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MARINES REVISE PURPLE HEART CRITERIA

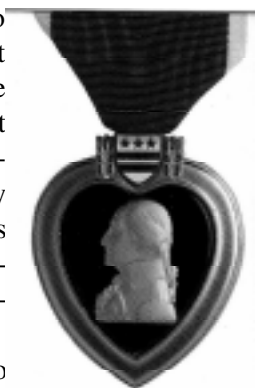
by Capt. Patrick Boyce
Deputy PAO M&RA

MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS, Quantico, VA--A decision in April by the Commandant of the Marine Corps will allow more Marines and Sailors who served with Marine commands in combat to receive the Purple Heart for mild traumatic brain injuries (mTBI) or concussions.

Under the Marine Corps' revised criteria announced in Marine Administrative Message (MARADMIN)

245/11 published Apr. 15, the Marine Corps will no longer limit award of the Purple Heart for mTBI/concussions solely to those cases where the Marine lost consciousness.

According to **Lee Freund**, Head of Military Awards Branch at



Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, the purpose of this new MARADMIN is, "To get the word out on the Commandant's decision to revise the previous Purple Heart criteria for mTBI...[and] to inform Marines and Sailors serving with Marine commands in combat of the basic rules for determining Purple Heart eligibility for all types of wounds or injuries."

MTBI/concussions, which can be caused by a blast or blow to the head, will now qualify for the Purple Heart if a Medical Officer makes a disposition that the Marine is "not fit for full duty" for more than 48 hours due to the persistent signs, symptoms, or findings of impairment from the concussion, provided the disposition was made within seven days of the event.

This change is retroactive to the start of the Global War On Terrorism, which began Sept. 11, 2001.

The two basic eligibility requirements for award of the Purple Heart established in executive order and Department of Defense regulations remain unchanged: the wound or injury must be the result of direct or indirect enemy action and must have required treatment by a Medical Officer at the time of the wound or injury.

Bridge Named for Marine Killed in RVN

A bridge at Horsham and York Roads was dedicated May 21 to a local Marine killed in Vietnam in 1968.

The **PFC Joseph J. Lannon Jr., USMC, Memorial Bridge** dedication ceremony took place on May 21 in Miller Meadow, located at Horsham and York roads.

Joseph J. Lannon Jr. was born on May 10, 1949, and grew up on Park Avenue in Hatboro Gardens. He graduated from St. John Bosco School, and later from Hatboro-Horsham High School in 1967.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps after graduation, he was deployed to Vietnam in July 1968. On October 1, 1968, Pfc. Lannon was killed in combat in Quang Nam, South Vietnam.

His sacrifice will now be remembered in a community tribute on May 21.

Representative Tom Murt (Montgomery/Philadelphia) introduced a bill in 2009 to name the bridge in Lannon's honor. It passed the House and Senate in 2010 and was signed by Gov. Ed Rendell.

"Some of us are old enough to remember Joseph's sacrifice and the other lives lost during the Vietnam War," Murt said. "By dedicating this bridge in Joseph's name, future generations will be reminded of the sacrifice made during that conflict. Joseph will represent all the young people who gave their lives during the war."

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COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines,

I just wanted to say thank you for electing me Commandant for this year. Although I've been Commandant a few times before, it is always an honor to have the support and confidence of Marines such as you guys. I will do my best not to let the membership down.

As you all know it is now our BUSY time of the year.

We have the Memorial Day Parade, our Memorial Day Fundraiser and the pistol match--all in the next couple of weeks. After that is the Department Convention and the 4th of July Parade as well as our July highway clean up.

I know that taxes some people but don't worry there is nothing to do in August except come to the meeting.

Speaking of our fund raiser, if you haven't signed up yet, call me so I don't have to come hunt you down. This is our biggest money maker of the year and it requires a lot of the membership to get the job done. I can be reached at 215-343-5609 or 215-262-2015. The answering machine is always on, so leave a message letting me know what time you'll be open for Saturday or Sunday. There are even a few slots open Friday night.

As far as the Memorial Day Pa-

rade goes, we will gather at the Lenape Middle School at 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. We will then decorate the float and get the color guard across to the War Memorial Field by 9 a.m. for the flag raising. After the flag raising we will take the float up to our muster point and get ready for the best parade in the country!

Since we always have the best looking outfit, I encourage you to come out ride the float and make us look even better. There will be cold water and some ginger ale on the float as well as a couple of bags of pretzels. The wreathes we lay at the cemetery and the Viet Nam wall will be made by my wife, Suzanne, again. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the parade this year. Black trousers/dress blues trousers and short sleeve white shirt with the red cover will be the Uniform of the Day. If you wish to come but have none of the above uniform choices, come anyway we'll give you a flag and put on the float. See you there.

If you have not turned in the money and raffle ticket stubs, bring them to the June meeting. That is the deadline for all tickets and money as they have to be turned in at the Department Convention the following week.

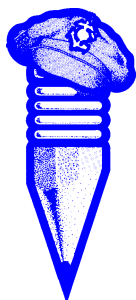
That's all I've got for now. Hope to see you at the State Store and the parade.

Semper Fi,

Budd Pearce
Ellis (Budd) Pearce

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Detachment Web Site
at:
www.mclcb.org

MAY DETACHMENT MEETING



MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 11, 2011, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown.

There were 12 members present including all officers except the Quartermaster. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Jim Powell, and Bob Sundling; Past Department of New Jersey/Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth; Department Southeast Division Vice Commandant/Past Commandant Bill Miller; and Marine of the Year Jack Gentile.**

New Member: William G. McBride (of Warrington) was unanimously accepted as a member.

The **Minutes** of the April Meeting were unanimously approved.

The **Paymaster's Report** was presented and unanimously accepted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Budd Pearce reported our Memorial Day Fund-Raiser was set for the State Store in Doylestown/Cross Keys. He needs volunteers to help with this, our major fund-raiser, from Thursday, May 26, through Sunday, May 29. Contact him at 215-343-5609 to volunteer.

*The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30. Muster at Lenape Junior High Parking Lot between 8:15- 8:30 a.m.

*The Flag-Raising at War Memorial Field will take place at 9 a.m.

Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier reported the Detachment strength at 67 including 28 Life Members, 31 Regular Members, 2 Dual Members, 5 Associate Members, and 1 Honorary Member. There are three members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported he would try to put together a fund-raiser at the State Store in Newtown over the Memorial Day weekend. If you can volunteer some time to assist, call him at 215-968-2291.

*Tickets are still available for the Department Raffle. Monies must be turned in at the June Meeting.

The Adjutant/Paymaster reported the United Veterans of Doylestown member units had been invited to hold a fund-raiser at the Bucks County Antique Gallery on Skyline Drive in Chalfont on June 4 from noon to 6 p. m. He recommended the Detachment use this as an opportunity to raise funds for our "Rose Program." Volunteers are needed to help with manning the table for this event. Contact him at: 2125-822-6898 if you can help.

*The Detachment has been asked to support the "Send a Marine to A Ball game" effort as advertised in "Semper Fi"--the League magazine.

*The Department Convention is set for 22-26 June in New Cumberland.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, reported the Detachment had no known legal problems.

Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr. reported he had sent a letter on behalf of the Detachment to Paul Hastings.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, reported there had been no requests for the Color Guard since the last meeting.

In the absence of **Quartermaster Corey Fisher**, it was reported that Quartermaster had \$102.00 in sales last month.

The **Public Relations Officer** set May 20 as the deadline for submitting material for the June *Listen Up!*

*The Detachment has been invited to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Chalfont-New Britain.

*The Marine Corps League National Convention will be held in Boise, ID, and the ubiquitous "they" is seeking ads for the Reunion book.

Junior Past Commandant Jim Powell reported the Hospitality Committee for the Department is seeking liquor donations. If you have liquor you can donate, contact him at 215-862-6280.

*He is also attempting to identify members of the Detachment who have EXACTLY 25 years of

membership this year. Anyone with knowledge about this, please contact him ASAP.

*A Department ByLaws change to be dealt with at the Department Convention is increasing the Department Districts from five to ten.

*Another proposed change is to reduce voting from one vote per Delegated to one vote per Detachment.

*He also announced several fund-raising activities by other Detachments.

Southeast District Vice Commandant Bill Miller reported on the annual Southeast District Meeting on May 1 hosted by the Chester County Detachment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Young Marines Coordinator Bob Sundling reported on the changes in meetings and activities for the Liberty Young Marines brought about by the transfer of MAG-49 from Willow Grove.

Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Budd Pearce reported on the highway clean-up on Apr. 30. He thanked all those members who turned out for the clean-up.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and unanimously approved to take a Business Card-size ad in the National Convention Book.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to purchase one "Send A Marine to A Ball game" ticket from the Detachment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8.

Bestowing Honor on Those Who Gave to the Corps

by Sgt. Jimmy D. Shea

Headquarters Marine Corps

ARLINGTON, VA--Since the Honorary Marine Program's inception in 1992, the Marine Corps has awarded the title, Honorary Marine, to individuals in the civilian community who have made extraordinary contributions to the Corps.

"The title of Honorary Marine is different from actual Marine," said **Staff Sergeant Matthew Shelato**, Community Relations Chief for Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps. "They're not receiving a paycheck or housing allowance but a title of respect for doing amazing things for Marines."

The Marine Corps has awarded the title to 71 individuals ranging from the flag raising on Iwo Jima photographer, **Joe Rosenthal**, to philanthropist and famous actor, **Chuck Norris**.

"Everyone knows how difficult it is to become a Marine, so to be called an Honorary Marine is even greater," said Shelato.

According to Marine Corps Order 5060.19B, only Commanding Generals, Commanding Officers, Officers-in-Charge and retired General Officers are authorized to nominate individuals deemed deserving of the title Honorary Marine.

A decision is normally made within 45 days after submission of a nomination package.

"The only approving authority for the program is the Commandant of the Marine Corps," said Shelato.

"He has eyes on every single package and makes sure that it's a good thing for the Marine Corps and the community."

The order also states the qualifying criteria for nomination.

A terminally ill child who has a unique link to the military or the Corps, an individual who has given extraordinary support to the Corps or deceased individuals whose actions on behalf of the Corps would have merited consideration.

The most recent Honorary Marine, **Ike Skelton**, former United States Representative for Missouri's 4th congressional district and former Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, was awarded the title Dec. 1, 2010.

Skelton is the first U.S. Congressman to be awarded the Honorary Marine title.

"It was a thrill of a lifetime receiving this award," said Skelton.

"Knowing Marines and the type of people they are, it's as special as it comes."

Skelton's appreciation for the military was made apparent throughout his time in Congress.

"He has made a life-time commitment to the armed services, the people who serve and their families," according to a recommendation letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps. "Skelton is, in many ways, the father of the modern Professional Military Education system."

The Professional Military Education system prepares military officers for leadership. It includes various basic level courses for junior officers, command and staff colleges for mid-level officers, and war colleges for senior officers.

Skelton helped improve and evolve and the system, including emphasizing education in modern day strategy and joint matters.

For individuals who have supported the Marine Corps through extraordinary service as Skelton has, the Honorary Marine Program is the Corps' way of thanking them.

"It makes the recipient extremely proud to be associated with America's Marines," said Skelton. "It's difficult to describe it adequately because it is such an honor and it comes to very few people."

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However, MARADMIN 245/11 provides revised criteria by which Marine commanders will apply the second of these eligibility requirements to cases of mTBI/concussion where the visible signs and symptoms of the severity of the injury may not be apparent.

“The Marine Corps will continue to maintain the importance of the Purple Heart Medal at the same level as when it was first approved for combat wounded Marines during World

War II,” said Freund.

Marines should refer to MARADMIN 245/11 for specific award criteria and reclama submission information: <http://www.marines.mil/news/messages/Pages/MARADMIN245-11.aspx/>.

Reclamas can be scanned and e-mailed to hqmc.manpower.ph_mTBI_reclama@usmc.mil (underscores before and after “mTBI”), or sent via regular post to Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA), Headquarters Marine Corps, 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, VA, 22134.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**MEMORIAL DAY
30 MAY**

**MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE
30 MAY**

**ROSE PROGRAM
FUND RAISER
4 JUNE**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
8 JUNE**

**FLAG DAY
14 JUNE**

**FATHER'S DAY
19 JUNE**

**FIRST DAY
OF SUMMER
21 JUNE**

**DEPARTMENT
CONVENTION
22-26 JUNE**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
4 JULY**

**TRI-MUNICIPAL
PARADE
4 JULY**

**DETACHMENT
MEETING
13 JULY**

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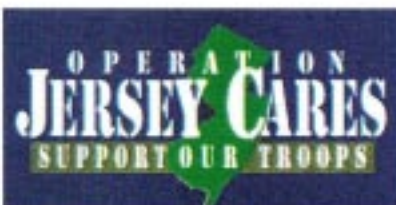
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Colonel Jack H. Jacobs

&



Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Fazen

Colonel Jack H. Jacobs

*U.S. Army, Platoon leader in the
82nd Airborne Division,
Battalion Executive Officer in
the 7th Infantry Division, and a Battalion
Commander for 10th Infantry Regiment
in Panama.*

Recipient of:

*Medal Of Honor (1969) For Actions
In Vietnam, Two Silver Stars, Three
Bronze Stars, and Two Purple Hearts*

Lieutenant Colonel Robert P. Fazen

*U.S. Army- Served in Vietnam, Korea.
Served as a professor at the U.S.
Military Academy and Rutgers. Served as Deputy
Chief of Staff at Fort Dix. Served as Company
Commander and Aide-de-Camp to the
Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division
at Fort Bragg.*

Recipient of:

*The Bronze Star and two Meritorious Service
Medals*

We would like to welcome you, your family, and friends to
Celebrate and Salute all of our Veterans. We owe them the respect
and gratitude they have earned by defending our country and for
all of the freedoms we enjoy today!

After the celebration,
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Veteran Parade Contact: Joe Yuzalik 732-563-4012

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\$3.50

DETACHMENT LICENSE PLATE



\$10.00

\$15.00

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I hereby apply for membership in the **CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT**, Marine Corps League, and enclose **\$35.00** for one year's membership (which includes subscription to **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MAGAZINE**).

I hereby certify I have served as a U.S. Marine for more than 90 days, 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)



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