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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST DETACHMENT MEETING

Twenty-one members present including all the officers except the Judge Advocate.

Past Commandants Frank Yohe and Don Parzanese were recognized.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the Paymaster's report were approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### SR. VICE - (Don Gee)

The Detachment has sixty members at the present time; Thirty-nine regular, fourteen life, and seven associate. There are eleven delinquent unpaid members, at this time.

#### VAVS

On Thursday, August 4, 1994 twenty-four patients from the V.A. Hospital in Philadelphia were treated to a lunch and cruise on the Delaware River sponsored by the Philadelphia and Central Bucks Detachment. Everyone seemed to have a good time enjoyed the outing.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION

Don Gee, Budd Pearce and Frank Yohe will be attending the National Convention being held this week (8-8 to 8-12) in Cherry Hill, N.J. It is anticipated that Budd Pearce will be inducted into the Chapel Of Four Chaplains in a ceremony to be held at the convention.

#### JR. VICE - (Mike Waldron)

The Detachment will have a booth at the upcoming Auto Show at the Delaware Valley College on August 13 &14. They will have a medal display and hope to recruit some new members. Don Gee will have his locker box set up for sales.

Make your reservations early for the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November to be held at the Willow Grove NAS Orion Club on Saturday, November 12, 1994. The tab is \$32.50 per person which includes dinner and an open bar. Contact Mike Waldron at (215-672-7095).

Barons Auto Glass owner, in Horsham, has offered the Detachment the use of a restored Marine six by six for parades and display, in the future.

The Adopt-A-Highway clean-up was held on Saturday, August 27. Those participating were: Tony & Arlene Kimes; Ray Krout and his granddaughter; Marlin Miller, his daughter and grandson; Pat Parsonese; Bud Pearce and son Jimmy; Bill Rosenberger Jr.; Mike & Dorothy Waldron; and Frank Yohe who found a ten dollar bill and donated it to the Detachment general fund. Thanks a lot, Frank.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Service awards for Continued Service of 6 years were presented to: Frank Yohe, Marlin Miller and Don Parzanese. These certificates were originally issued in January but presentation was delayed until now.

#### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Frank Yohe donated a table size replica of the Iwo Flag Raising to the Detachment for display at the meetings. Thanks again, Frank.

Bob Sundling and his son traveled to Washington to view the Evening Parade and Bob gave a recap of their trip which through a series of circumstances included being invited to sit in the VIP mid-field seats which certainly made the whole trip worth it.

A fund raiser was suggested by Bill Rosenberger. Starting with the next meeting, please bring or send in any paperback books that you wish to donate. They will be on sale for \$1.00 each to the members along with the usual Locker Box items that Don Gee normally has for sale.

The Rifle Match at Indiantown Gap is set for September 30, Oct. 1 &2. The Detachment "A" Team is filled but the "B" Team needs two more members (One regular and one sub). The Detachment has two ready to use rifles available for use however you must supply your own ammo. Anyone wishing to sign up please contact Bill Rosenberger at 348-7275).

Pat Parsonese has been nominated by Frank Yohe to receive the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award at a ceremony to be held at 2 P.M. Sunday, September 25, 1994 in the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge Park, Valley Forge, Pa.

THE NEXT REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE 14 SEPTEMBER 94 (1930) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HOME ON NORTH STREET, DOYLESTOWN, PA.



Mike Waldron and Budd Pearce man the booth on Sunday. The wind would not allow us to put up the tent so we got a little bit of sun that day.



From The Desk Of BUDD PEARCE, Commandant Central Bucks Detachment, Marine Corps League

Marines.

The Detachment had a booth set up at the New Hope Car Show this year. We also made some money selling Marine related collectibiles from the lockerbox. Thanks goes to the dedicated members that gave of their weekend to help us out on this project. We have some really great members in this Detachment, they think nothing of givingnup their time for us. These are the type of people the Corps is proud to have had as Marines. The Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League is extremely proud to have them as members also.

I was honored to receive the Chapel of Four Chapains Legion of Honor Award at the National Convention in Cherry Hill. I was nominated by Don Gee and I feel exteremly proud to even be nominated, let alone be awarded this prestigious award. Thanks Don for thinking that I am worthy of such an honor. I understand that Pat Parsonese is to receive this award in the near future Congratulations Pat!

Before I forget, if you haven't got you reservation and money in to Mike Waldron for the Ball yet...get cracking! You don't want to miss what I understand will be the most exciting Ball that the Central Bucks Detachment has ever hosted. Mike has some special T.S. stuff planned that I'm not even privy to. With all this secrecy I'm sureit will be an outstanding affair. I hope to see the entir Detachment at the Ball this year!!!

The Hwy. Clean-Up was another fun time. We had about 12 or more people turn out. Thanks to each of you that could be there. Our next clean up will be in November sometime. The time and date for this will be announced at a later date.

Bill Rosenberger informs me that the rifle teams are pretty well set for the Match at the end of September. We have our original A team and 3 solid members for the B team. We hope to have the needed fourth member but we haven't heard from him as of this letter. We even have our rooms reserved at the famous Paul's Motel. Everyone on the team is looking forward to the match and have been practicing hard already. With any luck we might win something this year...we'll give it hell!!!

That's about it for now. Don't forget that our next meeting will be on Wed., 14 September...see you there!

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Activities of the Young Marines

August 5,6,7th the young marines attended the Northeastern Regional Young Marine Conference at the U.S. Naval Acdemy at Annapolis, Maryland. Our young marines brought home 5 gold, one silver and 3 bronze medals. Over all the "Little Leathernecks did very well and put on a very good show.

August 10th drill was held at the 157th Army Reserve Center in Horsham, at which time we took on three new recruits bringing our new boot class up to seven.

August 20th an early morning exercise was held at MAG 49 at Willow Grove NAS. The drill consisted of close order drill, P.T., classroom work, pugel sticks match up(where yours truêty took some lumps) and ended with a dip in the base swimming pool. This was avery good drill.

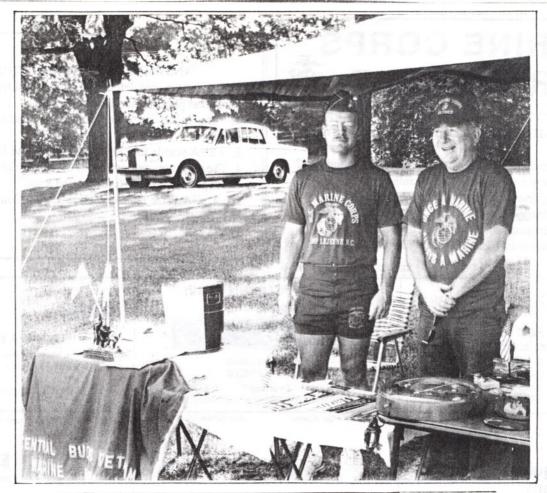
If anyone has any information as to where we may obtain our own pugel sticks and paded equipment please contact either Walt Roach or Myself.

> Semper Fi Larry Scheetz

OUR YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE



Commandant Budd Pearce was honored at the National Convention in Cherry Hill, NJ. He was awarded the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award.



The Detachment had a display set up at the New Hope Auto Show this year. We me a lot of interesting and hopefully interested people. We also managed to make a few dollars parking cars and selling some of the lockerbox collection. Thanks to everyone for helping out. Here Mike Waldron and Jim Herbst man the booth on Saturday.



Although July 4th is past, moments like this will live in the hearts of old Marines forever.

# MARINE CORPS TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1. What is the M16A2 rifle's maximum effective burst rate of fire?
- 2. Which hand grenade is used to practice throwing techniques?
- 3. Who are known as the soldiers in sailors uniforms with Marine training, doing civilian work at WPA wages?
- 4. Name three leadership traits.
- 5. What is the largest formal Marine Corps school? Answers in Next Month's Newsletter

#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ

- 1. The two types of defense positions employed by Marines are Perimeter Defense and Linear Defense.
- 2. The blood stripe represents the Battle of Chapultepec, Mexico.
- 3. FEBA stands for "Forward Edge of the Battle Area."
- 4. The two knots authorized for the Marine khaki tie are the half windsor knot and the fore-in-hand knot.
- 5. A silver star on the Marine Battle Color represents five campaign awards.

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Mike Waldron was the life of his own party on July 31st. The party was given by his wife at the Orion Club. He sure can do the Belly Dance well for a 60 yr old!



The rifle team has started practice on a regular basis. Here Budd Pearce shows Bill Rosenberger and Paul Caprio how they should be doing it. (ha, ha)



Don Gee looks like he is doing his W.C. impression again... "Ah yes, I love a parade". Don was one of the many members that turned out for the parade in Chalfont/New Britian.



# CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOMS

# **Arlington National Cemetery**

Almost four million people a year visit the national cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., where a constant vigil is maintained at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Arlington National Cemetery is the site of the changing of a military guard around the clock daily. A stone coffin bearing the body of an unidentified soldier of World War I — entombed on Veterans Day 1921 — is the visible part of the tomb, while crypts next to it under the terrace bear the unknown American service members of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. Each Memorial Day and Veterans Day, a presidential wreath is laid at the tomb.

This may explain why Arlington is America's most well-known national cemetery, even though it is not the largest or the oldest. Some 230,000 veterans and dependents are buried on the cemetery's 612 acres, and about 18 funerals are conducted every weekday. From Pierre L'Enfant, George Washington's aide during the American Revolution, to American service members killed during Operation Desert Storm, Arlington holds the remains of veterans representing every military action the United States has fought.

#### Union Seized Lee's Property

The cemetery's origins go back to just before the Civil War. George Washington Parke Custis, adopted son of the first president, owned a 1,100-acre plantation and constructed on it a memorial to Washington named Arlington House, which held the world's largest collection of memorabilia related to the president. Ownership of his estate passed to Custis' daughter, who had married Robert E. Lee, and they lived in Arlington House for more than 30 years. The Lee family fled when the Civil War was imminent. The Union seized the property because of its strategic location overlooking Washington. Because of the bitter grudge against the South that Union Brig. Gen. Montgomery Meigs bore, and the need for burial space for the Union dead, this commander of forces at Arlington urged the federal government to convert 200 acres of Lee's property

to a cemetery. Meigs ordered burials near the house to make the grounds uninhabitable after the war.

The first soldier was buried in Arlington in May 1864. By war's end, 16,000 graves filled the spaces close to Arlington House. Though the Supreme Court ruled finally in favor of the heir to the property, the eldest Lee son ceded title to the government for \$150,000 and renounced any thought of living in Arlington House. From the portico of the mansion, the first official Memorial Day was proclaimed in 1868.

#### **Burials Restricted**

Whereas after the Civil War, only the poor or unidentified were entombed at Arlington, now it is a burial site particularly coveted by veterans and their families. Space for in-ground burials is restricted to those who die on active duty, have had 20 years of service, or earned certain military decorations, and their spouses and dependents. Any honorably discharged veterans and dependents may have their cremated remains inurned in Arlington's columbarium. At the current burial rate, the cemetery is expected to reach capacity by the year 2025. Honors are rendered daily by military units bearing a flag-draped coffin, firing a rifle volley and listening to a bugler play taps.

Numerous veterans and civic groups hold memorial services in the cemetery's marble amphitheater. Monuments have been erected from time to time to memorialize specific groups of military members or veterans buried here.

Prominent Americans buried at Arlington include:
Presidents John F. Kennedy and William H. Taft; Supreme
Court Justices Oliver Wendell Holmes, Thurgood Marshall
and Earl Warren; military commanders John J. Pershing,
World War I General of the Armies; Generals Omar
Bradley and George C. Marshall and Admiral William
Leahy of World War II; and Generals Daniel "Chappie"
James and Maxwell Taylor of the Vietnam Conflict.



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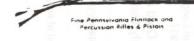
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