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SENATE CONFIRMS GEN. AMOS AS NEXT CMC

WASHINGTON —The Senate has confirmed **Gen. James Amos** as the next head of the Marine Corps, with **LtGen. Joseph Dunford** as Assistant Commandant.

LtGen. Dunford is currently the commander of I MEF and U. S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, with responsibility for all Marines serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters.

A naval aviator, Gen. Amos has been serving as the Corps' Assistant Commandant to Marine **Commandant James Conway**. Gen. Conway retires this fall.

Amos is expected to support **Defense Secretary Robert Gates** in his quest for cost savings and to help rethink the mis-

sion of the Marines.

However, in a sharp split from his boss, Amos has told Congress that gays should not be allowed to serve openly in the military.

The General told the Senate in September that the military's current policy of "don't ask, don't tell" works.

Gen. Amos has held command at all levels from Lieutenant Colonel to Lieutenant General. Most notably he commanded the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in combat during



Gen. AMOS

Operations Iraqi Freedom I and II from 2002-2004, followed by command of the II Marine Expeditionary Force from 2004-2006. He subsequently served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and as the Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, from 2006 to July 2008. LtGen. Amos was promoted to his present rank and assumed the duties of Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps in July 2008.

Operational assignments include tours with Marine Fighter Attack Squadrons 212, 235, 232 and 122 where he flew the

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Most Marines Opposed to Lifting Gay Ban: Amos

A Pentagon survey has shown U. S. Marines are "predominantly" opposed to lifting a ban on gays serving openly in the military, a top general said Sept. 21.

General James Amos, nominated to lead the U. S. Marine Corps, revealed the survey results to lawmakers as the Senate weighed whether to end the ban.

As part of the administration's plans to end the ban, the Pentagon has carried out an elaborate survey of marines and other service members at military bases and online, but the results have yet to be released.

"I've heard at the Marine bases and the Marine input for the online survey has been predominantly negative," Amos told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

But Amos added he had heard about the

results second-hand and had not seen the survey responses.

The Senate on Sept. 21 faced a pivotal vote on a bill that includes a repeal of the 1993 law, which requires gay service members to hide their sexual orientation or face dismissal.

The outgoing Marine Commandant, **General James Conway**, has been an outspoken opponent of ending the ban and members of the Marine Corps are widely seen as mostly opposed to changing the rule.

In written testimony to the committee, Amos also said he opposed changing the law, which he described as a "reasonable" compromise.

He said he was worried that repealing the ban could be disruptive at a time when

nearly 20,000 Marines are engaged in major combat in Afghanistan.

"I'm concerned that a change now will serve as a distraction to Marines who are tightly focused at this point on combat operations in Afghanistan," Amos wrote.

Amos was questioned about the survey results by **Senator John McCain**, who has vowed to block a bill that would end the ban.

Supporters of lifting the ban say the current policy harms the country's national security by forcing out qualified, committed troops.

Amos, however, said he was confident that if the law is repealed, the Marines would enforce the new rule without hesitation.

"We obey orders," he said.



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Hello Marines,

There are a few important events coming up.

First, All Divisions Detachment will again be sponsoring the annual Beirut Memorial Ceremony to honor those killed in the Marine Barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. It will take place at Foglietta Plaza in Penns Landing in Philadelphia on Sunday Oct. 24. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and our Detachment has participated the past four years. If your schedule permits, please try to find the time to attend. The ceremony is fairly short and usually well attended by many Marine Corps League Detachments. It would be nice to have a large contingent from our Detachment on hand. Please contact me if you are planning to attend.

We are also going to do the League "Rose" Program fundraiser this year on Oct. 30-31. We will be at two locations--the State Liquor Store on Veterans Lane in Doylestown and a State Liquor Store in Newtown. **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** is Chairman of this fundraiser. If you can help please contact him immediately at 856-229-4805.

The 235th Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day are also fast approaching.

We will be having our own celebration this year for the first time in several years. It will take place

at the Waterwheel Restaurant in Doylestown at 1800 on Nov. 6.

The forms have been forwarded via email to everyone and will be in this newsletter. Again, please respond to Junior Vice Gentile as soon as possible so he can get a head count for the ball.

There is also an open invitation to all Marines from the Hunterdon County Bulldog Detachment in Flemington, NJ. They are holding their ball on Nov. 13 at the American Legion Post 159, 41 Route 31 South, Flemington, NJ. It begins at 1800 and goes to 2000. The cost is \$45 per person or \$85 per couple. You can contact **Marine Mike Simon** at (908) 458-7141 or by email at HCBulldogs927@aol.com

We are also starting to plan for our 25th Anniversary and **Marine Joe Kier** has been appointed to Chair the 25th Anniversary Committee. Joe presented a few ideas at the last meeting and is soliciting help from those who would like to be involved in this important committee. If you can help, please contact Joe at 267-249-4882.

Remember our next meeting is on Nov. 10, the 235th birthday of the Marine Corps. Hope to see you there.

Semper Fi,

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M I N U T E S

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 13, 2010, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 16 members present including all officers except the Judge Advocate. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, and Bob Sundling; Past Commandant & Department of Pennsylvania Southeast Division Vice Commandant Bill Miller; Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth.**

Sick Call: Judge Advocate Bill Mickelson underwent a heart ctahreization and is expected to return home tomorrow (14 October). **Marine Ed Jasiewicz** sustained a serious head injury from a fall this summer and is undergoing rehabilitation at Moss Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia.

The **Minutes** of the September Meeting were unanimously accepted.

The **Paymaster's Report** was unavailable. It will be presented with the October report at the next month's meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Jim Powell reported the Detachment has again been invited to attend the Beirut Memorial Ceremony at Penns Landing in Philadelphia at 1000 on Sunday, Oct. 24. He will represent the Detachment and is seeking other members to attend. If interested, call him. He also reported the All Divisions Detachment and "Moms-for-Marines" are again sending "stocking stuffers" to the troops overseas and are looking for Marines to help package the materials for shipment on Nov. 19-21. If you can help, contact the Commandant. He offered a list of Bed & Breakfast sites offering a free stay to Veterans. The list was available for anyone interested. He reported the Warrington Township Veterans Affairs Committee is hosting a beef-and-beer on Sat., Nov. 6, from 7-11 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus on Easton Rd. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. He reminded the members that attending political rallies and political events in Marine Corps League uniform violates MCL rules. He also reported on Pennsylvania House Bill 2357 which, if passed, designates Mar. 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in the Commonwealth. Members interested in supporting the initiative should contact their State Representatives. The Albert the Great Parrish in Huntingdon Valley is honoring WWII Veterans on Sat., Nov. 20, from 7-10 p.m., in the ParrisH auditorium. Cost is \$25 per person. There is no cost to WWII Veterans and their spouses.

Senior Vice Commandant Ben Jones reported there were no changes in Detachment strength since the last meeting.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported on progress made for the Birthday Ball on Nov. 6 at the Waterwheel Restaurant in Doylestown. He also discussed the "Rose Program." Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30-31, are the dates for conducting the fund-raiser at the State Stores in Doylestown and Newtown. Hours at both sites will be Saturday 1000-1700 and Sunday 1200-1700. Volunteers are desperately needed to staff both locations. If you can give a couple of hours, contact the Junior Vice Commandant at 856-229-4805.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported there had been no requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

The **Public Relations Officer** set Oct. 20 as the deadline for submission of material for the next **LISTEN UP!** He reported the Detachment had received "Thank You" letters from the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation for our donation to it and the "Wounded Warrior Project" for our donation to that group and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation for the donation made to it in memory of Chuck Flanagan.

He also reported the latest information on the Camp Lejeune Water situation and provided publications for the members. He noted Applebees Restaurants are offering free meals to Veterans on Veterans Day. He also reported on the "Toys-for-Tots" meeting with Coordinator Kevin Miller. More information will be provided as the this tyear's program proceeds. He announced the "Valley Forge Medal of Honor Grove" are looking for volunteers to help with the clean-up and general maintenance of the grove. Anyone interested should contact the P-R Officer at 215-822-6898.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported no sales since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce set the next clean-up for Nov. 13.

Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Young Marines Unit held a fund-raiser last week.

Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Budd Pearce reported on the Department Rifle Match held Sept. 24-26 at Ft. Indiantown Gap. **Marine Joe Kier** reported he had contacted Target World in Chalfont and had made arrangements for Pistol Team members to shoot at a reduced cost once a month at that facility. Anyone interested in participating contact Marine Kier or Team Captain Pearce.

Marine of the Year Committee Chairman Bill Miller reminded the committee there was a meeting immediately following the Detachment meeting.

25th Anniversary Committee Chairman Joe Kier reported a committee was held and the committee planned to hold a Golf Outing as a fund-raiser to obtain the finances to support the celebration. He has tentatively established several committees to help with the event. Anyone interested in helping the committee contact him at 215-822-1036.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and unanimously accepted for the Detachment to cover Birthday costs above \$30 per person.

A motion was made and unanimously accepted to authorize the Adjutant/Paymaster to spend \$250 to purchase door prizes for the Birthday celebration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10.

GOODIES FOR THE TROOPS

Peggy Sundling, who continues to send "Goodies to the Troops," has provided a sampling of items which are needed for the shipments. She cautions, "NO CHOCOLATE!" Items include Moist Wipes--with or without aloe (some people are allergic); Beef Jerky/Slim Jims--very popular; Hard Candy--no lollipops; Lotions and Moisturizers; Lip Balm; Chewing Gum; Crackers/Snacks/Granola Bars--in individual packages for easy toting; Fruit Snacks/Raisins--in individual packages; Writing Tablets/Envelopes/Pens; Crossword Puzzles; Magazines--military, automotive, hunting, etc. (used, are fine); Drink Mixes--individual envelopes.

Thanks, Marines, for your continued support!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DEPARTMENT
STAFF MEETING
22-23 OCTOBER

ELECTION DAY
2 NOVEMBER

marine corps
birthday
celebration
6 november

marine corps
birthday
10 november

detachment
meeting
10 november

veterans day
11 november

thanksgiving day
25 november

pearl harbor
day
7 december

detachment meeting
8 december

first day
of winter
21 december

christmas day
25 december

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER, CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone
BELSITO,	Louis D.	1 Market St. #563,	Camden,	NJ	08102-2322	856-361-7098
BURCH,	Gregory	9 Main St.,	New Hope,	PA	18938-1314	215-862-2725
CAPRIO Jr.,	Paul	1378 Kisom Ct., NW	Concord,	NC	28027-4162	704-793-1371
*CLYMER,	Jessica A.	P. O. Box 361,	Holicong,	PA	18868-8399	267-249-3500
CONCORDIA,	Michael L.	49 N. Clinton St.,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-3665	215-340-4230
CUNNINGHAM,	Richard G.	218 Ream Rd.	Rockwood,	PA	15557-7716	610-767-2672
DAILY,	Robert F.	2010 York Rd. #300	Jamison,	PA	18929-1680	267-488-0317
DeBELLA,	Vincent	854 Phillips Rd.,	Warminster,	PA	18914-2765	215-443-8386
DOHERTY,	Joseph F.	17546 Berwick Turnpike,	Gillett,	PA	16925-9168	
DUFF,	Robert E.	3955 Countrywood Lane,	Hatboro,	PA	19040-2901	215-675-2377
EMERY,	Phillip D.	120 Bridgeview Dr.,	Perkasie,	PA	18944-2361	267-718-7071
FISHER,	Corey A.	238 Cornwall Circle,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2318	215-822-6898
GEE,	Don H.	238 Cornwall Circle,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2318	215-822-6898
GENTILE,	Anthony J.	159 Liberty Dr.,	Newtown,	PA	18940-1147	215-968-2291
GENTILE,	David	159 Liberty Dr.,	Newtown,	PA	18940-1147	267-394-0200
GENTILE,	Steven A.	159 Liberty Dr.,	Newtown,	PA	18940-1147	215-791-5900
GREGAN,	Ryan J.	5 Commanders Dr.,	Wash. Crossing,	PA	18977-1145	215-369-8262
*GUILLEN,	Nicholas	5166 Lovering Dr.,	Doylestown,	PA	18902-1455	760-586-8328
HAAS,	Wilfred	2501 Three Mile Run Rd.,	Perkasie,	PA	18944-2034	215-257-7828
HAGAN,	Vincent J.	306 Hidden Creek Dr.,	Hatboro,	PA	19040-1617	267-981-9625
HEALY Jr.,	Bud V.	2000 Sweet Briar Rd.,	Ottsville,	PA	18942-1523	
HOTH,	Edward W.	P.O.B. 41, 3635 Applebutter Rd.,	Fountainville,	PA	18923-0041	215-249-0481
JASIEWICZ,	Ed	292 Sherwood Dr.,	Yardley,	PA	19067-3335	267-994-9582
JERROM,	William E.	2 Yellowwood,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-2161	215-340-7232
JONES,	Ben	6 Sheffield Way,	Newtown,	PA	18940-1146	267-885-3956
KELLER,	Bruce	4490 Crosswinds Dr.,	Easton,	PA	18045-2370	610-252-8271
KIER,	Joseph M.	2201 Rebecca Dr.,	Hatfield,	PA	19440-2751	215-822-1036
KLEVA,	Richard P.	32 Walters Lane,	Point Pleasant,	PA	18950-0032	215-297-5201
KOHLER,	William C.	25212 Pike,	Laguna Hills,	CA	92653-5142	949-830-4187
KOPP,	Jacob T.	3 Kingswood Dr.,	New Hope,	PA	18938-2213	215-862-1723
KROUT,	Raymond R.	3538 Limekiln Pike,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3610	215-822-2322
LEFEVER,	Carl A.	755 Harleysville Pike,	Telford,	PA	18969-2421	215-721-1123
LEIMER,	Robert R.	1075 Kemper Dr.,	Warminster	PA	18974-1837	215-343-6932
McCOMB,	James E.	4503 Country View Dr.,	Doylestown,	PA	18902-9560	215-489-7711
McSTAY,	James F.	112 Larkspur Court,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3934	215-997-1533
MICKELSON,	William L.	1138 Farm House Lane,	Quakertown,	PA	18951-2450	215-538-0213
MILLER,	William R.	6 Indian Park Rd.,	Levittown,	PA	19057-2214	215-943-0133
MOMORELLA,	Robert A.	P. O. Box 249,	Willcox,	AZ	85644-0249	267-981-5159
MONAHAN,	Frederick	P. O. Box 18,	Claysburg,	PA	16625-0018	814-239-2722
MURRAY,	Kenneth M.	1162 Easton Rd.-1stFlr Rear	Roslyn,	PA	19001-4239	267-221-5709
NEIS,	William E.	145 E. Oakland Ave.,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-4610	215-348-4981
PARSONESE,	Patricia	P. O. Box 46,	Dublin,	PA	18917-0046	215-249-1473
PARZANESE Sr.,	Anthony J.	2601 Centaurus St.,	Henderson,	NV	89044-4413	702-617-4252
PARZANESE Sr.,	Donald D.	509 Plymouth Ct.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-3620	215-491-3275
PARZANESE Jr.,	Donald D.	4137 Sunnyside Lane,	Perkasie,	PA	18944-2399	267-404-2152
PEARCE III,	Ellis M.	1811 Palomino Dr.,	Warrington,	PA	18976-2147	215-343-5609
POPP,	Staci L.	61B W. Oakland Ave.	Doylestown,	PA	18901-4219	267-221-9126
POWELL,	James	210 Leeds St.	New Hope,	PA	18938-1087	215-862-6280
PURA,	John A.	524 Scott Rd.,	Perkasie,	PA	18944-4114	215-766-7593
SCHEETZ,	Larry	274 N. Union St.,	Lambertville,	NJ	08530-1506	609-397-0152
SCOTT,	Richard G.	3099 Antler Dr.	Doylestown,	PA	18902-1933	215-512-5300
SERGEANT,	R. Bruce	42 Hillside Ave.,	Chalfont,	PA	18914-2804	215-822-8210
SMITH,	Gary J.	11 Unami Trail	Chalfont,	PA	18914-3203	215-997-1081
SPILLANE Jr.,	John J.	10 Dorset Circle,	Warminster,	PA	18974-2321	215-815-7863
SUNDLING,	Robert A.	539 Norris Drive,	Furlong,	PA	18925-1004	215-348-8925
SUNDLING,	Robert M.	315 E. Butler Dr.,	Ambler,	PA	19002-4319	267-614-7393
TICE,	Clifford W.	224 Dorchester Dr.,	Sellersville,	PA	18960-2893	215-257-6162
VANDEGRIFT Jr.,	Benjamin F.	219 Dorchester Dr.	Sellersville,	PA	18960-2894	
VERRECCHIO,	Anthony J.	1435 Old Jacksonville Rd.,	Ivyland,	PA	18974-1219	215-953-5144
WALDRON,	Michael	619 Chaucer Court,	Warminster,	PA	18974-2066	215-672-7095
WEAVER,	Richard D.	41 Ardsley Court,	Newtown,	PA	18940-2300	215-504-0219
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WERSLER,	Vernon	200 Veterans Lane #217,	Doylestown,	PA	18901-3451	215-348-3905
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235th BIRTHDAY
OF THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE & TIME: Saturday, November 6, 2010, at 1800 (6 p.m.)

PLACE: **THE WATERWHEEL** Restaurant & Country Inn,
4424 Old Easton Rd., Doylestown, PA

DINNER: Sliced Roast Beef with Red Wine & Mushroom Sauce
or Herb Crusted Filet of Tilapia with a Lemon Buerre Blanc
or Chicken Breast with a Mushroom Marsala Sauce

PRICE: \$30.00 per person

RSVP: As Soon As Possible
but NOT LATER THAN 25 October 2010
to:

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(How many?)

_____ Filet of Tilapia
(How many?)

_____ Chicken Breast
(How many?)

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I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

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.

_____ (Sponsor - where applicable)

_____ (Applicant's Signature)



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