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## Commandant's Message May 2005

As you may remember, the general membership meeting that is held this month will be designated as "Remembrance Day." The Detachment Charter will be draped in black cloth and a candlelight service will be held for each member of the Detachment and Ladies' Auxiliary who has died since the previous May. Individual names will be read, the bell tolled, and their candle extinguished. One additional candle will be lit for those members of our Armed Forces who went in harm's way and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The following will be recited after all names are read: "Our comrades have left us, and we remember their

comradeship. We pray for their souls and yearn for the day we will all meet again in the spirit of friendship and love." This will be followed by the Lord's Prayer. This ceremony will be the first order of business and the Ladies Auxiliary will be asked to join us.

Members of the Detachment who have passed are: Ray Green – 7/4/2004, Frank D'Amico – 7/6/04, Al Yerger – 11/11/2004, Bill Barnard – 11/18/2004, Bill Brady – 2/8/2005, Frank Turse – 3/20/05, and Tony Bernardini – 3/30/05. Also, a former member, Ed Leppert – 4/17/2005 will be remembered as well as the spouses and children of members of the League and Auxiliary.

On May 30th we remember the sacrifices that our veterans have made for the country. You will see parades, picnics, celebrations for this Memorial Day holiday but we should really focus on those that have paid the ultimate price and never forget what they have done – guaranteed our freedoms.

On Saturday, May the 7th, there will be a ceremony for National Vietnam Memorial Service at Marple Veterans Park on Lawrence Road in Broomall at 1 P.M. to be followed by a ceremony for National Military Appreciation Month. All are invited to attend and show your support. Last, but certainly not least, we ask for your prayers for those who have gone and those who are still in harm's way.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

*Bob Spano*

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# Sr. Vice Report

May 2005

## Membership:

It was great to have signed up six new members, keep up the good work! To all of the new members, we value any input you may have; that's what makes our Detachment work so well. Remember, all members should have their covers. If you do not, please see Tom Lynch our locker box head and he will provide you with one. Don't worry if you do not have the money, you can pay him every month. Nametags are issued for free and it was good to see most members wearing theirs at the last meeting. We stand around one hundred and eighty members, as before we have had some answer their final muster and they will be missed. But to be a success we need new blood and new ideas. So many have joined in the recent years and have made great contributions to this Detachment.

## June Dinner:

Our June dinner will take place at our June meeting. Those of you who came over the last years know it is a good time. The price of the dinner will be \$ 10.00 per person. PLEASE see Joe Hudson to give him your name and payment, as I need a head count at the next meeting. If you cannot make the May meeting you can call me and give me your reservation. Again, *it is very important* I have a head count. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Trips:

At the next meeting I will have info on our Gettysburg trip. It will be a one-day trip and as always Dave Brimble and I have worked on keeping our cost reasonable. It should make for a fun time. (Please see page 3 for details, and plan to sign up and pay at the May meeting.) I am in the planning stages on a cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia. It is a wonderful cruise and it will probably be sometime in July. We will have a choice of a daytime cruise, which will cost less or night time cruise. Both will have music and chow, and I understand lifeboats are included. If the membership does like the idea we will have to car pool to the site. It would not be cost effective to hire a bus to take us there. I will have the costs of both cruises at the next meeting.

## Ball:

By the next meeting I will have prices for both the Paxon Hollow Country Club and the Knights, with a breakdown on the food, open bar etc. PLEASE if you are coming to the ball I will be taking a vote from the membership on where we will have our ball. Again it is only fair that those members that plan on attending vote. I am still searching for a speaker and should have one locked in very soon. If any members have an idea on a speaker my ears are open.

## Color Guard:

As we all know we have a lot of ceremonies coming up, and I would like members to see George VanDusen and myself after the meeting if you are interested in becoming a member of the color guard. We have our regulars, but at times the regulars can not always come, so we need

alternates, it is very important we practice so alternates can fill in. As always we have a run through but it would be helpful to know just how we do things. As Marines we must always be prepared, and speaking of such any member is WELCOMED to come out, you are part of this Detachment and therefore you can be part of our Color Guard.

God Bless & Semper Fi !

**Jim Alleva**

Sr.Vice Commandant  
610-789-3755

## Commandant's Report

May 2005

Wednesday, March 23rd, funeral services were conducted for our member, Frank Turse, at St. Eugene's Church in Clifton Heights.

On March 29th we held our Detachment Staff Meeting at the Marple Memorial Post at 1930.

The Marple Newtown Combined Alliance met at the Marple Memorial Post at 1930.

Sunday, the 3rd of April, our member, Tony Bernardini, had his viewing at Donohue's Funeral Home in Upper Darby.

On Monday, the 4th, the funeral services for Tony Bernardini were held in Arlington Cemetery, Upper Darby.

Tuesday, the 5th, was the General Meeting of the Detachment at 1930.

Henry Mumma's wife, Emma, had her funeral services at Videon's Funeral Home on Saturday, April the 9th.

Adopt-A-Highway cleanup was done on Sunday, the 10th.

Wednesday, April 13th, at 1900, the Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance was officially recognized and certified by the Department of Defense as an Authorized Provider in the Military Funeral Honors Program at the Marple Memorial Post by Naval Captain Harry L. Meyers, Commanding Officer NAS Willow Grove.

God Bless & Semper Fi

*Bob Spano*

## Gettysburg Bus Trip

*Friday, June 17, 2005*

We will be leaving the K of C at 8:00 a.m.

We will go to the "Battle Theater",  
take the 2-hr. bus tour

of the Battlefield (tour guide on bus),

Then we will go to the "Wax Museum".

Dinner will be a buffet at Picketts Restaurant.

Box lunch will also be provided.

***All of the above plus the bus ride  
for only \$55.00 per person***

Call Dave Brimble at 610-356-0851  
with your reservation.

Monies are due at the May meeting as we  
need to pay for the tours and dinners up front.

## Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



Here is the  
scuttlebutt of  
what the Delco.  
Young Marines  
are up to.

Delco Young Marines are planning to be at the March  
of Dimes on Sunday, April 24th at Ridley Creek State  
Park. We also have drill on April 20th

Semper Fidelis,

*YMGYsgt. Dunton*

## Jr. Vice Report

Members,

Take a minute to return your PA Evening lottery  
money or tickets to me at the following address:  
Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 184, Newtown  
Square, PA 19073-0184. All of the tickets have  
been distributed and hopefully, sold. All ticket  
sales are to be turned in by June 1, 2005. If you  
cannot sell your tickets, return them to me as I  
have had requests from members for more tickets.

Coming up next is our first Jr Troop Handler sales  
event. It will take place at Veteran's Park,  
Broomall, Pa on May 21. Hours are 1000 to 1600.  
Come spend a few hours with your friends and  
neighbors.

The following event is important to our sales effort.  
We expect to participate in the Willow Grove Air  
Show on Saturday, May 28. Hours will be 1000 to  
1600. While Frank Mayer has done his best to  
reserve this event for us, it's now up to the Air  
Show's coordinator. I expect approval.

Respectfully submitted,

*Earle E. Drake*

Junior Vice

## Birthday Greetings for May

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

**Justin D. Cox,  
John E. Davis,  
James E. Duffy,  
John R. Gingras,  
John Haynal,  
Dominick A. Longhi,  
Connie P. McGinley,  
Joseph F. Mensack,  
Richard A. Palena,  
Joseph Rossetti,  
Stephen G. Stott,  
George VanDusen**



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

## SPECIAL THANKS

To Barry Reese for arranging and organizing the  
presentation of certification to members of the Marple  
Newtown Combined Alliance as Authorized Provider  
in the Military Funeral Honors Program by the  
Department of Defense by Naval Captain Harry L.  
Meyers, Commanding Officer NAS Willow Grove.

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### May

- 2 Marple Twp Meeting – Police & Fire Award Presentation
- 3 General Membership Meeting, K of C, 1930
- 5 National Day of Prayer – Rose Tree Park - 1130
- 7 Vietnam Memorial Service – Vets Pk, Broomall – 1300  
National Military Appreciation Day – Vets Park – 1400
- 9 Coatesville Hospital – Bingo Party
- 14 Special Olympics, Penncrest HS, Media - 1000
- 21 Marple Business Association Pride Day – Vets Park – 1000
- 28 Glenwood Cemetery – flags distribution – 0930  
Willow Grove Air Show – Jr. Troop Handler
- 29 Arlington Cemetery, UD Memorial Services
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, W. Chester Pk. & Malin Rd. –1000

## 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.

##### **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 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.

##### **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.

Friday, April 29th – Spaghetti Dinner - AMVETS, Morton - \$7./adult



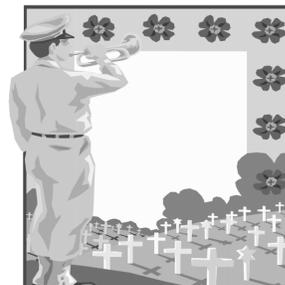
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## SAD TIDINGS

The Detachment has lost two members of its extended family. On April 6th Emma, the wife of Henry Mummah passed away.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, former member, Ed Leppert also passed away.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.



## Welcome Aboard!!!

Anthony D. Nastri  
40 W. Marthart Ave  
Havertown, Pa 19083-2314  
610-446-7744

Edward A. Moore  
226 Lowrys Ln.  
Rosemont, Pa. 19010  
610-525-1261

Robert McLaughlin  
336 Richland Ave  
Havertown, Pa. 19083  
610-853-1477

Thomas P. Higgins.  
609 Wiltshire Ln.  
Newtown Sq. Pa. 19073  
610-356-6064

John M. Houldin  
3410 Tyson Rd  
Newtown Sq. Pa. 19073  
484-368-1100

Barry A. Reese  
P.O. Box 302  
Broomall, Pa. 19008-0302  
484-433-6856

James H. Clark  
216 Rockglen Rd.  
Wynnewood, Pa. 19096  
610-642-8787

*Please add their information to your membership list.*



Presentation of certification to the Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance from the Department of Defense as an Authorized Provider in the Military Funeral Honors Program

## MARINE CORPS TRIVIA

1. What is the official name of the sword worn by Marine Officers?
2. Which Commandant is known as the "grand old man of the Marine Corps?"
3. What was the reason he was given this name?
4. Where was the first combat test of the Marine Corps "Amphibious Assault Doctrine" in WWII?
5. Who was the first Commandant of the Marine Corps?
6. What was the first motto of the Marine Corps?
7. Who was the first Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor?
8. On which date was the Marine Corps birthday celebrated for almost 150 years?
9. In which years was it officially changed?

*submitted by Steve Neri*

## "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!

### APRIL BOOSTERS

Dottie and Craig Allen, Elena and Jim Alleva, Gladys and Ed Bailey, Judy and Ed Burns, Sissy and Charlie Butler, Dot and Tom Flack, Kay and Frank Greiser, Anna May and Joe Hudson, Carol and Paul Lutten, Pat and Joe Mensack, Dennis Morsa, Gloria and Jim Sandusky, Bob Senior, Rosemarie and Lloyd Spangler, Florence and Bob Spano

**Thank you boosters!**

*Harry Kaufman, PC*

*If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Harry Kaufman.*

## SICK CALL



### Members:

Jim Alleva,  
Dave Brimble,  
Bud Bruce,  
Frank DiBonaventuro,  
Lou DiSantis,  
Ralph Lamarra,  
Henry Mummah,  
Tom Potter,  
Tom Tanner, and  
Fred Winterling

### Friends & Family Of Detachment:

Loretta Brennecke,  
Tony Fusto, Jr., and  
Berenice Kerrigan

***Please keep these members and family members in your prayers and make an effort to contact them and let them know you care.***

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

## SMOKESCREEN

A “smokescreen” is a device intended to deceive others, one that enables the person putting up the “smokescreen” to hide the real intentions or motives. The allusion is self-evident and recalls the use of smokescreens in naval warfare when small ships, such as destroyers, sailed between the enemy and their own force, belching clouds of black smoke from their engines to conceal the fleet’s maneuvers.

## SORTIE

“Sortie” is another military term that has found its way directly from French into English. The French noun, sortie, seen on signs all over the French-speaking world means “exit”.

In the sense of “going out”, sortie refers to scouting missions undertaken by a besieged garrison trying to probe enemy lines to reach reinforcements or fresh supplies.

## GONE WEST

In World War I this became a popular expression for dying in battle. The expression dates back to the sixteenth century and links death with the setting sun, which “dies” in the West each evening.

Based on “swing the Lead & Spiking his Guns”  
Castle Books  
Submitted by John J.V. Cook

Saturday, April 16th – Wedding of our Gale Faunce to Mike Horne—Congratulations to the happy couple!



**Gen. Smedley D. Butler Det. 741**  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Commandant Spano called meeting to order at 1930.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain read the opening prayer. The Sgt.-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business.

The Adjutant conducted the Role Call of Officers:

Present were: Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Sgt.-at-Arms, Chaplain, Service Officer, Directors Donohue, Bishop, Jr. Past Commandant. Director VanLuvender was absent.

Commandant Spano recognized all past detachment Commandants and Department of Pennsylvania Officers present. He also recognized all invited guests.

New Members: The Commandant introduced four new applicants for membership. There were three applicants for regular membership, John Houldin, Thomas P. Higgins, Robert R. McLaughlin. There was one applicant for associate membership Barry A. Reese. All sponsors were asked to give a brief background on the applicant they recruited. All applications and supporting documents were checked and approved, the membership voted to accept all applicants. The Commandant duly swore in all of these new members.

Minutes: Joe Mensack made a motion and seconded by Stan Short to accept the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt, motion passed.

Correspondence: The Adjutant acknowledged thank you cards from the families whose deceased loved ones were honored by our Military Funeral Honor Guard. He also read an invitation from The Naval ROTC Consortium of Philadelphia inviting us to attend the Retirement ceremony of Col. J. Bruce Hulick, USMC and Change of Command ceremony. This event is on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 3:30PM to be held on Mendel Field, Villanova University. There was also an announcement from Chester County Detachment MCL concerning a planned Marine of the Year "Roast" honoring Harold "Doc" Wells, MD. He is their present Commandant. This is to be held on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at their Detachment home, 430 Chestnut Street, Downingtown, PA. The time is 5PM cocktails, 6PM for buffet dinner and the "Roast" and a silent auction. Cost is \$5.00, reservations requested.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Sr. Vice: We have lost three members already this year and they will be missed. Everyone must continue to recruit qualified new members, over the past two years so many of the new members have stepped forward and gotten involved. They are doing a great job and we must bring in more new members to ensure the success of our many, many worthwhile programs.

TRIPS: I'm planning a one-day trip to Gettysburg in June, also working on some other ideas for outings. Possibility of a

Phillies game with our Color Guard involved, and maybe a cruise on the "Spirit of Philadelphia."

PICNIC: This is scheduled for Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 again it will be held here at the Knights of Columbus. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves last year and I'm sure we will have a great time this year.

Marine Corps Ball: I will be meeting with the Manager of Paxon Hollow this Week to review menus and prices, also I have a meeting with the caterer from the Knights of Columbus to review prices and menus. I will report on this at our next meeting.

Membership Files: The membership committee has been working hard to ensure all our of our files are complete with information and updated, when you get a call or letter from them please be cooperative.

New Members: After the meeting the Commandant and I would like to meet with all those members who have joined us over the last year. This will only take a few minutes of your time so please join us then, thank you.

Jr. Vice:

Daily Lottery: I'm pleased to announce that the chance books for the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery are mostly gone I have two books left. I feel secure in the fact that they will all be sold by the next General Meeting. I sent personal notes to members that won last year and have started to receive money and ticket stubs back from those efforts. I ask all members to turn in the ticket stubs and monies by May 15<sup>th</sup>. As of this date I have deposited almost half of the proceeds of the sales.

Junior Troop Handler Wagon: The JTH has been ordered by Steve Neri and we will be picking it up around the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. The blank ticket stock for the JTH chances have been picked up and paid for and delivered to Chapel Printing. The printing of the tickets will be completed soon. Some of the earliest sites have been confirmed and all will be confirmed by the start of our sales effort.

Judge Advocate: No Report on Bylaws or Procedures.

March of Dimes "Walk America": Everything is set for this event which will be held on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 0900 in Ridley Creek State Park. Report time to sign up and get your "T" shirts is 0830 at Picnic area 11 & 11A. Come out and join us for a very good cause and enjoy the camaraderie. The Delaware County Young Marines will serve refreshments after the walk.

Paymaster: He gave a detailed financial report and stated that copies were available to anyone requesting a copy. He also reported that the detachment has sent half of our annual donation to the Delaware County Young Marines, with the balance due in the fall. Motion to accept report was made by Tom Bishop, seconded by Paul Donohue, motion passed.

Chaplain: Reported that he had visited Henry Mummah in the hospital and that Tom Lynch had been hospitalized and was with us tonight. He mentioned that Ralph LaMarra had been sick, Lou DeSantis and Fred Winterling but all they were with us tonight. Dave Brimble is also on the sick list.

Sgt.-at-Arms: No Report  
Service Officer: No Report  
Directors:  
Paul Donohue – No Report  
Tom Bishop – No Report  
Rick VanLuvender – Absent

Jr. Past Commandant:

Veterans Park: He reported that his efforts over the past two years have come to fruition. Newtown Township will have a Veterans Park; the first meeting of the Park committee will be next week. Three of our members are on the seven-person committee, Stan Short, Dave Brimble and Steve Neri.

March of Dimes "Walk America" He urged members to come out for a very worthy cause also for the camaraderie and to solicit donations from employers and businesses to support this effort.

Committee Reports:

Adopt a Highway: The Commandant gave a report for Dave Brimble, reminding everyone that the first clean up will be this Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Report time is 0845 – 0900. Any questions call Dave at 610/356-0851 or Bob Spano 610/541-4747.

Americanism: Bill Lessig gave a detailed report on the committee's efforts to teach our children the history and proper etiquette, and respect for our Flag. He stated that these classes are usually given to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, but occasionally they are asked to present their program to adult groups, which they gladly do. Most recently he gave this program at three elementary schools with a combined audience of over 250 students. For the month of April they will be at four schools. Great job Bill and please keep up the good work.

Auxiliary Liaison: No Report

Awards:

I. Newton Kerber Award: Steve Neri reported that he and Commandant Spano would be presenting this award to the Marple Twp. Policeman and Fireman of the Year at the May meeting of the Marple Twp. Commissioners Meeting. Also that detachment candidates are being submitted for the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Award, also for the Department's Marine of the Year and Recruiter of the Year Awards.

Ceremonies:

Military Funeral Detail: George Van Dusen reported that thus far this year the detachment has participated in 83 Honors Ceremonies and has three already scheduled for this week so far. He also thanked Ben Sides for filling in for him while he was on a brief vacation, and for sending emails to everyone regarding funeral details.

Historian:

John made a correction to a misprint in one of his articles in last month's Scuttlebutt.

Legislative:

Bernie McGinley gave a long and detailed report on three important pieces of legislation under consideration presently

and stated that if anyone would like further information or copies to see him after the meeting.

Marksmanship:

Pistol Team; Earle Drake reported for Mike Bodle that the team had scheduled their first practice shoot for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 1000. This will be at Delaware County Field & Stream Association Range on Knowlton Road in Aston, Twp., there is a \$10.00 fee to shoot and \$6.00 fee for target, and Earle says that they will share .45-caliber ammo.

Scholarships:

Dave Williams passed out applications for Detachment and Department Scholarships also mentioned that he had forms for Marine Corps Association Scholarships. Anyone needing the forms for their children or grandchildren should contact Dave Williams at 610/328-0877.

Uniforms: No Report

Toys for Tots: No Report

VAVS:

Bob Matthews thanked everyone who helped with the recent holiday parties at Coatesville VA Hospital and reminded everyone of the Bingo Party next week. Anyone who would like to volunteer their help should contact Bob.

Delaware County Young Marines:

arch of Dimes "Walk America" Bob Stanton stated that the Young Marines will be there once again this year to participate in the walk, and also to provide refreshments after the walk. He thanked all those from the detachment who attended the last graduation ceremony for the Young Marines.

Unfinished Business:

The Commandant reported that the Knights of Columbus is considering building a storage shed behind their building and that we could use this along with the Senior Citizens group for a fee of \$40.00 a month. We are currently using a portion of Bob's warehouse at his business for free and we may continue to do this for no charge or cost to the detachment. We will continue this arrangement.

New Business:

Commandant reported that Department is selling their Youth and Scholarship chances, the detachment will again purchase \$500.00 worth of tickets. Also Department is selling limited edition coins to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> State Convention; the funds for this sale will help defray the cost of the hospitality suite at the convention. The Department Convention will be June 22-26, 2005 at the Gateway Conference Center (Holiday Inn-Bethlehem) U.S. Rts. 22 & 512 in Bethlehem, PA. The National Convention is August 6-13, 2005 at the Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Paymaster Harry Kaufman presented Life Membership pins and cards to the following, Dan Luty, Ben Sides, Bernie McGinley and Paul Donohue, congratulations to you all. Harry also reminded everyone that at next month's meeting we will conduct our annual memorial service for deceased members in honor of Memorial Day.

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Announcements:

Stan Short reported that a local person had given the Newtown Historical Society a very large collection of WWII newspapers and that they are being kept at the Paper Mill Museum and available for viewing, contact Stan for time & date to see these papers.

Sr. Vice announced that the Color Guard is seeking more volunteers and will gladly train all those who are interested in joining them.

Jr. Past Commandant reported on ceremony to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to mark Military Appreciation Month (May). This event will be held at Marple Memorial Veterans Park on Lawrence road, Broomall, PA. Report time is 1345 (1:30PM) this will be a well publicized event with many VIPs attending, please make an effort to join us and pay honor to our active military personnel.

Barry Reese reported that on April 13<sup>th</sup>, at the next meeting of American Legion Post 805 there will be a presentation of Certificates & Pins to members of the Combined Funeral Honor Guard. The CO of Willow Grove Naval Air Base will present these awards. Everyone is invited to attend and report time is 1845(6:45PM). Everyone attending should wear their funeral uniforms.

Bob Stanton stated that VFW 928 is selling chances for an official sniper rifle to raise funds to help with legal expenses for a Marine Major. This is a very worthwhile cause.

Steve Neri made a motion to pass the hat and have the detachment match all funds raised, seconded by Dan Luty, motion passed. A sum of \$ 157.00 was collected; we will donate \$157.00 from our Needy Family Fund and send a check to this Marine Major. THANK YOU all for contributing.

Commandant Spano made an announcement regarding this year's Special Olympics event at Penncrest High School on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 0900. Bob urged all those who could to help with this very worthy event.

Dan Luty announced that the Delaware County Detachment MCL was having their annual Summer Golf Classic on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Edgemont Country Club. Cost \$80.00 per golfer this includes – greens fees & cart, hoagie and beer at the course and a steak dinner back at their League home. For more info call DelCo Det at 610/874-6601 or Bob Borgstrom 610/874-6197

Bob Stanton reminded all Devil Dogs who want to move up to the next level that this must be done at a State or National Convention.

Commandant reminded everyone to fill out & return the insurance cards that were being mailed out to all members of the Department of Pennsylvania.

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The detachment had a very special quest join us for this meeting, Homer (Hank) Zartman. Hank is the Sr. Vice of the newly formed Yorktown Detachment 1173. He traveled up with his bride from Virginia to visit with us and to present to the detachment a large framed picture of Gen. S. D. Butler from WWI. Hank's father served with the Gen. prior to and during the war and he has many photos of his dad with Smedley Butler. He also brought a large collection of WWI memorabilia of his father's and displayed it for our viewing pleasure. Hank and his wife are dedicated military collectors and supporters of Veterans' causes. This was really a pleasant surprise and special evening for all who were there.

Hank, THANK YOU so much. Our Commandant presented Hank a Certificate of Appreciation and a Marine Corps League red ball cap.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen D. Neri  
Adjutant

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50/50 winner - Frank Greiser  
54 members signed the logbook

*Trivia Answers (from page 5)*

1. Mameluke
2. Brig. Gen. Archibald Henderson
3. Because in 1829 he stopped President Andrew Jackson from making the Marine Corps part of the Army.
4. Guadalcanal
5. Captain Samuel Nicholas
6. "With Fortitude"
7. Cpl. John F. Mackie
8. July 11
9. 1921

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- 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.
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