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CORPS GETS NEW COMMANDANT

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WASHINGTON, DC-- **General James Jones** has become Commandant of the Marine Corps replacing **General Charles C. Krulak**, who retired July 1.

Prior to being named Commandant, Jones was serving as Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC. He was advanced to Lieutenant General in July 1996.

Gen. Jones was born on Dec. 19, 1943, in Kansas City, MO. Having spent his formative years in France, he returned to the United States to attend the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, from which he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January 1967.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, VA, in October 1967, he was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a Platoon and Company Commander with Company "G," 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division. While overseas, he was promoted to First Lieutenant in June 1968.

Returning to the United States in December 1968, Lt. Jones was assigned to Camp Pendleton, CA, where he served as a Company Commander until May 1970. He then received orders to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, for duties as a Company Commander. He was promoted to Captain in December 1970. He served

in this assignment until July 1973. From July 1973 until June 1974, he was a student at the Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA.

In November 1974, he received orders to the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa, where he served as the Company Commander of Company "H," 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, until December 1975.



Gen. JAMES JONES
New Corps Commandant

From January 1976 to August 1979, he served in the Officer Assignments Section at HQMC, Washington, DC. During this assignment, he was promoted to Major in July 1977.

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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE AT 1930 ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1999
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST, 315 NORTH ST., DOYLESTOWN

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

By the time you get this newsletter, the play will already be over. I hope that a lot of you managed to attend. I am writing this prior to getting any info on who helped out parking cars and handing out refreshments. So, I'll say thanks to all of you who did. THANKS!

August is a rather hot, lazy month and not much goes on Detachment-wise to talk about. There are no parades or anything, just the meetings. In a way that's good though, because we are not busy in other ways during August and September, that affords you extra time to make the meetings.

Our Detachment always has had a good turn-out during the summer. This summer has not proved to be an exception to that rule, thank you very much. We are growing slowly and have added as few new members over the course of

the summer. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, you should try to get to the September meeting so you can meet the new members...and say hello to the old ones. At the September meeting, you will hear all of the latest news about the Birthday Ball. Since I'm sure most of the membership plans on attending this year's ball, I'm sure you won't want to miss this meeting.

Since Past Commandant Don Gee is no longer covering VAVS for the Detachment, we seriously need some help in that department. If you have some time that you think you can donate to a good cause, please talk to Don at the next meeting about what is involved. You never know, you might just like helping people.

Without a VAVS Program, it is almost impossible to take any awards for the Americanism program. Not that the

awards are so important, but it does look good for the Detachment. Think it over...and talk to Don.

Speaking of the Americanism program, my wife and I have been putting the Detachment scrapbook together for the past five or six years. I don't mind doing it, but if anyone else would like to take a shot at it, please let me know. If you are a member who only attends meetings and have been thinking how you can get more involved in the Detachment, jobs like Americanism Chairman could be your answer.

That's all for now...I'll see you at the meeting!

Semper Fi,

Budd Prince

HMX-1 Receives Corps' First MV-22 Osprey

QUANTICO, VA--Like that of a maternity ward waiting room, the air was thick with anticipation on the HMX-1 tarmac as Marines awaited the arrival of the Marine Corps' first MV-22 Osprey.

With its "proprotors" pointed skyward, the Osprey set down gently before taxiing into place alongside the CH-53D helicopters it will eventually be replacing. There wasn't an actual red carpet, but the ground crew did roll out a cake as HMX-1 Commanding Officer, Col. Ron

Berube, greeted the flight crew.

First tested by the Marine Corps in 1980, the MV-22 is a medium lift, tilt-rotor, vertical takeoff/landing aircraft. It is designed to provide combat assault transport of Marines (24 fully equipped combat troops) in an initial assault wave as well as subsequent stages of amphibious operations. Combining principles from fixed-wing and rotor aircraft, this newest addition to the Marine Corps' air fleet offers the best of both worlds. It has the tight maneuverability of a helicopter, able to insert or extract troops without the aid of a runway. It also brings with it the longer range and speed of a twin turboprop.

According to LtCol. Keith Sweaney, V-22 multiservice operational test director, the new bird is capable of about twice the speed, three times the range and four times the payload of the CH-46E medium lift helicopter, which it will also be replacing.

Although this wasn't the first Osprey to land at Quantico, this landing was a "milestone" according to Berube, be-

cause this is the first one the Marine Corps owns and this was its first landing on Marine Corps property. "It doesn't look like all that much," said Berube, "but it really is pretty exciting."

SSgt. Julius Banks, Marine crew chief, was pretty excited as well. He said he's been flying the Osprey for so long it's become an everyday job. "But looking back and seeing where we've been compared to today, I know today is different. I know today is a big deal," he said. He added the best thing about this flight was "this morning we didn't have to ask anyone for permission to take off or anything, because it's ours now."

The Osprey was on the ground for just a short while before taking off again for an overnight stay at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent, MD. From there it traveled to its new home with VMT-204 at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC.

Fielding of the MV-22 Osprey will begin at New River in February 2000, and the first squadron will join a Marine Expeditionary Unit in 2003.



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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania was held August 11, 1999, at Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #213, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 17 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **National Public Relations Officer and Past Commandant Don Gee**; **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr. and Frank Yohe**; **Past Department of New Jersey Commandant Ed Hoth**; and, **Marine of the Year Bob Sundling**.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were unanimously approved.

The Paymasters Report was presented by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted.

New Member: Marine Michael Metz of Doylestown was unanimously approved for regular membership.

Commandant Budd Pearce reported the Detachment had received a "Thank You" note from D.A.R.E. for our donation. Other correspondence included Raffle sales and winners notification from the Department of Pennsylvania and a schedule of Department Staff & Member Meetings for the coming year.

Senior Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported the Detachment strength at 49 members, including 31 Regular Members, 13 Life Members, and 43 Associate Members. He reported he had submitted 29 names as part of the Department "Tenure" program and was hopeful we would have the Tenure Certificates by the Birthday Ball.

Junior Vice Commandant Paul Caprio reminded the members about the Play the Detachment was sponsoring on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Town & Country Players in Buckingham. He also reported the Birthday Ball will be held at the Orion Club at NAS, Willow Grove. Tickets will, again, be \$35 per person. He will be contacting the new Marine Corps League Detachment in Abington and All Division's Detachment to invite both units to attend.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no correspondence other than that on which the Commandant had reported.

Judge Advocate Bob Momorella reported the Detachment had received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service concerning our taxes.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling reported there were no new requests for the Detachment Color Guard.

Quartermaster Bob Duff reminded the members he will attempt to procure "special" items for the Locker Box when requested by the members.

Public Relations Officer Don Gee, PC, set August 20 as the deadline for submitting material for publication in the September "Listen Up!"

STANDING COMMITTEES

YOUNG MARINES--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling reported the Young Marines "Boot Camp" had been postponed until the weekend of Aug. 14. He also reported the Unit was in need of funds to help support its activities. A lengthy discussion about the status of the Young Marines, nationally and locally, was held and the members determined the Judge Advocate will contact the National Judge Advocate to find out where the Marine Corps League stands in light of the legal situation with the Young Marines.

RIFLE & PISTOL TEAM--Rifle & Pistol Team Captain Bill Rosenberger reported the Rifle Team will be competing in the Department Rifle Match in September and that the Pistol Team placed 18th of 39 in the recent Department Pistol Match.

OLD BUSINESS

Judge Advocate Momorella reported he had received an offer of \$300 for the Hot Dog Cart from the Shriners. They also have requested the Detachment provide some Ticket Takers for their rodeo on Sept. 17-19. Bob estimates he will need eight Marines to adequately provide the support requested. The Shriners will donate \$300 to our treasury for the service. If you would like to

help in this endeavor, contact Bob at (215) 997-6145. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

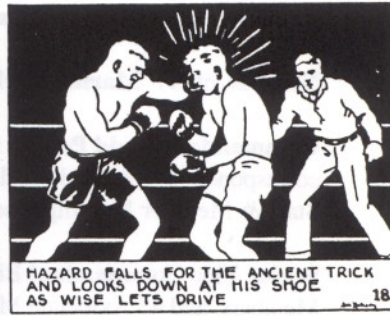
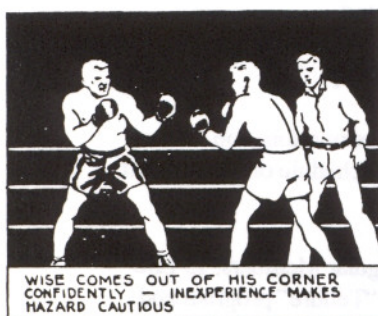
NEW BUSINESS

The Public Relations Officer announced, that due to the new ribbons and medals recently approved by the League, he will publish a "Detachment S-R-B Form" in "Listen Up!" for each member to complete and send to him. He will then put the information in his computer and generate a more formal page including the medals and ribbons earned by the member. He said he will return the formal page to the individual prior to it being turned into the Adjutant for our Detachment records. **The form is on Page 7 & 8. Return it to Don Gee, 238 Cornwall Circle, Chalfont, PA 18914-2318 or FAX it to: (215) 822-0163.** He stated he will have the project completed by the September Meeting or (at the latest) the October Meeting dependent upon the response from our members. The Detachment is paying for the ribbons and medals for those who earned them for Detachment service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on September 11, 1999.

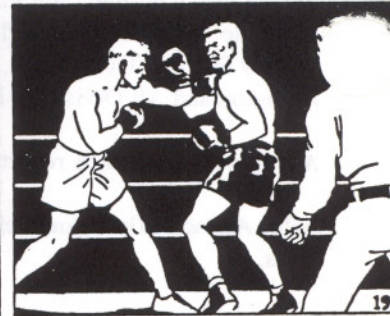
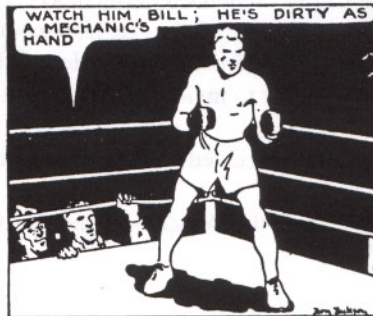
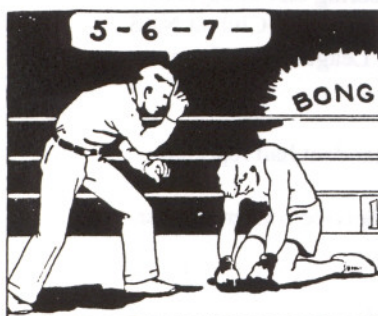
SERGEANT STONY CRAIG—Hazard Is Floored

By Frank H. Rentfrow and Don Dickson



SERGEANT STONY CRAIG—Saved By the Bell

By Frank H. Rentfrow and Don Dickson



New CMC

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Remaining in Washington, his next assignment was as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer to the United States Senate, where he served until July 1984. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1982.

He was selected to attend the National War College in Washington, DC. Following graduation in June 1985, he was assigned to command the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines, 1st MarDiv., Camp Pendleton, CA, from July 1985 to July 1987.

In August 1987, LtCol. Jones returned to Headquarters, Marine Corps, where he served as Senior Aide to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to Colonel in April 1988, and

became the Military Secretary to the Commandant in February 1989.

In August 1990, Col. Jones was assigned as Commanding Officer, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Lejeune, NC.

During his tour with the 24th MEU, he took part in "Operation: PROVIDE COMFORT" in Northern Iraq and Turkey.

He was advanced to Brigadier General in April 1992. BrigGen. Jones was then assigned duties as Deputy Director, J-3, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany, in July 1992.

During this tour of duty, he was assigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force PROVIDE PROMISE, for operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia.

Returning to the United States, he was advanced to Major General in July 1994 and was assigned as Commanding General, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Forces Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, NC.

MajGen. Jones next served as Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, during 1996. He then served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations, at Headquarters, Marine Corps, before being assigned to The Pentagon.

His medals and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three gold stars, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and the Combat Action Ribbon.

MARINE BOOT CAMP WON'T GO CO-ED

The services should continue training male and female recruits together, except for the Marine Corps, says the latest commission appointed to study the issue.

After examining military training for 15 months, the Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues "found no evidence that operational readiness is adversely effected by gender-integrated training." The "current gender formats" for basic training are working well, it concluded.

The commission is sending a 2,700-page report of its findings to the House and Senate Armed Services committees, which appointed it in 1997.

On a 6-3 vote with one abstention, the commission recommends the Army, Navy and Air Force continue to train men and women together during basic training, and that the Marine Corps be allowed to continue to segregate the sexes at boot camp.

The recommendation upholds current military policy, but contradicts the guidance of another commission that in 1997 called for an end to mixed-gender training.

Although mixed-gender training remains a contentious political issue, other matters--especially personnel shortages--emerged as more pressing problems during the most recent study.

The commission reports, "When asked about their major problems and concerns, commanders did not mention gender until they were specifically asked about gender issues. Rather, their major concerns centered on sustainability."

Training also suffers from other shortages. The Navy, for example, has stopped making recruits learn how to fire individual weapons because of lack of access to firing ranges. Instead, recruits fire simulators.

All of the services suffer shortages of noncommissioned officers in paygrades E-5 to E-7. Those shortages have forced more senior personnel to take over mid-level duties and reduced the time the senior personnel have "to guide, mentor or groom newly arrived trainees," the commission reports.

On the key question of mixed-gender

basic training, however, the commission reported that "a thorough examination" led most of its members to conclude "that each service should continue to conduct basic training in accordance with its current policies."

That means mixed-gender training for men and women entering the Navy and Air Force and going into combat support positions in the Army. The Army should continue to train all-male units for direct combat positions, and the Marine Corps should continue separate recruit training for men and women, the commission said.

The three Commissioners who opposed mixed-gender training, including Chairman **Anita Blair**, said they found "serious problems" with mixed-gender basic training, including:

- * Difficulties providing appropriate privacy for both sexes.
- * Trouble accommodating fundamental psychological differences between men and women.
- * Problems controlling sexual conduct.

"These issues simply do not arise in gender-separate training," they said.

The three dissenters are worried that "the 'warrior spirit' is disappearing in the military."

House Approves Honor Guard Bill

The House recently passed a Fiscal Year 2000 Defense Authorization Bill that includes a reform of the law governing the provision of an honor guard burial detail for any veteran's family that requests it.

Congressman Bob Stump, chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and a senior member of the Committee on Armed Services, said the provision answered a need expressed by the veterans community.

"I'm pleased to see this provision included in the DoD authorization because it accomplishes two things, Stump said. "First, it responds to the shortage of military personnel to staff such honor guards. It also increases the likelihood that an honor guard will be available to the families of veterans who served their country."

The measure requires the military serv-

They defined "warrior spirit" as being "disciplined, hard-working, appropriately aggressive, cool-headed, quick, self-motivated, enterprising, and tenacious."

Charles Moskos, the commissioner who abstained during the vote on mixed-gender training, said he believes most recruit trainers oppose the policy.

"Recruits, on the whole, were positive on mixed-gender training," and so are senior military officers. But "trainers, on the whole were negative," said Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist who studies the military.

"The trainers think there is something wrong with mixed-gender training," but senior military officials do not want to be subjected to any more experiments in basic training, he said in a telephone interview.

The House of Representatives, encouraged by the 1997 commission report and unhappy with **Defense Secretary William Cohen** for rejecting it, voted last year to ban mixed-gender basic training.

The Senate disagreed, however, and the two houses compromised by ordering another study and creating the Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues.

ices to provide the honor guard details. But it allows the Secretary of Defense to suspend the requirement in cases of military necessity. It also reduces the required detail from three persons to two. To further meet the shortage of active duty personnel available for such details, the provision authorizes use of Guard and Reserve troops. It also authorizes the DoD to provide material and equipment to "non-governmental" organizations, such as veterans groups, for support of honor guard activities.

The Fiscal Year 1999 Defense Authorization Act required the Secretary of Defense to convene a conference on ways to increase and improve the availability of military burial honors for veterans. **Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen** convened the conference in November 1998 and reported his findings to Congress.



Fact Sheet

Honorable Service Lapel Pin

The Honorable Service Lapel Button was a small token of appreciation given to every American servicemember that was discharged during and after World War II. It was nicknamed the "Ruptured Duck" by the more than 12 million soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines that were mustered out of the military between September 1939 and December 1946.

The small gold-plated brass emblem, 7/16 inches high and 5/8 inch wide, had its beginnings on June 9, 1925, when the War Department issued General Order No. 13 authorizing the wear of the "Badge of Service" for honorably discharged veterans.

The button was designed on commission by Anthony de Francisci for the War Department in consultation with the Fine Arts Commission. The design consisted of "an eagle perched within a ring which display seven white and six red vertical stripes and a blue chief along the wing bearing the words "National Defense", the War Department order specified.

De Francisci's design was altered in 1943 when the War Production Board restricted use of metal for such purposes. The War Department issued regulations that required the badge be made from blue plastic. In addition, the words, "National Defense" were dropped from the chief on the upper part of the ring.

It was soon noted, however, that this "design would not be discernible against a blue suit." In July of 1943 the War Department changed its regulation to require the badge be constructed of gold plated plastic. Later, when the metal restrictions were lifted, the button was produced in gold

plated brass. The War Department allowed those who received the plastic badge to trade them in for the brass one.

The origins of the term, "Ruptured Duck" are unknown despite the claims of many of coining one of the more famous phrases to come out of World War II. Capt. Ted Lawson, a pilot in the famous Doolittle raid over Tokyo, named his B-25 bomber "Ruptured Duck." Lawson wrote the book, "30 Seconds over Tokyo" that was later made into a movie.

Veterans of the war proudly wore this symbol of service on their civilian lapels until it was replaced by organizational, veterans, or service club lapel pins considered more appropriate for wear in world no longer at war. Gradually the Honorable Service Lapel Button disappeared, having been

lost, put away, or forgotten. World War II veterans who would like replace their lost pins may receive one free of charge. To be eligible, a veteran must have served honorably between September 8, 1939 and December 31, 1946.

Army veterans should write to: **U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center**, ATTN: DARP-PAS-EAW, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132. PH: (314) 538-3573.

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard veteran should write to: National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132. PH: (314) 538-3071.

Air Force (including former Air Corps personnel) should write to: Air Force Reference Branch, National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO 63132. PH: (314) 538-4218. The verification process takes up to eight months or more, officials at the National Records Center have said.

Authentic Ruptured Duck reproductions are for sale through the **American Legion**, Attn: Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206, or the **American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam**, Attn: Quartermaster, 4647 Forbes Boulevard, Lanham, MD.



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FILM PRODUCERS SEEKING WWII DIARIES

LONDON, England--Transworld International is currently producing a documentary series about the Second World War to commemorate the 60th anniversary in September 1999. It breaks new ground by the fact that it uses original color footage and color photography gathered from archives around the world.

Much of this material is unseen and consequently the project holds an important historical significance.

"In support of this," writes Adam Grint, "I am looking for letters and diaries written by U.S. service men during the war. I am particularly interested in the activities of the 3rd Marine Division with special reference to its activities in the Pacific," he states.

These diaries could have been written at the time or perhaps letters written to or received from relatives. The series is concentrating on the human experience of war rather than strategic battle movements, so writings that reflect the feelings of those at war, and vivid descriptions of experiences are most interesting, according to

Grint.

"I realize that the nature of the documents that I am searching for are quite personal," he explains, "but hope that you (the members of the Third Marine Division Association) will find this an appealing project and something worth contributing towards as the 60th anniversary approaches."

Copies of writings are acceptable, Grint informs. He advises not to hesitate in sending material.

"What you may think is uninteresting," he says, "may, in fact, be an important historical document as a reflection of a serviceman's thoughts during wartime."

Members desiring to be part of this project may submit materials to:

Adam Grint

(TWI London-please forward)

c/o IMG Centre

1360 E. 9th St., Suite 100

Cleveland, OH 44114

or

Adam Grint

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New York, NY 10036

"Packages can then be forwarded to me in London," states Grint.

"This serves to cut down on the costs incurred by the submitter but please give details of any postage and copying costs and these will be refunded."

Grint can also be reached by telephone at: 44-181-233-5956 or by fax at: 44-181-233-5301 or by e-mail at: agrint@imgworld.com.

"Please contact me if you have any further questions," Grint says.

"I look forward to hearing from you soon."

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