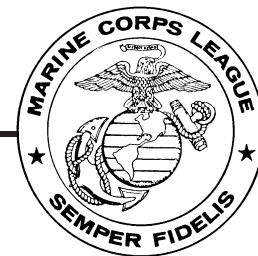




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Commandant's Report April 2010

Now that the winter weather is behind us, I hope, it's time to start thinking of warmer days and some outdoor activities!

Our Jr. Vice has posted the HUHO schedule in his report and everyone's participation is greatly welcomed and appreciated. We have set a very lofty budget for this year and can surely use plenty of help with our major fundraiser.

April also marks the start of our Adopt-a-Highway program; the 11th is the first scheduled cleanup. If you have never been out to help, please join us. It is a good time and a good way to get some exercise.

Another great event for a great cause, and plenty of exercise, is the March of Dimes walk-a-thon that will be taking place on the 24th in Ridley Creek State Park. Please come out and join us for a very scenic stroll through the park. Also, if you haven't already done so, consider sponsoring our team. You can see me at the April meeting or, go to http://www.marchforbabies.org/s_team_page.asp?seid=1322964 on the internet to sponsor us.

Progress on our S.D. Butler special scholarship program is coming together very nicely. The word has been out for some time now and participants are busy composing their essays. The panel of judges is being put together and will be announced when completed. Congratulations to the SDB scholarship committee for what you have accomplished so far. I know it's going to be a great competition.

Lastly, I received an invitation from the Chester County Detachment to join them in a ceremony to memorialize the Revolutionary War battle known as "Hell's Half Acre", which took place at Ft. Mifflin, Hogg Island, Philadelphia. Unfortunately, the ceremony is scheduled for 4 July and we usually participate in the Newtown Square parade, but since this is a once in a lifetime event, I thought this should get some consideration and discussion during our April meeting.

Semper Fidelis,

Dan Luty

Commandant

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Sr. Vice Report

Mark down these important upcoming events. Spring dinner (scholarships awarded) Monday June 7 at 1800, our annual summer picnic on Aug. 14 at the Drexel Lodge, our Birthday Ball on Friday Nov. 5 at Paxon Hollow CC, Christmas dinner Dec. 6. The Spring and Christmas dinners are on our meeting nights at the Knights of Columbus.

As for membership we have a few people we would like to get hold of, they are Laura DiLiello, Wallace Lyall, Frank McGovern, Christopher Mouraviev, Craig Williams and John Williams. If anyone knows these members, please invite them to our next meeting. We will soon be busy with fund-raising, Adopt-a-Highway, dinners, summer picnic, pistol/rifle matches, color guard for parades and especially **OUR BIRTHDAY BALL**. These are all great events. See you there.

Semper FI

Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant

Jr. Vice Report

Help Our Heroes Campaign

75 Letters and Certificates of Appreciation were mailed to our 2009 Contributors. Although our letter specified that we were not soliciting contributions, two generous contributions have been received.

Our Campaign will continue throughout 2010; Members are encouraged to use the materials distributed last year. Updated kits will be created as needed.

Help Us to Help Others (HUHO) Campaign

On March 3, Bob Spano, Jack Kelly and I presented an "Angel of Appreciation" to Mrs. Judy Spires, President of Acme Markets as an expression of our thanks for Acme's hospitality during 2009. The "Angel" is a beautiful, hand-crafted, beveled glass representation of an Angel that was created by our own Paul Ferguson! Our presentation was very much appreciated by Mrs. Spires and her associates. The event was photographed and will be communicated to Acme associates in its newsletter.

2010 HUHO Event Schedule

The following has been accomplished: Acme corporate management has approved our requested Acme events; all store coordinators except one have scheduled our requested events; we must visit all stores and obtain written confirmation of the scheduled events. Also, we must obtain

municipal approval from Brookhaven Borough and Upper Chichester Township administrations for the events taking place in their jurisdictions, obtain corporate approval for the Pathmark, Glenolden event, and apply for the Helicopter Air Show event. Lastly, in the fall, we need to obtain corporate approval for the November Wawa date.

Below are the initial dates of our **HUHO** schedule.

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

Jr. Vice Commandant

2010 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

- 4/17** Wal-Mart Eddystone, 1570 Chester Pike
610-447-1860 Eddystone, PA
Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 605 Conchester Hwy
610-494-2535 Boothwyn, PA
- 4/18*** Wal-Mart Eddystone, 1570 Chester Pike
Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 605 Conchester Hwy
- 4/24** Acme Bala Cynwyd, 121 E. City Line Ave
610-667-7021 BalaCynwyd, PA
SuperFresh Havertown, 1305 W Chest Pike
610-446-4516 Havertown, PA
- 4/25** Acme Bala Cynwyd, 121 E. City Line Ave
SuperFresh Havertown, 1305 West Chester Pike
- 5/01** Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N. MacDade Blvd
610-583-2682 Glenolden, PA
Pathmark Folsom, 420 N. MacDade Blvd
610-886-8660 Folsom, PA
- 5/02** Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N. MacDade Blvd
Pathmark Folsom, 420 N. MacDade Blvd
- 5/08** Acme West Goshen, 907 Paoli Pike
670-431-4726 West Chester, PA
Acme Concordville, 101 Byers Drive
610-459-2759 Glen Mills, PA
- 5/09** Acme West Goshen, 907 Paoli Pike
Acme Concordville, 101 Byers Drive
- 5/13** Wawa Store 205, 5 Mathews Road
(Thurs) 610-640-5322 Malvern, PA
- 5/15** Acme Media, 527 E. Baltimore Pike
610-565-5072 Media, PA
Acme Granite Run, 1067 W Baltimore Pk
610-891-0407 Media, PA
- 5/16** Acme Media, 527 E. Baltimore Pike
Acme Granite Run, 1067 W. Baltimore Pk
- 5/22** Acme Paoli, 39 Leopard Road
610-240-0101 Paoli, PA
Acme Wayne, 700 W. Lancaster Ave
610-341-6073 Devon, PA
- 5/23** Acme Paoli, 39 Leopard Road
Acme Wayne, 700 W. Lancaster Ave

"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!

APRIL BOOSTERS

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Helene & Wayne Barner | John Burfete, Jr. |
| Florence & Bob Spano | Joe Direso |
| Carole & Jack McLeod | Tom Falgiatore |
| Rosemarie & Tony Fusto | Gene Kern |
| Sissy & Joe Hudson | Jack Kelly |
| Pat & Joe Mensack | Bob Matthews |
| Beth & Jim Herbst | Jerry McGuckin |
| Con McGinley | Larry Doyle |
| Jim Sandusky | Bud Davis |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for April

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

- Arthur Caldwell
- Joseph Direso, Jr.
- George Edelman
- William Holloway
- Donna Moisiades
- Stanley Samsel
- Benjamin Sides
- Leslie Turner



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

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 |
| Young Marines | Robert Stanton |
| Web Master | Dan Luty |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

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| 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 | <u>www.va.gov</u> |

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

April

- 05 General Meeting, KOC at 1930
- 11 Adopt a Highway, Bishop Hollow Rd. 0830.
- 15 VAVS Bingo at Coatsville VA Medical Center. Newtown Township Library Display.
- 27 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805 at 1930.

May

- 03 General Meeting, KOC @ 1930.
- 25 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805 at 1930.

June

- 07 General Meeting, KOC @ 1930.
- 13 Adopt a Highway, Bishop Hollow Rd. 0830.
- ?? Department Pistol Match. Call Gene Kern for more information.
- 23-26 Department Convention, New Cumberland, PA. Deadline for reservations, May 24. Let one of the officers know if you want to attend so you can become a delegate.

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.

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

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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

Paul Donohue
Bob Cosgrove

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 ...



The Medal of Honor was instituted in 1862, during the Civil War, in two versions, one for the Navy and one for the Army. Although regulations instituting the Army MOH in 1863 allowed for its award to officers as well as enlisted men, the Navy MOH was limited to enlisted men of the Navy and the Marine Corps. The Navy MOH also differed from the Army's in that it could be awarded for non-combat heroism.

In 1916, regulation outlining the circumstances under which the MOH could be awarded was tightened. All previous awards were reviewed and a considerable number rescinded. In addition, regulations for the Navy MOH were revised, to permit its award to officers and members of the Coast Guard. One result of this was that there was something of a disgraceful rush of nominations and Awards for officers who had participated in the 1914 Vera Cruz Operation.

The phrase "Double Award" indicated Marines were given both Army and Navy Medals of Honor for the same deed in WWI while under Army command.

The only two Marines awarded the second MOH for separate deeds were Smedley D. Butler and Daniel Daly.

Smedley D. Butler 1881 – 1940

Nominated at Tientsin, China. Disapproved, as of 1916 Navy regulations did not permit the Award to officers, he was given a Brevet Promotion.

Nominated 22 April 1914 at Vera Cruz, Mexico. Approved.

Nominated 17 November 1915 at Fort Riviere, Haiti. Approved.

Daniel Daly 1873 – 1937

Nominated 14 August 1900 at Peking, China. Approved. Nominated 24 October 1915 at Fort Dipitie, Haiti. Approved.

Nominated 5-7 and 10 June 1918 at Belleau Wood, France. Disapproved, awarded Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross and French Medaille Militaire. He was offered a commission, which he declined.



Some of Gen. Smedley D. Butler's decorations, including one of his Medals of Honor ribbon and the Brevet medal. They are currently on display at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High Street, West Chester, PA.

Some of our Members were invited guests of *The Pacific* movie premier!!



Members of the "Tuskegee Airmen"

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 1 March 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.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 February 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that the Detachment had received several letters in appreciation of donations made to organizations. Among those mentioned were letters from the USO – PA and Southern New Jersey Chapter, The Wounded Warrior Project, Ride To Recovery, and the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center. Jack Kelly read a very appreciative letter received from Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA, thanking the Detachment for a generous donation. Jack Kelly also provided information on an upcoming Veterans Summit, scheduled for 8 March 2010 at Ridley High School, sponsored by Congressman Joseph Sestak.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst mentioned that he had new membership packets available. He also reminded members to contact members who may not have been out to the general meetings recently.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod mentioned that the Help Our Heroes Campaign will continue throughout 2010. Recently 75 letters and Certificates of Appreciation were mailed to last year's contributors. Scheduling of the Help Us Help Others events for 2010 is underway. An event is planned this week to honor the President of Acme Markets for Acme Markets' hospitality for our soliciting at Acme locations during 2009.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 28 February 2010. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that member Lawrence Stevenson had passed away recently. He mentioned that John Haynal was not feeling well, and that Joe Conigliaro had recently been hospitalized, but he was in attendance this evening. Chris Bush also mentioned that Bob Cosgrove was in Bryn Mawr Hospital following knee surgery.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned an upcoming spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Devil Dogs at the VFW in Folsom.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake mentioned that he and Jim Mulhern have scheduled three Americanism presentations in April, May, and June at area elementary schools. He also provided information on a display on the life of General Butler that will be opened this Wednesday (3 March) at the Chester County Historical Society. He also provided information on an upcoming display in the Newtown Square Public Library during April, and a display in May at the Delaware County Historical Society.

Commandant: Dan Luty provided information on this year's March of Dimes March for Babies, scheduled for 24 April 2010. He also provided information on an upcoming potential fundraising event, at a Tiger Woods Golf Tournament, scheduled for the Aronomink Country Club. Volunteers would man one of the concession stands at the tournament and the Detachment would receive a portion of the proceeds from that stand. Those interested in serving should contact Dan Luty. Dan Luty also provided some general information on upcoming Department and National MCL events.

Special Presentations: Al Harper, Assistant Southeast Vice Commandant, read a citation, on behalf of Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Leanna Dietrich, that awarded the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment with a Department Meritorious Unit Award. Those members of the Detachment who were members during 2009 are entitled to wear the Department Meritorious Unit ribbon.

Dan Luty introduced Commander Eric Humphreys, USN, who recognized a number of MCL members and special guests from the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Those recognized were members of the Combined Veterans Alliance who had recently completed instructions on the proper ways to conduct military funerals for deceased veterans. Those recognized from the Detachment were Wayne Barner, Anthony Coladonato, George Curran, Paul Donohue, Earle Drake, Bill Kinney, Jim Robinson, Tom McGovern and Wayne Williams. Certificates were awarded to each of these members by Commander Eric Humphreys. Following this, buglers Lloyd Spangler and Dan Fitzpatrick played the national anthem. Dan Luty presented Commander Eric Humphreys with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that adopt-a-highway events for 2010 would be scheduled for the second Sunday in April, June, August, and October.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto mentioned that after 30 April 2010, the Acme Markets receipts program would be discontinued. Any receipts on hand should be turned in to take advantage of this program now.

Awards: Awards Chairman Harry Kaufman presented Paul Donohue with a Community Service Award for his significant service to the community. He also received a separate certificate for participation in ceremonies during 2009.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro mentioned that the Color Guard would be participating in the opening of the General Smedley D. Butler display at the Chester County Historical Society on Wednesday 3 March 2010. He also provided information on the recent Walk for the Wounded banquet, which was very successful.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 15 military funeral were conducted during February, with a total for the year at 39. He mentioned that while going through some past records, he found that from the date of inception in the mid-1990's until the end of 2009, the total number of military funerals performed was 2,303.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern mentioned that Detachment pistol training would be conducted on 5 March and 12 March at Delaware County Field and Stream. Those interested are invited to shoot. Paul Ferguson will be assisting by instructing those who need some refreshing of prior skills.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that a room in the back of the Knights of Columbus has become available for storage, so the Detachment's materials can be stored there, rather than in the newly constructed shed. Rental for the storage room would be \$25.00 per month.

Public Relations: Earle Drake introduced Vince Sullivan from the *News of Delaware County* newspaper, who was in attendance this evening.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams provided information on the detachment scholarship program for the Marple-Newtown and West Chester School Districts. Publicity is progressing and information concerning the scholarships is on the websites for a number of schools in the districts. There has been a lot of behind the scenes activity and progress is continuing. Scholarship application forms are available from Wayne Williams, Earle Drake, or those on the scholarship committee.

V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley reported on the next bingo event at Coatesville as well as an upcoming St. Patrick's Day event there.

Unfinished Business: Chris Bush mentioned that Harold Wells of the Chester County Detachment had recently passed away.

New Business: Harry Kaufman mentioned that Operation First Response Walk for the Wounded is sponsoring a Phillies game against the St. Louis Cardinals on 5 May 2010. Cost of the ticket is \$36.00 and a portion of the ticket price would go toward the Operation First Response Walk for the Wounded organization.

Donations: Bob Spano outlined organizations that had been discussed at a recent officers staff meeting, and were recommended to the membership for consideration for donations. George Boyajian made a motion to make donations as recommended. The organizations and amounts are as follows: (1) Operation First Response, Inc, Culpeper, VA (\$1,000.00); (2) USA Together, Los Altos, CA (\$1,000.00); (3) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$1,000.00); and (4) The Mary E. Walker House, Coatesville, PA (\$1,000.00). In addition, charitable contributions are to be made to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$500.00), and to Bill Miller, Southeast District Vice Commandant MCL, Levittown, PA (\$250.00). Bill Miller recently lost his home due to a fire. Earle Drake seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: No items were discussed.

Announcements: Dan Luty reviewed some upcoming events for March.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2050.

There was no 50/50 this evening. Fifty-one members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

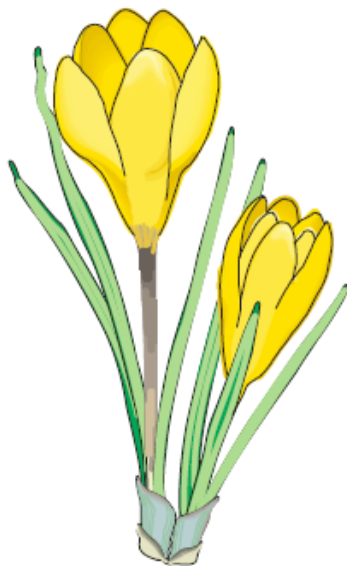


Earle Drake presents past auxiliary president, Evelyn Brimble, the Individual Meritorious Award for her contributions to the Smedley D. Butler Detachment



Marine Corps League
Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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*Honor-Courage-
Commitment*



Next Meeting
April 5, 2010
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073