



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Central Bucks Detachment

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SEPTEMBER 1987 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDANTS MESSAGE

Summer appears to have taken a leave of absence, with the season of Fall ahead of us (or with us), we can embark on what I hope will be a successful year for the Detachment.

I wish to apologize to any marine who may not have gotten the word in time about the sudden cancellation of last months business meeting. It was unfortunate, but with the majority of the officers on vacation, etc., it was necessary.

Our next scheduled business meeting will be held Wednesday, Sep 9th at 1930 Hrs at the Amber Inn, Shewell Ave, Doylestown. Please plan to attend, we hope to have several new candidates for membership.

Since there are no minutes to report on from the last meeting, I have enclosed important articles addressed to all marines from the various officials within the League. Please note that the 1st Quarterly Staff Meeting is upcoming later this month, and that all marines in the Detachment are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent way to get to know our fellow marines and learn more about our League.

Semper Fi.

Donald D. Parsonese
Commandant



Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

19 August 1987

From: Commandant
To: Department Staff, Detachment Commandants and Marines
Subj: Agenda First Quarter Staff Meeting, 19 September 1987,
Holiday Inn, City Avenue, Phila. Pa., 19131 (215) 477-0200

0900 Audit Committee Meeting
0930 Commandant's Council
1000 Adjutant/Paymasters Workshop

The order of business scheduled at the first quarter Staff meeting is listed in the below sequence, Officers and Chairpersons/committees will be called on to submit their report as listed below. Length of reports will vary, it is suggested that a written report be handed in with a verbal highlight, if needed. It is understood that some business can't be conducted in a few words, so allotted time will be justified by the Chairman.

1100 Staff Meeting Convenes, opening ceremonies

1. Recognition of Officers
2. Muster of Officers
3. Muster of Detachments

Approval 3rd Quarter Staff Meeting Minutes/corrections to convention minutes

Report of any Member or Member's family sick or in distress

Report of elected Officers

1. Central Division Vice Commandant
2. Southeast Division Vice Commandant
3. Northwest Division Vice Commandant
4. Northeast Division Vice Commandant
5. Southwest Division Vice Commandant
6. Chaplain
7. Judge Advocate
8. Adjutant
9. Paymaster
10. Jr Vice Commandant
11. Sr Vice Commandant
12. Jr Past Commandant
13. Commandant
14. Convention Commission

1200 Lunch (Long Range Planning Committee will meet at Lunch)

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

1300 Staff Meeting Reconvenes

Report of Appointed Officers and Committees

1. Chief of Staff
2. Sgt At Arms
3. Aides-de-Camp
4. Americanism/Achievement Chairman
5. Everyday Card Program Chairman
6. Fourth District Liaison Officer
7. Historian
8. Legislative Officer
9. Long Range Planning Committee Chairman
10. MIA/POW Chairman
11. Quarterly Audit Committee Chairman
12. Quartermaster
13. Rifle Match Chairman

1350 Ten minute recess

1400 Staff Meeting Reconvenes (cont.) Report of Appointed Officers & Committees

14. Scotland School Chairman
15. Scholarship Chairman
16. Service & Rehabilitation Officer
17. Special Audit Committee Chairman
18. Uniform and Ceremonial Officer
19. VAVS Chairman
20. Women Marines Association Liaison Officers
21. Public Relations NCO

Subsidiaries

1. Youth Physical Fitness
2. Military Order of Devil Dogs
3. Young Marines, Director
4. Auxiliary Liaison Officer

1450 Ten minute recess

1500 Commandant's Council Report

Old Business

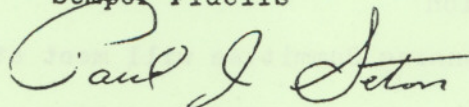
New Business

Good of the League

Announcements

1600 Adjournment

Semper Fidelis



Paul J. Seton



Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

From the Office of SR. VICE COMMANDANT

August 1987

To; All Marines

The first quarter Staff meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn City Line Avenue in Philadelphia on Saturday 19 September 1987.

The Commandant's Council will be held at 0930 on Saturday. Through this there comes good ideas on making the Department a stronger knit unit.

I encourage all Commandants and Members to be on board. I suggest Commandant's have a written report on there Detachment activities and highlite the big ones.

I will present at this meeting some ideas on getting renewals. Remember the Department is shooting for 4000 Members this year. Renewals and new members are a must.

Newsletter Awards at the State Convention in June 1988 will be based on 6 letters a year per Detachment. First, Second and Third places awards will be given to those Detachments with the best format. All Detachments sending in 6 Newsletters will be recognized with an award. Please send all Newsletters to the Commandant, Sr. Vice and Public Relations Officer. Hope to see you all at Philadelphia.

Semper Fidelis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlie Starnes", is written over the "Semper Fidelis" text.

LET US ALL GET TOGETHERE AND BEAT THE BUSHES FOR NEW MEMBERS AND THOSE RENEWALS AND MAKE PENNSYLVANIA THE QUADRUPLICATE RECIPIENT.

"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"



Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

From the Office of Assistant Adjutant

To: All Officers, Detachment Commandants and Members:

Please add to your APPOINTED OFFICERS ROSTER:

Northwest Division Assistant Vice Commandant, Charles Walker
687 Ellis Ave.
Meadville, PA 16335

Public Relation Officer's address didnot include Zip Code,
Lee Davis
1110 So. Dolton Ct.
Wilmington, DE 19810

Please advise if there are any additional corrections to the Roster.

Please Note:

The date and the place for the Second Quarterly Staff Meeting is 23 January, 1988 at the Sheraton in Williamsport, PA

In the event that you wish to have reports or other printed material copied for distribution at the First Quarterly Staff Meeting, Please have the originals to me by 7 September 1987. I will bring the material with me to the meeting. Thank You.

Semper Fidelis,

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As noted earlier, budget will play a large role in the first attempts at "gettin out the word". We will endeavor to publish four times a year, with as many copies as possible being sent to each detachment for circulation to its members and friends. A long range goal is to get a copy into the hands of each member of all the MCL Detachments in Pennsylvania.

A letters to the editor section will be available so you may express opinions in regard to league activities, issues affecting members, etc. A section will be assigned to note members who have been called by the Supreme Commandant, editorials, comments from the Commandant, on occasion guest writers will contribute (got one lined up now that will blow your socks off), veterans benefit info, Marine Corps history, facts, fiction, trivia and whatever pops into the old grey matter. By the way, I have a wild sense of humor so watch out for some tongue in cheek looks at what is happening in and around the universe.

We do not wish to solicit advertisements to help defray expenses so we won't be bugging you to hustle for us, you have enough to do just getting rid of the car and basket of cheer chances to raise monies for the scholarship fund and your detachment, besides we are gearing this to be your publication, ad takers often tend to pressure publishers into views which are not their own. What we really would like to find is a Chief Executive Officer who is a former Marine and would be willing to have his corporation print your publication for the opportunity to write off expenses as a tax deduction to a non-profit organization. Know anyone?

If your detachment has a news worthy item which should be brought to the attention of all others, feel free to drop it in the mail to the address above. As I am on the mailing list for all detachment newsletters, rest assured I intend to live by the creed that plagiarizing is the highest form of flattery, (so I changed the words alittle) I will be lifting items of interest for "Once a Marine" from these publications.

The primary goal of "ONCE A MARINE" will be to let you know what's happening, allow you to sound off, as a detachment or individual and to entertain its readers, who have all shared a common bond; spent time, by choice, not chance, as a member of the greatest organization formed even before there was a United States of America ---- AS A MARINE --- and we all know that "ONCE A MARINE, (fill in the blanks) _____".

CPL Lee A. Davis (made it more than once)

P. S. At this time the only candidate we would consider endorsing for office is Ollie North, maybe even the highest office in the land, SGT MAJ of the CORPS.

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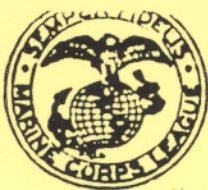
Doylestown, PA 18901

Meets 2nd Wednesday of Month - Amber Inn, Doylestown

September 9, 1987 Agenda

- 1930
1. Opening Ceremony (Ritual)
 2. Roll Call of Officers (Sr Vice)
 3. Applications for Membership (Sr Vice)
 4. Balloting on Applications for Membership (Approved by majority voice vote)
 5. Ceremony of Initiation (Sep, Dec, Mar, Jun) [If applicable]
 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Adjutant)
 7. Report of Paymaster
 8. Report of any member or member's family sick or in distress (Chaplain)
 9. Report of Standing Committees
 - a. Fund Raising Committee (John Thomas)
 - b. Newsletter (Charles Wingett)
 - c. Public Relations (Mike Waldron)
 - d. Young Marines (C.O., Bill Clark)
 - e. POW/MIA (Bill Plant)
 10. Report of Special Committees
 - a. By-Laws (Bill Clark)
 11. Unfinished Business
 12. New Business
 13. Good of League
 14. Announcements:

Sat, Sep 19th - 1st Quarterly Staff Mtg
Sat/Sun, Sep 26th & 27th - Pa Dept MCL Annual
.30 Cal Rifle Match
Wed, Oct 14th - Next CB Det Business Meeting
 15. Closing Ceremony



Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

From; Commandant
To: All Marines
Subj: Update # 3
1 September 1987

Having returned from the 64th National Convention of the Marine Corps League in Phoenix, Arizona, with reports from Officers, committees and notes taken at the business sessions, a critique is being finalized for the Membership. National Commandant, William Galvin was elected to lead the Marine Corps League in the coming year. All other Officers also remain in their same Billets for 1987-1988. The only change is the election of Lamar Golden to the office of National Northeast Assistant Division Vice Commandant for a period of one year.

Paymaster Robert Schatz has purchased a Computer for the Department of Pennsylvania, Bob will be reporting on this new addition to the Marine Corps League family at the First Quarter Staff Meeting on 19 September 1987.

My congratulations to Bob Schatz on being elected as Vice President of the Southeast Veterans Center Advisory Board.

The Department Rifle Match is not far off, (26 & 27 Sept) all questions or needed information, should be directed to Chairman Bill Johns, 2122 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville PA, (215) 326-8111. Bill has sent out correspondence on the Match to Detachments and the response has been good.

I hold a very high esteem for the Youth Physical Fitness Program and what it means to youth and our League. Your Commandant will go to Pittsburgh on 9 Sep to attend a Three Rivers Detachment Meeting and discuss with Bob Keyes on ways to move this Program into high gear in Pennsylvania.

The Agenda for the 1st Quarter Staff Meeting has been given to the Assistant Adjutant for mail-out. That same evening a testimonial will be held for Lamar Golden, I urge all Leaguers to attend and honor or roast our Jr. Past Commandant.

Just recently, I had the pleasure to present Charters to the Wayne Pike Detachment in Honesdale and the Tyrone Area Detachment in Tyrone. A presentation date is being set to present a Charter to the Hidden Bell Detachment in Quakertown. Somerset, Pa is coming into focus, contact has been made with several Marines in that town.

I attended a dedication of the Northeastern Detachment's Marine Corps Museum in Scranton with National Commandant, Bill Gavlin, National N.E. Division Vice, Edwin Gallagher and Pennsylvania's Division Vices Roy Schrimp and his assistant Charles Strickland. This is the first museum of our League and it is just super, as I walked through, many memories of the Corps were with me, if in Scranton its a must to visit.

My response to LtCol North was that he followed his first general order, "To take charge of this post and all government property in view" saluted smartly, charged up the hill, thats discipline and a good Marine. Right or wrong he recaptured the patriotism of all Americans.

Semper Fidelis

Paul J. Seton

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Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

19 August 1987

From: Commandant
To: Membership, Department of PA, MCL
Subj: 64th National Convention MCL, report of;

The 64th National Convention of the Marine Corps League was held in Phoenix, Arizona, from 10 to 14 August 1987. This report covers the highlights of the convention.

1. Delegates. The Department of Pennsylvania registered 20 delegates giving the Department 933 votes for the largest strength on board. I certainly appreciated the members who came west and represented their Detachment and the Department of PA. It felt good, to look around and see Pennsylvania in force. My thanks to everyone who attended and got involved.

2. Committee Reports. The first two days of business were devoted to reports by the various Chairmen, listed below are only excerpts. Any member desiring a full report on a committee, please contact me.

a. 1988 Budget

The 1988 projected income for National Marine Corps League is \$410,920.

Expense Budget Operations National Headquarters.....	\$354,010
Programs and Awards	20,760
*General Operations/Officers	19,700
Committee Allowance	16,250

b. National Comptroller

The Comptroller reported that for the first time in 15 years, all bills have been paid that were due and on time, also that the MCL is a fraternal organization of veterans and comes under the IRS code as a 501-C4.

c. Insurance

A certificate of insurance was issued to the Department showing comprehensive general liability, aggregate, 500,000, each occurrence 500,000, excess liability \$2000 each occurrence, aggregate \$2000. The rifle match will come under this coverage.

d. VAVS

There were 48 joint reviews this year and 23,945 volunteer hours from 30 September 1986 to 31 March 1987 with the goal in the coming months to get over 50,000 hours.

e. Uniform

Members can obtain a men's or women white short sleeve shirt through Van Husen at \$10.50 by calling 1-800-528-6050, ext 138, credit cards accepted. There will be a new updated MCL uniform code booklet published.

f. Youth Physical Fitness

The Chairman reviewed the 1987 program and its objectives, copies will be available at the Department's 1st quarter staff meeting.

g. Resolutions

The Department of N.J. submitted a resolution to revise the system of collecting dues, this was referred to the By-Laws committee. The National Chaplain submitted a resolution to wear a religious symbol on covers worn by Chaplains, this was referred to the Uniform committee. A resolution was passed to commend LtCol Oliver North on his resolute manner and conduct in the recent congressional hearings.

* Comptroller turned allowance back to National Headquarters for the purchase of a computer.

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h. Christmas Card

This committee lost a member and a friend this past year, but it continues to march and make bucks for the Marine Corps League, earned income to date is \$8818.38. Joe Wilson will long be remembered.

i. Vietnam Veterans Affairs Committee

This report covers Agent Orange, POW/MIA, Post Traumatic Stress, and VA Travel Pay. This report is in depth and was prepared by Paul Sutton and was delivered by George Stack, Chief of Staff, MCL.

j. MCL Exhibit

This year's exhibit was being held at the Washington Sheraton, 25-27 August 1987. Last year no monies were made to share with the MCL on the exhibit, this year, it is anticipated the League will derive \$10,000 from the event.

k. Young Marines

The report was given by the National Director of Young Marines and was directed on most part to the 7th National Encampment in Michigan, from verbal and written reports, it appears it was an over-reaction by the press for some cheap publicity to sell newspapers. The Young Marines are financially sound, but will be assessed \$1.00 per member for insurance in the coming year.

l. Awards

100% Renewal Citations and Streamers were awarded to the following Detachments;

All Divisions	Valley Forge	Boot Marine
Central Bucks	Anthracite	R M Butterweck
Chester County	Black Sheep	First Capital
Delaware County	Pocono Marine	Landis Mc Cleaf
Hannings Linderman	Wayne Pike	P W Milano
Lehigh Valley	Conemaugh Valley	Nittany Leathernecks
Manatawny	Mon Valley	Schuykill Carbon
Northampton	Three Rivers	Susquehanna Valley
Philadelphia Memorial	R L Green	Williamsport
Tri-Boro	Pendleton	Lancaster County
Tun Tavern	Shenango Valley	Northeastern

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In Catagory 1, Manatawny Detachment won 1st place in National Americanism.

In Catagory 3, R.M. Butterweck won 1st place in National Americanism.

The Gil Gray Trophy w/Plaque was won by the Manatawny Detachment.

The Northampton Detachment received a special mention for its Americanism entry. The Marine of the Year recipient was Linward Liner, Sr. Vice Commandant of MCL. The Dog of the Year was Robert Bond.

m. Scholarships

There were 10 new Scholarship awards for Pennsylvania and 13 Renewals.

New;

Patrick Jones 11
Dwayne Groff
Darren Silvester
Burt Schmidhamer
Timothy Unangst
Jeffery Hoffman
Melissa Lee Gol ing
Kathleen Lynch
Tara Wiswesser
Kim Baldensperger

Renewals;

McElroy
Golden
Berns
Kacsan
Nisko
Owens
Howell
Geiser
Schatz
Glasmer
McLaughlin
Harr
Hartsill

n. Military Order of the Iron Mike Award was awarded to James Webb, Secretary of the Navy, the Diokey Chapelle Award was awarded to Grace M. Hopper, Naval Officer.

3. National Commandant. Reported that as a result of a Team Effort, membership was on the up swing in the MCL. (1986 23908, 1987 24241) The MCL magazine has become a first class product. The League's Service Officer is doing an outstanding job in representing veterans. He also reported that Executive Director Robert Forsyth is managing the office at National Headquarters and his Staff in a well run business manner.

4. National Executive Director. Bob Forsyth gave his report covering many items, from print-Outs, dual membership, merchandise, and the life memberships in which he stated that all Life Memberships are put into the Life Membership Fund, as a result the League is not acquiring the \$10.00 renewal or the \$13.00 new membership fee, with the large influx of Life Members this past year, its been putting a drain on the General Fund to supply the money to bring about membership ie., regular cards, metal plates, engraving time spent putting information into the computer, envelopes and postage. He has suggested, that we need some kind of charge to Life Members such as an initiation fee to cover costs.. He would like Leaguers to discuss this matter and determine how we should approach the situation.

5. National Senior Vice Commandant. The Sr. Vice convened a Commandant's Council on Thursday at 0700 and the below listed subjects were discussed.

a. Commandant's Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday of the National Convention at 1830. (approved)

b. This was more of a reminder, that under the new By-Laws Detachments must hold elections, between 1 October and 15 May each year and installations must be conducted within 30 days with installation reports submitted within 15 days of the installation. A list was given to me, from National on Detachments, that need submission, and they are;

All Divisions	Lancaster County	Elk Horn
Chester County	Landis McCleaf	Penn York
Delaware County	Tan Tavern	Tri Boro
Lake Erie Marine	Three Rivers Leathernecks	Wayne Pike

c. There has been problems on the transfer of members from one Detachment to another, a transfer form will be produced and utilized. (approved)

d. All membership transmittals, coming off the computer at National Headquarters will be sent to the Department Adjutant/Paymaster or to the one handling the accounting of membership. (approved)

e. Marine Corps League Publication, need input, plus short items and black & white photos.

f. Master Card/Visa in the works.

g. Detachments with 15 or more members will be eligible for a 100% certificate. (approved)

h. Recruiter of the Year Award, It was recommended that the medal be up-graded from silver to gold to the recipient. (disapproved)

i. Life members must be transmitted each year to receive card.

j. The motion to insert a ritual book and by-laws to each starter kit was amended and to continue to only issue them, when a new charter is approved.

6. National Jr. Vice Commandant. The Jr. Vice awarded Convention Streamers to all Detachments that had their Colors on the Convention floor. The Recruiter of the year received a silver medal & Citation for signing up 145 members, this was Charles Laberge from the Captiol Marines out of Washington D.C.. The second place award went to Gil Gray PNC, who recruited 95 new members. Pennsylvania received two Citations, one going to John Wilson (5 members) and one to Paul Seton (8 members)

7. National Judge Advocate. Many additions, changes and spelling were made to the National By-Laws. The Executive Director has indicated that the new revised copies will be out in 60 days. I have forwarded a copy of these changes to our Department Judge Advocate, Dan Bullock.

8. National Chaplain. The Chaplain conducted a very solemn and beautiful service for our deceased members in the convention room on Thursday evening. The 1988 service will be held in a church in Cincinnati.

9. Northeast National Division Vice Commandant. In conjunction with the 3 Departments that include, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, Division Vice Commandant, Edwin Gallagher presented a MIA/POW flag to the National Marine Corps League for display at meetings.

Vice Commandant Gallagher has sent monies in the amount of \$3,900 to the Secretary of the Navy for a stained window to be installed in the Chapel at Parris Island in the memory of deceased Marines from the States of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Each Department contributed \$1300. A dedication ceremony will take place at Parris Island when completed.

10. Other Business. The motion to let Corpsmen become regular members was defeated. There was controversy over the Awards Committee in selecting the Marine of the Year for 1987. The Convention body elected to ensure by vote that it will go back to the Marine of the Year Society, but an amendment with guide lines will have to be drawn up and presented to the By-Laws committee.

Much discussion was held on the present lease of National Headquarters, which expires in September of 1989. Having our own building in the D.C. area was talked about, no action taken at this time.

Life Membership certificates will be available in the near future, Life Members can purchase them for a nominal fee.

The Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, and Fleas have been assessed .25 per member to cover the increased cost of insurance.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented by the National Commandant to; Patrick Cody, VAVS-Russel Gross, Christmas Card Committee-Andrew Lewandowski, POW/MIA Committee-Frank English, Christmas Card Committee/Assistant N.E. Division Vice Commandant.

Charters were presented by the National Commandant, to the Department of PA for the Tyrone Area Detachment and the Hidden Bell Detachment of Quakertown.

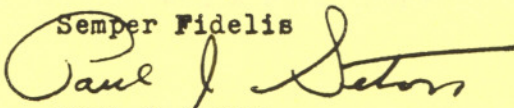
The 1987/1988 National elected officers are; Commandant, William Galvin, Sr Vice, Linward Liner, Jr Vice, Raymond Berling, Judge Advocate, Edward Hoffman and for the first time a new elected Assistant N.E. Division Vice Commandant, Lamar Golden.

Clem Russel a Leaguer for 50 years was made an Honorary National Commandant.

The National Mid-Winter meetings will be held in Arlington, VA in February.

Tentative bids were received from Mobile, Alabama and Florida for 1989 Conventions

The 64th National Convention at Phoenix was dedicated to the memory of Joseph Wilson.

Semper Fidelis

Paul J. Seton