



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report April 2014

Once again if you missed the general meeting, pretty much everything important is in the award winning *Scuttlebutt*. However, you must be present to hear the monthly joke; last month's was good. The same 4 donations were approved as February. The next General Meeting is 1 April and that means we are back to short sleeves summer uniform.

Earl Drake needs a call if you are planning on attending the pistol match on 6 April. Contact Con McGinley if you are interested in assisting with VAVS bingo on 10 April at 1400.

Also at the VAVS on 13 April is their annual picnic and Con McGinley is the contact for that, as well.

Villanova University's Annual Spring Review will be on 15 April. Start time for this event is 1400 and please contact Earl Drake if you plan on going.

An update on the USO, they have been extremely busy so far this year. A lot of our troops have been moving through both Fort Dix and traveling throughout US by way of Philadelphia Airport. Last year a total 185,000 came through the airport. That's a lot of food served to our active troops. Our Detachment is the lead donor taking care of our troops by way of the USO. Thanks to all of you!

On that note, HUHO starts at the end of this month. Those of you that helped in the past, we hope to see you again this year. In other words, don't make any plans for Saturday or Sunday without checking with Jack first. If you haven't volunteered to collect funds, and would like to try it out, call Jack or call me.

Semper Fi,

Paul Ferguson
Commandant

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Help Us Help Others (HUHO)

Members!

Our 2014 HUHO fund raising Campaign will have kicked-off, March 22 at the Havertown Superfresh and Media ACME Stores.

Our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are individuals and families from over 650,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their disability/compensation claims!**

Scheduling of our HUHO Store Events was completed subject to our delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. ACME Corporate Management has granted approval for our proposed ACME Store activity.

At least part, if not all, of our Schedule is contained in this month's *Scuttlebutt*. One thing we can be sure of is the Schedule will change: Corporate cancellations, double booking by Store Management action and JR. Vice errors will take its toll. **Please keep our Schedule information confidential, within our Detachment Family!**

Copies of the Schedule will have been emailed or USPS mailed to active HUHO participants and to new Members who have expressed interest in participating. **Other Members, who are interested in participating, please contact me at 610 356 8893.**

During our Campaign, I will call active participants during the early part of each week in order to staff that week's scheduled event. Generally, if you have not heard from me by Thursday Evening, you may stand at ease!

It's never too late to express appreciation to our participants, spouses and friends for the outstanding results achieved in our past Campaigns! Here's to a similar, successful Campaign in 2014!

Respectively Submitted,

Jack McLeod



2014 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

Date	Store/Event	Address
3/22	Media ACME 610-565-5072 Havertown S. F. 610-446-4516	527 E Baltimore Pk. Media, PA 305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
3/23	Media ACME Havertown S. F.	527 E Baltimore Pk. 305 W Chest Pike
3/29	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
3/30	Paoli ACME Devon ACME	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
4/05	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
4/06	Ridley ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
4/12	Shop Rite W Chester 610 696 4066 Bryn Mawr ACME* 601 525 1950	115 W. Chester Pk West Chester, PA 801 W Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA
4/13	Shop Rite W Chester Bryn Mawr ACME*	115 W. Chester Pk 801 W Lancaster Ave
4/18	Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
4/19	W.M.Springfield 610-605-3154 Lawrence Pk. ACME	400 S. State Road Springfield, PA 567 Sproul Road
4/20	W.M.Springfield Lawrence Pk. ACME	400 S. State Road 567 Sproul Road
4/26	Granite Run ACME 610-891-0407 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
4/27	Granite Run ACME Devon ACME 610-341-6073	1067 W Baltimore Pk 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
5/03	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Ridley ACME 610-237-3800	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
5/04	Paoli ACME Ridley ACME	39 Leopard Road 124 Morton Ave
5/08 *Thu	Wawa Store 205 610-640-5322	5 Mathews Road Malvern, PA
5/10	Glenolden ACME 610 586 0557	503 S Mac Dade Blvd Holmes, PA

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our award winning 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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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| George Boyajian | John Burfete |
| Charlie Coombs | Bud Davis |
| Joe Direso | Tom & Jean Falgiatore |
| Paul Ferguson | Beth & Jim Herbst |
| Jack Kelly | Dom Mattioni |
| Bernie McGinley | Con McGinley |
| Jerry McGuckin | Stan Samsel |
| Florence & Bob Spano | |
| Gene Trautner | |

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
- George Edelmann
- George Hettenbach
- William Holloway
- Donna Moisiades
- Robert Morris
- Stanley Samsel
- Benjamin Sides
- Leslie Turner



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Commandant | Paul Ferguson |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Dominic D' Alessandro |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod |
| Adjutant | Jack Kelly |
| Paymaster | Bob Spano |
| Judge Advocate | Bernie McGinley |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Chaplain | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer | Con McGinley |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Ed Seidl |
| Director | Rodger Godfrey |
| Jr. Past Commandant | James Herbst |

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Adopt-A-Highway | John Burfete |
| Americanism Team | J. Mulhern, E. Drake & L. Spangler |
| Auxiliary Liaison | Tony Fusto |
| Awards | James Herbst |
| Ceremonies | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Color Guard | Jim Donegan |
| Flag Collection | Barry Reese |
| Historian | Jack Gallagher |
| Home Association | Tom Kerrigan |
| Honor Guard | Ben Sides |
| Honor Guard Assistant | Joe Blees |
| Locker Box | Paul Ferguson |
| Marksmanship | Paul Drinkard |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Bill Kinney |
| Nominations | James Herbst |
| Property | Bob Spano |
| Communications | John Burfete |
| Scholarships | Wayne Williams |
| Scouting | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Bob Cosgrove |
| 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 | 877-222-8387 |
| Education | 888-442-4551 |
| Grave Markers | 800-697-6947 |
| Life Insurance | 800-669-8477 |
| Website | www.va.gov |

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

April

- 1 General Meeting, 1930 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Newtown Square.
- 6 Combined MCL Pistol Match, DELCO Field & Stream. Report time is 0800.
- 10 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center, 1400. This event takes place every second Thursday of each month. See Con McGinley for information.
- 13 Adopt-a-Highway! Meet at the Wolff Co. parking lot on Bishop Hollow Rd.
- 13 Coatesville Veterans Center Annual Picnic, start time 1400. See Con McGinley for info.
- 15 Villanova Spring Review, report time is 1400. Uniform is Red Blazer, Black Trousers and Red Cover.
- 29 Staff Meeting at Broomall, American Legion Post #805, start time 1930.

May

- 6 General Meeting, 1930 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Newtown Square.
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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

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, \$7.00/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	
Dennis Morsa	Thomas Falgiatore

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 4 March 2014

Commandant: Commandant Paul Ferguson opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Roger Godfrey, Director Bill Kinney, and Junior Past Commandant Jim Herbst.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 February 2014 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that he has lined up approved dates for this year's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign. This includes thirty-five weekends at local supermarkets plus two events at a Wawa store. This would result in about 151 events, so it will be a busy time again this year. Jack McLeod mentioned that in the past five years, more than \$576,000.00 has been collected from area shoppers. These funds have been distributed to organizations that assist veterans and those service men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominic D'Alessandro reported that he had contacted the Paxon Hollow Country Club regarding available dates for the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. There were no convenient dates available before 10 November 2014, so other dates were considered. Jack McLeod made a motion that the Ball should be held on 14 November 2014. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed. Dominic D'Alessandro mentioned that the Detachment needs participation from the members to have a successful Ball.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of appreciation had been received from several organizations, thanking the Detachment for donations received. Letters had been received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, PA, from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, and from the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. Each of these organizations had received donations of \$2,000.00 from the Detachment. Another letter of thanks had been received from The Gideons International, thanking the Detachment for its contribution to provide Bibles for those in the service. Jack Kelly also mentioned that the Detachment had received an invitation for members to attend the annual Spring Review of the Villanova University NROTC unit scheduled for 15 April 2014.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that he had had contact with Marino DeFrancesco. He also mentioned that Matt Balfrey was back in the hospital again.

Chris Bush also mentioned that he had been in contact with John Haynal and he would try to bring John Haynal to one of our general meetings when the weather becomes warmer.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that there would be a bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center on 13 March 2014. In addition, Con McGinley mentioned that there would be a St. Patrick's Day party at the Center on 15 March 2014.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the order forms for the new larger brick at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial are now available. Bill Kinney also reported on the Walk for the Wounded event scheduled for 14 March 2014 at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden, PA. He also mentioned that there are chances for purchase on a new Dodge Dart lease.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the paymaster's report as of 28 February 2014. He also reviewed the list of organizations suggested for contributions this month, which had been discussed and approved at a recent officers' staff meeting. These organizations were being suggested for consideration by the membership, and would be considered later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the first Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 13 April 2014, at the usual spot on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square, PA. The report time is 0830.

Communications: John Burfete mentioned that two articles had been submitted to the Marple Newtown Patch on Detachment activities. One covered the annual luncheon for Iwo Jima veterans, held at the Delaware County MCL Detachment in Upland, PA, with several of our Detachment's Iwo Jima veterans in attendance. Another article was on a presentation made by Jim McGuigan (past Detachment Commandant), George Boyajian, Paul Donohue and Earle Drake at Monsignor Bonner High School. The program was about World War II and was presented before three classes at the high school.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that Jim Mulhern, Lloyd Spangler and Earle would be making two flag history presentations in March. One would be made at a Chester Youth Group on 12 March 2014 and the second would be at the Haverford School on 19 March. Presentations scheduled for February had to be canceled due to inclement weather. Earle Drake also provided additional information on the World War II presentations at Monsignor Bonner High School. It was reported that more than forty letters of thanks had been received from the students after the presentations.

MCL Pistol Match: Earle Drake reported that the combined MCL pistol match has been scheduled for 6 April 2014 at the Delaware County Field and Stream location. The report time is 0800 and the start time is 0900. This is a service pistol match, with 1911's, 38 M&P and M9's. Anyone interested in shooting should contact Earle Drake.

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Earle Drake mentioned that the pistol match will be held in memory of Dave Douglas, who had passed away recently. Dave Douglas had been a member of the Upper Darby MCL Detachment, and he had been a tireless worker on behalf of veterans.

Earle Drake also mentioned that the Department pistol match is scheduled for 31 May and 1 June 2014. There will be two matches, a service pistol match and an open pistol match for those who want to shoot a non-service pistol.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported that new membership kits are available and he should have them for anyone at the next general meeting. He also distributed several awards to members who had not been at the January 2014 general meeting. Certificates of Appreciation and/or Meritorious Commendation were distributed to Charley Coombs, Paul Donohue, Jack Gallagher, Mike Milliken, Stan Samsel, and Hank Velardi.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan reported that an upcoming planning meeting for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for 13 March 2014, and this is an opportunity for the Detachment's Color Guard to serve. So far, Jim Donegan and Bill Kinney had indicated that they would be present. In addition, Jim Donegan mentioned that the Color Guard would be marching in Springfield's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, scheduled for Saturday, 15 March 2014 with a report time of 1100 at St. Francis' Church on Saxer Avenue in Springfield, PA. Those who will be participating are Jim Donegan, Wayne Williams, Jim Herbst, Bob Wells, and Jack Kelly.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he has the application forms for the Detachment scholarship program as well as for the Department scholarship program. Those members who have college age children or grandchildren who may desire to apply for a scholarship should contact Wayne Williams.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that sixteen military funerals for deceased veterans were conducted during February, and the year-to-date total is twenty-three. He indicated that three more were scheduled for the current week. Ben Sides also reported that all Detachment rifles have been repaired. Ben Sides thanked Earle Drake for providing the name of a contact person. This person then inspected the rifles on two occasions and then supplied \$2,900.00 in parts for no charge to the Detachment. The contact person had come from York, PA, on two occasions and traveled about 280 miles round trip at his own expense. Ben Sides mentioned that some of the parts received were new operating rods, gas cylinders, and others, all at no charge to the Detachment. Ben Sides made a motion to give \$100.00 to this person, John Fairbank, for his fuel expenses. Bob Spano seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed, and it was mentioned that at the recent officers' staff meeting, it had been decided to give John Fairbank a plaque, recognizing his contributions to the Detachment. It was also decided to make him an honorary member of the Detachment.

These changes were approved by Ben Sides, so the motion as amended was to provide a plaque to this individual, make him an honorary member of the Detachment, and to provide him with a donation of \$100.00. for his expenses. The motion was voted on and the motion passed.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: There was a review of the list of organizations suggested for donations this month. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds to the organizations as listed on the back of the meeting's agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) The Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); and (4) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Jim Herbst and several others seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Earle Drake and Paul Donohue mentioned that they were among the large crowd at the commissioning ceremony for the *USS Somerset*, the naval ship named for the heroes who lost their lives on 11 September 2001 in Somerset, PA, thwarting a terrorist attack. The commissioning ceremony was held in Philadelphia, PA, and a number of politicians, military personnel, and civilians attended the event. General James Amos, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps was present, among many others. Earle Drake and Paul Donohue both provided information on the ceremony itself, and Paul Donohue provided information on a tour of the ship that he received from one of the crew members.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and a number of members seconded the motion. The motion passed, and after the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Bernie McGinley won the 50/50. Thirty-three members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant





Jack Gallagher (left) and Jerry Mc Guckin (right) receiving awards from Commandant Ferguson



Mike Millikin (left) and Paul Donohue (right) receiving awards from Commandant Ferguson



Stan Samsel receiving award from Commandant Ferguson



Detachment Color Guard, Springfield Twp St Patty's Day Parade



The Butler Detachment Americanism Team (J. Mulhern, L. Spangler & E. Drake) at the Chester City Charter School



The Butler Detachment Americanism Team (J. Mulhern, L. Spangler & E. Drake) at the Chester City Charter School



USS Somerset commissioned in Philadelphia as tribute to passengers & crew on hijacked Flight 93

In honor of March being Women's History Month, the National Museum of the Marine Corps highlighted some of the more notable Woman Marines in our history...

Brigadier General Margaret A. Brewer, the Marine Corps' first female general officer.

Brewer was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in March 1952. Highlights of her career include serving as Deputy Director of Women Marines, at Headquarters Marine Corps, from 1968 to 1971, and being selected as the seventh Director of Women Marines in February 1973.

In 1977, Brewer assumed duty as Deputy Director of the Division of Information, Headquarters Marine Corps, when the Director of Women Marines' office was disbanded. She was appointed to the grade of Brigadier General and assumed duty as Director of Information in May 1978. In December 1979, the Division of Information was renamed the Division of Public Affairs, and BGen Brewer became the Director of Public Affairs. BGen Brewer retired from the Marine Corps in July 1980.

When BGen Brewer passed away in January 2013, General James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, stated, "Throughout her three decades of service to our Corps and country, she truly led from the front and helped the Marine Corps integrate women more fully into the force."

See BGen Brewer's full biography here:

https://www.mcu.usmc.mil/historydivision/Pages/Who%27s%20Who/A-C/Brewer_MA.aspx



Private Opha Mae Johnson.

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, ***Opha Mae Johnson*** is credited as the first woman Marine.

Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918; during that year some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve was established in February 1943.

June 12th, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

See more on The History of the Women Marines here:

http://www.womenmarines.org/wm_history.aspx?



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Next Meeting
1 April, 2014 @ 1930
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