



LISTEN UP!

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"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE"

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What a summer - the hottest one on record, according to those who keep track of such statistics. Even so, it went too fast. All those items that were on the "to do" list, but somehow never were completed, will have to be forgotten or put on the winter list.

The National Convention was a tremendous success, according to all reports we heard. If you missed it, shame on you, because it will be a long time until it comes this way again.

Our Commandant, Fran Meyers, had his heart operation at University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia on Friday, August 30th. They replaced a valve and repaired an artery. Everything went fine and Fran hopes to come home on Thursday the fifth or Friday the sixth. According to Fran, the operation was a complete success and now he just wants to get his strength and vigor back. The fact that he is getting "itchy" in the hospital is a good sign, Best of luck for a speedy recuperation.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

- * All officers, and a total of 19 members, were present. An application for membership for Don Kennedy was presented and approved. One visitor, Bill Rosenberger, a prospective member, also attended. We now have 41 members.
- * Minutes of the previous meeting and Paymaster's report were read and accepted.
- * It was requested that all members make sure that the Detachment has a copy of their discharge (both sides) and/or their DD 214 on file. Check with Jim Markstein or Marlin Miller.
- * Former Commandant Don Parzone's mother had a stroke, but she is recuperating nicely.
- * At the National Convention it was voted to increase the dues by \$2.00 starting in January, 1992.
- * A letter of thanks is to be sent to All Divisions Detachment thanking them for the clips, rifle adapters and blanks for the July 4th celebration, and for a copy of their uniform guide.
- * Don Kennedy was appointed as Detachment Counselor for Agent Orange to provide information to anyone who needs it.
- * The Commandant presented two personal awards to Bob Sundling and Mike Waldron for their past services.
- * Bill Plant visited the Young Marines at Green Lane and gave a talk on parachuting. On August 28th they are having a guest from Israel to relate "Desert Storm" happenings.
- * At the National Convention it was announced that the Bux-Mont Detachment of Young Marines took second place in the National Scrapbook competition. Nice going, fellows.

- * September 25th is the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve.
- * Jr. Vice Walt Schaffer requested that bottles of booze or money be donated to make up the "baskets of cheer" for the raffle at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November. Just bring them to the meeting or send them to Walt by November 5th.
- * Don't forget to send in any Genuardi tapes that you can acquire. It means money for the Detachment. Just mail them to Central Bucks Detachment, Box 1372, Doylestown, PA 18901, or bring them to the meeting.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 11, 1991, ST 1930, AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN DOYLESTOWN.



Parris Island's oldest standing monument is the grave-stone of the depot's first canine mascot, "Mike." Mike landed with the Marines at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in 1914, and he was known throughout the Corps.

(Photo courtesy of Major James L. Vance, USMC)

The Island

Parris Island, South Carolina, is geographically located at 32° 21' north latitude and 80° 41' west longitude, and is approximately four miles long and three miles wide. It is surrounded by the Port Royal Harbor, the Beaufort and Broad Rivers, and includes such waterways as Ballast, Bon, and Archer's Creeks. It consists of about 8,000 acres of land, of which approximately 4,400 are suitable for the training and maintenance missions of the base. The acreage, for the most part, rests only a few feet above sea level. However, an elevation of 20 feet above sea level exists on Horse Island at the east end of the main causeway, and in the vicinity of the Third Recruit Training Battalion's physical training field.

The recruit depot occasionally receives several inches of snowfall, and has had rare ice storms, but it is more renowned for its insects, humidity, and heat, which often exceeds 100°. For example, eggs have literally been fried on base sidewalks. In contrast, Beaufort County enjoys a mild average temperature of 65°. The average yearly precipitation is about 49 inches of rain. Yet, this figure has been exceeded in some years because of hurricanes and heavy rainstorms that have lashed the base.

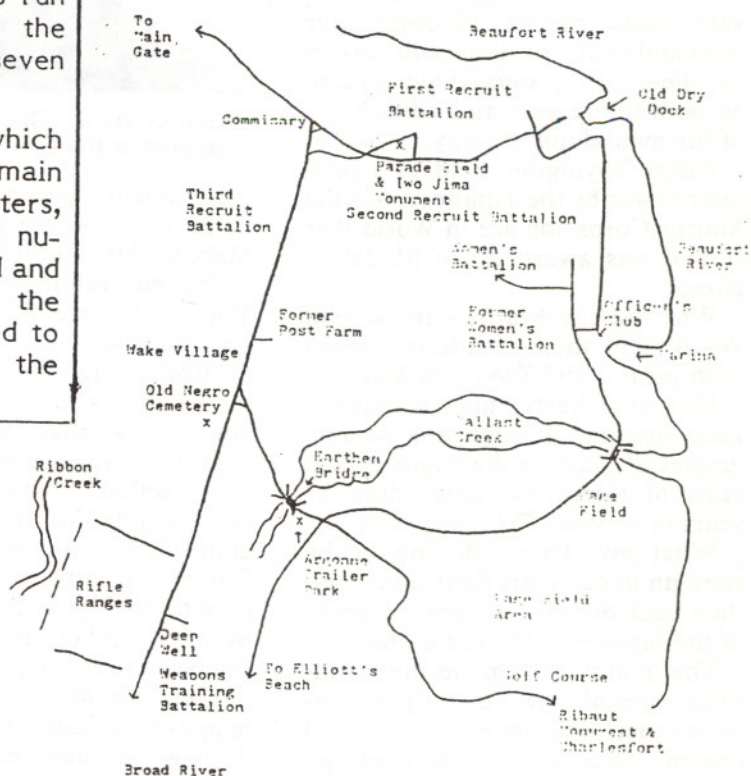
Parris Island's waterways abound with a variety of sea life, including sharks that have been caught from the post docks. Far more dangerous are the island's poisonous snakes. They include an occasional appearance of the copperhead, water moccasin, and the rarely encountered, but very dangerous, coral snake. Most visible, however, is the southeastern diamondback rattlesnake. These reptiles have been seen mostly on the depot golf course, Page Field, and Elliott's and Niver's Beaches. Some have been killed within the confines of the main station itself. The largest rattlesnake yet discovered on the base was run over and then killed by a Marine in 1981, near the Argonne Trailer Park. The snake measured a full seven feet!

The recruit depot is also inhabited by alligators, which have at times ventured onto the golf course and the main parade field. Other wildlife includes rabbits, otters, squirrels, raccoons, the Eastern Brown Pelican, and numerous other varieties of wild birds. The island's wild and domestic plants, trees, and shrubs are as varied as the animal life. Consequently, Parris Island is considered to be one of the most beautiful and historic posts of the Corps.

"Thousands of Marines all over the world whose memories of Parris Island consist largely of tough DI's, hard work and no liberty didn't realize that they were training on a locale with an international background. The Island has been a possession of France, Spain and England as well as the United States."

Parris Island Boot, 1946

Parris Island
(Not to scale)



The Extra Mile

Story by
Sgt Keith G. Hughes

(Reprinted from *Leatherneck*, June 1988)

In 1918, during the Belleau Wood campaign in France, the 2d Battalion, Fifth Marines was sent to counter the German breakthrough. Upon taking their positions, the Marines were approached by a French officer instructing them to join the general retreat that was then in progress. A Marine officer exclaimed, "Retreat, Hell! We just got here." They held their ground and successfully repelled the attack.

Chesty Puller started out as a private, fought his way through three wars and ended his illustrious career as a lieutenant general, having earned both the respect and admiration of his men along the way.

Pappy Boyington, held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese, was the Marine Corps' top ace in World War II and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Why did the Marines in Belleau Wood hold their positions against such great odds? *The Extra Mile.*

How did Chesty Puller manage to keep fighting through the steamy jungles of Haiti to the frigid mountains of Korea for more than 37 years of service? *The Extra Mile.*

What gave Pappy Boyington the strength to carry his fight into—and then back out of—the prison camps of the Japanese? *The Extra Mile.*

The quality that made these Marines special was their perseverance—their willingness to give 110 percent; their need to routinely go an *Extra Mile* for their men, their Corps and their country.

These stories, and thousands more, show how some Marines are possessed with the desire—even the

need—to give just a little more than everyone else gives, to go that *Extra Mile* in whatever they do. These are also the Marines who will receive just a little more in return for their efforts. Their stories show that success can be achieved by average Marines (if "average Marines" even exist) who are willing to dedicate themselves to their fellow Marines and their cause.

Are your heels dug in? Are you making the Corps prod you along every step of your tour? Or, are you a Marine, like those just mentioned, who will go an *Extra Mile*?

What does it take? The answer, simply enough, is "just a little."

Just a little more care when placing chevrons on your uniform; just a little extra polish on your boots. Just a little snap in your salutes; just a little spring in your step. Just a little



LtGen Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller was a colonel at the Chosin Reservoir.

more time in your studies; just a little genuine concern for your fellow Marines. Just a little. . .

The motivation to go the *Extra Mile* must come from within: this isn't a task anyone can order you to do. Even though this quality can't be forced upon you, it *can* be learned. You already proved that you are capable of it by going the *Extra Mile* in recruit training. Why stop with earning the title Marine? Maybe you didn't like your school, it wasn't your first choice. How well did you perform there? If you chose to just slide by, did the school beat you? Or, did you beat the school?

There are Marines who are unhappy in the Corps, and their way of dealing with these feelings is by trying to buck the system. These Marines think they are winning their war against the Corps when they disregard its traditions, bad-mouth their superiors and start rumors. The Ma-

rine Corps way of life and operation—the system—has been around longer than any of today's Marines. The way to beat the system is not to buck it, but rather to play by its rules and win! Who is the *real* victor? Is it the two-year sergeant, well established and on the way up, or the four-year PFC without anywhere to go? By giving "just a little," you can take advantage of the system that some are so intent upon breaking.

Just a little extra effort is a good way to begin on your *Extra Mile*. Back it up with mental fitness and you will be a Marine impossible to hold down! Allow yourself to feel the spirit of the *Extra Mile*. Don't be discouraged by others who will try to make you unpopular or make your life more difficult. Make that extra effort part of everything you do, starting with the way you follow.

Leadership and its opposite, "followership," are equally important in the military community. Leaders, in

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working their way toward more responsible positions, must first learn to be good followers. Followership—the skill of following with as much vigor as when leading—is the basis of the spirit of the *Extra Mile*. It's while you are following that your superiors will see when you become ready to accept bigger tasks and greater responsibilities. Practice keeping a good attitude, stay motivated, and try to understand the "big picture." This will help improve your following skills, and it will make you a more likely candidate for advancement. It *will* show.

You see, "just a little" is all it takes to go the *Extra Mile*. Just a little extra physical effort—the way you wear your uniforms, the way you look, the way you talk and act. Just a little extra mental effort—keeping a good attitude, followership. The question is not—"Can you do it?" but "Will you do it?" Are you willing to go an *Extra Mile*?

The choice is yours. Are you willing to win?



GENERAL CARL E. MUNDY JR.
COMMANDANT
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



General Mundy was commissioned a second lieutenant in June 1957, following graduation from Auburn University. Early assignments included service in the 2d Marine Division: duty aboard the Aircraft Carrier TARAWA and the Cruiser LITTLE ROCK; instructor at the Marine Corps Basic School; and as Officer Selection Officer, Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1966-67, he served in Vietnam as Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Marine Division, and as an Intelligence Officer in the Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force.

After Vietnam, his principal assignments were:

- Aide de Camp to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Inspector Instructor, 4th Air-Naval Gunfire Liaison Co. Miami, Florida
- Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, 3d Marine Division
- Plans Officer, Headquarters Marine Corps
- Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, 2d Marine Division
- Chief of Staff, Sixth Marine Amphibious Brigade
- Commanding Officer, 2d Marines, 2d Marine Division, and 36th and 38th Marine Amphibious Units

Following advancement to brigadier general in April 1982, General Mundy's assignments have been:

- Director of Personnel Procurement, Headquarters Marine Corps
- Commanding General, Landing Force Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Commanding General 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade
- Advanced to Major General in April 1986
- Director of Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps
- Advanced to Lieutenant General in March 1988
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps, and Marine Corps Operations Deputy to the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Commanding General of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Marine Force, the II Marine Expeditionary Force, the Allied Command Atlantic Marine Striking Force, and designated to command Fleet Marine Forces which might be employed in Europe.
- Promoted to general on July 1, 1991
- Present duties since July 1, 1991

General Mundy is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the Naval War College. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, two Navy Commendation Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He is married to the former Linda Sloan of Waynesville, North Carolina. They have three children: Elizabeth, Carl III and Timothy. Both sons are Marine officers.

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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, Memphis, VA 22116.

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