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NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER DETACHMENT MEETING

Twenty-one members were present including all officers, and two guests, Bruce Sergeant and Cory Leadbeater.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe, Don Parzanese and Bill Plant (Marine Of The Year) were recognized.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Paymasters report were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Paul Seton (State Adjutant) urging support of State House Bill #2861 which is a Resolution to build a Veterans Home in the Benjamin Rush State Park at Roosevelt Blvd. and Southampton Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

SICK BAY

Bill Haas reported that his wife is home from the hospital following an operation and doing very well. Fortunately, no blood was needed.

Judge Advocate, Jim Marckstein, will be entering the hospital in November for an operation to repair a torn rotator cup, in his shoulder.

Jim Herbst reported that his father-in-law, who is a big MCL supporter, is battling lung cancer but unfortunately is not doing too well. Our best wishes go out to him.

SR VICE - Don Gee

The Detachment membership totals sixty.... Thirty-nine regular, fourteen life and seven associate members.

Don Gee will be attending the Quarterly Staff week-end meeting on October 14th & 15th.

If their are any special items that you would like to order from the locker box just see Don Gee since he will be ordering new supplies very shortly.

VAVS

The VAVS report was sent in to the Dept. and we are up to date with that paperwork.

JR. VICE - Mike Waldron

Every thing is set for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 12th at the Orion Club at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. Get your reservations in early so you won't be rushing around at the last minute trying to make arrangements. If you need any information concerning the ball, please contact Mike Waldron at 672-7095.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next pick-up date for the Route 413 clean-up is set for Saturday, November 12th which is the Saturday after the Detachment meeting on the 16th. If you would like to join in for the hour or so that it takes to do our duty, just come out to Okies Restaurant, in Furlong, at 8AM for some breakfast or meet us at 9AM at Route 413 & Old York Road. Everyone has a good time and the walk will do you good.So.... hope to see you there.

CHAPEL OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Pat Parsonese was inducted at their last meeting. She also received a belated Legion of Honor Award and a Continuous Service Award from the Detachment.

GENUARDI TAPES

The Detachment received a check from Genuardi Markets for over \$125.00 for reimbursement of cash register receipts. Once again, this is such an easy ways to earn money for the Detachment. If you or anyone you know shops at Genuardi's Market just get the register tape and turn it in to Jim Marckstein and it's money in the bank.

NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for material of interest to put in the Newsletter so p[ease forward it to Bob Schaffer if you have any articles or pictures.

Bill Plant made a motion that was carried to contact all the advertisers in our Newsletter and have them pay for their Ad's as of Jan 1, 1995 which will take care of the entire year and we will automatically know that they are paid up rather that having all different collection dates. Good idea....

POW/MIA

The Vietnam Newsletter from Chapter 210 claims that there are no more POW's, in Southeast Asia. They claim that they are speaking for all the Vietnam Vets organizations but this claim is highly disputed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RIFLE TEAM

Bill Rosenberger reported that our team did much better than last year because everyone hit the targets this year even with the wind and rain as a deterrent. Ernie Ortiz was high shooter for the Detachment and that gives the rest of the members something to aim at. There is still one opening on the "B" Team, if anyone is interested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS

Don Gee will get the names of needy enlisted men's families for the Thanksgiving Day food baskets. If you are donating food or money be sure to bring it to the November Detachment meeting.

Paul Cappriatti sent in a suggestion that Detachment members invite any single Marines that would be on the base at Willow Grove, over Thanksgiving, to their homes for dinner that day. Herb Krout made a motion to this effect and it was passed. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting for anyone who wishes to become a host family for the day.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Don Parzanese Jr. joined the Marine Reserve Unit at the Naval and Marine Corps Center, in Allentown, Pa. He will be attached to the Utility Section.

Mike Waldron will obtain information about the Blood Bank Program at the Doylestown Hospital.

Don Gee will talk to George Curley at the S.E. Staff Meeting and make an offer for the CB Detachment to host a future Quarterly Staff Meeting.

The Detachment's Evaluation Report was read by the Commandant which contained all Excellent and Outstanding ratings in the various categories. The Detachment can feel very proud of their accomplishment.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 9 NOVEMBER 94 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, IN DOYLESTOWN, PA.

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- 1. What is the casualty radius of the M16a1 Bouncing Betty mine?
- 2. Which court-martial can a Marine refuse?
- 3. What color is trinitrotoluene (TNT)?
- 4. Which Marine Corps manual contains guidelines for asigning conduct and proficiency markings?
- 5. What do you call a Marine Sergeant who is 6 foot, 5 inches tall and weighs 240 pounds?

Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S OUIZ

- 1. Themaximum effective burst rate of fire for the M16A2 rifle is 90 rounds per minute.
- The M69 is the grenade used to practice throwing techniques.
- 3. The Navy Seabees are known as the soldiers in sailor. uniforms with Marine training, doing civilian work at WPA
- 4. The leadership traits are Judgement, Justice, Tact, Decisiveness, Initiative, Dependability, Loyalty, Integrity, Endurance, Knowledge, and Unselfishness.
- 5. The Infantry Training School is the largest formal Marine Corps school.

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From The Desk COMMANDANT - BUDD PEARCE
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines:

As you all know by now, the Birthday Ball is scheduled for November 12 at the Orion Club, Willow Grove, NAS. Mike Waldron informed me that as of the writing of this letter we have about 50 people signed up. If you are planning to attend this year's affair you must get your money in to Mike immediately! Bring your checkbook to the November meeting if you have to, but get your reservations paid for. If you miss this year's Ball you will hate yourself for the entire year to come. The Birthday Ball is the one BIG social event of the year, and as former Marines you owe it to the Corps to help celebrate its Birthday! We are going to have a bunch of door prizes and our 50/50, so everyone has a good chance to win something. The only way to win, though, is to make sure you are there! Mike Waldron's phone number is 672-7095.

We have been asked to send a few people, if possible, to help with the VVA Turkey Dinner. The Doylestown Chapter serves dinner to about 400 or more people and could use some extra help in the serving department. I plan on being there and would like to see a few more Marines out there with me. The dinner will be held at the Central Bucks Senior Citizens Center on Shady Retreat Rd. on Saturday November 19, from 12 Noon until 5:00 p.m.

The Central Bucks Detachment will be hosting the S.E. Division meeting to be held on January 28 from 2:00 p.m. until? Since our Detachment is hosting this meeting, I would like to see a large turn-out of our members. We do not get a chance to host one of these very often, and it is a great opportunity to show how much you support the League. I know that these meetings are usually casual, but, if you can, I would appreciate it if you would wear your Red Blazer/Black Trouser uniform. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. I would be extremely grateful if all my officers turned out for this, as they usually do for all our functions.

At the November meeting, on the 9th, we will be having a small cake for our refreshment. I will bake a cake, as I did last year, to honor the Marine Corps' Birthday. Even if I have to say so myself, I think you will like my baking. If you don't, tell me, but you have to come to the meeting to taste it. We will be handing out the Department of Pa. car raffle tickets at the November meeting. The Detachment did very well selling these tickets in the past, and I am sure that we can continue to do well in the future. Remember, for each ticket we sell the Detachment gets to keep \$.40. This is a good fund raiser for us, and its not too hard of a

ticket to sell. Each member will receive 20 tickets, but if you require more they will be available.

Don't forget the Second Quarterly meeting that is coming up in January. It is scheduled for January 14, 15, with a banquet on Saturday night. There will be awards for the rifle and pistol teams given out at the banquet, as well as good food and dancing. If any members wish to attend this quarterly meeting, it is to be held in Grantville, Pa. at the Holiday Inn. Room rates are \$39.00; call 717-469-0661 for reservations. The cost of the dinner is around \$20.00. For exact details be sure to check your copy of the Keystone Leatherneck that the Department of Pa. now sends to each member. Don Gee and I will be there, so come on out and join us. The Quarterly meeting is a good way to learn about how the Department works. If nothing else, you can find some of the neatest Marine Corps knick-knacks for sale in the halls.

I know that it is a long way away, but keep leadership school in the back of your mind. The third Dept. of Pa. MCL Leadership School will be held on May 5, 6, 1995, at the Embers in Carlisle, Pa. This school is extremely useful if you think you might someday want to become an officer. Being an officer is not that hard and it can even be a lot of fun. I have been Commandant for two years now and I have had more fun doing things with the Detachment, and for the Detachment, that I thought I would. I attended the first school and it really helped me to become a better Commandant and a better Marine Corps Leader. I found the school invaluable and I am sure you will also. Full information will be available at the next meeting, or call Don Gee or me.

Leo McHugh, of the VVA, asked me to spread the word about their upcoming bus trip to the Wall in D.C. The bus will leave Doylestown Shopping Center at 6:00 a.m. on the 11th of November. It will return at about 10:00 p.m. that evening. If you are interested please call Ron Hrosik at 723-8521. This will be an exciting trip to one of the most moving places I've ever visited. The Wall touches you...

That is about it for this time. Oh yeah, I almost forget (not), the Department says that we are only 46 members behind NY. Why not run through your old memory bank once more to see if any names pop up? You might be surprised how many Marines you do know when you stop and think about it. If you do think of any, give them a call, bring them to a meeting, or invite them to attend our Ball. If each member brought in just one new member each year our Detachment would be over 100 strong by this time next year. Think about it ... is it that hard ... is it too tough for the Marines?

For 200 years Marines have fought to preserve our right to vote.... So please exercise that right on Tuesday, November 8, 1994.



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Guidelines for Display of the Flag

Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. Flag. While the federal code contains no penalties for misusing the flag, states have their own flag codes and may impose penalties. The language of the federal code makes clear that the flag is a living symbol.

In response to a Supreme Court decision which held that a state law prohibiting flag burning was unconstitutional, Congress enacted the Flag Protection Act in 1989. It provides that anyone who knowingly desecrates the flag may be fined and/or imprisoned for up to one year. However, this law was challenged by the Supreme Court in a 1990 decision that the Flag Protection Act violates the First Amendment free speech protections.

Important Things to Remember

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms unless it is an all-weather flag.

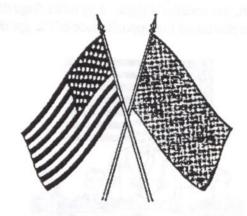
It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of public institutions, schools during school days, and polling places on election days. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

When carried in procession with other flags, the U.S. flag should be either on the marching right (the flag's right) or to the front and center of the flag line. When displayed on a float in a parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free. It should not be draped over a vehicle.

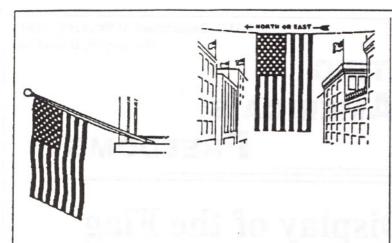
When displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, the U.S. flag should be on its own right (left

to a person facing the wall) and its staff should be in front of the other flag's staff. In a group of flags displayed from staffs, the U.S. flag should be at the center and the highest point.



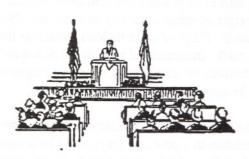
When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top (except during church services conducted at sea by Navy chaplains). When other flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. It must be on the right of other flags and no other flag should stand higher than it. Flags of other nations should be flown from separate staffs. International custom dictates that flags of different nations be displayed at the same height in peacetime and be approximately the same size.

If the flag is suspended outdoors from a rope stretched from a building to a pole, the flag should be hoisted out from the building with the union first. When the flag is displayed other than from a staff, it should be flat or suspended so that it falls free. When displayed against something, such as a wall, the union should be at the top and to the flag's own right, the observer's left — whether displayed horizontally or vertically. When displayed over a street or sidewalk, where it can be seen from either side, be sure the union is to the north on an east-west street, and to the east on a north-south street. The same directions apply in a building lobby or corridor with entrances to the east and west or north and south.



When displayed flat against the wall on a speaker's platform, the flag should be above and behind the speaker with the union on the left side as the audience looks at it (again, the flag's right). When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right. Any other flags displayed should be placed on the opposite side of the speaker.





The flag may cover a casket, but should not cover a statue or monument for unveiling. It should never be draped or drawn back in folds. Draped red, white and blue bunting should be used for decoration, with the blue at the top and red at the bottom.

On a casket, the union (blue field) should be at the deceased person's head and heart, over the left shoulder. But the flag should be removed before the casket is lowered

into the grave and should never touch the ground.

The flag may be flown at half-staff to honor a newly deceased federal or state government official by order of the president or the governor, respectively. On Memorial Day, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon. Whenever the flag is displayed at half-staff, it should be first raised to the top. Lowering from half-staff is preceded by first raising it momentarily to the top.

Other Things Not to Do with the Flag

Out of respect for the U.S. flag, never:

- dip it for any person or thing, even though state flags, regimental colors and other flags may be dipped as a mark of honor.
- display it with the union down, except as a signal of distress.
- let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.
 - · carry it horizontally, but always aloft.
- fasten or display it in a way that will permit it to be damaged or soiled.
- place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia, or designs of any kind.
 - · use it for holding anything.
- use it as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.
- use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Uniformed military members render the military salute. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart. Those who are not U.S. citizens should stand at attention.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

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