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## Commandant's Message...

We have all heard the old adage "An organization is only as strong as its weakest link." Now, while I personally believe that this detachment is built upon a very strong foundation, and that the strength of this detachment has been tested and proven to be unquestionable, we must always remember that for us to remain as such requires the commitment and dedication of a vibrant membership. Each of us must strive to recruit those individuals that we believe would be an asset to our detachment, and who would contribute to its success.

If we are to maintain the outstanding record of accomplishments, and dedication to Veterans' Programs and Community Service, then we must have a cadre of individuals who are willing and capable of accepting the responsibility of leading the various committees and holding elected office. The ideal scenario would be to have individuals who are willing to volunteer for the different committees, learn their function and move up to be a Chairman. Then ideally, from this group of experienced Chairmen the detachment would have a pool of potentially qualified officers.

The reason I bring this topic up at this time is to remind the general membership that we will be holding the first round of nominations during the October meeting. If you feel you are qualified, capable and ready to make a commitment to this detachment as an elected officer, then please have your name placed in nomination.

Always remember that it is an honor and privilege to serve.

**Semper Fi,  
Stephen D. Neri**

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## From the Jr. Vice

As we all know we have been quite busy with the wagon sales. On September 8th the flea market was a great success. It was good to see members come out and give a great effort.

I would love to see that kind of coverage at the stores. If we continue on track, we will have great success this year! Remember, I cannot do this by myself. Our success depends on YOU!

Our AD book is coming along, but not as fast as I would like to see. Remember we have only a short time left. Let's get those ads in and make this year's book a great success.

We have a very busy couple of months ahead this is the time to really get together and make this all happen.

On a lighter side, I had my 50th birthday in September and it was one I will not forget. Many thanks to all of my NEW family showing me such a great time! *BUT I AM STILL YOUNGER THAN MOST OF YOU!!*

GOD BLESS,  
Semper Fi.

### **Jim Alleva**

Jr. Vice Commandant  
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610-789-3755 (Home)  
610-789-4286 (Fax)

## From The Sr. Vice

Reminder - Our Marine Corps Ball is only a few weeks away. I'm happy to report that the reservations are really coming in. I would urge anyone who has not made his reservations to do so now. Please contact me and tell me how many are in your party and your seating request. I can tell you that it promises to be a really great Ball, so don't miss out make your plans now. Our guest speaker will be Lt. Col Michael Kessler, National executive Director of the Young marines. Call me at 610.356.0851.

We had a new member sworn in at this past meeting, his name is John F. Keevil, and he is a former Marine. We also received two applications from former Marines; they will be at the next meeting to be sworn in. That will put our membership at 175 members.

Let's make the goal of two hundred members by the end of the year. If everyone tries, we can make it.

Semper Fi  
**Dave Brimble**



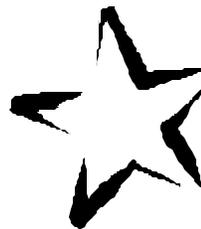
THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE DETACHMENT SAY,

*"Welcome to our new member!"*

John F. Keevill - Reg.  
249 Woodbridge Road  
Clifton Heights, PA 19018  
610.259.4616  
email: keevillconstruct@aol.com

Please add his name to your membership list.

**Dave Brimble**



# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 01 Villanova Univ. NROTC Fall Review - 1500
- 01 Detachment General Meeting - 1930
- 05 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 07 Coatesville Bingo Night - 1830 -  
Meet at K of C parking lot
- 12 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 19 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 26 Multi - Detachment Officers Meeting  
1300 - 1500
- 26 Wagon ticket sales
- 29 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930

### NOVEMBER

- 02 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 05 Detachment General Meeting - 1930
- 08 Veterans' Day Parade, Coatesville VA - 0930
- 09 Detachment Marine Corps Ball, 1830  
Paxon Hollow CC
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- 10 BACA Bike Run - Toys for Tots –  
Darby, PA - 1000
- 10 Marine Memorial Sunday,  
West Chester, PA - 1015
- 10 MCL Dept. PA - Veterans' Day Ceremony –  
Ft. Indiantown Gap
- 11 Memorial Service, Wreath Laying,  
AL Post 805, 1030
- 11 Delaware County Veterans' Day Parade -  
Media, PA 1200
- 16 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 23 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
- 26 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930
- 30 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600



## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

### OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

#### Special Events

##### OCTOBER

- 05 MCL Delaware Co. Det. – Spaghetti Dinner  
1700-2000, \$ 7.00 per person all you can eat.
- 12 Veterans' Night Media Theatre - 1900 - \$25.00  
free reception, Detachment color guard multiple  
veterans' organizations
- 12 MCL - Chester County Det. Chicken BBQ dinner  
- Det. home - 430 Chestnut St. Downingtown - \$  
7.00 per person - 1300 - 1700, full dinner
- 19 MCL - Upper Darby Det. 884 American Legion  
Post 214, Upper Darby - Oldies  
Night/Halloween costume party - 2000  
\$20.00 ticket, prizes for best costumes
- 26 Devil Dogs annual Spaghetti Dinner, 1600 -  
1900, \$ 7.50/ticket, all proceeds go to  
St. Lucy's & Overbrook School's for Blind  
Children. Dinner at VFW# 928, Rt. 420 &  
McDade Blvd, Folsom, PA

#### 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

##### **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

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

327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA

Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

## Commandant's Report

The summer is officially behind us and we are beginning our fall schedule. This detachment has always had a full schedule at this time of year, and we are expecting to be even more active this fall. Next Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, is the annual Hero Scholarship Flea Market at Delaware County Community College. The detachment will be there with our "Jr. Troop Handler" wagon. Traditionally this event is the largest single day fundraiser for the wagon. It is vital to have as many of our members come out and help. As you know, the annual picnic and cookout at the Coatesville VA Hospital scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is something we do in conjunction with the Chester County Detachment. This event is always greatly appreciated by both the staff and patients of the hospital. Our detachment has been invited to participate in two added events this year. They are both scheduled for the same day, so it will require real coordination. On Sunday, 29 September, the Franklin Mint is having a huge Antique and Military Vehicle show. We will have the "Jr. Troop Handler" there and be selling chances. Also, on the same day, myself and a four man color guard from the detachment will take part in the Sgt. John Basilone Day Parade in Rariton, NJ. Another very important annual event for our detachment is the ceremony we conduct at the grave of our namesake. This year the date has been changed to coordinate with the Marine Corps Birthday. Along with the Chester County Detachment, we will render honors to Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at the Oaklands Cemetery in West Chester, PA. We are to report at 1015 at the Cemetery.

I believe we are all aware that our two biggest fundraisers are in full swing; the wagon and the ad sales for the Marine Corps Ball Program Book. The staff and I urge every member to help with both of these very important programs as much as you possibly can.

Remember to contact our Sr. Vice, Dave Brimble (610.356.0851) for reservations for the Marine Corps Ball, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002, at Paxon Hollow Country Club. We are very pleased to have Lt. Col. Michael B. Kessler, National Executive Director of the Young Marines as our Guest Speaker.

Leaguers, we are all only too painfully aware of the important anniversary that is close upon us. The events of Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 are images and memories we as a nation can not and must not ever forget. There are many memorial services planned for this day, however, this detachment is

officially committed to participate in only one. Our detachment, along with the American Legion Post 805, and the VFW Post 7390, will attend the Marple Township Memorial Service. The Broomall Fire Company will be host organization at their firehouse at Malin Rd. & West Chester Pike. Report time is 0900. We will have a color guard, rifle squad, and all members are urged to attend. The service will be one hour followed by an open house provided by the fire company.  
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Semper Fi,  
Stephen D. Neri

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**Stephen D. Neri**

Commandant



## TWO THOUSAND ONE, NINE ELEVEN

Two thousand one, nine eleven  
Three thousand plus arrive in heaven  
As they pass through the gate,  
Thousands more appear in wait  
A bearded man with stovepipe hat  
Steps forward saying, "Let's sit, let's chat."

They settle down in seats of clouds  
A man named Martin shouts out proud  
"I have a dream!" and with honor gives,  
The Newcomer said, "Your dream still lives."

Groups of soldiers in blue and gray  
Others in khaki and green then say  
"We're from Bull Run, Yorktown, then Maine"  
The Newcomer said, "You died not in vain."

From a man on sticks one could hear  
"The only thing we have to fear..."  
The Newcomer said, "We know the rest,  
Trust us sir, we've passed that test."

"Courage doesn't hide in caves  
You can't bury freedom in a grave,"  
The Newcomers had heard this voice before  
A distinct Yankee twang from Hyannisport shores.

A silence fell within the mist  
Somehow the Newcomer knew that this  
Meant time had come for her to say  
What was in the hearts of the three thousand plus that  
day?

"Back on Earth, we wrote reports,  
Watched our children play in sports  
Worked our gardens, sang our songs  
Went to church and clipped coupons  
We smiled, we laughed, we cried, we fought  
Unlike you, great we're not."

The tall man in the stovepipe hat  
Stood and said, "Don't talk like that!  
Look at your country, look and see  
You died for freedom, just like me."  
Then before them all appeared a scene  
Of rubble streets and twisted beams  
Death, destruction, smoke and dust  
And people working just 'cause they must

Hauling ash, lifting stones,  
Knee deep in hell, but not alone.  
"Look! Blackman, Whiteman, Brownman, Yellowman  
Side by side helping their fellow man!"

So said Martin, as he watched the scene  
"Even from nightmares, can be born a dream."  
Down below three firemen raised  
The colors high into ashen haze.  
The soldiers above had seen it before  
On Iwo Jima back in '44.

The man on sticks studied everything closely  
Then shared his perceptions on what he saw mostly  
"I see pain, I see tears,  
I see sorrow - but I don't see fear."

"You left behind husbands and wives  
Daughters and sons and so many lives  
Are suffering now because of this wrong  
But look very closely. You're not really gone.

All of those people, even those who've never met you  
All of their lives, they'll never forget you.  
Don't you see what you've done?  
You've brought them together, together as one.

With that the man in the stovepipe hat said  
"Take my hand," and from there he led  
Three thousand plus heroes, Newcomers to Heaven  
On this day, two thousand one, nine eleven.

*Author Unknown*



## The Legend Continues...

In July 1932, Butler visited the veterans Bonus March camp along with his son, Smedley Butler Jr., and encouraged the veterans to press their claims for an early payment of the bonus voted for them by Congress. His arrival was at a time of high tension between the President Herbert Hoover Administration and the veterans. Shortly after his visit, the government issued an eviction notice and ordered the veterans to vacate the buildings that they were occupying in the City of Washington. Butler's appeal was for them to hold fast and keep petitioning because they had the same rights just as any corporate lobby had for petitioning for their cause.

Sad to say, the Hoover group took a swift and brutal removal of the veterans and their families via the U.S. Army, under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. Gas was used even after it had been banned because of its terrible effects during WWI.

Callous statements, afterwards, by Hoover and other government officials regarding this affair marked a low point in the American People's minds pertaining to this administration. Butler, with a lifetime of Republican Party connections, now, turned his attention to defeating Hoover with his "Hoover for ex-President" campaign.

Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt soundly defeated Republican Herbert Hoover in the 1932 presidential election and although Butler was not a major force in the election, he was elated with the outcome.

In 1933, Butler's autobiography was published in book length, titled "Old Gimlet Eye". It was written in collaboration with Lowell Thomas, a popular writer and famous radio personality. Thomas was also famous for bringing to the public, the British Desert Soldier, Lawrence of Arabia, via theater slide shows and a book recounting the War in the Middle East Desert.

*submitted by John Cook*



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## SICK CALL

Joe Mensack is recuperating at home after his stroke. He is going to Bryn Mawr Rehab.

Tom Weiman would appreciate cards and phone calls. Again, his address is: Fair Acres, 341 N. Middletown Road, Room 5-A, Lima, Pa 19063. His phone # is 610-892-0788.

Bob Bunce had a pacemaker put in and is feeling fine. You can't keep a good man down.

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

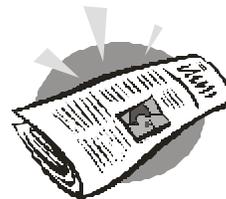
*Note: The Chaplain's phone number is 610.353.5569.*

**Chris Bush**

Chaplain

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## "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.

### SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Jim Donahue, J. Edward Bailey, Jr., Dot & Craig Allen, Jim Alleva, Bill Negle, and Mike Horne.

### Thank you boosters!

Semper Fi

**Bob Spano**, Paymaster

## THE BONUS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

The headquarters for the veterans was in Anacostia, but in Washington, some of the veterans were occupying a row of abandoned buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue with their wives and children. Being three blocks from the Capitol, they were most conspicuous and an eyesore and a humiliation for the Administration. Eviction was a must and it reflected a hardening of the attitude of the well-fed toward the ill-fed.

General Douglas MacArthur had promised the leaders of the B.E.F. that if eviction became necessary, he would allow them to retire with dignity and as good soldiers, they accepted the word of a four star General.



**Bonus Veteran with Child from  
York, Pennsylvania**

Washington, D.C.,  
Theodor Horydczak, photographer,  
Source: Library of Congress

**Thursday, 28 July 1932**

Disaster wears many masks, and for the B.E.F. It was represented by 2 Treasury Department Agents that approached the "Barracks" of the marchers on Pennsylvania Avenue and ordered the occupants to vacate the buildings. The B.E.F. refused and the T-Men departed.

There were two groups opposing the B.E.F. with orders from the President to proceed with the eviction. The first was the Washington Police Force headed by Superintendent Pelham Glassford, retired U.S. Army Brigadier General, who was sympathetic to the B.E.F. and their cause and had provided bedding and food, had been quoted as saying, "I would rather feed than fight the B.E.F."

The second group was the U.S. Army. These were dog days for professional soldiers. There only 132,069 Americans in uniform and a private's pay was \$17.85 per month. The Chief of Staff, commanding the Army was the only four star General at that time, Douglas MacArthur. There were no 3 star Generals. MacArthur's annual pay was \$10,400.00 plus living quarters at Fort Meyers and the exclusive use of the U.S. Army's only limousine. MacArthur's Aide was Major Dwight Eisenhower. Promotion was by seniority only and it had taken 22 years for Eisenhower to rise from Captain to Major and his salary was now \$3,000.00 per year. During WWII, Eisenhower would rise from 3 star Lieutenant General to 5 star General in 3 years and 3 months. Another key player in this affair was Major George S. Patton who held that rank since 1919. He was already known for his pearl handled pistols and was independently wealthy. He played polo and had won 400 ribbons and 200 cups playing that sport.

*submitted by John Cook*



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment**  
**3 September 2002**  
Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 1940.

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

Honorary guest Dick Phillips, the Commander of American Legion Post 805 presented a check for \$100.00 to Bob Stanton Commander of the Young Marines, on behalf of the American Legion.

**NEW MEMBERS:** A Motion was made by Paymaster Bob Spano to accept John F. Keevil as a regular member, the Motion was seconded by Frank Mayer. Motion passed, and he was sworn in by the Commandant.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Frank Mayer and seconded by Jim Alleva to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion was passed.

Department Senior Vice Tom Tanner presented the Detachment with two awards from National, a certificate for 100% membership participation and newsletter participation. He also presented streamers for our Detachment Colors.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Adjutant Mike Horne read a letter from Curt Weldon thanking the Detachment for our support of legislation which would restore full retirement pay and V.A. disability compensation benefits for disabled veterans. Mike also read a letter of thanks from Joan Disney and family for the beautiful ceremonies held by the funeral detail. He also read a letter of thanks from Michael Damon for his scholarship award from the Detachment. Mike also passed around a petition for members to sign which asked the Secretary of the Navy to name a U.S. Navy ship in honor of Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel W. "Woody" Williams. Mr. Williams received the Medal of Honor for actions "above and beyond the call of duty" on Iwo Jima in World War II.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PAYMASTER:** Bob Spano gave a detailed financial report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by Frank Mayer and seconded by Mike Horne to approve the monthly report. Motion passed. Bob also asked membership for an increase in the budget in the following areas: ceremonies, charitable contributions, historian, meeting expenses, publicity, and Senior Vice Commandant expense. Motion was made by Marino DeFrancesco and seconded by Gerry Powlus. Motion passed. Bob also had Detachment license plates for sale for \$5.00. Please see the Lockerbox Chairman Tom Lynch if you wish to purchase one.

**CHAPLAIN:** Chris Bush read a letter of thanks from the Greenspon family thanking the members for all their notes of sympathy.

**SR. VICE COMMANDANT:** Mike Horne reported for Dave

Brimble (excused absence). He stated that the current membership is at 173:

154 regular members, and 19 associate members with one new member. Mike also reported that Dave has a guest speaker for the Marine Corps Ball. The Guest Speaker is Lt. Col. Michael Kessler, the National Executive Director of the Young Marines.

**JR. VICE COMMANDANT:** Jim Alleva thanked all members who have been helping out with the Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales and stated that we can always use more help. Jim reported that the ad book sales are doing well. Jim read a letter of thanks from the Marple Hero Scholarship Fund for our participation in the flea market on Sunday, September 8. He passed around a sign-up sheet for members who wish to help out at the Military vehicle & Antique car show at the Franklin Mint on September 29.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Frank Mayer stated that the bylaws are completed and he thanked Barbara Kaufman for all her help with this project. He also thanked the staff for their input. Red binders for new members are completed and all new members are asked to pick one up. Frank also stated that the Thunderbirds are performing at the Willow Grove Air Force Base on September 12-14. If interested in attending, please contact Frank.

**SGT-AT-ARMS:** No report.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** Connie McGinley - no report. Connie donated posters to the Locker Box with proceeds to go to the Young Marines.

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

**DIRECTOR:** Gerry Powlus - no report.

**DIRECTOR:** Nick Repino stated that the Locker Box audit will be held at the October meeting.

**JR. PAST COMMANDANT:** Harry Kaufman (excused absence).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**V.A.V.S.:** Bob Matthews reported that Coatesville's monthly bingo party is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. Meet at K of C parking lot at 6:30 PM. Bob also stated that there will not be a bingo party in the month of November or December. Coatesville Hospital will hold their annual picnic on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Members who are going will meet at K of C parking lot at 10:00 AM.

**Ceremonies:** George VanDusen thanked John Cook, Ray Green, and Tom Kerrigan for cleaning of rifles. He also stated that there will be a 9/11 ceremony at the Broomall Firehouse for the one-year anniversary. Those attending, please report to the firehouse at 9:00 AM.

**Historian:** Ray Green reported that there have been 138 funeral ceremonies so far this year. He passed around a scrapbook for members to look at which had pictures of members during their military career. Anyone wishing to add a photo or with information about the photo, please contact Ray Green.

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Locker Box Chairman: Tom Lynch reported that anyone wishing to order items for the upcoming Marine Corps Ball, please do so as soon as possible so that items will be in before the ball. He also said that there are many donated items for sale. Please make an offer because all proceeds go to the Young Marines.

Young Marines: Commander Bob Stanton reported that the Young Marines would like to take over ticket sales for the Jr. Troop Handler wagon one Saturday in the fall. Date will be announced at a later time. Young Marines will have their fall camp-out at French Creek this year. Bob also stated that the Young Marines will help out at the Franklin Mint military vehicle/antique car expo on September 29. Bob announced that on October 26, the Devil Dog's are having a spaghetti dinner to benefit St. Lucy School for the Blind and the Overbrook School for the Blind with all proceeds to go for scholarships. All members are asked to attend. The dinner will be held at VFW Post #928 in Folsom, PA. The hours are 1600 – 1930, cost is \$ 7.50 per person. Please see Bob if interested.

**COMMANDANT'S REPORT:** Commandant Neri passed out copies of the meeting agenda and the Commandant's report to membership. Copies are available. Steve thanked all members who came in early to set up for the general meeting. Steve also reported that the Annual Hero Scholarship flea market at Delaware County Community College is on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. He asked all members to please try to participate because this is one of our biggest one-day fundraisers. Steve also said that we will be participating in a September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial service with our Color Guard and Rifle Squad along with the American Legion Post 805 and the VFW Post 7390 at the Broomall Fire Company. All members were asked to attend. Steve reported that the Coatesville VA Hospital will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, September 14. Steve stated that on Sunday, September 29, our Detachment will be participating in two events. One will be at the Franklin Mint at the Antique Military Vehicle Show, where we will sell chances for our Jr. Troop Handler wagon. We need as many members as possible to participate. On the same day, Commandant Neri and a 4-man Color Guard from the Detachment will take part in the Sgt. John Baslione Day Parade in Rariton, NJ. Steve also mentioned that on November 10, 2002, at the Oaklands Cemetery in West Chester, PA, we will be honoring Major General Smedley D. Butler's gravesite along with the Chester County Detachment. Steve reminded those who are attending the Marine Corps Ball on Saturday, November 9, 2002, at the Paxon Hollow Country Club to see Dave Brimble to make their reservations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A Motion was made by Chris Bush stating that members of the Marine Corps League march alone as a group in all upcoming parades. The Motion was seconded by Walt Tallmadge. Motion passed. Steve Neri applauded "Iron" Bob Bunce for helping out with wagon sales on Saturday, August 31, considering he just had a pacemaker implanted that week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commandant Neri proposed that the Detachment purchase a banner for marching in parades. Cost would be \$255.00. Bob Matthews stated that he would purchase this banner for the Detachment. Also, Steve ordered a POW/MIA flag (parade size) also for marching in parades.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sr. Vice Department Commandant Tom Tanner reported that the Department Veterans' Day program will be held at the Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on November 10, 2002. All Leaguers are invited. Also, the Department Birthday Ball will be held on November 10, 2002, with guest speaker Gen. John L. Patton. Please make sure to register well in advance for this event.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2110 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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50/50 winner was Bob Stanton.

Locker Box certificate winner was Tom Lynch.  
45 members signed the log book on 9/3/02.  
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**Birthday Greetings  
for October**

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

- Robert Adams, Craig Allen, Frank Abrosini,  
Michael Bodle, Robert Bunce, Edwin Burns,  
Tom Cleary, Aaron Cubbage,  
Marino DeFrancesco, William DiLenno,  
Frank Mayer, John McDermott, David Prentice,  
James Procopio, Donald Rugen, Al Yerger,  
and Donald Walz

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



Next Regular Meeting is:  
October 1, 2002  
1930 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA



**Marine Corps League**  
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