



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Message...

I would like to thank all those members who have been attending the meetings on a regular basis. We are fortunate to have the attendance that we do have, about 35% which is considered high. The successful longevity of any organization is an active and committed membership. This detachment has thus far proven to have the right stuff, but we must have an ongoing influx of new members, let's not forget our goal of 2 in 02. We must all recruit 2 new members this year and also get involved in one of the many programs that this detachment has.

The Marine Corps League is the living history of the Marine Corps and like our Corps it will go on. Take a minute to think about our members. We have members from almost every battle the Corps has been involved in for the last sixty years. Men from every background urban, suburban, and country raised, college educated, and high school, rich and poor, enlisted and officers. We are a diverse group but with a common belief that was instilled in us in the Marine

Corps. Those high ideals that we learned in the Corps (Honor, Integrity, and Service to our Country) they served us well and will always remain with us.

Like the Corps, the League has a proud history of faithful service to our local Communities and Country. The many programs this detachment is involved with can be broken down into three categories; helping those in need, (VAWS, needy families, brother to brother) youth programs (scouting, fitness, young marines, scholarships, toys-for-tots and Americanism presentations in schools) and Patriotic (parades, color guards, military funerals, flag retirements, and donations and preservations of our veterans monuments). I believe we can be very proud of our record but we must never rest on our laurels, or become complacent.

The monies for all of these worthy and important projects come from the various fund raising activities. There are three major efforts, the Daily Lottery tickets, and sale of the tickets for the Jr. Troop Handler Wagon and the sale of advertisements for our Marine Corps Ball program book.

Leaguers, I cannot overemphasize the need for each and every member to participate and support these many worthwhile projects. Let us all remember that Marine concept of **TEAMWORK.**

Semper Fi,

Steve Neri



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The Legend Continues...

Butler also embarked on some community work projects that really won the populations' respect and admiration. The marines undertook a highway improvement program to rebuild the Peiping/Tientsin Road and its bridges. The marines also won the hearts of the people of two separate villages. The first village requested a bridge over a river so that the people could establish a trade route to Tientsin. The bridge was built and trade flourished for the small village.

The second village, Boxertown, was saved, unknowingly, from certain doom from a rampaging group of Chinese soldiers. Butler drove in an old car toward the village and as he approached he was met by the villagers fleeing the oncoming raiders. Before Butler could react, the raiders spotted his car and assumed that he was leading a body of troops plus the old car had engine problems and was constantly backfiring. The raiders thought that it was machine gun fire coming from the assumed troops and turned and fled from the imagined troops thus saving the village.

An emergency on Christmas Day 1927 also put the marines in a favorable image with the Chinese people. A Standard Oil Company warehouse containing a million pounds of candle grease caught fire and endangered many lives. The warehouse, on fire, was close to a building used as storage of gasoline and nearby were 6 oil tanks holding 3 million gallons of oil. Nine minutes after the first alarm, Butler had a battalion of marines on the spot fighting the blaze and eventually a thousand marines helped to quell the four-day fire.

Chiang Kai-Shek was chosen President of China on 10 October 1928 and political conditions greatly improved. No Civil War threatened U.S. and Foreign Interests in Tientsin and all elements of the 3rd Brigade were withdrawn in January 1929 and departed China.

The Tientsin Legation Guard was increased to 500 men when the 3rd Brigade departed.

The U.S. Army 15th Infantry departed China in March 1938, before they could become involved in the fighting between the Japanese and Chinese Armies in North China.

The 4th Marines remained in Shanghai, 1150 men, until 1941 when they were transferred to the Philippine Islands.

submitted by John Cook

Scholarship Chairman's Report

A reminder that the Department scholarship application forms should be submitted as soon as possible.

All members who have submitted requests for the Department scholarship application, please submit one completed copy of that application to me to validate your request for the Detachment scholarship.

Information and applications for the National scholarships will be available by the end of March. For those of you with computers, applications will also be available on the Internet at:

www.mcl@mcleague.org.

The following members have submitted requests for the Detachment scholarships:

Boyajian, Dodds, Green, Heinzelman, Horne, Kaufman, Kerrigan, Powlus, Tanner, Yeager.

Harry Kaufman
Scholarship Chairman
(610) 353-2863

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered!

On 26 April at a time to be announced, we will graduate the next class of recruits into the Young Marine unit. This is a special time for us because we can honor those who have earned the title of Young Marine and have what it takes to start their Young Marine career. All are invited.

Coming up onto our nation's six month anniversary of September 11th, we must not forget those who have served and are still serving our country. On behalf of the Delaware County Unit, we would like to say thank you to all of those who are on active duty, reserve duty and to the veterans that protect this great nation.

God Bless America and to all those who make it free!

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH

- 30 EASTER EGG HUNT (behind old RETS school) W. Chester Pike & Malin Rd. 13:00 hrs. Sponsored by American Legion Post 805.
31 EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL

- 02 SMEDLEY D. BUTER DET. MCL. Gen. Mem. Meeting – 19:30 hrs. Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square, PA
03 AMVETS—Meeting Post Hall #118, Morton Ave., Morton, PA 20:00 hrs.
04 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Meeting, Newtown Sq., PA 20:00 hrs.
06 MULTI – DETACHMENT Meeting at Del. Co. Det. UPLAND, PA ALL STAFF MEMBERS WILL ATTEND – 11:30 Hrs.
08 D.A.V. – Meeting AmVets Post # 118, Morton, PA 20:00 hrs.
10 DEVIL DOGS – Growl at VFW # 928, Folsom, Pa 19:30 hrs.
13 AUXILIARY LUNCHEON – Town House Media 12:30 (call Polly Bush)
13 DEL.CO.DET. –Polish dinner at Det. Home \$7.00, 17:30 – 20:30 hrs.
14 ADOPT A HIGHWAY – Clean-up 09:00 hrs. (call Sr. Vice)
21 DEL.CO.DET. – SUNDAY BREAKFAST, at Det. Home 08:00 – 11:30 hrs.
23 VILLANOVA NROTC PASS-IN-REVIEW, 15:00 HRS. THE DET. WILL PRESENT THE “GUNG-HO” AWARD, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.
26-28 MCL National N.E. Divisional meeting, Atlantic City, NJ
27 AUXILIARY BAKE SALE—Eckerd Drugs, Newtown Sq., 09:00–13:00 hrs.
27 MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP ASSOC. Banquet at Phila. Navy yard, COMMANDANT (Gen. Jones) will be there to present awards.
27 UPPER DARBY DET. “Western Night” at American Legion Post 214
30 SMEDLEY D. BUTLER DET. STAFF MEETING, at American Legion # 805, W. Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19:30 hrs.

MAY

- 01 AMVETS Meeting – Post Hall 118, Morton Ave., Morton, PA - 20:00 hrs.
02 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting, Newtown Sq., PA - 20:00 hrs.
03 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – Rose Tree Park 11:30 – 13:00 hrs.
04 DEPARTMENT Leadership Training school, Hdqts. Bldg. Indiantown Gap – 08:30 hrs.
07 SMEDLEY D. BUTLER DET. MCL – Gen. Mem. Meeting – 19:30 hrs, Knights of Columbus, Rt. 252, Newtown Square, PA
08 DEVIL DOGS Growl, at VFW 928 Folsom, PA - 19:30 hrs.

MAY (CONTINUED)

- 10 TRIP TO SUNSET PARADE, Bus leaves K of C parking lot 08:00 hrs., Friday at Quantico, Saturday in Wash. Area sightseeing. Bus returns to K of C lot Saturday evening approx. 21:30 hrs.
11 Parade in Media honoring Harry Kalas
12 **MOTHERS DAY (MEN DO NOT FORGET)**
13 DAV MEETING at Amvets Post 118, Morton, PA – 20:00 hrs.
27 MEMORIAL DAY
28 SMEDLEY D. BUTLER DET. Staff meeting, American Legion Post 805, W. Chester Pike, Broomall, PA - 19:30 hrs.
31 PISTOL/RIFLE Match to be held at Indiantown Gap, PA

ALSO...

The Third Sunday of every month Del. Co. Det. serves breakfast.
Time: 0800-1130 hrs.
Cost: \$5.
Place: Det.Home.
Best Deal in Town!
(See Geo. Curley on mess duty.)

Please Note...

OUR SPRING PRE-MEETING DINNER DATE HAS CHANGED TO **JUNE 4**.
All are encouraged to attend, bring your spouse or significant other. This is always a fun affair. Time 18:00 hrs., Cost is \$10.00 per person for all you can eat and drink.

From the Senior Vice...

8TH & "I" TRIP

The bus trip to 8th & "I" is filled. Please bring your check to our next meeting. The cost is \$130 per person.

2 IN 2002

We are now a quarter of the way through the year, still no new members! Please try to help our membership grow by signing up new members for 2002.

Dave Brimble,
Senior Vice

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

We need 100% success on our daily lottery ticket sales. Please help us to achieve our goal!

SICK CALL

Tom Flack is in the hospital.

Jimmy "Wags" Wagner is recuperating at home and continues to need your prayers.

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

Note: The Chaplain's phone number is 610.353.5569.

Chris Bush, Chaplain

"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, for 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.

MARCH BOOSTERS

Bob Matthews, Jim Donahue, Nick Repino, Steve Neri, Dot & Tom Flack, Marino DeFrancesco, Karl Heinzelman, George Boyajian, Dot & Craig Allen, Joe & Pat Mensack.

Thank you boosters!

CORRECTION

...in last month's Scuttlebutt – Marine Powlus' name was omitted from last month's newsletter as a donor.

DON'T FORGET

...to contact any officer if you are able to help on a committee or help in any other way.

...to pick up your lottery tickets from Nick Repino – call 610-446-0245.



Marine Corps League General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Minutes from 5 March 2002 Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 1940 hrs.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: present were: Commandant Neri, Sr. Vice Brimble, Paymaster/Acting Adjutant Spano, Judge Advocate Mayer, Acting Chaplain Powlus, Sgt-At-Arms Stanton, Assistant Sgt-At-Arms Evangelista, Service Officer McGinley, Director Tallmadge, Director Repino, Director Powlus, Jr. Past Commandant Kaufman.

Introduction of guests from Chester County Detachment: Al Harper, Sr. Vice Commandant, Joe Kay, Jr. Vice Commandant, Don Mayer, Judge Advocate, and Rudy Spina, Trustee.

NEW MEMBERS: None.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Marine Stanton and seconded by Marine Mensack to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion was passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marine Spano read a letter of thanks from the family of Johnny Michael Spann. Also read a letter of thanks from Ranny Barclay on behalf of the residents of Southeastern Veterans' Center for our generous donation in memory of Paul J. Seton III. Commandant Neri read a letter from the Society for Performing Arts of Media Theater who started a new group called the Media Theater Veterans Alliance who will offer discounts for veterans' groups.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PAYMASTER: Marine Spano read the monthly banking report. A motion was made by Marine Spano and seconded by Marine Boyajian to approve the monthly report. Motion was passed. A motion to increase Detachment Expenses from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00 was made by the Paymaster and seconded by Marine Boyajian. Motion passed. The Paymaster informed applicant Terence Priester that his service number was incorrect and the information for membership was inadequate. The applicant rescinded his request for membership and his dues will be returned by certified mail.

CHAPLAIN: Marine Powlus -no report. Marine Spano reported that Tony Fusto was home recuperating from surgery. Marine Stanton reported that Jimmy "Wags" was going through radiation and chemotherapy and all prayers would be greatly appreciated. Commandant Neri reported the death of a Devil Dog Frank "Willy" Richardson and the recuperation of Bill Charlton who is now out of the hospital. **SR. VICE COMMANDANT:** Marine Brimble reported that his duties were caught up in regard to member files. Also, the bus trip to 8th & I, Washington, D.C. on May 10th & 11th is sold out.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Marine Mayer made a motion to accept the proposed bylaw changes. Motion seconded by Marine Boyajian. Motion passed.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Marine Stanton requested all members

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to sign in before the meeting, wear nametags and requested that all members wear covers.

SERVICE OFFICER: Marine McGinley read a report by Brooks Corley, Jr., National Executive Director – he reported that “in 2001, there was an unprecedented number of senators (76%) and representatives (86%) that finally endorsed concurrent receipt – ending making disabled retirees pay for their own disability compensation out of their earned military retired pay. Although this was included in the 2002 Defense Authorization Act, it provided authority to end the disability offset in the future, but ONLY if the administration would submit the necessary funding in the President’s FY 2003 budget request.” A letter will be supplied to the membership at the next meeting and sent to the appropriate officials.

DIRECTOR: Marine Tallmadge-no report.

DIRECTOR: Marine Powlus-no report.

DIRECTOR: Marine Repino-no report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Marine Kaufman-no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adopt-A-Highway: Marine Brimble reported that the next cleanup for Bishop Hollow Road would be Sunday, April 14th at 0900 hrs.

Americanism: Marine Lessig reported visiting a total of 20 schools and a total of 2,378 students during the months of October to February.

Awards: Marine Kaufman-no report.

Ceremonies: Marine VanDusen reported Jim Ross, a new member, has been attending the honors ceremonies at the funerals details. All funeral directors in the area are receiving a letter with the cell phone number and instructions to call when the honor guard is needed at the funeral ceremonies.

Pistol/Rifle Team: Marine Bodle-absent. The Commandant reported that the pistol/rifle match would be May 31st & June 1st at the Gap.

Quartermaster: Tom Lynch reported that all new members should pick up nametags.

Scholarships: Marine Kaufman reported that there are changes in the administrative procedures of the program, which permit members to nominate only one name from each family and then if there were more scholarships they would be given out by lottery. Motion by Marine Stanton to accept the changes as read for the scholarship program and seconded by Marine Mensack was passed.

V.A.V.S.: Navy Captain Matthews reported Coatesville’s monthly bingo party (2nd Monday of every month) and also the St. Patrick’s Day party.

Young Marines: Marine Stanton reported that 6 Young Marines helped to make successful the spaghetti dinner at the VFW in Folcroft. Also, the next activity would be marching in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

COMMANDANT’S REPORT: Marine Neri recognized George Curley from Delaware County Detachment and mentioned their breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the every month is an excellent value. Also, his written agenda was distributed to the membership for review concerning the area detachments coming together for more communications and interactions.

Before leaving the meeting hall, all members were requested

to pick up their June lottery tickets from Marines Repino & Horne. Marine Cooke was thanked by the Commandant for all he has done as Historian. There are still some open positions that need to be filled: Jr. Vice, Historian, and Publicity/Public Relations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Copies of the old & new budget were distributed. Approval of the proposed bylaw changes was completed. Marine Bunce mentioned the program at the Gauntlet Center, which helps children & teenagers by providing activities for them. Brother To Brother Program is progressing, but your enthusiastic support is needed for it to be successful.

NEW BUSINESS: Marine Mike Horne donated another VCR tape (The Day They Bombed Pearl Harbor) to the VCR/Book Library. We need a new canister for the Flag Retirement Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Spring review will be held at Villanova NROTC & Gung Ho award on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1500 hrs. The May pre-meeting Spring Dinner will be at 1800 hrs. at a cost of \$10.00 each. The Department of Pennsylvania MCL Spring meeting will be March 15th-17th at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA. The National Northeast Division meeting will be April 26th-28th at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Marine Bernardini remarked about the deductible abuse the veterans were subjected to by the healthcare community. Marine Stanton reported that the Devil Dog Spaghetti Dinner was a success for raising money for St. Lucy’s School for the Visually Impaired Children. Sunday breakfast will be served on April 17th at the Upland Detachment. Jerry Zell reported that the 2002 Military Expo will be March 23rd & 24th at the New Jersey Army National Guard Armory in Dover and the Spring Military Vehicle Rally & Flea Market will be April 21st at Jake’s Flea Market, Route 100, Bally, PA.

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

Respectfully submitted by Marine Spano, Acting Adjutant.

Birthday Greetings for April

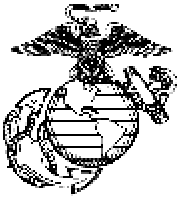
The Detachment staff sends best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

Frank Bernath, Joseph Direso, Thomas Flack, Gerald Gavaghan, Spencer Goldsborough, Lawrence Hart, William Holloway, Eugene Hughes, Bob Lawson, Donna Moisiades, Richard Mossman and Leslie Turner

Happy Birthday...and many, many more!



Next Regular Meeting is:
APRIL 2, 2002
1930 hrs.
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
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