



"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

COMMANDANT - FRAN MEYERS

# LISTEN UP!

Central Bucks Detachment

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- \* All Officers were present, with a total attendance of 14 members.
- \* A check was received from Genuardi's Market in the amount of \$70.60 for register tapes that were submitted for rebate. This is the easiest way there is to make money, so please keep sending in your tapes to the Detachment.
- \* Tickets are now available for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be held at the Doylestown Moose Home on Saturday, November 9, 1991. Two other Detachments, All Divisions and Valley Forge, are sharing the celebration with us, and the evening should indeed be one to remember. Things start out at 1830 with an open bar for one hour, followed by dinner (Prime Rib or Stuffed Flounder), cake cutting and dance music for the rest of the evening. There will be a guest speaker, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing for baskets of cheer. Only \$30.00 per person will get you all of the above, and a good time to boot. Make your reservations early.
- \* The Detachment is requesting donations of basket-of-cheer bottles, or \$10.00 to go towards the purchase of same. Advertising in the program book is available and ads will be accepted until October 9th. The charge for a business-card size will be \$5.00, ½ page is \$20.00, and a full page \$40.00.
- \* A Lifetime Membership gold card and pin was presented to Bob Schaffer by the Commandant.
- \* Mike Waldron's daughter made Cpl. and was designated "Marine of the Quarter" for the third quarter of 1991. (See picture and citation elsewhere in this newsletter.)
- \* Walt Schaffer's son also made Cpl.
- \* Don Parzone's son just returned from a tour in Okinawa.

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The next regular Detachment meeting will be October 9, 1991 at 1930 at the American Legion Home in Doylestown.

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### COMING EVENTS.....

- 13 Oct 91 - S.E. Division Staff Meeting, 1400 at Delaware Co. Detachment, Upland, PA.
- 18 Oct 91 - Devil Dogs Pack Growl, 2000 at Ramada Inn, Gettysburg, PA
- 19 Oct 91 - Dept of PA Staff Meeting 1000, Ramada Inn, Gettysburg, PA
- 20 Oct 91 - Beirut Memorial Service, Panns Landing, Phila., PA 1300



From The Desk Of FRAN MEYERS, Commandant  
Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

September 30, 1991

Marines,

This letter is not the usual fun letter I normally write.

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have been made aware that Marine Bill Richmond has joined the staff of the supreme commandant in the sky. I know his smile and personality will serve him well and his job will be recognized as another "well done" Marine Richmond. To his family and other friends we in the Marine Corps League will dearly miss Bill. Semper Fi Guy. Bill, while guarding the gates to heaven, don't forget your general orders.

On the lighter side, I am back on the job in both positions and my surgery was a complete success.

Some update on M.C.L. license plates. We arrived at the number we needed BUT!!! Harrisburg (PennDOT) changed the 1st 100 to be put aside for past state officers to 50. We still need approximately 38 more to go over the top. All I can say is "Keep the Faith".

Jack Heidel (Pa. Sr. Vice Commandant) will be offering National Convention T-Shirt at \$6.00 each and mugs at \$3.00 each at our next meeting.

Please don't forget October 13, 1991 for my first quarter staff meeting. I would like to see a good turn out for this. Needless to say I will probably get fired from this very lucrative job after this meeting.

Hopefully we will have two new members joining us at our next meeting. This will bring our strength to 45. That is moving along nicely.

In closing, while calling the membership in regard to Bill Richmond's passing away I talked to members who have not been able to get to our meetings because of job time frames. They are going to be back when their shifts change. Hopefully these people will be able to make our Ball.

Semper Fi,

*Fran Meyers*  
Fran Meyers

P.S. Don't forget your obligations for the M.C.L. Ball, let us make it a huge success!!

P.P.S. I have just returned from Marine Richmonds funeral and I am proud to say that 13 Marine Corps Leaguers, 2 regular Marines and 3 leaguers wives present. To this I say well done Marines.

# United States Marine Corps



## Certificate of Commendation

THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 2D FORCE SERVICE SUPPORT GROUP  
FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC

*takes pleasure in commending*

LANCE CORPORAL MARY E. WALDRON 456 15 9662/4063  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*for*

her selection as the 2d Force Service Support Group Marine of the Quarter for the Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 1991, an honor for which only the most outstanding men and women of this Command are considered. Accordingly, Lance Corporal Waldron can be justifiably proud of her selection. This achievement is characteristic of her superb past performance and serves as an example for other Marines to emulate. Moreover, Lance Corporal Waldron has well and faithfully demonstrated the highest standards of personal appearance, military decorum, and professional knowledge. She is congratulated for this special award and extended my personal regard for her continued success.

31 JUL 1991

*Date*

*G. H. Walls, Jr.*

G. H. WALLS, JR.  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

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## RANK QUALIFICATIONS

### GENERAL

MUST BE ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND.  
BE MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE, FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, BE ABLE TO WALK ON WATER AND BE ABLE TO GIVE POLICY TO GOD.



### COLONEL

MUST BE ABLE TO LEAP SHORT BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND.  
BE MORE POWERFUL THAN A SWITCH ENGINE, JUST FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH A SPEEDING BULLET, BE ABLE TO WALK ON WATER IF THE SEA IS CALM AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO GOD.



### LT COLONEL

MUST BE ABLE TO LEAP SHORT BUILDINGS WITH A RUNNING START AND FAVORABLE WINDS. BE ALMOST AS POWERFUL AS A SWITCH ENGINE, WALK ON WATER OF INDCOR POOL, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO GOD IF A SPECIAL REQUEST IS APPROVED.



### MAJOR

MUST BE ABLE TO AT LEAST BARELY CLIMB QUONSET HUTS.  
BE ABLE TO HONESTLY LOSE AGAINST A TUG OF WAR WITH A LOCOMOTIVE, BE ABLE TO FIRE A SPEEDING BULLET, SWIM WELL, AND BE OCCESIONALLY ADDRESSED BY GOD.



### CAPTAIN

MUST BE ABLE TO HIGH MARKS WHEN TRYING TO LEAP SHORT BUILDINGS.  
MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE A LOCOMOTIVE RUNNING OVER HIM, BE ABLE TO SOMETIMES FIRE A WEAPON WITHOUT INFLECTING SELF-INJURY, BE ABLE TO DOG PADDLE, AND ABLE TO TALK TO ANIMALS.



### 1st LIEUTENANT

MUST BE ABLE TO RUN INTO BUILDINGS, RECOGNIZE LOCOMOTIVES TWO OUT OF THREE TIMES. WILL NOT BE ISSUED AMMUNITION, WILL BE ABLE TO STAY AFLOAT IF GIVEN PROPER INSTRUCTIONS, MUST TALK TO WALLS.



### 2nd LIEUTENANT

MUST FALL OVER DOOR STEPS WHEN TRYING TO ENTER BUILDINGS.  
SAYS, "LOOK AT THE CHOO-CHOO." MUST WET HIMSELF WITH WATER PISTOL. MUST PLAY IN PUDDLES, AND MUST MUMBLE TO HIMSELF.



### ENLISTED MAN

MUST LIFT TALL BUILDINGS AND WALK UNDER THEM, MUST KICK ALL LOCOMOTIVES OFF THE TRACKS, MUST CATCH SPEEDING BULLETS AND EAT THEM, FREEZE WATER AT FIRST GLANCE, MUST BE GOD'S RIGHT HAND MAN.



I borrowed this from the All Division's Newsletter because I thought that it should be read by our members too.

Editor

## November 10th Not Birthday of U.S. Marines

There is a prevalent myth that the first Continental Marines got together in Tun Tavern in Philadelphia on 10 November 1775 to celebrate their founding and that these celebrations have occurred yearly ever since. Actually they haven't.

Until 1921 the birthday of the Corps was on 11 July which marked the date that President John Adams approved the bill creating the United States (as opposed to Continental) Marines.

Records prior to 1921 show no evidence of any ceremonies, pageants, or parties associated with the birthday observance.

In October 1921, the officer-in-charge, Historical Section, Headquarters Marine Corps, sent a memorandum to MajGenComdt John A. Lejeune suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be resurrected and celebrated as a holiday throughout the Marine Corps. He further suggested that a dinner be held in Washington to commemorate the event. Guests would include prominent men from the Marine Corps, the Army, and the Navy, along with descendants of participants in the Revolution.

Accordingly, on 1 November 1921, Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921. This order summarized the history, mission, and traditions of the Corps and directed that it be read to every command each subsequent year on 10 November in honor of the birthday of the Corps. So to this day, it is read each year along with the accompanying message from the current Commandant. The original Washington dinner has grown into a worldwide network of birthday balls, pageants and ritual cake-cutting.

Without taking a thing away from this universal day of remembrance, many of our Marines have room for other special days of observance. World War II Marines mark December 7th to remember Pearl Harbor and the day the United States was plunged into that global war. Korea vintage Marines might consider 15 September for Inchon Day. This past September was the 40th anniversary of that landing. And Vietnam veterans might mark 8 March 1965 as the day that the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (BLT 3/9 on Red Beach Two and 1/3 at the air base) landed at Da Nang; initiating our involvement in the Vietnam War.

Many commands and units have their own special occasions to remember. For example, 20 November 1943, the 2nd Marine Division lands at Tarawa. 1 November 1943, the 3rd Marine Division hits Bougainville and 19 February 1945, the 4th Marine Division marks D-Day for Iwo Jima. The 1st Marine Division has a plethora of memorable dates including Guadalcanal Day, 7 August 1942. Marine aviation, collectively, has its special day, 22 May, marking the day in 1912 that 1st Lt Alfred A. Cunningham reported to the aviation camp at Annapolis. Or 6 June 1918 when the 5th and 6th Marines remember Belleau Wood.

In all, let us never forget that each of us have special dates and events to remember as our contribution to making the history of our Corps a glorious and respectful one.

*(Editor's note: Basis for this story was picked up from BGen Edwin Simmons' Dir. of History and Museums Div., USMC, memorandum, FORTITUDE, Spring, 1991).*

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## 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 ( ) Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS** Detachment, Marine Corps League, and enclose \$ 30.00 for one year's membership.

—OR—

[ ] I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League as a Member-at-large (MAL), and enclose \$25.00 for one year's membership.

\*Includes subscription to MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE

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 provide proof of honorable discharge/service upon request.

(Sponsor—where applicable)

(Applicant's signature)

Upon completion, turn into your Detachment sponsor with required payment. Applicants for MAL Membership, remit this form with check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 to: National Headquarters, Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 3070, Merrifield, VA 22116.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Temporary Membership Card and Receipt  
This will certify that

is a member in good standing of the

This card is good for a period of sixty days from

Amount

Sponsor's Signature