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Commandant's Report October 2010

There are only three months and three general meetings left for 2010. That means it is time for nominations. Our next meeting will be the first of three rounds of nominations for elected officers. The elections will take place at our December meeting and will follow the last round of nominations.

Our Detachment "**Marine of the Year**" is also elected at our December meeting. If you are considering nominating one of your fellow members (there are plenty of great candidates), make sure you get a recommendation to Earle Drake, Con McGinley or Jack McLeod very soon!!

Contact Earle Drake for more detailed information (such as qualifications, etc.) on officer elections, and Marine of the Year or you can refer to the By-Laws and Administrative Procedures.

If you don't have a copy of either of these documents and would like one, ask one of the officers and we will make sure you receive them.

The majority of us is "connected to the internet" and use email on a regular basis. I'm sure that, like me, you receive plenty of very intriguing and sometimes heartwarming stories that seem almost too incredible to be true! I often go to a web site that is very noteworthy for dispelling myths (www.snopes.com). For an example: I just received an email today about Brutus, the first dog to receive the Medal of Honor. I'm not sure why I bothered with this one (pretty obvious), but I did anyway and of course this was a myth.

Is there a point in all this, you might ask yourself? Yes, there is! Although there are plenty of really incredible stories to be told of amazing heroic feats, if it seems that a story may be a bit too far fetched, you may want to check it's validity before you reach for your Forward button.

By the way, Brutus's real name is Spike, and although the Belgian Milionis import from Europe never served in the military, you might be happy to know that he did serve honorably in the Scottsdale, AZ Police Dept. for six years.

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Semper Fidelis,
Dan Luty
Commandant



Spike (aka Brutus)

Sr. Vice Report

Our Detachment's next big event is our Marine Corps Ball. The date is Friday November 5th and the time is 1800 - 2230. The cost is \$45 (same as last year). It will be held at the Paxon Hollow CC. Let's have a big turnout and celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. As always, our Christmas Dinner will follow our very brief December meeting. The December meeting starts at 1800 and the cost is an **unwrapped toy** for our *Toys for Tots* campaign.

I have received a suggestion that we sponsor a trip to Marine South. The Expo will be held at Camp Lejeune, NC. It would have to be a 2-3day trip. The dates are April 27 and 28. We could include other detachments so we could fill a bus. Let me know what you think.

On membership, the detachment is doing a great job. Keep on recruiting.

Semper Fi

Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant

Concord Cub Scout 911 Memorial

Earle Drake, Harry Kaufman and Lloyd Spangler attended the Concord Cub Scout 911 Memorial Program at the request of one of our members, Craig Williams. Earle, Lloyd and Harry did their Americanism presentation. Below, and continued in the next column are some pictures from the event...



Lloyd Spangler, who gave the scouts a little information on the bugle call he was about to play, which was "Tattoo".



Craig Williams and Scouts Posting the Colors



No, no, the young lad in the front row isn't napping!

He was just checking his Military Alignment.

"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!

OCTOBER BOOSTERS

Gene Kern	Pat & Joe Mensack
Beth & Jim Herbst	Joe Direso
Bud Davis	Paul Ferguson
Bea Lloyd	Jim Sandusky
Jack Kelly	Bob Matthews
Florence & Bob Spano	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod
Hank Velardi	Dottie & Walt Tallmadge
Tom Falgiatore	Dan Fitzpatrick
Jack Gallagher	

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings
for October**

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

G. Craig Allen
Robert Bunce
Aaron Cabbage
Marino DeFrancesco
William Dilenno, Sr.
James Friel
James Herbst
Frank Mayer, Jr.
James Procopio
Edgar Speer
Donald Walz



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

*If your birthday was omitted,
please contact Adjutant Jack Kelly.
We apologize for any omissions.*

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Dan Luty
Sr. Vice Commandant	James Herbst
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Paul Ferguson
Sergeant-At-Arms	James D. Ross
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Con McGinley
Director	Bob Cosgrove
Director	Ed Seidl
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Earle Drake

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment
Committee Chairmen**

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Jim Mulhern/E. Drake
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Jim Ross
Color Guard	Joe Conigliaro
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Jack Gallagher
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Wayne Barner
Honor Guard Assistant	John J. V. Cook
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	Gene Kern
Membership	James Herbst
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Jerry Leon
Nominations	Earle Drake
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	Earle Drake
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Con McGinley
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Web Master	Dan Luty

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Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

October

- 2 Walk for the Wounded, Music Pier, Ocean City, NJ – 1000 registration. For info: <http://www.ochome.com/home/site/walk>
- 4 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.
- 10 Adopt-a-Highway, Wolff Spring's parking lot, Bishop Hollow Rd. @ 0830
- 10 VFW Dist. 7, WWII Luncheon, Knights of Columbus, Springfield @ 1300.
- 11 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- 13 Middletown Twp. bus trip to U.S.M.C. Museum, departs 0730.
- 24 Beirut Memorial Service, Foglietta Plaza on Columbus Blvd. & Dock St. Carpooling from Eldorado Carpets, departing 0900.
- 26 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post 805, Broomall @ 1930.

November

- 1 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.

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 1930.

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 Avenues, Havertown, PA.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 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, AmVets, Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave. in Morton, PA meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$6.00/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. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Herbert W. Best Post # 928, meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except in September, it will be the day after Labor Day, the 2nd (Tuesday and the 3rd Monday) Meetings are held at Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW, MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, 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.

SICK CALL

Ralph LaMarra
Dave Brimble

Bob Bunce

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

The Legend Continues ...



When he took command, Butler used a cadre of the post, as he had done at Quantico, as the labor force to improve and maintain the facilities of the base.

The Commanding General's quarters had a flower garden which Butler hoped to improve. "Any Marine who brings a plant, bush or tree to put in my garden will get a 72 hour pass." As the story is told, those words or ones very similar, from General Butler were the beginning of the Commanding General's Garden. Marines from all over the base responded to the General's request and the garden flourished.

Soon though, it became apparent where the plants were coming from. As the story goes, the General received a letter from the Mayor of San Diego, requesting that the General tell all his Marines to stop taking the plants from Balboa Park. Balboa Park, is the great botanical park of San Diego.

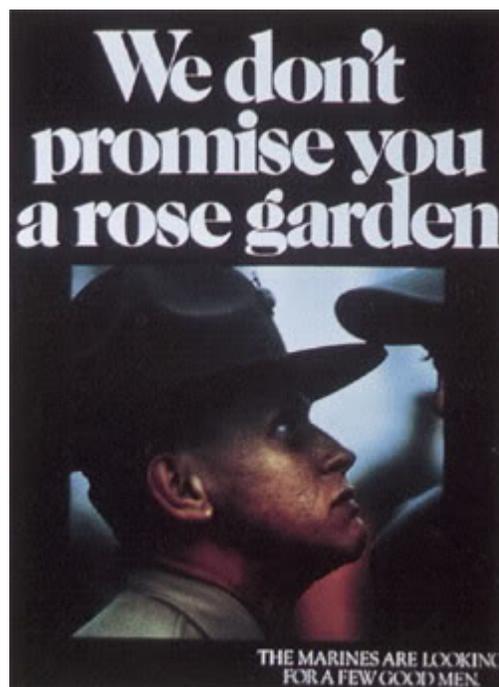
The work continued on the base and by 1926 there was a complete set of barracks, power plant, ice plant, laundry and other facilities and the Fourth Marines garrisoned there. Butler now pushed schemes that generated publicity for the Marine Corps.

He assisted Hollywood in making a Marine centered movie on the base starring the great master of makeup, Lon Chaney, Sr. The silent movie was titled, "Tell It To The Marines" and it was a big hit with the public. Chaney played the role of a tough sergeant with a soft heart.

Guarding the US Mail was another task that created a good image of the Corps and it's men. At the time, there had been violent gang-style mail robberies and the federal government requested the Marines demonstrate all the advantages of discipline, centralized command, high morale and efficiency. The Marines rode the trains and mail trucks, guarded post offices and were present wherever large sums of postal monies were being handled. They presented themselves in perfect appearance, perfect behavior, perfect attention to duty, cheerfulness and willingness but had an order to "shoot to kill!" Butler announced, "I want the mail brought in or dead Marines." With this notice to bandits, robbery attempts abruptly ceased.

Submitted by:

J.J.V. Cook



Sergeant Charles A. "Chuck" Taliano Jr., whose photo as a drill instructor "in the face of a new recruit" on the "We Don't Promise You a Rose Garden, The Marines are Looking for a Few Good Men" poster during the early 1970's, which became a Marine collectors item, died of cancer, June 4, in Beaufort, SC. He was 65.

He enlisted in 1963. After recruit training in Parris Island, he served with Headquarters Btry, 2nd Battalion, Tenth Marine Regiment, Camp Lejeune. He deployed with the 2nd Marine Division to Santo Domingo, during the Dominican Republic Crisis in 1965. Later that year, he reported to Drill Instructor School, Parris Island, and was assigned to Company D, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, where he had been trained as a recruit. With the exception of 3 months as a drown proofing swimming instructor, he remained with Company D his entire tour.

The "Rose Garden" drill instructor poster remains popular today. Sgt. Taliano was photographed in 1968 when he was picking up a new recruit platoon, and the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency used the photo for a new recruiting campaign.

Taliano left the Corps in 1968 and held executive sales and marketing positions with several book publishers, including vice president, sales and marketing, Simon & Schuster Inc.; Putnam Publishing Group; E. P. Dutton Inc. and Grolier Publishing Co. He retired from publishing in 2001 and moved to the Beaufort area. He was on the board of directors of the Parris Island Historical and Museum Society and operated the Historical Society's gift shop on the depot.

Taliano was a life member of the Marine Corps League Yellow Footprint Detachment, Beaufort, a member of the MCL Phillip K. Dorn Det., Leonardo, NJ and the USMC Drill Instructor Association.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 8 September 2010

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dan Luty, Sr. Vice Jim Herbst, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Junior Past Commandant Earle Drake.

New Member: A prospective new member was introduced. George Hettenbach served in Vietnam as a member of the U.S. Navy. Harry Kaufman made a motion to accept him as an associate member. Jim Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commandant Dan Luty administered the oath of membership and George Hettenbach was accepted into membership as an associate member.

Minutes: Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 August 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensach seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Since Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross was not feeling well, he was excused from the meeting, and Earle Drake served as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the remainder of the meeting.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly indicated that a number of thank you letters had been received from organizations to which the Detachment had recently donated funds. Thank you letters were received from The Semper Fi Fund, Homes For Our Troops, The Wounded Warrior Project, and the Fisher Hose Foundation, among others. In addition, notes of thanks were received from several of our scholarship recipients, including Julia Cutting, Dana Biaocco, and Kayla Andress.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 August 2010. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst mentioned that the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball is scheduled for Friday, 5 November 2010 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. The cost per person is \$45.00. John Cook will handle seating arrangements, while Bob Spano will be collecting funds for the event. Jim Herbst also mentioned that the December general meeting is the Toys for Tots meeting, where everyone is asked to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots program. Jim Herbst also awarded Life Membership cards to Ed Seidl and Hank Velardi.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod provided information on the Help Us Help Heroes (HUHO) campaign, which is underway again after a month's recess. Two recent weekend events produced almost

\$8,000.00 in revenue for distribution at a later date. In addition, Jack McLeod reported that the dates scheduled for Acme Market locations in October have been rescheduled and have been confirmed by Acme Corporate Headquarters and by local store management. It had previously been reported that another organization had been given exclusive rights for collections during October, but this has now been changed. Jack McLeod also provided information on the Birthday Ball Program Book, indicating that advertising applications are now available. Gene Kern has agreed to act as the sales manager for the Birthday Ball Program Book.

Service Officer: Con McGinley reported that there is a picnic scheduled for Saturday, 11 September 2010 at the Coatesville Medical Center. In addition, the monthly bingo game is scheduled for Monday, 13 September 2010 at the Coatesville Medical Center.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake provided information concerning the election of officers for the coming year. According to Detachment By-laws, nominations for elected officers will be conducted during the monthly general meetings of October, November, and December, and the election of officers will take place in the December general meeting. Earle Drake reviewed the guidelines for those potentially running for elective office. Earle Drake also reviewed the process for nominating and voting on the Detachment's Marine of the Year. Nominations can be made up to the end of November. A committee of the last three Marines of the Year, consisting of Earle Drake, Jack McLeod, and Con McGinley will review the nominations made by the membership, and will arrive at a consensus of the top three nominations. Voting for the Marine of the Year will be done by the general membership at the December general meeting. The name of the Marine of the Year will be announced at the January 2011 general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete was not in attendance, but Commandant Dan Luty mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 10 October 2010.

Public Relations/Americanism: Earle Drake provided information on recent library exhibits on the life of General Butler and one exhibit beginning at the Middletown Free Library. He also provided information on his activity in the public relations arena with press releases made available on Detachment activities, including the recent Combined Alliance picnic and the event at the helicopter museum in West Chester. In the Americanism program, two events are scheduled for the near future. For newer members, Earle Drake provided a brief overview of the Americanism program. Earle Drake also mentioned that the Detachment has a need for a rolling cart, for the storage of books belonging to the Detachment. The books could be loaned to members for their reading enjoyment.

Auxiliary: Tony Fusto did not have a report, but Commandant Dan Luty gave Tony Fusto a Detachment check for \$1,000.00 to present to the Auxiliary for the Auxiliary's general use.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro reported that the Color Guard would be at The Haverford School on Saturday, 11 September 2010 to present the colors prior to a football game. It was mentioned that General Butler was a graduate of The Haverford School.

Scouting: Dan Luty mentioned that Jack Gingras has stepped down as the Scouting chairman. Ed Seidl has assumed the responsibility as the new Scouting chairman.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner mentioned that the Honor Guard participated in 15 funerals for military veterans during the month of August. The year-to-date total was reported as 141 military funerals.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern reported a Department rifle match is scheduled for 24 – 26 September 2010. Four shooters from the Detachment will be participating, and possibly a fifth shooter will be added. Gene Kern mentioned that some regular duty members (USMC) from the Folsom Reserve Center may be interested in shooting, but in order to do so, they would have to become Marine Corps League members prior to the event.

Scuttlebutt Newsletter: Dan Luty mentioned that the printer that had been used to print the *Scuttlebutt* has gone out of business. The most recent issue was printed at Dan Luty's place of employment, and the Detachment will continue to use this location for printing the newsletter in the future.

Delaware County Memorial Park Chairman: Jerry Leon provided an update on the golf ball drop that is scheduled for Saturday, 11 September 2010 at the Edgmont Country Club. Jerry Leon congratulated the Detachment members for the number of tickets sold, and other organizations also contributed to what should be a successful event. Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a helicopter, and the golf ball that falls closest to the pin will be worth \$2,000.00 to the winning ticket holder. Other awards will be made to second and third place winners.

Property: Bob Spano reported that he had recently ordered some nametags for those members who had ordered some. He has found that the company making the nametags has moved, so he has resubmitted his order to the company at its new location.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton provided a good report on the activities in the Young Marines program. He mentioned that the Young Marines had traveled to Washington, D.C. for the Memorial Day weekend for a national convention. The Young Marines had a great time and they participated in events at the World War II Monument, at the Korean War Memorial service, and at the Vietnam War Memorial service. The Detachment had provided \$3,000.00 to assist the Young Marines for this event, and Bob Stanton expressed his gratitude to the Detachment members for this financial assistance. Bob Stanton mentioned that the support of others is always welcome, so if any MCL members want to become involved in the Young Marines program, they should contact Bob Stanton.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were discussed.

New Business: It was mentioned that Earle Drake has been appointed as the Assistant Southeast District Vice Commandant for the Department of Pennsylvania.

Bob Spano reviewed a list of those organizations to receive donations by the Detachment that had been discussed at a recent officers meeting for consideration by the membership. One contribution was suggested for an individual, SPC Kevin Hardy, of Eddystone, PA. Kevin Hardy was wounded in Iraq in 2007 and is now discharged from the U.S. Army with a 100% disability rating. Medical expenses for him are mounting and assistance has been requested. A contribution of \$500.00 was suggested. Bernie McGinley made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to Kevin Hardy of Eddystone, PA, and then to contribute \$1,000.00 each to the following organizations: Mom 4R Marines, c/o America 4R Marines, Willow Grove, PA; Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; The Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Voluntary Service, Philadelphia, PA; and the USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. Jim Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Bob Spano mentioned that contributions could be made for the newsletter to offset publication costs. Bob Stanton mentioned that a Marine home on leave had been shot in Philadelphia. His spinal cord had been hit, and he and his family are facing increasing medical costs. Various veteran organizations are contributing to his expenses.

Announcements: Harry Kaufman mentioned that the AmVets in Morton would be having a crab fest on 19 September 2010. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Joe Conigliaro mentioned that the American Legion Post #338 would be installing new officers on Tuesday 14 September 2010. Jim Robinson mentioned that a Walk for the Wounded event is scheduled for 2 October 2010 in Ocean City, NJ.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Dominic D'Alessandro won the 50/50. Forty-one members signed the log.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Kelly
Adjutant

Evans Fordyce Carlson

Not enough has been said about one of the Marine Corps' greatest combat leaders. Not usually known, but still a fact, the slogan "gung ho" was brought to the Corps by Carlson who in 1938, was sent to China as President Roosevelt personal correspondent to observe and learn from the Chinese. The Chinese Communist guerrillas, with whom Carlson spent much time, believed that every member of a military formation was important and should be treated equally. His service with the Chinese Communists caused his superiors to believe that Carlson might himself be a communist.

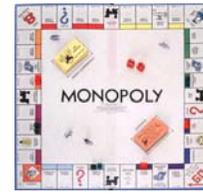
During the Makin Island raid he was awarded the Navy Cross, one of the three Navy Cross' Carlson was awarded. His Citation reads: "For extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in actual conflict with the enemy in aggressive and successful conduct of a Marine Raider expedition with the enemy-held Makin Island on August 17-8, 1942. As C.O. of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, he led his forces in the first operation of this type ever conducted by U.S. forces. While under fire of ground troops and aerial bombing, he personally directed his forces which inflicted great personnel and material damage on the enemy. In the withdrawal of his forces under adverse sea conditions he showed outstanding initiative, resourcefulness, and perseverance, in evacuating all wounded and disabled men. Overall he displayed splendid leadership and untiring efforts in organizing, training, and taking his Marine Raider unit into successful action with courage and resourcefulness, against an unexpectedly powerful enemy force. After overcoming all opposition and destroying all gasoline storage, important shore installations, and two enemy aircraft, he successfully withdrew his unit. His outstanding bravery, skill and determination in attacking this strong enemy force, with utter disregard for his personal safety, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service"

The Makin Island Raid was just what the beleaguered American people needed. The war had just started and our successes were few. Hollywood producer Walter Wanger knew a good story when he saw one. In 1943 Wanger produced "Gung Ho! The story of Carlson's Makin Island raid" starring Randolph Scott.



Brigadier General **Evans Fordyce Carlson** (26 Feb. 1896 – 27 May 1947) was the famed USMC leader of the World War II "Carlson's Raiders". He is renowned for the "Makin Island Raid" on August 17, 1942 and their "Long Patrol" (aka Carlson's patrol or Carlson's Raiders) from Nov. 4, 1942 to Dec. 4, 1942 behind Japanese lines on Guadalcanal, in which 488 Japanese were killed, 16 Raiders were killed and 18 wounded, during the Guadalcanal campaign.

Monopoly Not a Game to WWII British POWs



LONDON (*This is an AP article from 1985*), — Escape from a World War II German prison camp was never as easy as passing "Go," but prisoners could find help in doctored sets of Monopoly games that held smuggled maps, money and steel files.

Monopoly is 50 years old this year, and its British manufacturers, Waddingtons Games Ltd., recently brought two former prisoners of war to the British Toy and Hobby Fair to celebrate the anniversary. Retired Col. James Yule, 68, and former navy flier John Powell Davies, 64, who both spent most of the war in high-security Colditz Castle prison for recaptured escapers and important prisoners, helped Waddingtons' executives blow out the 50 candles on a cake decorated like a Monopoly board. "Without Monopoly, there wouldn't be an England," Yule joked in a toast.

Yule and Powell Davies said they weren't certain whether anyone had ever sawed through prison bars using the slender files hidden in the doctored sets. However, the money and the maps printed on silk were useful aids. Beyond that, said Powell Davies, "it made an enormous difference to one's esprit to know that there were people in England trying to help one."

Waddingtons, which received the license to distribute Monopoly in Britain in 1935 from Parker Brothers in the United States, got involved in aiding the prisoners of war because of its printing expertise. It printed maps for the military on durable silk. Thousands of fliers who went on missions over German-occupied Europe had the maps sewn into their uniforms to use if they were shot down.

Victor Watson, chairman of the firm, said Waddingtons had a secret department that put the maps, files and money in shallow recesses on the board under the paper face. Then MI-9, the division of Military Intelligence devoted to helping POWs escape, smuggled the sets into prison camps as recreational equipment.

Yule, an army intelligence officer, was captured in Norway and sent to a prison camp there, but escaped. He was recaptured and sent to Colditz, where he and Powell were on a committee trying to organize escapes of other prisoners.

Powell Davies, who was a 19-year-old flier when he was captured, said the prison escape committees would destroy the sets after removing the escape aids to keep the guards from figuring out what was going on. Yule said that similar material came in other recreational items and books and that the combined material aided a few escapes from Colditz, near Leipzig in what is now East Germany. "No one had escaped from Colditz in World War I, and the Germans thought it was impregnable," said Yule.

Even with the smuggled aids, it was about as easy to escape from Colditz as it is to amass hotels on Park Place--or in Mayfair in the British version of Monopoly. "There always were more guards than prisoners," Powell Davies said.

One of original Navajo Code Talkers dies in Arizona



Allen Dale June, one of the 29 original Navajo Code Talkers, who confounded the Japanese during World War II by transmitting messages in their native language, has died. He was 91. June died of natural causes at a veteran's hospital in Prescott, AZ.

The Code Talkers took part in every assault the Marines conducted in the Pacific from 1942 to 1945. They sent thousands of messages without error on Japanese troop movements, battlefield tactics and other communications critical to the war's ultimate outcome.

Several hundred Navajos served as Code Talkers during the war, but a group of 29 that included June developed the code based on their native language. Their role in the war wasn't declassified until 1968. June, who attained the rank of sergeant, received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2001 along with other members of the original Code Talkers. With his death, only two of the 29 are still living.

"The Navajo Nation lost a great warrior," Tribal Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan said in a statement. "His unique service to his country brought positive attention to the Navajo Nation. He will be missed."

June first tried to sign up for the Marines in his hometown of Kaibeto on the Navajo Nation, but a recruiter told him he was too young. He then traveled to the reservation town of Chinle to enlist — because he figured people there wouldn't recognize him — and he could lie about his age and forge his father's signature, Virginia June said.

Even after the code was declassified in 1968, June said little about his role as a Code Talker because he viewed it as bragging, his wife said. Anyone who saw him in the past several years might have been able to guess he was a Code Talker, as he wore a red Navajo Code Talker cover with his name on it wherever he went and a black leather jacket with "Marines" written across the back. He completed his look with a bolo tie that had a large turquoise stone.

Virginia June routinely handed out cards bearing Allen June's picture and rank in the Marines that he had autographed. Besides his wife, Allen June is survived by 10 children.



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Happy  Halloween

Next Meeting
October 4, 2010
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
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