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## Commandant's Message March 2003

Our country is facing the prospect of another war in the Middle East, and our military is once again going in harm's way. As veterans, we are aware of the many hardships for our military and the great amount of controversy this situation brings for our leaders. Let us keep in mind that it is vital that we always show support for our military in every way possible. Our troops must never have doubts about that support. This is the time for all of us to join together and do what we can for not only our troops but also for their families both here and abroad.

This is the perfect time for us to get involved both financially and physically in that effort. How can we do this, you may ask.

At times like this, the USO is strained both in their budget and for volunteers. If we have a war, there will be a definite need for blood donors. Some organizations have started a drive to send packages of comfort items to our troops, also cards and greetings. We must also remember the families of those who are serving. It makes it so much easier for the serviceman or woman to know that the folks back home are looking after their families.

As the Commandant, I know all too well that this detachment has a very full schedule, but I believe, and I feel confident, that many of you will agree that there is room in that busy schedule for these most important causes. I urge you to give these matters your earnest considerations and to contact me or any of our officers with your thoughts, ideas or suggestions.

Thank you

May God bless America, our military and our leaders.

**Semper Fi,  
Stephen D. Neri  
Commandant**



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## Commandant's Report

Our installation of officers was held last month; the installation team was PC Harry Kaufman, PC Robert Bounce and past MOY George Van Dusen. Since we had no candidates for Sr.Vice Commandant, I have with the full support of the staff, appointed Richard VanLuvender to that position. I have also appointed Bernard McGinley as our Legislative Chairman. All other Chairmen from last year shall remain.

The January meeting is also when we have our annual awards ceremony, I believe this year's event was well conducted by the Awards Chairman. The detachment recognized our Auxiliary Unit with an award and also our Young Marines. A special recognition and plaque was awarded to Sandra Mauer, our Scuttlebutt editor and webmaster. Also, recognized for all his support and dedication, Bob Bunce. The Commandant's Award went to PC Harry Kaufman for all his many years of unselfish dedication and service to this detachment. Our "Marine of the Year" for 2002 is a most deserving individual and tireless leader of the Military Funerals Honor Detail, George VanDusen. Congratulations to all.

The staff has prepared our budget for this year and completed the financial audit. Copies of the budget are available from the paymaster.

In my last report I spoke of the addition to rear of this building. The necessary funds are set aside in this budget with the approval of the general membership. I would once again urge the approval for this project. It will be very beneficial to the to the detachment in so many ways.

Last year, 2002 was a very busy, successful and exciting year for us and prospects for this year look even brighter.

Please remember all the fine young Americans serving our country keep them in your hearts and prayers.

*SEMPER FI,*

Stephen D. Neri



## Facts in History

When the 13 colonies were still part of England, Professor Alexander Tyler wrote about the fall of the Athenian Republic over 2000 years previous to that time:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship."

These nations have progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith  
From spiritual faith to great courage  
From courage to liberty  
From liberty to abundance  
From abundance to selfishness  
From selfishness to complacency  
From complacency to apathy  
From apathy to dependency  
From dependency back to bondage.

*submitted by Mike Horne*

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### SICK CALL

Larry Hart is recuperating from Liver surgery. He is at Saunders House Nursing Home. Hopefully he will be home by the time you get this report.

Paul Hathaway is home now, he has been in Chemotherapy.

George McClay is at Bryn Mawr Rehab, he is recovering from heart by-pass surgery.

Tom Kerrigan was in an auto accident in Florida. He is okay, mostly bumps and bruises.

PLEASE keep these members in your prayers.

*If you know of a Detachment member who is sick or in the hospital, please let me know as soon as possible.*

*Note: The Chaplain's phone number is 610.353.5569.*

**Chris Bush**  
Chaplain

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### MARCH

- 04 General Meeting-1930-Knights of Columbus Hall
- 10 VAVS Bingo Party-1900-Coatesville VA Hospital
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Party-1900-Coatesville VA Hospital
- 25 Staff Officers & Chairmen's Meeting-1930-AL Post 805

### APRIL

- 01 General Meeting-1930-Knights of Columbus Hall
- 29 Staff Officers & Chairmen's Meeting-1930-AL Post 805

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## 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 W. Chester Pike, Broomall, PA  
Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930

##### **Disabled American Veterans: Delaware County Chapter # 113**

Meetings are held at the AmVets Post in Morton, PA on the second Monday of every month at 2000

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

##### **Delaware County Detachment**

Breakfast, 3rd Sunday every month  
Det. Home, Upland, PA.

##### **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 in Folsom, PA.

##### **Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post # 7390**

Meetings the second Thursday of the month 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Bldg. Sproul & Springfield Rds. Broomall, PA

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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

### **Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council # 4129**

327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA  
Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

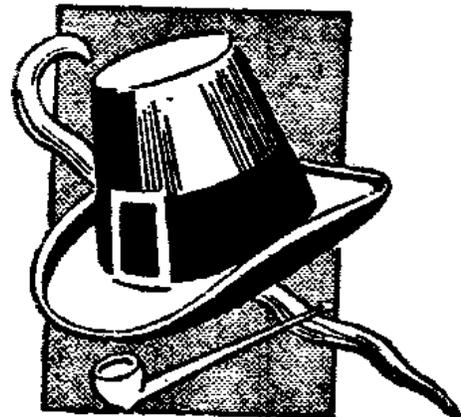
Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$5.00 a person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MARCH

- 15 St. Patrick's Day Irish stew dinner  
1800-2000 hrs. Delaware County Detachment, Upland, PA  
\$8.00 per person at the door
- 15 St. Patrick's Day Dinner dance  
1930-2330 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus \$20.00 per person  
Call Armand Ruggeri at 610.449.8920 for reservations
- 29 Chester County Detachment – Marine of the Year Roast of Jim Miller – Coatesville Country Club, 143 Reservoir Rd., Coatesville, PA  
Cocktails 1730-1830, Dinner 1830-1930, \$20 per person. Call Dennis Brown for reservations 610.692.4782



## WORLD WAR II MEDAL OF HONOR HERO "AN EAGLE AT LAST"

### ***Boy Scouts Award a Marine Hero With His Eagle Rank 67 Years Later***

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 11, 2003-The North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced Feb. 11, 2003, that the BSA National Advancement Committee has met and approved awarding the rank of Eagle Scout to retired Marine Col. Mitchell Paige. Paige earned his Eagle rank in 1936 as a student at McKeesport High School in McKeesport, Pa. Because he joined the U. S. Marine Corp upon graduation, he never had the opportunity to receive his Eagle Scout award.

Paige is a World War II Marine hero who earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest decoration during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942. "He had completed all the requirements for the Eagle rank when he was in high school, 67 years ago, but paperwork was never submitted to the Boy Scouts National Council for processing," said John Reesor, Scout Executive of the North Florida Council Boy Scouts of America in Jacksonville.

Paige represents what the public all looks for in an American hero - love of country and devotion to duty. He symbolizes the first line of the Scout Oath, which says - On my Honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.... These are the values of Scouting and the same values Mitchell Paige demonstrated during the battle of Guadalcanal.

Thomas A. Cottone, Jr., a Special Agent with the FBI, was instrumental in getting the necessary documentation to clear the way for Paige to receive his Eagle Scout rank.

"The colonel and I were at a Medal of Honor Society event and noticed another Medal of Honor recipient wearing his Eagle badge along with his Medal of Honor. I told the colonel I was an Eagle Scout, and he told me his story. He had earned the badge in 1936, but never got it because he had to report to the Marines. Eagle Scouts stick together just like the Marines do, so I went to work to establish the facts that he had completed the requirements. His Scoutmaster, who was also his high school principal, had passed away, but I was able to find one of his classmates to verify his story. She was present the day the principal announced that Paige had completed his qualification for the rank of Eagle Scout, and

would soon be receiving his Eagle Scout award. This Eagle ceremony will really mean a lot to him. It will be a big day for the Boy Scouts, too," Cottone said.

Paige was a Marine platoon sergeant in World War II and received the Medal of Honor for holding the Kola Ridge position defending Henderson Field against overwhelming Japanese forces. Then Sgt. Paige was in command of a machine gun position when the enemy broke through the line directly in front of him and either killed or wounded all of his men. Alone, against the Japanese onslaught he fought, moving from machine gun to machine gun, never ceasing his fire. Forming a new line, he then led a bayonet charge driving the enemy back and preventing a breakthrough in our lines.

This action was instrumental in defending Henderson Field, a strategic airfield on Guadalcanal that controlled the sealanes to Australia. Had Henderson Field fallen to the enemy, the course of the War in the Pacific could have been much different.

"That was an Eagle Scout fighting on that ridge on Guadalcanal in 1942. I can think of no greater event to promote the standards and ideals of the Boy Scouts of America than to welcome this true American hero into the ranks of Eagle Scouts," Cottone said.

"The North Florida Council Boy Scouts of America is truly honored to have been asked to play a role in this endeavor. Colonel Paige epitomizes everything that the Boy Scouts stand for, and is a living tribute to every Eagle Scout," said retired Navy Capt. Bill McCamy who served as the co-coordinator for the special ceremony.

Source [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil)  
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## TRIVIA AND MORE

### WHAT YOU KNOW AND THINK YOU KNOW!

1. In what war was the color Khaki first used?
2. Soldiers of what nation do not have to salute officers and are paid overtime for K.P. and other undesirable duties?
3. When World War II ended in 1945, how many enlisted men and women were in the nation's service?
4. On TV's "The Honeymooners", who earned more money, bus driver Kramden, or sewer worker, Norton?
5. Why is a car's instrument panel called a dashboard?
6. What are the plastic or metal tips on shoelaces called?
7. In "Citizen Kane" (CB) slang, what does "what's a bear bite"?
8. How did the manufacturers of Old Granddad bourbon get away with producing whiskey during prohibition?
9. What American brewery was the first to market beer in a bottle?
10. What President signed the first federal income tax law - three percent on incomes over \$600,000

### **ANSWERS NEXT ISSUE.**

*submitted by Harry Kaufman, PC*

## Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered!



Here is an update on our unit's upcoming events.

On 29 January, we will be holding our swim qualification that will consist of required

distances based on rank, survival swimming, rescue techniques and combat swimming.

On 5 February, we will be holding our drill at the U. S. Marine Reserve Center in Folsom at 18:30. If you know of any youths who would be interested in joining, please send them out.

We have some field deployments for survival, motivational hikes, land navigation courses and camping coming up in the next month.

On behalf of the Young Marines, we would like to thank all of those brave men and women in uniform who have served our nation; you are the defenders of our freedom and you are our heroes. I am very proud to call myself an American and I feel a great deal of pride when I am in uniform, knowing that I represent the world's finest fighting force who will keep the peace and go to far away lands so that others don't have to. I get choked up whenever I hear "Proud to be an American," or the National Anthem because I am just that...proud to be an American. We cannot thank enough all those who have gone and who are deployed right now; it is because of you we can be free and proud to be who we are; it is because of you peace can be achieved; it is because of you we can sleep at night with a blanket of protection you provide. God bless and Godspeed.

*Gunnery Sergeant Wayne Williams*  
**Delaware County Young Marines**  
**Semper Fidelis**

#### **Answers to last month's trivia...**

1. U.S.S. Nevada
2. The Coast Guard Academy, July 1976
3. Soloman's Wisdom, Hercules' Strength, Atlas' Stamina, Zeus' Power, Achilles' Courage, and Mercury's Speed.
4. Edgar Allen Poe
5. Heavyweight boxer John L. Sullivan
6. The La Salle. He sang "Gee, our old LaSalle was great!".
7. "Trusty Scout"
8. The Paper Clip
9. Chewing gum; the machines were installed in New York City train platforms in 1888.
10. Sears Roebuck - The car "Allstate" was built by Kaiser-Frazer Corporation.

## **DID YOU KNOW?...**

### **Origins of the Log Book**

The book in which the quartermaster and watch officer enter the occurrences on their watch; the official history and record of the vessel's voyage.

In the early days of sailing ships, the ship's records were written on shingles cut from logs. These shingles were hinged and opened like a book. The record was called a "log book". Afterwards when paper became available and bound into books, the record maintained the name, logbook.

### **DID YOU KNOW?...**

That seven Civil War veterans went on to become President of the United States.

U.S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Andrew Johnson.

Emil Frey, Civil War veteran, also became President...of Switzerland. He is the only Civil War veteran known to have risen to the post of chief executive of a foreign nation. He was sworn into the Presidential Office of Switzerland on January 1, 1894.

### **DID YOU KNOW?...**

That all men, not having previous military service, born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897 were subject to the draft of WWII due to the expected high casualties from the war. The average when registering in 1943 was from 46 to 66 years old.

*submitted by John Cook*

## **What it Means to be an American**

### **To believe**

in the promise of a better tomorrow,  
and stand united in our efforts  
to give a peaceful nation  
to our children...

### **To honor**

each other's differences  
and cherish the richness of our history,  
Even as it continues to unfold  
from sea to shining sea...

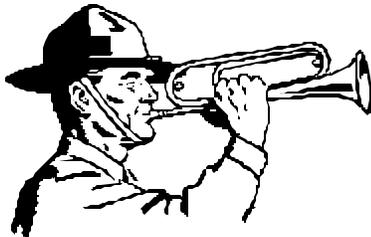
### **To love**

deeply our friends and family,  
day by day,  
and never take for granted  
the privilege of calling ourselves  
American.

### **America -**

we are more than a people,  
we are family.

*submitted by Mike Horne*



## **Attention**

Our Adjutant, Mike Horne is putting together a Memorial Scrapbook of all of our former members who have made their final muster. Mike is requesting that anyone who has pictures of deceased members to contact him. He would like to borrow these pictures, copy them and he will return the originals to you.

**LET'S ALL TRY TO HELP BY LENDING THOSE PICTURES TO MIKE.**  
Mike's phone number is 610.853.1772.

***Thank you Mike!***

Anyone who needs a ride to the meetings or other detachment activities, or anyone who is willing to pick up a member from your area who is in need of a ride please contact John Davis, 610.353.7120. John has volunteered to coordinate these activities as part of the Brother-to-Brother program.

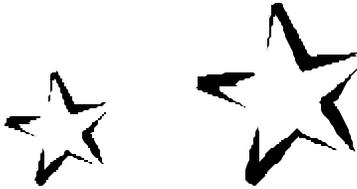
***Thank you John!***

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE DETACHMENT SAY,  
"WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER"!

Robert T. Senior  
201 President Avenue  
Rutledge, PA 19070  
610.543.4779  
rts0200mail@widener.edu



Please add his name to your membership list.

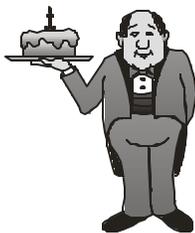


Birthday Greetings  
for March

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

Frank Baglivo, William Brady, Walter Fitzgerald,  
Richard S. Guyer, Raymond W. Keeseey,  
Henry E. Mummah, Harry Kaufman,  
Jacques Mauch, John J. McHenry,  
Thomas J. Potter, Gerald D. Powlus,  
Robert W. Stanton, Joseph Romano,  
Lloyd W. Spangler, Raymond Lerro  
And Ian H. Lichterman

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



"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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

Your \$10.00 contribution helps offset the cost of publication and postage.

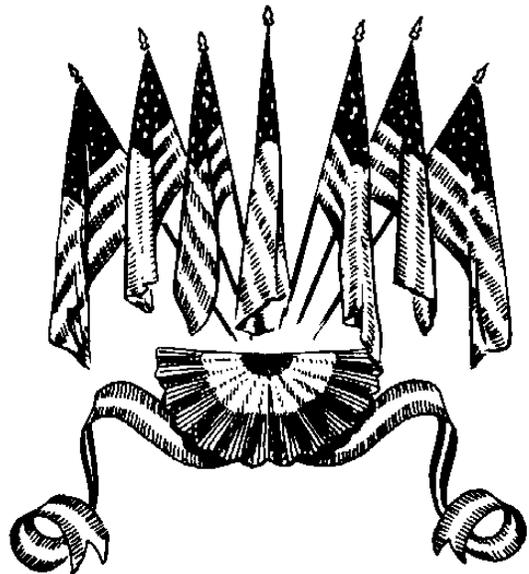
We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.

FEBRUARY BOOSTERS

Dot & Craig Allen, Joe Mealey, Bernie Mc Ginley, Bob Senior, Rick Van Luvender, George Boyajian, Pat & Joe Mensack, Mary & Jerry Powlus, and Marino De Francesco.

**Thank you boosters!**  
Semper Fi  
**Bob Spano**, Paymaster



**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Marine Corps League**  
**4 February 2003**  
Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 1935. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present were: Commandant Neri, Sr. Vice VanLuvender, Jr. Vice Alleva, Adjutant Horne, Paymaster Spano, Judge Advocate Mayer, Chaplain Bush, Sgt-At-Arms Stanton, Service Officer McGinley, Director Tallmadge, Director Ross, Director Powlus, Jr. Past Commandant Kaufman.

Commandant Neri acknowledged members he has not seen in a while, especially John Davis, who has been sick.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Sr. Vice VanLuvender introduced Bob Senior, who transferred from another detachment.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Joe Mensack and seconded by George Boyajian to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion passed.

Commandant Neri swore in appointed officer Rick VanLuvender as Sr. Vice and elected Officer Frank Mayer as Judge Advocate.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Adjutant Mike Horne read cards of thanks from the Williamson family and the Vickers family for the honor ceremonies provided for their loved ones. Mike noted that he sent a letter to State Senator Erickson stating our detachment's support for House Bill 592, which states that the American flag will be displayed while school is in session and the Pledge of Allegiance be recited each day. A letter was also sent to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee stating our detachment's support for the proposed Vietnam Veterans' stamp. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Coatesville VA Medical Center thanked our organization for helping to sponsor a bingo party on January 13. They also thanked our Ladies' Auxiliary for the donation of 20 tote gift bags. Mike announced that the MCL National Headquarters Northeast Division will have their conference on April 25-27 in Corning, NY. If interested in attending, please see Adjutant Horne. Our detachment received a letter of thanks from the Knights of Columbus thanking us for our help in their Helping Hands program for Christmas 2002. MCL of PA Jr. Vice Commandant Tony DiGiornio is asking our detachment to purchase lottery-type calendars, which are based on a 3-digit lottery. Each day will pay a certain amount with holidays paying more. Tentatively, each calendar will cost between \$25-30. Villanova University NROTC program is asking our detachment to present the "Gung Ho" award again this year. The nominee is Midshipman First Class Theresa Hornick, a political science major. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at Mendel Field, Villanova University. Also, Mike announced that the Chester County Detachment will be honoring Jim Miller as their Marine of the Year on Saturday, March 29 at the Coatesville Country Club. If interested in attending, please see Mike Horne. Mike also read correspondence from Tom Tanner, Department Sr. Vice, in which he discussed the elimination of power struggles, cliques, and fights on the floor during meetings. He stated that these problems should be resolved in private so as not to deter new members from the league.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**SR. VICE COMMANDANT:** Rick VanLuvender, along with Paymaster Bob Spano, gave out life membership certificates to the following members:

Marino DeFrancesco, James Donahue, Richard Guyer, Ralph LaMarra, Donna Moisiades, Stephen Neri, James Sandusky, Robert Spano, and Leslie Turner.

**JR. VICE COMMANDANT:** Jim Alleva finished giving out his awards to those members who missed the last meeting. Jim stated that, along with the Sr. Vice, they will be planning our upcoming fundraisers and social events. Jim announced that he is finalizing preparations for the June daily lottery ticket sales. More info to come.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Frank Mayer distributed copies of the certified administrative procedures. Additional copies are available. Please see Frank to obtain them.

**PAYMASTER:** Bob Spano gave out copies of the proposed 2003 budget and reviewed with membership each line item for membership's approval. He also stated that there is a one-time capital expenditure for the addition to the Knights of Columbus building for our detachment's use. Motion was made by George Boyajian to approve the 2003 budget and was seconded by Joe Hudson. Motion passed. Motion was made by George Boyajian to approve the one-time capital expenditure and was seconded by Joe Mensack. Motion passed. Bob also reiterated to membership that dues are yearly and not biyearly. If anyone is having a problem with duplicate membership dues, please see Paymaster. New applications for Marine Corps license plates are also available. Bob reminded members that all payment requests are to be in writing and accompanied by receipts. He stated that members should check their dues notice from National to be certain that they are correctly identified as either a regular member or an associate member.

**CHAPLAIN:** Chris Bush announced the following people are on sick call: Gunny Hart and Paul Hathaway. Please keep these members in your prayers. Chris also asked for a moment of silence for the 7 Columbia astronauts who were killed during re-entry.

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** Bob Stanton asked all members to please sign the logbook as they arrive.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Connie McGinley reported that the VA is set to suspend health care enrollment for high-income veterans seeking health care for non-military-related ailments like heart disease and diabetes. This suspension will affect approximately 164,000 veterans.

**DIRECTOR:** Walt Tallmadge – no report.

**DIRECTOR:** Jerry Powlus – no report.

**DIRECTOR:** Jim Ross - no report.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** Harry Kaufman – no report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Americanism:** Bill Lessig stated that there were four schools visited in January, which reached over 300 students. There are 3 schools scheduled to be visited in February.

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Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto announced that Kay Greiser is still waiting for the new code for Genuardi's Club Card. Please keep saving your Acme receipts.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen stated that he would like to get more members interested in helping out with funerals. He also would like the American Legion and the VFW to do the same. George commented that Al Yerger stated that from 1995 until this January of 2003, our detachment has participated in over 500 funerals.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews announced that he received \$100.00 from Tom Tanner for the V.A.V.S. program. Also, Bob said that the St. Patrick's Day bingo party will be March 12. If attending please meet at the K of C parking lot at 6:30 PM.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton thanked Jr. Vice Jim Alleva for presenting his Young Marines with their awards. He stated that the Young Marines are always willing to help out our detachment in any way they can. Bob also mentioned that six of his former Young Marines have been deployed overseas or are about to be deployed. He also thanked the detachment for the budget increase for the Young Marines program.

Toys for Tots: Our detachment collected over 5000 toys this past year for this program.

Historian: Ray Green still would like to have pictures from members for the scrapbook. All pictures will be returned. If submitting a picture, please give a brief description.

Scholarships: Harry Kaufman said that this year there is a new scholarship application, which is more user-friendly. When submitting applications for detachment scholarships, Harry will make copies, which also can be sent to the state for the state scholarships.

Marksanship: Mike Bodle announced that the pistol match will be May 30-June 1. Registration fee is \$30.00. If anyone is interested in shooting, please see Mike.

**COMMANDANT'S REPORT:** Commandant Neri passed out copies of the meeting agenda and the Commandant's report to the membership. Copies are available. Steve made a special presentation to Marion Wagner in honor of her father, James R. "Daddy Wags" Wagner. Jim was a member of this detachment. Commandant Neri announced that the staff has prepared our budget for this year and completed the financial audit. Copies of the budget are available from the Paymaster. Steve also briefed the membership on the addition to the rear of the Knights of Columbus building. The necessary funds were set aside in this year's budget with the approval of the general membership. This addition will benefit the detachment in many ways. Steve also was proud that the detachment recognized our Ladies' Auxiliary unit and our Young Marines with awards. He stated that our Marine of the Year, Jerry Powlus, is a deserving individual of this honor, and Ceremonies Chairman, George VanDusen, is a tireless leader of our funeral honor detail. Special and very well deserved recognition and plaque were awarded to Sandra Mauer, our Scuttlebutt editor and webmaster.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Commandant Neri noted that the POW/MIA flag at the Knight of Columbus will be replaced due to weather damage.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commandant Neri would like to have a chairman for the Brother to Brother program. This individual would organize rides to the meetings for individuals needing them.

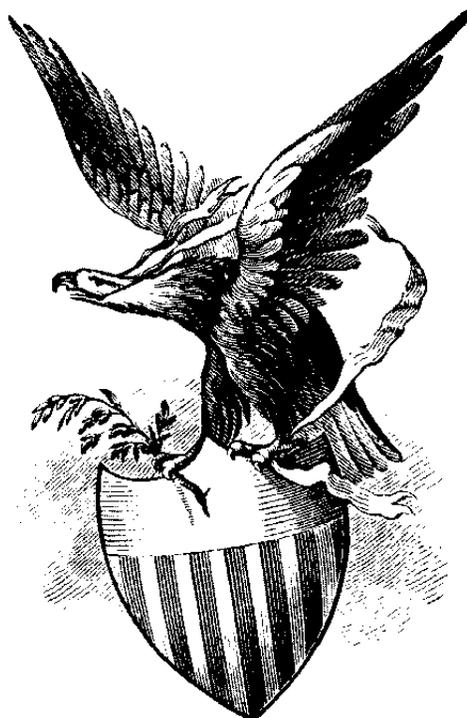
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Commandant appointed Bernard McGinley as our Legislative Chairman. Steve announced that the Color Guard will be at the Media Theater on March 1. Chalmers McDaniel donated a book called "One Rock at a Time" and he suggested purchasing for \$10.00 "Unforgettable Men in Unforgettable Times." Commandant Neri said that the Delaware County Veterans Museum is now a reality, located at the old armory in Media on State Street. More information to follow in the next couple of months.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:** John Cook reiterated that the Battle of Iwo Jima display is at the Broomall library for 30 days. Bob Stanton announced that a Chevy Rock grant for \$1000.00 has been awarded to the Young Marines program, with Frank Videon of Videon Chevrolet matching the grant, for a total of \$2000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:06.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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The 50/50 winner was Bill Lessig.  
Locker Box certificate winner was John Haynal.  
54 members signed in the logbook on 2/4/03



Goodnight Chesty,  
wherever you are.



Next Regular Meeting is:  
March 4, 2003  
1930 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA



**Marine Corps League**  
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