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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

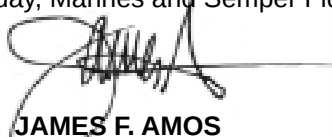
For 10 years now our Corps has been engaged in continuous combat operations against those who threaten the security of America and our allies. We turned the tide in the Anbar Province of Iraq and continue to see success today in Southwest Afghanistan. While it has come at a cost...we have much to be proud of.

This past year in operations around the world including humanitarian disaster relief, counter-piracy, theater security cooperation, special operations, counter-insurgency and many more, you continued to solidify our place as America's expeditionary force in readiness. Since the Continental Congress created two battalions of Marines 236 years ago, our legacy as an ever-ready, ever capable, victory producing organization remains intact.

Our rich heritage of selfless service and fidelity to nation and to one another lives on in all who currently wear the eagle, globe and anchor--those who have answered the clarion call to duty with remarkable courage, dedication and unshakable resolve that Marines are so well known for. To all Marines--past and present--and especially to our families--I extend my deep gratitude for all you have done and all you continue to do.

As we celebrate our 236th birthday, let us look forward to future challenges--whatever they may be--and reaffirm our pledge to be America's premier crisis response force; to be the first to fight...always ready for the toughest and most challenging assignments.

Happy Birthday, Marines and Semper Fidelis.



JAMES F. AMOS
General, U. S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Liberty Young Marines C. O. 'Tony' Martone Dead at 62

Liberty Young Marines Unit Commanding Officer **MGySgt. Anthony J. (Tony) Martone Sr.**, 62, died of a heart attack on Sept. 23 as he was leaving his work place.

He retired from the Marine Corps after 30 years of active service.



MGySgt. MARTONE

He is survived by his wife Angela, son Anthony J. Jr., and daughter Kristen.

Visitation was held on Sept. 28 followed by visitation and funeral mass on Sept. 29 at St. Edmond Church in Philadelphia.

"Master Guns" Martone was buried in SS Peter and Paul Cemetery in Philadelphia on Sept. 29.

MGySgt. Martone's family requested donations in his memory be made to the Liberty Young Marines, 539 Norris Dr., Furlong, PA 18925.



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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

November is here and with it comes our celebration of the 236th birthday of our Marine Corps. This year, as most of you know, we are holding our Birthday Ball at the Waterwheel Inn in Doylestown. We have had dinners and last year's ball at the Waterwheel and they have been very good to us. I hope that we will have the largest member turnout for the ball in our Detachment history. We have been able to keep the member cost down, but had to raise the guest price a bit.

The Detachment will be footing the bill for the difference. We will be having our door prizes and as Commandant I will be giving out a few awards.

The rifle team will be presenting their high shooter award this year to someone who has won it for the first time, and if I can help it next year it won't happen again.

We will again be doing our annual cake cutting ceremony and will be presenting the first pieces of cake to the youngest and oldest Marines present. I hope that you are able to attend and I am sure that you will not be sorry you did.

Our highway clean up will be done for the year after our clean up on this Saturday (the 22nd) and will start up next March or April. Thanks to everyone for helping out on this project

for another year.

We will be collecting donation at various locations for the Rose program in November. You can contact **Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** at 215-968-2291 to volunteer some of your time. We need as many people for this that we can get, so please get your name on Joe's list. While you are talking to Joe ask him what you can do to help on the Applebee's fund raiser.

Another project that needs some manpower is the Toys-for-Tots program. To find out more on how you can be a part of the noble cause please give **Adjutant/Paymaster Don Gee** a call at 215-822-6898 or Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier at 215-822-1036. As you know the Marines are not in our area now and the Marine Corps League has been asked to carry a lot of the load on this program. Don and Joe need some serious help and I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

More info on all that I've covered will be available at our November meeting. If you wish you can give Joe Gentile your Ball money at this meeting.

Semper Fi

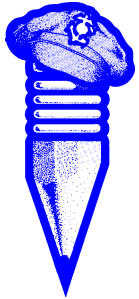
BUDD PEARCE

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!

OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING



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 12, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown.

There were 12 members present including all officers except the Judge Advocate and Chaplain. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee and Bob Sundling; Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant/Junior Past Commandant Jim Powell; Department of Pennsylvania District Two Vice Commandant/Past Commandant Bill Miller; Marine of the Year Jack Gentile; and Past Department of New Jersey Commandant/Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth.**

New Member: Marine Michael J. Mattie of Warminster was unanimously accepted as a member.

The **Minutes** of the September as published in *Listen Up!* were unanimously approved.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, reported he had attended the Department Rifle Match and that the Myers Trophy will be presented at the Birthday Ball.

Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier reported the Detachment strength at 71 including 28 Life Members, 35 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. There are two members delinquent in their dues. He stated he disagreed with the current Marine Corps League and Detachment policy that members who do not pay their dues are considered delinquent only after three months. He considers any member not paying his or her dues during the month when due is delinquent and he will be contacting them accordingly.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported everything had been finalized for the Birthday Ball. The Ball will take place at the Waterwheel Inn on Old Easton Road in Doylestown on Saturday, Nov. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 for Detachment members and \$40 for all others. He asked that reservations be made by November 1 (see Reservation Form, Page 6) so he could give a count to the restaurant for the dinners.

* He also reported a fund-raiser for the Rose Program was being planned. He reminded the members about the Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser at Applebee's in Newtown on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported the Color Guard had been requested for the rededication of the New Britain Borough War Memorial on Sat., Nov. 12, at 2 p.m.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported \$20 in sales since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce announced the scheduled highway clean-up for Sat., Oct. 14, has been rescheduled for Sat., Oct. 22. As usual, those participating in the clean-up will meet at 8 a.m. at "Back-to-the-Fifties" Restaurant at the corner of Edison-Furlong & Old York Rds., in Furlong, for breakfast on the Detachment.

25th Anniversary Committee Chair Joe Kier reported the 25th Anniversary patch and logo had been approved. He also reported the Committee would meet again next week to put the finishing touches on plans for the anniversary celebration. **Committee Member Jack Gentile** reminded the members the Anniversary Dinner has been scheduled for Sat., Jan. 28,

at the Waterwheel Inn. More information at next month's meeting.

Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Liberty Bell Young Marines Commanding Officer, **MGySgt. Tony Martone**, USMC (Ret), died Sept. 23 from a massive heart attack as he was leaving his work place. Our own Sgt. Robert M. (Bob) Sundling, USMCR, has been appointed Commanding Officer of the Unit.

* The Unit will be camping out in the Poconos the weekend of Oct. 22.

Marine of the Year Committee Chairman Jack Gentile reminded the members the committee would meet at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

* **A motion** was made and unanimously approved to authorize \$400 for door prizes at the Birthday Ball. The Adjutant/Paymaster was tasked with procuring the prizes.

* **A motion** was made and unanimously accepted to to purchase a brick in the Detachment's name at the National Museum of the Marine Corps' Marine Corps League section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Commandant Pearce announced Plumstead Christian School will again be holding its Veterans Day observance on Sat., Nov. 12, at 8 a.m.

* Senior Vice Commandant Kier announced the West Hudson Detachment in New Jersey has invited him and anyone else interested to the Carlos Hathcock Match on Oct. 23. Cost is \$20. Contact him if interested in attending.

* Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling announced the Marine brother-in-law of Sgt. Bob Sundling will be returning from Afghanistan on Friday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Philadelphia Airport. He noted that his motorcycle club would be on hand to form a corridor of honor for the returning Marine.

* Senior Vice Commandant Kier announced he had attended an "Appleseed" Shooting Club event and invited the Detachment members to attend. Information is available from their website: www.appleseedinfo.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

VA's Telephone Service Helps Family Members

WASHINGTON--The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has launched a telephone service, Coaching into Care, to provide assistance to family members and friends trying to encourage their Veteran to seek health care for possible readjustment and mental health issues.

"Those closest to Veterans are often the first to recognize when Veterans are having difficulties," said **Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki**.

"Family members and friends may not know what to say to encourage their Veterans to seek much needed readjustment and health care. The Coaching into Care line will help them find the right words."

To help Veterans address problems

and support Veterans in making decisions about getting care, the Coaching into Care program offers unlimited, free coaching with family members or friends over a series of telephone calls. The priority is connecting Veterans with VA care in their community through the family member's help and encouragement. Callers receive professional coaching on solving specific logistical obstacles and encouraging sometimes reluctant Veterans to seek care while still respecting the Veteran's right to make personal decisions.

Coaching into Care, launched in March 2011, has had more than 650 calls with family members or friends of greater than 175 Veterans to encourage them to seek care. This

phone line is connected to VA's Veterans Crisis Line, Caregiver Support Line, and the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans. This way, if the caller or Veteran is in an immediate crisis, or has concerns regarding caregiving for a disabled Veteran, or seeking assistance regarding homelessness, there is no wrong number for families to call.

Callers can reach VA's Coaching into Care program at the toll-free number 1-888-823-7458, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and online at <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/>.

As always, Veterans can reach immediate help at the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255, press 1 for Veterans.

HONORING TODAY'S COMBAT VETS



Decked out in his "riding uniform," **Bob Sundling** routinely joins other members of the Patriot Guard Riders and the Warrior Watch to honor returning combat veterans.

Sundling and his club have spent countless hours welcoming veterans of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and escorting their families as the veterans return from the war zone.

The bikers, displaying American flags, form an "honor guard" from the airport arrival gate, through airport gates, down escalator stairs, through the baggage area, to the exit where the vets and their families are given a motorcycle escort home.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**HALLOWEEN
31 OCTOBER**

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
6 NOVEMBER**

**ELECTION DAY
8 NOVEMBER**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
9 NOVEMBER**

**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
10 NOVEMBER**

**VETERANS DAY
11 NOVEMBER**

**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION
12 NOVEMBER**

**THANKSGIVING
DAY
24 NOVEMBER**

**PEARL HARBOR DAY
7 DECEMBER**

**1ST DAY OF WINTER
22 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER**



CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT
236th BIRTHDAY
OF THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE & TIME: Saturday, November 12, 2011, 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 member
\$40.00 per guest

RSVP: As Soon As Possible
but NOT LATER THAN 1 November 2011
to:

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Junior Vice Commandant
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(856) 229-4805
e-mail: jgentile@singerequipment.com

BY CHECK or MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:
CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL

Name: _____ No. of People Attending: _____

(How many?) **Sliced Roast Beef**

(How many?) **Filet of Tilapia**

(How many?) **Chicken Breast**

Quartermaster Store

DETACHMENT STRIP



\$5.00

USMC SATIN JACKET



\$55.00

LIFE MEMBER BLAZER CREST



\$25.00

COVER



\$22.00

DETACHMENT T-SHIRT



\$15.00

MCL PATCH



\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

To order any of these items or any other Marine Corps League items or Marine Corps items and have them ready for pick-up at the next Detachment Meeting, contact
Quartermaster COREY FISHER
at

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

**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 () Associate () Phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

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)



Remit this form with check or money order (made payable to CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL)
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