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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDANT.....

To all Central Bucks Detachment Members and Associate Members:

Well.....this Top Job certainly is a big undertaking, but fortunately, all the officers and members have been very helpful to me in making the necessary adjustments.

Listed below are a few of the things that I hope to accomplish during my tenure as your Commandant:

- (1) An increase in Detachment membership and a complete follow-up on all renewals. I have personally invited all forty-five Bucks County Marines, who served in Operation Desert Storm, to join the League. I shall explain more fully at the May meeting.
- (2) Devil Dog membership for anyone who is interested. There is a Devil Dog Growl scheduled for May 19th in Boyertown, PA. More details will be available upon request.
- (3) Expanded publicity for the Detachment by utilizing more of the news media, and attempting to increase public appearances, such as flag raisings, etc.
- (4) Marine Corps League license plates that are now available. Certainly, we are not ashamed of what we are, so let's get going and send in your applications.
- (5) Operation Desert Storm Homecoming Parade to be held in mid-June.
- (6) I would like to see a Young Marines group sponsored when we have a sufficient increase in our membership. An information kit has been ordered, which contains an application, rules, regulations and a blank charter which can be completed when we are ready to initiate this program.
- (7) Participation in the New Hope July 4th Parade. There is a money-making project that can be promoted during this event, and I will explain all the details at the meeting.
- (8) I am going to attempt to arrange for guest speakers at future Detachment meetings.

Moving along to other matters; Bill Haas, his wife and I will be attending the Marine Corps Family Picnic on May 15th. This is a Fourth Marine Corps District Liason event.

I have been recruited by S. E. Division Vice, Jon Wilson, to present awards to the Bensalem High School Marine Junior R.O.T.C., in May.

We shall conduct regular Detachment meetings in July and August this year, which I shall explain later. I have some ideas for these meetings which I feel will make them very interesting.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Al Gray, will be in Allentown on May 11th. If enough of you wish to attend, possibly we could go as a group. Contact Walt Schaffer (348-1985) if you are interested.

Past Jr. Vice Mike Waldron has reported to me that the response thus far for the trip to the Marine Barracks Evening Parade has been very poor. Come on, Marines - let's get out there and sign up people for this event so that all Mike's work will not be in vain.

Our Detachment will be the Host Detachment for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball this fall. Also in attendance will be the All Divisions Detachment. Walt Schaffer, our Jr. Vice, will need plenty of help on this one, so please volunteer if you can.

There are many more things that I plan to do if my time constraints will permit. Nevertheless, I will be moving and shaking constantly on numerous items as we go along.

It would appear that with everything that will be going on at this meeting it will require us to bring our field transport packs and shelter halves; so remember, "green side out".

Semper Fi,

FRAN MEYERS



ANN GRI:

Raising the flag

New Hope Mayor Ed Connolly reads an address at Monday morning's flag raising ceremony at Cannon Square, which officially kicked off preparations for the July Americana Festival and Street Fair. Others in attendance were, from left: Fran Meyer, Central Bucks Marine Corps Detachment Commandant; Catherine Milnor, American Legion Post 79; Cmdr. Claire Keane, who recently returned from Operation Desert Storm; Legion Post 79 members Stewart Goodwin, Owen Markey, Ted Corrigan and John Isler; police chief Walter Everett; and Edwin Guest.

A footnote to the above letter (concerning the Marine Corps Birthday Ball) - the Valley Forge Detachment will be in attendance along with All Divisions and Central Bucks.

The Central Bucks Detachment had nice representation at the Delaware Valley College on April 23rd to greet and listen to General Al Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps. There were League members from other Detachments present, including Paul Seton, Adjutant, Dept. of Penna.



Don't forget to turn in those Genuardi tapes to Don Parsonese. We get 1% refund, which begins to add up to a nice sum after awhile. Talk to your friends and neighbors about this.

SUBJ: Marine Corps League License Plate

NOW is the time to act and get your application in for the license plate. PLEASE send all applications to the Department Paymaster along with your application fee. One check from the Department will be sent to the state along with the applications.

2. I am enclosing an application. Complete the application, sign the application and forward it to me at: 1631 Bridge Street. New Cumberland, PA 17070. THANKS for your help NOW!

P.S. Make your check payable to: MCL OF PA, Inc.

MV-904SO (4-88)	APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE (INCLUDING PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER)	 Paul F. Hastings, PNC Marine Corps League 1631 Bridge Street New Cumberland, PA 17070
Fee: \$20.00		
INFORMATION ON REVERSE		
A VEHICLE DESCRIPTION (complete this section exactly as information appears on registration card)		
TITLE NUMBER		CURRENT REG. PLATE #
CURRENT EXPIRATION		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
MAKE OF VEHICLE		
YEAR	TYPE	In conjunction with replacement of your plate you will receive one registration card. If additional registration cards are desired the fee is \$1.00 for each card.
		How many extra registration cards do you want _____
B APPLICANT INFORMATION (Complete this section exactly as information appears on registration card)		
LAST NAME		JR., etc.
FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL
TELEPHONE NUMBER		
() WORK		() HOME
STREET ADDRESS		CITY
STATE		ZIP CODE
C TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT		
I MAKE APPLICATION FOR A		INDICATE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE		
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CHAPTER, POST, LODGE, EMPLOYER, etc.		TELEPHONE NUMBER
()		
STREET ADDRESS		CITY
STATE		ZIP CODE
D TO BE COMPLETED BY ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL (see special instructions on back)		
I Certify that the individual named in Section B is a member in good standing of the organization listed in Section C:		
NAME	TITLE	SIGNATURE
PAUL F. HASTINGS	PAYMASTER	X
E I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND, IF I CEASE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION, I WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE REGISTRATION PLATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE IN INK X
		DATE

TERMS AND USAGES TO BE AVOIDED. In recent years as a result of unification, certain undesirable terms from outside the Marine Corps and Navy have been picked up by a few individuals and used instead of the authentic Marine Corps way of talking. Here are several that you should avoid in your own conversation and keep junior Marines from using:

Trooper: Do not speak of Marines as "troopers." This is an Army term going back to the horse cavalry or, today, to the paratroopers and airborne, or the state highway patrol. Marines should be referred to collectively as "Marines" or, less formally, in the Marine usage going back to Tun Tavern, as "people." (Example: "You people better square yourselves away before the Old Man gets here" or "Corporal Stevenson, what in hell are your people up to over there?"")

ZI: Use "Conus" or just "the United States."

GI: Say "squared-away" or "regulation". *Never* refer to another Marine as "a GI."

EM: Just say "enlisted man." Even better, say "Marine."

Member: Do not use when referring to any person in the Marine Corps or Navy. No Marine is ever "a member."

TDY: Although this Army/Air Force abbreviation appears on many joint forms, you should always use the correct Navy/Marine abbreviation, "TAD."

Hitch: Say "cruise" or "enlistment." "Hitch" is another Army term going back to the horse cavalry.

"The Military": Avoid this unflattering civilian term for anybody in uniform. Speak and think of yourself as being in "the Service," never "the military."

E-4 (or other similar ways of speaking of rank): Never speak of a Marine or sailor as "an E-3" or "an E-6," etc. This is as bad as calling him "a member." Give people their correct ranks. You can be an E-7 in the Army or Air Force, but only a Marine can be a gunnery sergeant, and only a bluejacket can be a chief boatswain's mate.

"Career" (as in "career NCO"): Just say "Regular," and don't forget that capital R.

Medic or Aid Man: These are other Army/Air Force terms for a hospital corpsman. Always say "corpsman," *never* "Medic" or "aid man."

Hours: The Commandant has expressly prohibited the Army practice of suffixing the unnecessary word, "hours," after each indication of the time of day. Say or write, "1200," *never* "1200 hours."

Top Marine says team effort won war

By Sonya Baker
Special to The Inquirer

The general's entrance was formal. Four Marines, in uniform and carrying rifles and flags, preceded him. They stood solemn and still, almost like mannequins, in one corner as he entered the All-Purpose Room of the Student Center.

Walking slowly through the standing audience, Gen. Alfred M. Gray Jr. broke the formality when he reached the stage at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown.

"Why don't you all sit down and relax a little," he said, smiling.

Gray, Marine commandant since 1987, was at the college as part of its 1991 Distinguished Guest Speaker program.

A four-star general, he delivered his address, "The Aftermath of Desert Storm," to an audience of about 250, many of them neatly dressed, graying men. Students, carrying book bags and wearing jeans and shorts, also attended.

Gray's main theme was that the victory in the Persian Gulf resulted from the efforts of all the services, the Marines included.

"One of the key points we try to make is the magnificent victory

... of the gulf war was the result of all the armed forces, regardless of whether they were soldiers, sailors, Coast Guard or Marines," Gray said. "This was a collective and team effort, kind of the old-fashioned team effort, if you will."

Although Marines were involved in some of the fighting, their main role during the land war was to "fix and keep" Iraqi forces in southern Kuwait, as Gray put it. Army troops swept around behind the Iraqi forces on the attack. The Marines' amphibious landing on Persian Gulf beaches — much talked about before the war — turned out to be a decoy.

Gray, a native of Rahway, N.J., joined the Marines in 1950. He was commissioned a second lieutenant during his Korean War service in 1952. He later served in Vietnam.

He said the U.S. did the right thing in the gulf.

"No matter where you go throughout the United States and in foreign countries, people come up to you and are thankful. They say, 'Thank you for standing up to terrorism, thank you for standing up to coercion,'" Gray said. "You can sense, if you will, almost an uplifting throughout this country. People are proud."

Gray said collective efforts such as Desert Storm, where multinational forces work together, may be needed in the future to ensure global stability. He said that only the United States, which "is in the NFL of leadership," can provide the leadership of the world.

"That doesn't mean we should be the world police officer," he added.

Gray said Americans should be concerned about the 25 percent reduction expected in the U.S. military over the next five years.

"We must somehow, somehow, maintain our readiness and preparedness. That is not going to be easy. It's going to require careful planning and risk beyond what we're used to accepting," Gray said. "Above all, it's going to require patience and understanding from all."

Gray told the audience to consider the reductions and ask how much military power a great nation needs.

"There is a level below which we should not go. In my opinion, that level will be arrived at in the 1994-95 time-frame. It would be most prudent if we can level that off," he said.

After his address, which lasted about an hour, Gray answered questions from the audience.

One person asked whether Gray thought the war was less a success because Saddam Hussein was still alive and still a threat.

"Clearly, we met the military mission, which was to get the Iraqis out of Kuwait," Gray said.



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Gray talks to Del-Val College students about Desert Storm.

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League, and enclose \$ 30.00 for one year's membership.*

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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
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(Applicant's signature)

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