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**Due to circumstances beyond our control,
the Birthday Ball will be held at:
WILLIAMSON'S RESTAURANT,
Easton Rd. & Blair Mill Rd., Horsham
(about one mile south of NAS, Willow Grove)**



A Message From the Commandant of the Marine Corps

We all know that a powerful combination of teamwork and individual achievement forms the strength of our Corps. We are Marines, first and foremost. Through innovation, trust, and mutual respect, we have evolved into an adaptive and flexible fighting force ideally suited for 21st Century challenges. Though the character of war continually changes, we understand that the nature of war is timeless: that the ultimate arbiter of battle is the human will. We recognize this, and we embrace the values that strengthen our will and define our character. For 227 years, Marines and their families have dedicated themselves to the cause of the defense of freedom. Our accomplishments adorn the masthead of the Battle Color of the Marine Corps for all to admire, and they reflect the importance of the legacy we inherit and willingly accept.

Through shared experience and success in battle, we distinguish ourselves by selfless service—in a sense, we are a fraternity of sacrifice. As stewards of our rich heritage, we continually reflect upon the generations of Marines who, in their time, faithfully answered our country's call. In their example we will find the strength and inspiration necessary to meet the coming challenges. We celebrate this connection with our history, yet we remain focused on the challenges of our future. We have an important dual responsibility: to remain ready for today, while transforming our capabilities to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

We find profoundly gratifying our lifelong pride of association with fellow Marines—active, Reserve, veteran, and civilian—and the knowledge that we contribute daily to securing our Nation's freedom.

I encourage all Marines to celebrate the camaraderie, enrichment, and fulfillment of service with men and women subordinated to a greater cause: preparing for an exciting future and extending the legacy of our great Corps.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

James L. Jones

General, U.S. Marine Corps

**THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 13
NOVEMBER 2002 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST,
315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN, PA.**

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Well, the Ball is getting close. I always look forward to it because it's the one time of the year that we get to see the wives and just relax and have a good time together.

If you need a red blazer, you still have time. They tell me it takes about three days from when they get the order. That's "if" they have your size in stock. Fortunately, I'm an "off the rack"

kind of guy and they had plenty. Give me a call if you need info.

Unfortunately, our Sgt. at Arms (Tim Neuman) had to resign his post for personal reasons. Dennis Stanislaw volunteered before I "volunteered" someone new. Thanks Dennis!!

The Young Marines will be at

the November meeting to honor the members for Veterans' Day. Please show up and wear your red blazers if you have them.

I'll see you all at the Ball!

Semper Fi



2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**BIRTHDAY BALL
WILLIAMSONS
RESTAURANT (HORSHAM)
NOVEMBER 9**

**MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER 10**

**VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 11**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
NOVEMBER 13**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
NOVEMBER 16**

**LEGION TURKEY DINNER
NOVEMBER 20**



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GEN. AL GRAY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT GAP'S VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY-- Gen. Al Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, will be the Guest Speaker at this year's Veterans Day Program here on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Beginning at 2 p.m., rain or shine, the annual ceremony conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is co-sponsored by the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania.

This will be the second Veterans Day program to be held in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery's Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial since it was dedicated in October 2001.

Cemetery Director Leon B. Murphy will welcome the audience and introduce Gen. Gray. The 276th Army Band, the Adjutant's Own, will provide the music. A 21-gun salute will be given by the 109th Field Artillery, 28th Infantry Division.

The Avenue of Flags will be flown the week prior to the program. The Avenue of Flags is casket flags which have been donated by veterans' families. State, territory and service flags will also be flown.

Massed colors will be displayed as part of the program. Veterans and service organizations are encouraged to bring their organization and National Colors for the parade of flags.

Shuttle bus transportation to and from designated parking areas to the cemetery will be provided. Signs will be posted indicating designated shuttle bus and parking areas. There will be limited

handicapped parking on the cemetery grounds.

Due to limited seating in the Pennsylvania Veterans Memorial, it is suggested

Department Holding Birthday Ball at Indiantown

The Birthday Ball for the Department of Pennsylvania will be held Nov. 10 in Building 8-80 at Fort Indiantown Gap and will feature Gen. John Patton, Deputy Adjutant General (Retired) as the Guest Speaker.

Arrangements have been made for limited accommodations at the Days Inn (Lickdale Exit of I-81). Call the hotel no later than Nov. 3 to make reservations.

Birthday Ball reservations must be made by contacting the Department Paymaster--PNC Paul Hastings, 1631 Bridge St., New Cumberland, PA 17070-1174. Cost is \$25 per person. Ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Clinic Decision Postponed

The proposed closing of the Levittown Veterans Clinic has been put on hold by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi.

Principi told Congressman Jim Greenwood he would hold off on making a decision about the clinic until after he meets with him later this year.

Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 9, 2002, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 21 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster and the Sergeant-at-Arms. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Budd Pearce**; **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**; and **Past Commandant and Marine of the Year Frank Yohe**.

The **Minutes** of the September Meeting were approved with changes.

The **Paymaster's Report** was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted.

Sick Call: Mess Sergeant Wil Haas' wife, Agnes, is in the hospital but should be returning home soon.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bob Sundling reported on the Change of Command Ceremony at Willow Grove. The Quantico Marine Band provided the martial music for the event. He also reported the Detachment had received a letter from the Atkinson Legion Post requesting help from Detachment members with the Post's Annual Turkey Dinner on Nov. 20. We have also received a request from All Divisions Detachment to provide a Firing Squad at the Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia on Nov. 20. We will not be able to assist them for this event because we are obligated to help the Legion with its Annual Turkey Dinner on that date. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced it will be moving its contact facility at Willow Grove to a new location in Warminster.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 59 members including 19 Life Members, 35 Regular Members and 5 Associate Members. We still have 5 members delinquent.

Junior Vice Commandant Don Parzanese Jr. reported plans for the Birthday Ball were progressing. He needs the names of everyone attending the Ball by **Oct. 31** for security at Willow Grove.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported the Detachment had received correspondence from the Department of Pennsylvania about the Fall Staff Meeting.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

In the absence of **Sergeant-at-Arms Tim Neumann**, no report was submitted. Commandant Sundling announced the Sergeant-at-Arms had to tender his resignation for personal reasons. **Marine Dennis K. Stanislaw** volunteered to assume the position. **Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC**, read a letter from Marine Jim Markstein's widow with which she donated \$100 to the Detachment in his memory.

The Public Relations Officer set Oct. 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the November issue of "*Listen Up!*"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POW-MIA Committee--POW-MIA Coordinator Ray Krout reported seven remains had been recovered during the latest round of excavations in North Korea.

Market Receipts--Redners Coordinator Gary Smith reported the Detachment had received a check from Redners for \$91.81.

Young Marines--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the unit is alive and well and will be attending our November Detachment Meeting. The unit will be spending a weekend on the battleship USS NEW JERSEY and will be taking a trip to West Point.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY--Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce, PC, set Nov. 16 (instead of Oct. 12 because bad weather was expected) as the date for the next highway clean-up.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Rifle & Pistol Team Coordinator Bill Rosenberger will be hosting local recruiters and new enlistees to the range to shoot in the near future.

Marine Herb Krout announced the Detachment Float would be kept in his garage for the immediate future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAG-49 is seeking people to help with this year's "Toys for Tots" program.

Marine Mike Waldron announced his wife is selling "Entertainment" books and she was donating one of the books as a door prize at the Birthday Ball.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13.

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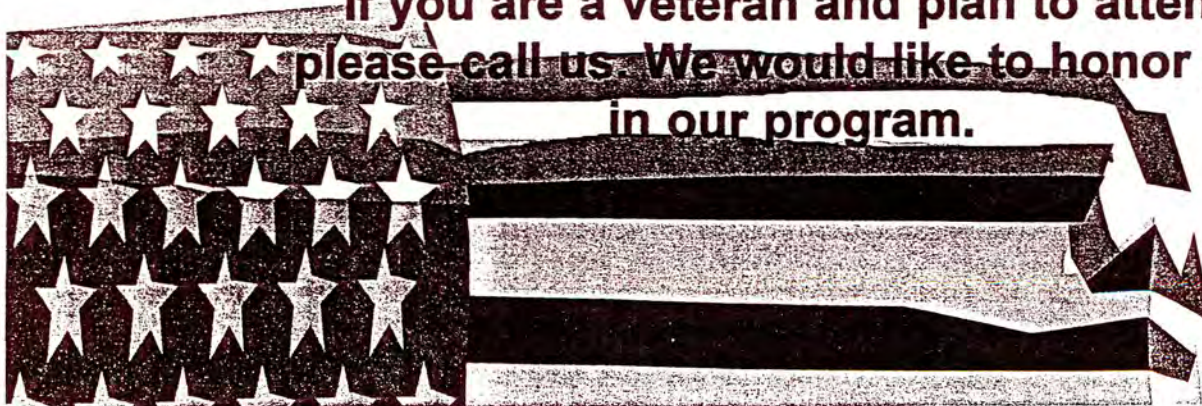
**Colonel Norman A. McDaniel, USAF (retired)
Prisoner of War in Northern Vietnam for 7 years.**

**November 10th, 2002
6:30 pm**

**Philadelphia Christian Center
2990 Street Road
Bensalem, PA 19020**

For more information call (215) 639-7000

**If you are a veteran and plan to attend
please call us. We would like to honor you
in our program.**





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CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

227TH BIRTHDAY BALL

OF THE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE: Saturday, November 9, 2002

PLACE: WILLIAMSON'S RESTAURANT
Easton Rd. & Blair Mill Rd.
Horsham, PA
(About one mile south of NAS, Willow Grove)

TIME: 1800 (6 p.m.)

DINNER: Buffet Style (Details to follow)

DETAILS: Cocktail Hour... Dinner... Ceremony & Awards...
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and much more...

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Donald D. Parzanese Jr.
Junior Vice Commandant
263 Belmont Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901-4458

Make checks payable to: **Central Bucks Detachment, MCL**

Names: _____

Additional Marine Corps Ball forms and tickets will be available at the next Detachment Meeting on Wednesday, October 9.

We hope to have reservations and money collected as soon as possible so we may have an accurate count of attendance and prepare a most enjoyable event for everyone.

Semper Fidelis,

Donald D. Parzanese, Jr.

Junior Vice Commandant
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who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the **Marine**, not the poet,
who has given us free speech.

It is the **Marine**, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the right to demonstrate.



It is the **Marine**, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.

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whose coffin is draped by the flag;
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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.

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