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Detachment Commandant's Message

Attention on deck!

Hey Marines, by the time you read this it should be time to mow the lawn again. That also means that we here at CCD are approaching Parade Time. We will be marching (or walking in step) once again in Morelli Park, Marshallton, Downingtown, and Malvern Parades, along with our *Flag Retirement Ceremony* and Ft Mifflin Salute to the Revolutionary War heroes, among other events. We usually provide a Color Guard and sometimes add a Rifle Detail for salutes. We will also have car rides for those who wish to participate but are unable to, as well.

You are ALL encouraged to join us, even if you don't have any MCL uniform items. Just come and fall in and the additional numbers will show the community that *Marine* is a title that never stops giving. Pride and Honor to us and those who have gone before us. Please keep watch for more details and give serious thought to joining us.

**Next Chester County Det.
Membership Meeting Is
28 March!**

Speaking of Uniforms, for most of our events, you need only a white Aviator shirt, black trousers, black socks, black shoes, and a red MCL cover. Our detachment Locker Box is well stocked by Al Harper. Al can order any items that you are looking for that are not on hand.

Fund raising will be starting as well. We will be setting up tables at different locations to raise funds for our different scholarships, the Coatesville VA Medical Center, Wounded Warrior program and deployed service personnel.

We have lots of fun shooting the breeze with people when we do these functions and are always looking for new tales of the Corps to discuss. Come out and say hello.

Finally, it is an honor once again to accept the nomination for CCD MCL Commandant. I look forward to another great year of working with all of you.

Grow the Detachment;
Grow the League;

Semper Fi.
Dan Condron 0311

Keep skunks,
bankers,
lawyers
and politicians at a distance.

Last WWI Veteran Dies

Frank Woodruff Buckles, who lied about his age to enlist in the Army in 1917 and became the last known U.S. veteran of World War I, died February 27 at the age of 110. Burial was with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. A long-time resident of Charles Town, West Virginia, where he had a farm, Mr. Buckles was born in Bethany, Missouri. He enlisted shortly after his 16th birthday and served in France and Germany.

Memorial Service

On Saturday 19 February several members of Chester County Detachment took part in a Memorial Service for U.S. Marine SSgt. James C. Dulin. He was a World War II, Battle of Bougainville veteran with the 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division. After the battle the 3rd Marine Division went to Guadalcanal for R & R.

In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be given to the Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Detachment members participating in the service were:

Leo Burke, Dan Condron,
Kay Croll, Al N. Harper,
Tom Logan, Dave Mundy, and
Phil Murray.

The U.S. Marine Corps had Folsom provide two men to fold the colors and present them to the family, and a man to render Taps.

VIETNAM CONNECTIONS



1966

October - *Marine Attack Sqdn. VMA-242* arrived which had the Grumman A6 Intruder aircraft.

Hank Detering

arrived
Dec '68

October - **Bill White** arrived and attached to *Marine Attack Sqdn VMA-242*.

He later joined M Company and visited Hue and Khe Sanh with the 3rd Division.

December - **Harold (Doc) Wells** arrived in Da Nang and was assigned to *H&S Co. 1st Shore Party Bn*. He was then loaded on a C-130 and sent to his outfit stationed at Chu Lai.

December - **Jack Meighan** joined the U.S. Marine Corps.

December - There are 280,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam, 60,000 navy personnel at sea, and 35,000 more, including airmen, in Thailand.

5,008 troops are reported killed and 30,093 wounded in action in 1966 alone.

Reported totals since 1 January 1961 are 6,664 Americans killed and 37,738 wounded. Marine casualties for the year total 1,692 dead and 10,270 wounded.

POW/MIA Remembered



Steven Ray Armitstead

Date of Birth: 15 June 1944
(Big Spring, TX)
Home of Record: Los Angeles, CA
Rank: Captain
Branch: US Marine Corps
Unit: Attack Squadron 533,
Marine Air Group 12,
Chu Lai Airfield,
South Vietnam
Date of Loss: 17 March 1969
Country: Laos
Aircraft: **A6A "Intruder"**
Other Personnel In Incident:
Charles E. Finney (missing).

The DOD announced in February that the remains of 11 Air Force airmen found seven years ago, who had been missing since World War II, have been identified and returned. The remains are to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The men had been missing since 20 November 1943, after their *B-24D Liberator* left an airbase in Port Moresby, New Guinea.

Bingo

The CCD MCL has a Bingo the first and third Saturday evening of each month as a our fund raiser and it requires supplies to be available prior to each event. Our supplier has been very prompt in ensuring we were ready for each evening and we appreciate it.

We also help conduct a Bingo night once a month for the Coatesville VA Medical Center. Cmdt Dan Condron found that a lot of the Bingo balls being used at the VA were either bent, broken, or missing so he felt the Detachment should replace them. Upon hearing this our supplier decided to donate the bingo balls himself.

Dignity Memorial Burial

Two military veterans have become the first in Michigan to receive free burials through the *Dignity Memorial Burial Program*. The two Detroit men died of natural causes over a year ago and their bodies had been unclaimed for more than a year. The program provides dignified burial services for eligible homeless and indigent veterans to ensure they receive the honors in death that their service in life merited.


The income tax is an annual game in which the taxpayer fills a government return while the government empties his pockets.

If a man tells a woman she is beautiful, she will overlook most of his other lies.

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Your income tax -

Chester County Detachment



Albert B. Harper

Sgt 1953-1962

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Pennsylvania

Flag Retirement Box

Al Harper and Dave Mundy have been servicing the flag deposit box



set out by Ryan Tyler State Farm Ins. Agent in Lancaster County. So far this year and Al and Dave have collected 41 flags bringing the total from this one box to about 188 flags.

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CCD extends sincere thanks to Ryan for providing this service to the community. The date for this year's Flag Retirement will be announced at the March membership meeting.

Gulf War Anniversary

The VA recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the start of ground combat in the 1990-1991 *Gulf War*. Fighting ended 100 hours after a U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi forces from the small nation of Kuwait. 1.2 million Gulf War veterans, enrolled in the VA's health care system, have medical problems that are service-connected.

Gulf War Photos Wanted

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the start of ground combat in the first Gulf War, and those veterans who served in the area during the 1990-1991 conflict, the VA is calling for submissions of Gulf War-era photos. If you are a Gulf War Veteran and have any photos of yourself during the war, submit them to newmedia@va.gov.

One in three American adults has high blood pressure.

Most people with high blood pressure experience no symptoms.

Healthy adults with no history of high blood pressure should have their blood pressure checked every year.

High blood pressure can increase your risk for eye damage, bone loss and dementia.

After age 65, more women than men have high blood pressure.

Marine Facts

I like the fact that Marines don't shed the motto "*Semper Fidelis*" when the going gets tough, the battlefield gets deadly or when we hang up our uniform for the last time.

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World War II

1942

7 August – 'Operation Watchtower' began with Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and Gavutu-Tanambogo to be taken by the *1st Marine Division*, (which had been activated in February 1941). This was accomplished in one day.

It took six months before Guadalcanal was entirely secured. The casualties were:

	killed	wounded
Marines	1,504	2,916
Navy	36	101

7 August – **Ed Sexton** landed on Tulagi as a still photographer for the Marines.

8 August – The *5th Marine Regiment* crossed the Liu and Lunga Rivers meeting the first Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal.

17 August – 200 Marines from the *2nd Raider Battalion* landed on Makin Island.

16 September – The *3rd Marine Division* is activated at Camp Elliott. They were waiting for **Rudy** to join them.

28 October - Japanese planes badly damaged the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet* in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands. The *USS Hornet* sank early the next morning.

In the United States
 is it legal for a man to marry
 his widow's sister?

No. If he has a widow,
 then the man is dead
 and cannot marry anyone.

How much dirt
 is there in a hole that measures
 two feet by three feet by four feet?

There is no dirt in the hole.

Remember that it's better to give -

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The CCD Home is available for private parties to CCD MCL members. Contact Dan Condron for details.

VA Information

VA Benefits booklet & Information	http://www.vw.gov
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VA Health Benefits	877 222 8387
VA Education Benefits	888 442 4551
VA Life Insurance	800 669 8477
VA Debt Management	800 827 0648
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Atlanta, GA 30329-2303	404 235 1257
	800 929 8387
CHAMPVA	800 733 8387
Gulf War / Agent Orange Help Line	800 749 8387
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Mammography Hotline	888 492 7844
MCL Hdqts Indiantown Gap	717 861 9629
Military Medical records, DD214	
	http://vetrecs.archive.gov
Parkinson's	
PADRECC	888 959 2323
Parkinson Support Grp	610 431 1852
Telecommunication Device (Hearing Impaired/TTD)	800 829 4833

Female Soldiers' Suicides Increase

The suicide rate for female soldiers triples when they go to war according to a preliminary study from the Army.

The study shows that the suicide rate rises from five per 100,000 to 15 per 100,000 among female soldiers at war. Scientists are not sure why but say they will look into whether women feel isolated in a male-dominated war zone or suffer greater anxieties about leaving behind children and other loved ones.

Even so, the suicide risk for female soldiers is still lower than for men serving next to them. Marriage somehow helps inoculate male and female soldiers from killing themselves while they are overseas. Single or divorced GIs death rates double when they go to war.

A goal of the research effort is to identify categories of soldiers most at risk for suicide. The Army suicide rate has more than doubled since 2004 from 10 per 100,000 to 22 per 100,000 among active duty soldiers, when they deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq surpassing the rate for civilians of the same age and gender.

Last year, when National Guard and reservists' data are included, an average of 25 soldiers killed themselves each month.

Soldiers of Asian descent have dramatically higher suicide rates than other racial groups. Their risk is double or triple that of other soldiers, and four times higher in the war zone.

Behind every man
who lives within his income
is a wife
who doesn't.

The Cold War

1962

27 October – U-2 pilot, U.S. Air Force Maj. Rudolph Anderson, was killed when his plane was shot down over Cuba.

28 October - The 5th MEB sailed from San Diego. They were deployed to Key West and the Caribbean for a possible invasion of Cuba.

November – The *USS Essex* was in the blockade intervening with USSR shipping. **Capt Bob Croll** was aboard ship in charge of the Marine detachment.

20 November – The United States ends the naval quarantine of Cuba. The USSR agreed to remove all their missiles and the U.S. agreed not to attack Cuba. Some U.S. missiles were removed from Turkey. The U.S. had come to the brink of war.

November – SGT **Al Harper**'s extended enlistment was cancelled and he was discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps.

27 December – **Dave** and Julianne E. (Price) **Mundy** were married.

1962 – Nine Americans were killed in Cuba.

January – December 1962 - A1C **Dave Mundy** missions flown: 44

Total: 504 hours
Longest mission: 15.1 hours
Shortest mission: 1.5 hours
Average mission: 11.5 hours
Aborted missions: 1

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Than deceive.

The 1700's

Declaration of Independence Signers

Who were they and what happened to them?

William Whipple:

From Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was a sea captain, a merchant and was engaged in the slave trade.

He favored severe punishment of Loyalists and speculators. He became a Brigadier General in the New Hampshire militia and led four regiments to help encircle the British army at Saratoga, New York.

Brig Gen Whipple was present when Gen Burgoyne surrendered nearly 6,000 men on 17 October 1777. He led the captured troops to Boston to await embarkation to England.

1782, he arbitrated the Wyoming Valley land dispute between Connecticut and Pennsylvania. 1785, died at age 55.

William Williams:

From Lebanon, Connecticut was educated at Harvard became a minister and merchant. 1811, died at age 80.

Diet Soda

Diet soda is sugar and caloric free BUT is just as acidic as regular soda, which can damage tooth enamel and promote decay.

Drinking diet soda regularly may be connected to obesity and type 2-diabetes if you drink three or more of the beverages daily.

Women who consumed two or more artificially sweetened soda a day doubled their risk for kidney function decline. However, for those prone to kidney stones, citrus-flavored diet sodas contain high levels of a compound that MAY inhibit stone formation.

VA Medical Center Event

On Wednesday 9 February the Chester County Det and Smedley Butler Det once again teamed up to entertain the patients at the Coatesville VA Medical Center for the Annual St. Valentine's Day Bingo Party. CCD provided the drinks while SDBD supplied the desserts. The two Detachments also provide tickets as bingo prizes that the patients can redeem at the Canteen.

These events are greatly appreciated by the patients.

There to represent CCD and the Auxiliary Unit were Dan Condron, Tori Cloud, Al and Lillian Harper, Tom and Barb Logan, Dave Mundy, Bill Shields, and Kathy Snyder.

Prior to World War II a group of civilian pilots volunteered to fight the Japanese in Burma and China flying beat-up Curtiss P-40 fighter planes. The plane had a top speed of almost 380 mph and a range of 100 miles.

The planes' noses were painted with the sharks' teeth and big eyes but every few missions the rest of the aircraft were painted with different numbers and insignia to appear more numerous than they were. These planes were also moved to various small fields so the Japanese wouldn't know where they would be coming from.

Once the U.S. entered the war, these civilians were allowed to join the U.S. Army Air Corps. They continued to rack up victories while flying in newer planes that were now properly maintained.

Today they are known as the 23rd Fighter Group headquartered at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Never judge a man by his appearance: the man who is most crooked usually has the straightest crease in his trousers

Corporal

The term "Corporal", like many other things in the Marine Corps, was originally derived from the British Navy.

A corporal was a petty officer whose job it was to assist the ship's master-at-arms. Since the master-at-arms was responsible for a ship's internal discipline, it stands to reason that the first corporals were probably appointed arbitrarily from the ranks, based on their size and ability to "Bust Heads", because they meted out the "corporal" punishment.

Things are different in the modern military, which is not to say the corporal is not still responsible for discipline. In 1775 making corporal was quite an accomplishment. It meant, among other things, that a man had reached the second highest enlisted rank in the service and was now making the astronomical sum of seven and one-third dollars per month.

Some incentive was taken away from corporals during 1796, when America again put Marines to sea on warships carrying both sergeants and corporals. Both NCOs were paid the same \$10 per month. Official histories of the period are vague in indicating whether the phenomenon occurred for reasons of economy or the honest belief that all NCOs should be paid the same. The inequity was squared away two years later when corporals began drawing \$8 per month, while sergeants made nine.

In 1935, there were Marine corporals serving as junior NCOs in virtually every command, but you could always tell a line corporal from a Marine who served in the rear with the gear. At that time, the Marine Corps also had mess corporals, drum corporals, and trumpet corporals.

During WWII the Marine Corps did away with the "mess corporal" and the other special designation for junior NCOs serving in aviation, engineering, communication, special staff offices, commissary, band, field music, quarter-master, and pay-master departments.

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Burma Shave

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists, finding 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers."

One week later, a local newspaper in Clarksburg, West Virginia reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Peeltree Rd., Robert Westfall, a retired U.S. Air Force MSgt and self-taught archaeologist and Data dude, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Therefore he concluded that 300 years ago, West Virginia had already gone wireless."

VA Being Sued For Exposure

Four patients of the VA Tennessee Health Care System have filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court seeking millions in lawsuits against the government and alleging medical malpractice, negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress, among other claims where they were exposed to potentially fatal infections during colonoscopies performed between 2003 and 2008 due to mistakes with rigging or cleaning endoscopic equipment.

Middle age is the time in life when you're old enough to know better, but young enough to keep on doing it.

Newsletter Update

The mailing list has been condensed by eliminating names of members who are delinquent in their dues or may have moved without leaving a forwarding address.

We are also sending the newsletter via first-class mail so members are aware of all upcoming events. Our attempts to save money include mailings using the Internet.

Please send to us your name current mailing address, phone number, email address, and service events that you would like mentioned in our *Chester Marine* histories.

High Divorce Rate

For women in the military, there's a cold, hard reality: Their marriages are more than twice as likely to end in divorce as those of their male comrades. Military women get divorced at higher rates than their peers outside the military, while military men divorce at lower rates than their civilian peers.

About 220,000 women have served in Afghanistan and Iraq in roles ranging from helicopter pilots to police officers. Last year, 7.8% of women in the military got a divorce, compared with 3% of military men.

Like all divorces, the results can be a sense of loss and a financial blow. But for military women, a divorce can be a breaking point – even putting them at greater risk for homelessness down the road.

The military has more single moms than dads, and an estimated 30,000 of them have deployed in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There's a fair amount of quality in terms of their military roles, but as the military increasingly treats women the same as it treats men in terms of their work expectations, society still expects women to fulfill their family roles.

About half of all married women in the military are married to a fellow service member, compared with less than 10% of military men. While it can be an advantage to be married to someone who understands military life, balancing two military careers poses challenges.

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Shifty By Chuck Yeager

Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with *Easy Company* of the *506th Parachute Infantry Regiment*, part of the *101st Airborne Infantry*. If you've seen *Band of Brothers* on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the Screaming Eagle, the symbol of the *101st Airborne*, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the *101st Airborne* or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the *101st*. I thanked him for his service, and then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made. Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945..." at which point my heart skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the five training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy.... Do you know where Normandy is?"

At this point my heart stopped.

I told him "Yes. I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what D-Day was."

At that point he said "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem."

I was standing with a genuine war hero... and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said "Yes.... And it's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip." My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in Coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I'd take his in coach.

He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it. And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on January 17 after fighting cancer.

There was no parade.

No big event in Staples Center.

No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24x7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right!!

Rest in Peace, Shifty.
Chuck Yeager, Maj. Gen. (ret.)

Provided by
Gerry DiNunzio

Each year, 25 percent of the freshman class at Harvard enjoys the first so much that they repeat it.

If you want a thing to be well done, let your wife do it herself.

While the C-5 was turning over its engines, a female crewman gave the G.I.s on board the usual information regarding seat belts, emergency exits, etc.

Finally, she said, "Now sit back and enjoy your trip while your captain,

Judith Campbell, and crew take you safely to Afghanistan".

An old MSgt sitting in the eighth row thought to himself,

"Did I hear her right?

Is the Captain a woman?"

When the attendant came by he said,

"Did I understand you right?

Is the Captain a woman?"

"Yes!" said the attendant, "In fact, this entire crew is female."

"My God!" he said, "I wish I had two double scotch and sodas.

I don't know what to think with only women up there in the cockpit."

"That's another thing, Sergeant," said the crew member,

"We no longer call it the Cockpit."

"It's the Box Office."

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You are getting older when you find yourself using one bend-over to pick up two things.

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					1 April Fool's Day	2 Bingo 5:30
3	4 Jim Barger	5 Dan Condren	6 Hank Detering	7 Ed Dymek	8 David Fell	9
10 West Chester Highway Cleanup	11 VA Bingo	12 Bill Genn	13 Staff Meeting 7:30	14 Ron Heckman	15 Income Tax Due	16 Bingo 5:30
17 Dash Organ Donor Awareness	18 Ted Huyser	19 Veterans Breakfast	20 David Jones	21 HOLY THURSDAY Helen Locke	22 GOOD FRIDAY Tom Logan	23
24 EASTER	25 General Meeting 7:30	26 Jim McDonnell	27 Jack Oakey	28 Franklin Pratt	29 Jim Snyder	30 MOY Roast
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Bingo 5:30

Chester County Detachment Marine Corps League

John A. Lejeune founded the Marine Corps League in 1923. He said his first claim to fame was, "I am a Marine!" All his other attainments came further down the list. The U.S. Congress felt that the purposes of the Marine Corps League were so valid that in 1937 it granted the League a federal charter. There are detachments all across the country and each hold the slogan as a personal truth:

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

The Chester County Detachment was chartered on July 4, 1974. Our regular meetings are held the forth Monday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM unless it conflicts with a Holiday.

Our meetings are conducted in our "Home" which is located on Chestnut St. just off Boot Rd. in Downingtown. Membership dues are \$35.00 annually.

Some of our activities include:

- Participation at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital,
- Color Guard for parades and ceremonies,
- Honor Guard for our fallen brothers and sisters,
- Marine of the Year Banquet and Roast,
- Flag Retirement Ceremony,
- Salvation Army Canned Food Drive,
- Scholarship programs,
- Fund raising programs,
- Rifle and Pistol marksmanship programs,
- Cemetery site decoration for Memorial Day,
- Our own newsletter,

- Community Highway Cleanup
- Toys for Tots and
- A Marine Corps Birthday Ball with Ceremonies.

The Chester County Detachment has an Auxiliary Unit and their members carry out the purposes of the league and support our detachment.

We look forward to meeting you and hope you will join with your fellow Marines to continue the special camaraderie unique to those that have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

Semper Fidelis
Chester County Detachment
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