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Commandant's Report August 2006

I want to thank all who took part in the 4th of July parade. It was not as hot as years before, but nevertheless it was hot. Our wagon is taking off greater than I expected. Our Jr. Vice can still use help, please contact him. Our Honor Guard keeps doing us proud, about half of these members with the Alliance are in their eighties or close to it and still they come out in all kinds of weather. The Knights contacted me and asked if we would consider changing our meeting night. The reason is that they (The Knights) have a senior group that has offered them more money for Tuesday nights.

Now this is not etched in stone, it might not work out, and if that is the case we will remain the same. If we do have to move our night, the staff and I were thinking about either the FIRST Monday or Third Wednesday. We are split on this, but rest assured, NO decision will be made without the membership's involvement.

This coming meeting on the 1st of August will be a little different. In attendance will be Congressman Curt Weldon, guests from our brother Detachments, plus members of other Veterans organizations. This IS NOT a campaign stop. The Congressman's intention is to inform us of the current affairs of the Nation. Our officers will do their best to keep their reports short and to the point. I would like to see a good turnout of our Detachment. If you can't drive let us know and we will make arrangements to pick you up.

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God Bless & Semper Fi,
Jim Alleva
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Sr. Vice Report

Starting with the August 1st general meeting John Cook will start a sign-up sheet and seating chart for our **BirthDay Ball**. This year's Ball will again be held at the Knights of Columbus, the date is set for November 4. Jim Alleva and I are working on the caterers and DJ and as soon as everything is confirmed the price will be set. We will try our best to keep the price the same as last year.

As mentioned in my report at the June meeting, the funds collected for the spring dinner continue to come up short of the cost. It was agreed that next year the cost will go from \$10 to \$12 and we will continue to provide the dinners for the scholarship recipients and their parents or two guests at no cost to them.

Our next general meeting in August will be the last chance for signing up for the combined picnic at the Delco Detachment home in Upland. The date is Saturday, August 19 from 1300 to 1600 and the cost is \$10, not due till the day of the picnic.

Dan Luty

Jr. Vice Report

Fellow Marine Corps League members it is once again time to review our success over the last month. There is much to be proud of in so much as the efforts made by members to support the detachment. The June Lottery is over and we collected representative funds to add to our charity work. That work would not have been as successful had it not been for Ben Sides efforts to communicate to the winners in the most efficient and purposeful way through out the entire month of June. Thanks Ben!!!!!! July has kicked off our annual Wagon fund raiser, and what's so encouraging is that not only the old guard participating, but we have some great new additions that are more then welcome. For those of you who are new, I say welcome and thank you on behalf of our Board. Our campaign is moving along very well, with a few new changes that have made the job not only more efficient, but more profitable and pleasurable. If we continue to support each other in this endeavor to succeed with our major fund raiser, we will all be proud of reaching the goal

of 30% more then we collected last year in fewer man hours and with greater efficiency.

Once again, I stress the need for continued support for the Wagon fund raiser, but now it is the time to earnestly tool up for our annual Marine Corps Ball Program book of ads. Please ask me to email you forms for the ads so you can start selling those who have promised to continue in their support of the League. Steve Neri has traditionally brought in a large number of ads, and I would expect him to continue to show his support in bringing home the bacon once again this year. Not only has he brought in ads from our governmental politicians, he has sent out a general letter to all the funeral directors in our area, asking for their support with an ad. Once again Steve, we all look forward to your getting behind this year's efforts to have a successful Ad book, and we thank you for all your previous work. Not to be under sold, but Dave Brimble, Harry Kaufman and Tom Kerrigan held our banner high with their great efforts in selling ads. If it weren't for them, we would have truly been in trouble, so I hope that they in turn will come on board this year bringing their ads to the table for the detachment. They deserve a big round of applause for their previous effort on behalf of the detachment.

Our schedule for the wagon fund raiser for July & August will be as follows:

July 22nd will be a new site, Gentiles.

July 29th Acme Paoli

August 5th Acme Broomall

Aug. 12th Pathmark Glenolden

Aug. 19th Super Fresh Gladwyn

Aug. 26th Acme Devon/Kmart

Please note that this schedule is revised to add Gentiles on the 22nd of July and all others are as published above. Bob Stanton, you will have to tell your Young Marines that they should meet on the 29th at the Acme in Paoli instead of the Pathmark Glenolden which will be on Aug.12th.

I appreciate everyone's efforts to pull together. Let's continue the great effort to provide for our memorable charities and good deeds in the community.

Semper Fi

Jeremy Leon

Jr. Vice Commandant.

Commandant's Message August 2006

As we see in the news, the world is in bad shape. It is important more than ever that we as a Veterans organization do what we can to support our Country and its troops. We are always looking for righteous, charitable organizations that help serve our troops and their families. If anyone has knowledge of such groups, please let us know.

Our membership is doing well. Please check your membership renewal date to see if you are due for renewal. We are trying to make it easy for all of you. On the address label right across from your name you will see a digit from 1 to 12 this being your expiration month. This will be a permanent feature. You can see our paymaster or Sr. Vice at the meeting or, send it to our PO BOX, attention paymaster.

Our Sr. Vice has a picnic coming up at the Upland Detachment. We will get a chance to meet our brothers from Upper Darby and Upland. I encourage all that can make it to do so. Please contact the Jr. Vice to put your name on the list.

I cannot say enough on the GREAT job all of our officers are doing for you, but as always, they can use your help with our wagon, the ball, Honor Guard, etc. In this issue you will see a list of the officers and committee heads. See what you would like to do and contact them.

Once again our AD book is coming up. We have our regulars that we can always count on, but again take an ad form, ask your barber, insurance agent, doctor, bookie, whoever you know, you will be surprised.

Again, I ask all to pray for the state of our world, our country and our troops. Ask God to intervene and to give insight to these leaders of the countries involved. If you have to go to war it means you have failed in diplomacy. Unfortunately, we have some leaders that don't know what diplomacy means and that is why we have MARINES!

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant: Jim Alleva
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dan Luty
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jeremy Leon
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Paymaster: Ben Sides
Judge Advocate: Rick Van Luvender
Chaplain: Christopher D. Bush
Sergeant At Arms: James D. Ross
Service Officer: Connie McGinley
Director: Paul Donohue
Director: Earle Drake
Director: Bernard McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant: Bob Spano

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble
Americanism: William Lessig
Auxiliary Liaison: Anthony Fusto
Awards: Bob Spano
Ceremonies: George Van Dusen
Ceremonies Assistant: Ben Sides
Color Guard: Jim Alleva
Flag Collection - Barry Reese
Historian: John J. V. Cook
Honor Guard: John J. V. Cook
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan
Legislative: Bernie McGinley
Locker Box: Tom Lynch
Marksmanship: Earle Drake
Membership- Bob Spano
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer
Property: Dave Brimble
Public Relations: Steve Neri
Scholarships: Dave Williams
Scouting: John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty
Uniforms: Bernie McGinley
VAVS: Robert Matthews
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

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| Veterans' Healthcare | 800-222-8387 |
| Education | 888-442-4511 |
| Grave Markers | 800-697-6947 |
| Life Insurance | 800-669-8477 |
| Website | www.va.gov |

The SAGA OF THE "WILLIE D"

(Continued)

Captain Walter's final utterance to the Iowa, in response to the question about the origin of the torpedo, was a weak, "We did it". Shortly thereafter, the brand new destroyer, her Captain and the entire crew were placed under arrest and sent to Bermuda for trial. It was the first time that a ship's company had been arrested in the history of the U.S. Navy. The ship was surrounded by marines when it docked in Bermuda, and held there several days as the closed session inquiry attempted to determine what had happened. Torpedoman Dawson eventually confessed to having inadvertently left the primer in the torpedo tube, which caused the launching. Dawson had thrown the used primer over the side to conceal his mistake.

The whole incident was chalked up to an unfortunate set of circumstances and placed under a cloak of secrecy. Someone had to be punished! Captain Walker and several other Porters and sailors eventually found themselves in obscure short assignments. Dawson was sentenced to 14 years hard labor. President Roosevelt intervened; however, asking that no punishment be meted out for what was clearly an accident.

The destroyer was banished to the upper Aleutians. It probably thought this was as safe a place as any for the ship and anyone who came near her. She remained in the frozen north for almost a year, until late 1944, when she was reassigned to the Western Pacific.

Before leaving the Aleutians, she accidentally left her calling card in the form of a five-inch shell fired into the front yard of the American base commander, thus rearranging his flower garden.

In December, 1944, she joined the Philippine invasion forces and acquitted herself quite well. She distinguished herself by shooting down a number of attacking Japanese aircraft. Regrettably, after the war, it was reported that she also shot down three American planes. This was a common event on ships, as many gunners, fearful of kamikazes, had nervous trigger fingers.

In April, 1945, the destroyer was assigned to support the invasion of Okinawa. By this time, the greeting "Don't Shoot, We're Republicans" was commonplace and the crew of the Willie D had become used to the ribbing. But the crew of her sister ship, U.S.S. Luce...DD 522, was not so polite in its salutations after the Porter accidentally riddled her side and superstructure with gunfire.

On 10 June, 1945, the Porter's hard luck finally ran out. She was sunk by a plane which had (unintentionally) attacked underwater. A Japanese bomber made almost entirely of wood and canvas slipped through the Navy's defense, having little in the way of metal surfaces; the plane did not register on radar. A fully loaded Kamikaze, it was headed for a ship near the Porter, but just at the last moment veered away and crashed along side the unlucky destroyer. There was a sigh of relief as the plane sunk out of sight, but then it blue up underneath the Porter, opening her hull in the worst possible location.

Three hours after the last man was off board, the Captain jumped to the safety of a rescue vessel and the ship that almost change world history slipped astern into 2,400 feet of water. Not a single soul was lost in the sinking. After everything else that happened, it was almost as if the ship decided to let her crew off at the end.

POST NOTE....

U.S.S. Luce...DD522 was sunk on 4 May 1945, Okinawa Area, when hit by two Japanese Kamikaze planes. Crew of 312 Officers and Men, 126 went down with the ship.

Based on "Amusing Naval History" by Kit Bonner....John J.V. Cook
Published with his consent.

It Happened This Month In Marine Corps History

- 2ND 1950 - The first Marine Brigade landed at Pusan, Korea one month after being alerted.
- 5th 1864 - Union and Confederate Marines faced off at the battle of Mobile Bay in Alabama
- 12th 1918 - The Secretary of the Navy authorized the enlistment of Women in the Marine Corps
- 23rd 1798 - The first headquarters of the Marine Corps was established in Philadelphia PA.

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

August

- 1st General Meeting K of C- 1930
- 5th Wagon Sales
- 6-12th National Convention- Quincy, MA.
- 12th Wagon Sales
- 14th Bingo Night- Coatesville. PA-Meet @ 1830-
Knights-
- 19th Joint MCL Picnic- Upland Det. 1300-1600
- 19th Wagon Sales
- 26th Wagon Sales
- 29th Staff Meeting- AL #805- 1930

*** See the JR. Vice Report for wagon locations****

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post # 118, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 2000.

American Legion: Broomall Post # 805, 2340 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930.

American Legion Nunan-Slook Post # 338, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM of every month at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenue's, Havertown, PA.

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 8 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post # 338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67, 2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA.

Delaware County Detachment, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$5.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound # 19, Pack of Penna., Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd & Kendron Avenue, Folsom, PA.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post # 7390, Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Building., Sproul & Springfield Roads, Broomall, PA.

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council # 4129, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

STOLEN VALOR

The Medal of Honor Society reports that there are 113 living recipients of the nation's highest military award, but an FBI agent said imposters out-number the true heroes. "There are more and more of these imposters....literally stealing the valor of the real guys," said Tom Cottone, who tracks such pretenders in addition to his work on an FBI violent crime squad in West Paterson, NJ. Some fakers merely brag about receiving the award—which is not illegal—but some imposters wear military uniforms and bogus medals. The number of imposters is impossible to know, but about 25 investigations are pending, said Cottone, who has been investigating fakers since 1995.

Congress increased the maximum penalty for fraudulently wearing the Medal of Honor in 1994 to a year in prison and a \$1,000.00 fine. But there's no such penalty for wearing other unearned medals, and it's still legal to lie about getting the Medal of Honor.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and other veterans groups are looking to change that.

Rep. John Salazar, D-Colorado, is sponsoring the Stolen Valor Act to penalize distributors of phony medals and those who pretend to be decorated veterans. His bill would make it illegal to make a false public claim to be a recipient of any military award, such as the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Silver Star or Purple Heart.

*Marine Corps Times....May 22, 2006
submitted by John J.V. Cook*

Korean War Ceremony Press Release

By Stephen D. Neri

Veterans of "The Forgotten War" to receive special recognition from State Representative William F. Adolph, Jr. (R) of the 165th Legislative District.

All Korean War Veterans living in the 165th District (Marple Twp., Morton Borough, Radnor Twp. & Springfield Twp.) will be given well deserved and long overdue recognition for their service; on Wednesday August 30th, 2006, at 10:00 AM, at the Springfield Country Club. State Representative Bill Adolph, a perennial supporter of veterans programs, stated the courageous and dedicated sacrifices of these Korean Veterans have been overlooked far too long. They were the original "Warriors" of the Cold War, halting a vastly numerically superior Communist invasion force, and blunted the Communist's expansion in Asia. These Veterans underwent hardships that are legend today.

The Korean War began on June 25, 1950 and ended July 27, 1953, resulting in a total of 54,246 American casualties. Following the end of World War II in 1945, the United States had not considered the possibilities of any major future conflicts, leaving the United States military under manned and poorly prepared. Korea proved to be the first war of the Cold War era, which ended 36 years later in 1989.

The exploits of these veterans may be found in many history books and movies, with evocative and unforgettable names such as Heartbreak Ridge, Porkchop Hill, The Iron Triangle, Mig Alley, Inchon and the Chosin Reservoir.

Greetings from the Delaware County Young Marines!



This past month found us camping at Ridley Creek State Park during one of the rainiest weekends so far this season. In spite of the rain, we all had a great time and are looking forward to our next campout at the park hopefully in September.

We broke camp early and headed over to help out with the Morton AmVet's Pig Roast.

We were proud to march in Marple-Newtown's 4th of July Parade. It is always an honor and pleasure to participate in activities with the members of the Detachment.

In just a few weeks (6-12 August), our Unit will be heading to Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA to participate in the PA Regimental Encampment. We're looking forward to meeting other Young Marine Units from across PA and going up against them in several competitions ... drill, Color Guard and PT to name a few. We also hope to gain knowledge on such things as compass and map reading. It's also a chance to make new friends, some of which will last a lifetime.

Once again, we'll be helping out whenever we can with the Wagon ticket sales. Commander Stanton has already signed us up for July ... hopefully we'll have a great turnout and sell lots of chances! Until then ...

Semper Fi

1stSgt. Timothy Dunton

Attention All Members!

Come and help with the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

We will be meeting on August 6th at 0900 hours at Bishop Hollow Road.

We are grateful for all who can help, and would especially like to see some new faces!

If you have any questions, call Dave Brimble @ 610.356.0851.



New Member

Please add his information to your membership list.

Joe Sestak (USN) Assoc. Member
700 Avondale Rd. Apt. 3E
Wallingford, PA 19086
610-731-4010

“SCUTTLEBUTT” BOOSTER CLUB



*Help support our
newsletter and
become a
member of the
Booster Club!*

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing.

We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

JULY BOOSTERS

Joe Direso, Carol & Tony Coladonato, Florence & Bob Spano, Pat & Joe Mensack, Jerry Powlus, Ben Sides, and Elena & Jim Alleva.

Thank you boosters!

Ben Sides

Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt”
Booster, please see Ben Sides.*

Quotes in History...

“Our peculiar security is in the possession of a Constitution. Let us not make it a blank paper by construction.” Thomas Jefferson

“A society that puts equality....ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom.”
Milton Friedman

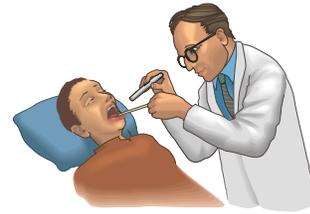
“But if we are to be told by a foreign Power...what we should do, and what we should not do, we have Independence yet to seek, and have contended hitherto for very little.”
George Washington

“I will venture to assert that no combination of designing men under heaven will be capable of making a government unpopular which is in its principles a wise and good one, and vigorous in its operations.”

Alexander Hamilton

~~~submitted by Steve Neri

## SICK CALL



- Frank Di'Bonaventuro
- Jim Duffy.
- Tony Medaglia
- Don Walz
- Matt Balfrey

***Please call or visit any of the above people as they would enjoy hearing from us.***

*Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.*

## **Birthday Greetings for August**

The Detachment staff sends best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

J. Edward Bailey, Jr.  
Christopher Bush  
William Cubit  
Paul Donohue  
John Gingras  
Francis T. Greiser, Sr.  
Thomas Higgins  
William Inverso  
Ralph Lamarra  
Thomas Lynch  
Robert Matthews  
George McCaughan  
Jack McLeod  
Robert Paul  
D. Wayne Williams



***Happy Birthday...and many, many more!***

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**5 July 2006**

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1930, and the usual opening ceremonies were conducted. All officers were present with the exception of Director Donohue and Chaplain Bush. Jerry Powlus served as chaplain for the meeting.

Minutes: Joe Mensack made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. This was seconded by Earle Drake, and the motion passed.

Scholarship Awards: Scholarship awards were presented to two individuals who were not able to attend the scholarship awards presentation in June. Scholarship checks were presented to Lee Ann McGinley and Erica Biacco.

Guest Speaker: Karla Meadows, representing Operation Helmet, an organization providing free helmet upgrades to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, provided information on this project. Discussion followed, with a question and answer session. Bernie McGinley made a motion for the League to donate \$100.00 to this endeavor, and Bob Spano seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was also a passing of the hat and additional funds were also donated.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Jim Alleva expressed his appreciation to Tom Kerrigan and Fred Winterling for their activity in the Fourth of July parade, as well as to George VanDusen and Bob Spano for their efforts in the Fourth of July parade. Others were recognized also. Jim Alleva also mentioned that he has printed versions of the detachment's roster for those who need one.

Sr. Vice: Dan Luty reported on the June bus trip to Harrisburg. He also reported on the June awards dinner, indicating that the League lost some money on the event. Discussion followed, and George Boyajian made a motion to raise the cost of the dinner for next year's event from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Bob Stanton seconded the motion and the motion passed. Harry Kaufman made a motion that the League should pay for the dinners of the scholarship recipients and two guests for each recipient. This was seconded by Bob Stanton, and the motion passed. Dan Luty mentioned that the League's Marine Corps Ball will be held on 4 November 2006. John Cook will handle reservations and seating arrangements.

Jr. Vice: Jerry Leon provided information on the junior troop handler wagon sales, but he stressed the need for additional volunteers to help. He mentioned that

the Young Marines may be able to assist on some of the sites. He mentioned that forms are available for the ads in the program book for the Marine Corps Ball. Jerry Leon also provided the names of the lottery winners for the June lottery.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported on activity with the Young Marines, including a picnic at the VFW post, and a campout at Ridley Creek State Park. He mentioned that the Young Marines would be assisting with the wagon sales at the Glenolden site.

Paymaster: Ben Sides provided the paymaster's report. He mentioned that annual members should pay their annual dues as soon as they become due. He also mentioned that the detachment is doing well on miscellaneous contributions. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. Tom Kerrigan seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read a letter from Beth Anne Keates of the Lansdowne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in which she expressed her appreciation to the League for its participation in their 12<sup>th</sup> annual Flag Day celebration on 14 June 2006. The Color Guard, a rifle salute, and a bugler were all involved from the detachment.

Judge Advocate: Rick VanLuvender indicated that he would provide some information on By-laws changes at our next meeting. He also read a copy of a letter directed to the Upper Darby detachment, requesting permission to conduct wagon sales within its area, specifically in Clifton Heights.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross mentioned that proper decorum should be followed when entering the meeting, after the meeting has already started. The person entering should salute the Sergeant-at-Arms and also the national colors.

Director McGinley: Bernie McGinley mentioned that prior to next month's general meeting, the Directors would conduct the semi-annual locker box audit.

Jr. Past State Commandant: Tom Tanner provided information on the recent State Convention. He distributed two Certificates to the detachment, one including a check for \$100.00 for the detachment's and Bob Matthews' V.A.V.S. activity. He also announced that the detachment had won first place in the state in the Americanism category. Jim Alleva expressed his appreciation to all the members who were responsible for achieving this recognition.

Committee Reports:

Americanism/V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews reported that Americanism has discontinued activity for the summer, and will begin again in the fall. For V.A.V.S., he

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mentioned that the monthly bingo party at Coatesville is scheduled for next Monday, 10 July 2006.

Awards: Bob Spano distributed certificates to several members who had participated in the Marple Township dedication ceremony of the POW/MIA Memorial Plaque. This event was held on 13 May 2006, along with Broomall VFW Post 7390.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen reported on activity during the month of June, including the flag retirement ceremony, the Gold Star recognition ceremony for the Fordyce family, the Flag Day ceremony on 14 June, and the Policeman and Fireman of the Year ceremony for Newtown Square on 26 June 2006. He also mentioned that 24 military funerals were conducted, and the year to date figure is 156. George VanDusen also expressed his appreciation to Ben Sides for cleaning six rifles.

Home Association: Tom Kerrigan reported that the Knights of Columbus has approached the detachment about changing its meeting night. The Knights have another organization that has requested use of the hall on every Tuesday evening, and this would provide the Knights with additional income. No decision has been reached on a new meeting night at this time, and this topic will be discussed at the next Staff Meeting, as well as the August General Meeting.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese provided a report on recent activity in this function.

Locker Box: Tom Lynch indicated that he does not have a source for the purchase of red blazers at this time. Additional sources will have to be explored.

Marksmanship: Mike Bodle presented a plaque to the members of the pistol team for coming in first place in a recent state competition. Those members in attendance were Earle Drake and Bob Spano.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Jim Alleva announced a new nominating procedure for the Marine of the Year award. A committee of former Marines of the Year, chaired this year by Bob Spano, will accept written nominations from the membership for the Marine of the Year. The committee will then decide on the top three nominations from the membership. The Marine of the Year will be voted on by the membership from the top three candidates. This new method will see that the general membership is involved in the selection process. Jim Alleva also mentioned that the Welcoming Committee is being re-established. This is to attempt to get new members involved in the activities of the League as soon as they join the League. There was also discussion on a possible

incentive award for gaining new members, but no decision was reached.

Good of the League: Rick VanLuvender provided information on a new endeavor called The Warrior Fund. The purpose of this is to assist with the legal costs for those Marines being held in California, for alleged activities while stationed in Iraq. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Rick VanLuvender also donated two books to the detachment. One is entitled "*General Smedley Darlington Butler: The Letters of a Leatherneck*," and the second is entitled "*No True Glory*."

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2130.

Walt Tallmadge won the 50/50. 36 members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kelly, Adjutant

#### **REMINDER**

This reminder is for those members with an e-mail address.

If you desire to receive the Scuttlebutt by e-mail, and *if you have not already done so*, please send your name and e-mail address to Jack Kelly, Adjutant, at [jpktqbtq@comcast.net](mailto:jpktqbtq@comcast.net). Advantages of receiving the newsletter by e-mail include receiving the newsletter sooner, and in some cases, pictures can be seen in color. For the detachment, it reduces the cost of printing the newsletter, and it saves on postal costs.

#### **Guidelines for Submission of Articles & Photos for inclusion in "Scuttlebutt"**

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- The preferred format for photos is digital in a high resolution JPG file (other file formats will also be considered). Traditional photos may be submitted as well, and will be included only if the editor is able to scan the photo in a timely matter for publication.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to [sandi@lancasterpa.net](mailto:sandi@lancasterpa.net)



**Marine Corps League**

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