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Commandant's Report April 2006

This last month the war on terrorism hit our back door as we buried a Marine from our area. Our alliance group (VFW 7390-AL 805) adopted a new patch to be worn by our Honor Guard and Color Guard (On our red zip up jackets) we have come to be well-known by all in the county for the service we provide.

Our Jr. Vice has printed, and will distribute in the coming meeting, our June Lottery tickets. Now it's our turn to buy them all up. Our wagon will be picked up in April. Our Sr. Vice has come up with some trips that

should be real good. We had three new members join us, please make them feel welcome. One new member in particular did us all proud as a Young Marine and now he is in the NROTC and soon will be a Marine Officer. It just goes to show how great a program the Young Marines are, and the people who run it.

For the first time, our color guard wore the dress blue trousers at a ceremony honoring WWII Veterans. We are doing double duty at Coatesville VAMC this month with a bingo night and St. Patrick's Day party. Our Detachment color guard marched in the Springfield St. Patrick's day parade. Newtown Square has shown us wonderful plans for their Veterans Park. We continue to offer our help at the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum having Volunteers act as tour guides.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

*****REMINDER*****

**JULY MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY JULY 5TH,
DUE TO THE HOLIDAY**

It happened in April...

- April 6th, 1776---Continental Marines on the USS Alfred participated in the first Naval engagement
- April 9th, 1953---Marines regained "Carson" Hill during fighting in Korea
- April 14th, 1865---John Wilkes Booth shoots President Abraham Lincoln at a play in Washington
- April 27th, 1805---Lt. Presley O'Bannon raised the American Flag over Derma, Tripoli
- April 30th, 1975---NVA captured Saigon, Vietnam War ended

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Sr. Vice Report

Two trips were presented at the general meeting both of which are tentative. The first trip is a one-day trip to Harrisburg. The activities would include a tour of the State Capitol building, a tour of the Governor's Mansion and a tour of a museum. The tentative date for this is Tuesday June 20 and the cost is estimated at \$25, which includes the bus ride and lunch.

The second trip planned is a two-day trip to Quantico. We are planning to leave on Friday May 19 in the morning and go to the Crossroads hotel on base at Quantico with one stop along the way. After checking in we will be having lunch at the Staff NCO club. We are still working on a couple of ideas for the time between lunch and dinner.

After dinner we will be going to the Sunset Parade at Marine Corps Barracks, 8th & I. Upon return to the Crossroads we will have some refreshments set up in the hospitality room. Saturday morning we will be having breakfast at the base golf course and then from there we are looking at a couple of options one of which is touring the monuments and memorials in the Capitol area.

We plan on stopping for dinner on the way home. The cost of this is estimated at \$162 per person that would include all activities, the room, 2 dinners, and lunch on Friday and breakfast Saturday morning.

NEW MEMBERS

Let's welcome aboard 5 new members:

Wayne Williams	USMC
Lawrence Stevenson	USMC
Michael McGinley	USMC
Art Caldwell	USMC
Edgar F. Speer	USN

Dan Luty

Paymaster Message

If anyone wants to become a Life Member, and they would like to make installment payments, talk to the Paymaster about setting up a plan!

Jr. Vice Report

Our April 4th General Meeting officially kicks off the detachment's fund raising year. We will start selling our June Pennsylvania Lottery tickets which benefits the detachments Needy Family and Scholarship program. Tickets are sold in books of 5 for \$10.00. Daily winners pay \$25.00. June 10, 20, 30 pay \$100.00.

Please buy a few books for yourself, your children or your grandchildren.

Earle Drake

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant: Jim Alleva
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dan Luty
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jeremy Leon
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Paymaster: Ben Sides
Judge Advocate: Rick Van Luvender
Chaplain: Christopher D. Bush
Sergeant At Arms: James D. Ross
Service Officer: Connie McGinley
Director: Paul Donohue
Director: Earle Drake
Director: Bernard McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant: Bob Spano

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble
Americanism: William Lessig
Auxiliary Liaison: Anthony Fusto
Awards: Bob Spano
Ceremonies & Color Guard: George Van Dusen
Ceremonies Assistant: John J. V. Cook
Historian: John J. V. Cook
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan
Legislative: Bernie McGinley
Locker Box: Tom Lynch
Marksmanship: Mike Bodle
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer
Property: Dave Brimble
Public Relations: Steve Neri
Scholarships: Dave Williams
Scouting: John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty
Uniforms: Tom Bishop
VAVS: Robert Matthews
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

Dot – Dot – Dot, Dash – Dash – Dash, No More

Beginning in the mid-19th century, the telegram was the most immediate way of distributing news or sending a message. Whether it was one of those dreaded “we regret to inform you” notices or “send money” please or birthday congratulations, the arrival by hand of those yellow envelopes always seemed momentous.

In 1929, Western Union and its army of uniform messengers sent more than 200 million telegrams. By last year, that number had dwindled to 21,000. Bowing to e-mail and other technologies, the company dispatched its last telegram two weeks ago.

Following is a sampler of famous and infamous dispatches compiled from several sources.

The telegraph’s founding father, Samuel F.B. Morse, sent his first formal telegram from the Capitol in Washington to Baltimore in 1844.

WHAT HAS GOD WROUGHT

Early on April 15, 1912, the Titanic is believed to have sent its last wireless message.

S O S S O S C Q D C Q D TITANIC.

WE ARE SINKING FAST.

PASSENGERS ARE BEING PUT INTO BOATS.
TITANIC.

Telegrams also corrected mistakes. When Mark Twain heard that his obituary had been published, he cabled from London in 1897.

THE REPORTS OF MY DEATH ARE GREATLY
EXAGGERATED.

The telegram has been embedded in American culture; it showed up in critical moments in plays and movies. In 1933, Western Union introduced the singing telegram and became the source of a famous macabre joke:

A woman, finding a Western Union messenger at the door, exclaims: “Great, I’ve always wanted a singing telegram” No she’s told. It’s just a regular telegram. The woman pleads. The messenger finally sings.

DUM DE DUM DUM. YOUR SISTER ROSE IS
DEAD.

Based on story in the New York Times, Sunday, February 12, 2006 John J.V. Cook

Greeting from the Young Marines!

Now that the weather is beginning to break, the Young Marines are once again looking for ways to help out our Community. If the MCL is in need of any help, we’re more than willing and able!

This past month has been a busy one for our Unit. On March 4th, we held our annual Swim Qual. for all Young Marines and Recruits. I’m proud to report that all present passed with flying colors! After finishing the required elements, we had plenty of time to have some fun playing a little water basketball and attempting somersaults off the diving boards. A good time was had by everyone that attended.

At our last drill we had a special guest, Pvt. Nick Kowal, who had recently completed training at MCRD Parris Island. Pvt. Kowal worked with the Young Marines and Recruits in PT and in Drill. Pvt. Kowal also talked to the Young Marines and Recruits about life at MCRD Parris Island. He gave us tips on how to stay motivated while training. We thank Pvt. Kowal for attending our drill and wish him luck in the future.

On Saturday, March 11th, we helped set up for Springfield’s St. Patty’s Day Parade. We also participated in the parade with a Color Guard and marching unit. The weather was beautiful and we were proud to represent the Young Marines.

In the coming weeks, we’ll be traveling to St. Lucy’s School to help with their St. Patty’s Day party; participating in a few Color Guards and hopefully planning a spring camping trip. As the weather gets warmer, we hope to be helping out with ground clean-ups.

Thanks to all the members of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the MCL for your continued support. The Young Marines and Recruits of our Unit greatly appreciate it!

SEMPER FI
1stSgt Timothy Dunton



**Help support
the Ladies Auxiliary**

Bring in your Acme receipts.

The auxiliary receives
a percentage of the dollar amount they turn in.

Commandant's Message April 2006

As spring comes upon us, we are faced with the many challenges of the up and coming season. As a Detachment it seems like we are always busy, mostly because we are. As I look at all of our committees, the list looks endless. Over the last couple of years we had many new faces join us; some Marines and some from our sister services. I am amazed and so are others when they see the work our associates do. If you look at our committee list you will find that, for that I thank you. Many of our members are WWII Vets and they keep giving us their time. Ninety percent of our officers have been in the detachment an average of three years. They are all doing a wonderful job.

Every time you turn your head we have something to do. *That is why we need more participation.* If you don't already have a uniform, our locker box chairman can get you set up with one. However, many things we do don't require uniforms. They just require YOU! Look in the newsletter for lists of our committees. Then call me and I will put you in touch.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

MORSE CODE

Before the introduction of S O S, the internationally recognized radio call sign for ships in distress was C Q D. This signal, devised by the Marconi Company, came into use on 1 February 1904. Although it was intended to mean "All Station – Urgent", it was popularly taken to be an acronym for "Come Quick Danger".

A similar supposition attached the meaning "Save Our Souls" to the replacement emergency code signal, S O S, which was formally introduced on 1 July 1908.

S O S was not intended to stand for anything. The letters were chosen because in an emergency, they could easily be transmitted by Morse Code.

"Swinging the Lead & Spiking the Guns"...Castle Books...John J. V. Cook

News From the Front...

CAMP AL ASAD, Iraq (March 7, 2006) - Regimental Combat Team 7 concluded a five-day long disruption operation dubbed Al Asad (Lion) Sunday morning. The purpose of the operation was to seek out anti-Iraqi forces who have sought refuge in the Jubba/Baghdadi area, which is nestled along the Euphrates River in the western Al Anbar Province, approximately 130 miles west of Baghdad.

The operation further denied insurgents the ability to use the Baghdadi region for refuge and significantly reduced the number of weapons and munitions available to anti- Iraqi forces.

Partnered with Iraqi Army soldiers, Marines, sailors and U.S. soldiers from RCT- 7 discovered 80 weapons and munitions caches, a total of more than 62 tons of material. Sixty-five suspected insurgents were detained as well.

The discovered caches contained multiple types of weapons and ordnance to include: automatic rifles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, rocket-propelled grenades, hand grenades, 120mm artillery rounds, 130mm artillery rounds, mortar tubes, 60mm mortar rounds, high explosive anti-tank rounds, 122mm rockets and various other projectile-type munitions, which are commonly used by anti-Iraqi forces to kill Iraqi civilians, Iraqi Army and coalition forces.

CAMP MERCURY, Iraq (March 9, 2006) Marines with Regimental Combat Team 5, based in Camp Fallujah, test-fired the M-32 Multiple shot Grenade Launcher. It's a six-barreled, 40 mm Grenade launcher. The M-32 is capable of putting six 40mm grenades on target in under three seconds. The development of the M32 is the result of Marine gunners recognizing the need to improve upon the M-203 40mm grenade launcher. It is currently being deployed as an experimental weapon within each battalion of the Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	800-222-8387
Education	888-442-4511
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

April

- 1st Newtown Square Veterans Memorial Committee Beef & Beer at the Knights of Columbus from 1700-2100, \$35.00 per person
- 4th General Meeting – K of C - 1930
- 9th Adopt a Hwy.0900 Bishop Hallow Rd.
- 10th Bingo Party- Coatesville, Pa 1830
- 23rd Color Guard- Media Theater 1400
- 25th Villanova NROTC “Gung Ho Award “
- 25th Staff Meeting-AL Post #805 –1930
- 30th March of Dimes WALK AMERICA- Ridley Creek State Park- Picnic area 11A & 11B 0800
- 30th SouthEast Div. Meeting- Doylestown, PA 1400

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.

Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL

3rd Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

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.

Delaware County Marine Corp League Detachment

---4th annual Charity Golf Outing at Linfield National, June 24th

“SCUTTLEBUTT” BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our newsletter and member of the Booster Club!

With the recent increase in postage and printing costs, we encourage your continued support. 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!

MARCH BOOSTERS

Joe Direso, Stanley Samsel, Elena & Jim Alleva, Ruth & Mario DeFrancesco, Ben Sides, Florence & Bob Spano.

Thank you boosters!

Ben Sides

Paymaster

If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt” Booster, please see Ben Sides.

THE PRIDE OF THE MARINES

Albert A. Schmid, Philadelphia's legendary "Hero of Guadalcanal", was a reminder of one Marine's bravery at a turning point in World War II. He was a steelworker, residing in the Lawndale section of Philadelphia, and enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor. He was a member of the 1st Division and served as a machine gunner in H-2-1. It was on Guadalcanal, early morning, 21 Aug. 1942, when Al Schmid fought his way onto the pages of American military heroes. Schmid found himself in a three-man machinegun emplacement on the Tenaru River and the position was difficult. The marines had come ashore only two weeks earlier, opening their island-hopping campaign in the Solomon Islands. One of their first objectives had been Henderson Field and having captured it, they were determined to hold it.

Defense lines were set up along the shallow, 50 yard wide river. The three-man gun and another gun 150 yards down the river were the only heavy weapons between the Japanese army and the airfield. The orders were to hold the post.

The battle began about 0100. Shouting and charging, wave after wave of Japanese soldiers charged across the river. The gunner was instantly killed, and Schmid took his place because the other marine was also badly wounded by the time the downstream gun was overrun. Full attention was turned on Schmid's gun upstream. The Japanese came in waves of 35 to 50 and they fell in waves.

A Japanese grenade exploded in Schmid's face, tearing out one eye and blinding the other nonetheless he continued firing accurately guided by the wounded marine at his side. He was medically evacuated and was awarded the Navy Cross by President Roosevelt on 18 February 1943. In 1945, Actor John Garfield portrayed him in the movie, "Pride of the Marines".

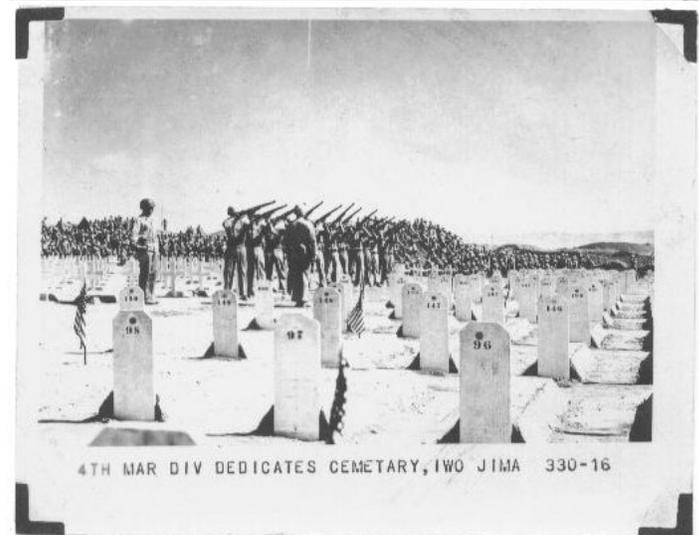
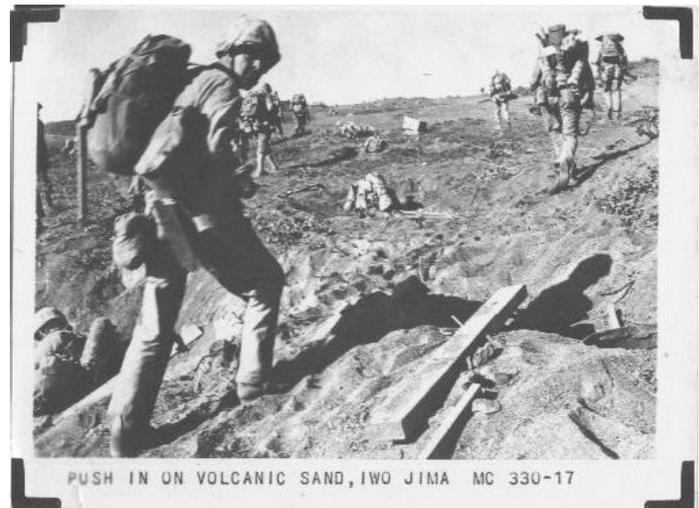
Philadelphia gave Al Schmid a massive parade, the Inquirer presented him with its "Hero Award" and \$1000.00. Magazine writers camped on his doorstep, one wrote his story and titled it "Pride of the Marines". The book was made into a film with the same name. To make it, actor John Garfield moved into Schmid's home. For weeks the newly discharged marine had a star at his side studying him. His new bride, Ruth Hartley, found actress Eleanor Parker studying her walk, her talk. It was very exciting she said and her neighbors agreed. Youngsters in Kensington and Frankford crowded the area around his Fillmore Street home to watch all the movie stars. The film became a Marine Corps classic.

During the years that followed, the Marine Corps did its best, but despite surgery the hero of Guadalcanal could not be given back his sight. At best, he would distinguish between light and dark.

Albert A. Schmidt died, 2 December 1982, age 62 years, St. Petersburg, Florida. Buried at Arlington National Cemetery, VA

SEMPER FIDELIS!
John J.V. Cook

Editor's note: My father, member Dave Brimble, lived on Fillmore Street and his father knew Al Schmid.



photos courtesy of USMC

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

“...the VA is not going to comply with the “Service Disabled Veterans Executive Order” signed into law by George Bush on October 20, 2004. This law gives service disabled veteran businesses the right to 3% of all Federal contracting. Below is an excerpt from that Executive Order:

‘Section 1. Policy. America honors the extraordinary service to the United States by the veterans with disabilities incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during active service with the armed forces. Heads of the agencies shall provide the opportunity for service disabled veteran businesses to significantly increase the Federal contracting and subcontracting of such businesses. To achieve that objective, agencies shall more effectively implement section 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644 (g)), which provides that the President must establish a goal of not less than 3 percent for participation by the service disables (sic) veteran businesses in Federal contracting, and section 36 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 657f), which gives agency contracting officers the authority to reserve certain procurements for service disables (sic) businesses.’

This is very important legislation for the service disabled veterans with their own businesses and should not be ignored by any government agency.”

This is excerpted from *Rolling Thunder Inc. Newsletter* for February, 2006.

Bernie McGinley
Legislative Officer

*****ATTENTION*****

Over the month of April we are seeking volunteers to help us with cleaning our Honor Guard Rifles. Also, we need help in getting our trailers in shape. We will be taking them for repairs, but we need help with painting. We are hoping to do this on some Saturdays in April. Bob Spano has offered his warehouse for the rifles.

Pooler - An unofficial rank assigned by Marine recruiters to newly enlisted recruits in the delayed entry program and awaiting departure to recruit.

source: www.answers.com/topic/pooler

~~~submitted by Sandi Mauer, editor

## SICK CALL



### Members:

Matt Balfrey, Bud Bruce, Frank DiBonaventuro, Joseph Dodds, Jim Duffy, Jay Joseph, Jack Lister and Don Walz

***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.

## Birthday Greetings for April

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

Robert Allen  
Art Caldwell  
John Call  
Joe Direso  
George Edelmann  
Tom Flack  
Spencer Goldsborough  
Jeff Horne  
Eugene Hughes  
William Kinney  
Donna Moisiades  
Richard Mossman  
Stan Samsel  
Ben Sides  
Leslie Turner



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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
7 March 2006

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. All officers were present, with the exception of the Chaplain, who was excused. Bob Spano filled in for the Chaplain for the meeting.

New Members: Lawrence Stevenson and Wayne Williams were sworn in as new regular members, and Edgar Speer was sworn in as a new associate member. Lawrence Stevenson was sponsored by Steve Neri, and Wayne Williams was sponsored by his father, Wayne Williams. Edgar Speer was sponsored by Jim Alleva.

Minutes: Steve Neri made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. This was seconded by George Boyajian, and the motion passed.

Commandant: The Commandant recognized guests in attendance, as well as all former commandants.

Officer Reports:

Paymaster: Paymaster Ben Sides gave the paymaster's report, and copies were distributed to everyone. Wes Tomlinson moved that the paymaster's report be accepted, and this was seconded by Marino DeFrancesco. The motion passed, and the paymaster's report was accepted as presented.

Sr. Vice: Dan Luty provided information on upcoming trips that he is scheduling. Plans include a trip to the state capital building in Harrisburg, PA in June, as well as an overnight trip to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., in May. He also provided information for a Walk America event in April, as well as a golf outing in June that is being conducted by the Upland detachment.

Jr. Vice: Earle Drake reported that six advertisers in November's Birthday Ball program book still have not paid for their advertisements. Follow-up letters have been mailed to them. He also provided information on the Department of Pennsylvania raffle and the June PA evening daily lottery.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read correspondence that had been received.

Judge Advocate: Rick VanLuvender reported that new Department By-laws are being printed, and the detachment should receive its copy in the near future.

Chaplain: Bob Spano, filling in for Chris Bush, read the names of the individuals on the sick call list in the Scuttlebutt. He encouraged members to pass the names of any others who are ill on to Chris Bush.

Directors' Report: Bernie McGinley reported that an adjustment would be made to the budget for 2006, since the detachment has decided to contribute \$500.00 to the Veterans Museum in Media, PA. He also reported that the Directors had completed an annual audit of the locker box and its contents. The audit was completed just prior to this evening's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Dave Brimble reported that activity would start up again on April 9, 2006.

Ladies Auxiliary: Tony Fusto reminded the membership that the Auxiliary is collecting receipts from Acme Markets.

Awards: Jr. Past Commandant Bob Spano distributed several awards to those who had not been in attendance at the January meeting. He also indicated that the plaques for the major annual awards had been updated with the names of the recipients for the 2005 year.

Ceremonies: John Cook provided a brief update of recent activity, and indicated that two ceremonies would be conducted this week. In addition, Jim Alleva provided information for a veterans' recognition ceremony at Drexelbrook on March 10, 2006, and a St. Patrick's Day Parade at Springfield High School on March 11, 2006. Another veterans' recognition ceremony on April 23 in Media was also discussed.

Locker Box: Tom Lynch asked that the new members contact him after the meeting in order to obtain their covers.

Marksmanship: Mike Bodle provided information on an upcoming pistol match on June 2, 3, & 4. Interested members should contact him or Earle Drake.

Newtown Township Veterans Park: Stan Short displayed a drawing of the proposed veterans' recognition site at the Newtown Township Veterans Park, and he reported on the progress made to date, as well as upcoming events.

Public Relations: Steve Neri provided some information on upcoming events. He also had available a book entitled "*Memories of a Ballplayer*,"

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for those who may be interested. He also reported that the DAV has a new home in the former American Legion building in Havertown.

Property: Dave Brimble mentioned that nothing had been checked out in the past month. He did indicate that the detachment's magnetic signs were missing. Bob Spano indicated that he would check to see if the signs were in his warehouse.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reminded the membership to consider the names of relatives that might be nominated for Marine Corps League scholarships. Wayne has information on Marine Corps League Foundation scholarships, and State and National scholarships. It is also time to consider nominations for the six in house scholarships for the detachment. Contact Wayne Williams for applications.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews provided information on upcoming activity at Coatesville, including the monthly bingo game and a St. Patrick's Day party on March 15, 2006. He also provided information on his visit today to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. to visit servicemen wounded in Iraq.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported that the Young Marines will be marching in the parade this Saturday with the detachment. He also reported that next month is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the AmVets, and special programs are being planned.

State Commandant: Tom Tanner encouraged everyone to try to attend the state Quarterly Meeting at Indiantown Gap on March 18, 2006. He also provided information upcoming events in Washington on November 10, 2006. The Marine Corps Heritage Association Museum will be having special events, and the Marine Corps League will be having a national Marine Corps League Birthday Ball on that date.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Good of the League: Steve Neri indicated that the Folsom Marines are collecting old cell phones and printer cartridges for fundraising purposes. He also mentioned that the Philadelphia USO is in need of additional volunteers. He expressed his appreciation for League members who volunteer at the museum in Media.

New member Wayne Williams indicated that he had visited Iwo Jima two years ago, and he brought back a vial of sand from Iwo Jima that he would like to present to the detachment, in appreciation of his joining the detachment.

VFW Commander Jim Beck and Adjutant Harry Finerfrock provided information on a proposed patch for those with joint memberships in the VFW, American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. Information was also provided on other upcoming events.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Steve Neri. Closing ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Tom Lynch won the 50/50. 52 members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly  
Adjutant

### ***Did you know...***

**If you have an e-mail address you can receive the *Scuttlebutt* newsletter by e-mail. The benefits will be receiving the newsletter sooner and it will help off set the cost to the detachment.**

**Please contact the commandant if you're interested.**

### **Guidelines for Submission of Articles & Photos for inclusion in "Scuttlebutt"**

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the upcoming issue.
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- 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.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to sandi@lancasterpa.net



## **Marine Corps League**

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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**Next Regular Meeting is:**  
**April 4, 2006**  
**1930 hrs.**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**327 N. Newtown Street Rd.**  
**(Route 252)**  
**Newtown Square, PA**

