lifts-off from the amphibious assault shi USS Tarawa. (Photo by POL D. P. Flynn)



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