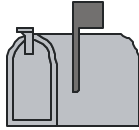


From The Sr. Vice

The year is passing by quickly. It won't be too long and we will be having our Birthday Ball. It will be held at Paxon Hollow Country Club, in the main dining room. John Cook will be in charge of the seating arrangements. Don't forget to see him to get your favorite seats. We will have a great ball this year, as usual. Let's make this one the best ever.

P.S. If you are planning on moving, please go to the Post Office and pick up an address notification card. It works well, and it helps to keep our membership list up-to-date.



Please note James V. Procopio's new address is:
Drexeline Apt. B-2-303
4980 State Road
Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

Semper Fi
Dave Brimble

...And From the Jr. Vice

As we all know the wagon fund raiser has started, and so far the results are VERY good.

The first week: \$762.17
Second week: \$723.51
Third week: \$678.00
Let's keep the momentum going!

I would like to THANK all those who have volunteered so far you're doing a great job.

BUT WE COULD USE MORE HELP.

If you can donate any time at all, even a few hours please do so.



Since I was a new member of this detachment when I was appointed the Jr. Vice and did not know many of the membership, I have found the Wagon detail to be an excellent way of meeting so many of you. This is a great way to meet your fellow members and help the detachment

at the same time, come and share the camaraderie. If anyone with a trailer hitch can help with towing the wagon on Saturdays it would be appreciated.

Marine Corps Ball Program Ad Book...

The Ad forms were passed out at the last meeting to all who attended. If you were not at the meeting and need some forms, please call me and I will mail them to you. Remember, this is our second biggest fund raiser. The Ads really are easy to get. Most businesses will repeat year after year, and new customers are not really hard to find. If every member brought in just 2 Ads...wow what a book. Please turn in ALL Ad's and cash or checks to me and I will give you a receipt for the Ad and money, thus ensuring that all Ads get placed in the book and all monies are credited.

The Fourth of July Parade was an especially meaningful day for my wife and me this year; she has only been in this country for a few years and was really moved by the patriotism of our members and the community. As for me it was an HONOR to march in the parade and carry the National Colors, Thank you.

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Jim Alleva

Home # 610.789.3755

Email: merc4652@comcast.net



"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.

JULY BOOSTERS

Jim Donahue, Steve Neri, Pat & Joe Mensack, Mary & Jerry Powlus, Dot & Craig Allen, Bill Charlton, and Bill Negle.

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano, Paymaster

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

JULY

- 27 Wagon detail ticket sales
- 30 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930

AUGUST

- 03 Wagon detail ticket sales
- 03-10 Marine Corps League - National Convention, Harrisburg Marriott, Harrisburg, PA
- 06 Detachment General Meeting - 1930
- 10 Wagon detail ticket sales
- 17 Wagon detail ticket sales
- 24 Wagon detail ticket sales
- 27 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930
- 31 Wagon detail ticket sales

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS MEETING SCHEDULES

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 W. Chester Pike, Broomall, PA
Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930, except for July and August

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

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound # 19, Pack of Penna.

Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930 except for July and August. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd & Kendron Avenue in Folsom, PA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post # 7390

Meetings the second Thursday of the month 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Bldg. Sproul & Springfield Rds. 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 Detachment Special Events

August 17th, 6-8 pm \$10.00 per Person
Menu includes - Crab Legs, Shrimp, Crab Cakes and Salads.
September 7th, Detachment 'Pignick'
Great Food, Beer & Soda, \$12.00 per Person
{Fund Raiser}

The Legend Continues...

The worst part of the arrest of Butler was the humiliation attached to the affair. Here was an American hero with thirty-three years of honorable military service to his country—awarded two Medals of Honor and sixteen other decorations— notified by telephone that he was under close arrest and confined to his residence. His personal command flag, 2 star, was lowered showing loss of command and he was the only American general to be arrested since the American Civil War. All for the crime of "Discourteous and unwarrantable utterances" as it was termed in Secretary of State, Henry Stimson's formal apology, in the name of the American People, to Benito Mussolini. The apology was quickly accepted by Mussolini with the hope that the affair was finally ended.

The other embarrassment was the court martial itself. Since a person must be tried by his seniors and there was only one major general in the marines, Secretary of the Navy, Charles Adams, designated six rear admirals to hear the case at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where the trial was to be held. The "Powers in Washington" had set all of these upcoming procedures in motion but failed to take into account the American public. Washington was besieged with complaints from irate citizens who were furious that the government would treat an incorruptible patriot in this fashion. Lawyers volunteered their services for the defense without cost and prominent citizens offered to be witnesses for the defense, and with this outpouring for Butler, the government began rapidly trying to extract themselves from this predicament that they had brought upon themselves.

After publicly pressing for maximum severity, they changed their tact after two weeks of hostile public reaction and asked Butler's attorneys to negotiate a settlement rather than proceed with the trial. Butler and his attorneys wrote his own reprimand and this did not include an apology to Mussolini. After announcing the settlement, the Secretary of the Navy, Charles Adams, stated that Butler had received a milder punishment because of his "long record of brilliant service".

Even today, it is difficult to imagine the type of genius that thought of the plan to court martial a prominent and brilliant officer on such a charge.

Butler had planned to retire before the Mussolini affair and now hopes of being Commandant vanished and he did retire 22 September 1931.

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He faced his final review of the troops at Quantico, Virginia as the band played, "There's a Long, Long Trail Awinding".

POST NOTE...

There is another story about why General Butler was not appointed Commandant. While fighting the boxers in China, all men were ordered to defense positions to protect people and property. They found an American engineer hiding with the women in the English Quarter. Butler heard of this and hauled him out of his hideout and roughly manhandled him back to the defense positions. The man was Herbert Hoover and this might have accounted for the Butler/Hoover animosity.

submitted by John Cook

**Department Of Pennsylvania
Marine Corps League**

Announcements:

July 2, 2002

I've been advised by Barre Shepp, York County Veterans Affairs Officer, that the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Jones, will be the Guest Speaker at the dedication ceremony of the WWII Memorial to be held at the square in York, PA at noon, August 1, 2002. All are invited to attend.

Semper Fidelis,
Paul Hastings

June 20, 2002

The Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Veterans Day Program will be co-sponsored by the Memorial Council and Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League on November 10, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. The memorial address will be given by the 29th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General Alfred M. Gray USMC (Retired). The program will be followed, rain or shine.

Color Guard, VIP and disabled will be able to park adjacent to the Veterans Memorial, but not in the circle at the memorial. All others are asked to park on Ft. Indiantown Gap and use the shuttle busses.

Mr. Leon B. Murphy, Cemetery Director, reported that there were twenty-two interments during the month of May 2002 for a monthly average of 144. As of the end of May 2002 there were 20,611 interments including 1,003 Marines. He also reported that over 50% of the interments are cremations.

Respectfully submitted
Fred A. Markley

SICK CALL

Please continue to keep Jimmy Wagner in your prayers.

Tom Weiman would enjoy phone calls. His phone # is 610.892.0788. Visits would be great also. He is in Fair Acres, 5th Floor, 5A, 341 N. Middletown Road, Lima, Pa 19063.

George Curley (our Auxiliary's President's husband) is recuperating at home after surgery. It will be another 6-8 weeks before the incision heals completely. He would enjoy calls also. His phone number is 610.534.2167.

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.

Commandant's Report

Well Leaguers, here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. The Department convention and elections are over. Two of our members were honored with the Distinguished Service Award - Silver: George Van Dusen and Connie McGinley, also, I was awarded a Certificate of Accomplishment for being the fourth highest recruiter with 14 members. The Detachment received a Certificate of Participation for our Newsletter, also a Certificate of Appreciation for our VAVS program and a plaque for third place in VAVS.

Our annual Spring Dinner was once again a wonderful event; great food, camaraderie, and this year we had the Scholarship winners and their parents at the dinner with us.

The Detachment was well represented at the annual D.A.R. Flag Day ceremonies in Lansdowne on Friday evening (June 14th). John Cook led our Color Guard consisting of Al Yerger, Bob Spano, Connie McGinley, Walt Tallmadge, Ray Green, Bob Matthews, and me. The next morning we held our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park here in Marple Twp. The Detachment officers were joined by a number of our members, the Young Marines Color Guard, American Legion Color Guard, VFW Color Guard and citizens. We had the support of the Broomall Fire Company and Marple Police. Once again a big OOH-RAH to Bill Lessig for a great job. Also, a large THANK YOU to Harry Kaufman for singularly taking care of the bulk of the Flags (Seven 55 gal trash bags) the following Saturday morning.

This past Saturday morning (June, 29th), the Jr. Troop Handler wagon made its first public appearance for this year. It was at the Acme Market in Newtown Square. As the Detachment's largest fund-raiser, the wagon had a great debut! The net was \$762.00! That means the wagon is already paid for. The next 23 outings are almost all profit except for the purchase and printing of the tickets. Leaguers, our new Jr. Vice has stated that he wants to beat our previous record with the wagon. LET'S ALL HELP HIM MAKE THAT CHALLENGE COME TRUE.

Ray Green is busy putting together our history book and a Detachment photo album with the help of Paul Donohue. If any one has material for the history book or photos for the album, please contact Ray or Paul. I would also like to THANK Bill Charlton, who is writing a history of this Detachment. If anyone has information that would help Bill, PLEASE contact him. I'm sure Bill would welcome your help.

Our Sr. Vice and I are working on the Marine Corps Ball. It will be another great Ball. Tonight our Jr. Vice will be passing out the forms for the Ball program Ad book. This will give us three (3) months to sell Ads. The deadline is Oct. 15th. Remember, this is our second biggest fund-raiser! If each member sells just TWO ADS, we will set another record. The Daily Lottery is finished, and the Detachment did well again this year.

Remember, this Thursday is the Fourth of July. We will be forming for the parade at the MAB store in Newtown Square at 0915. The Detachment will have our big trailer for members to ride on. Also, our "Jr. Troop Handler" will

be in the parade, and Gerry Zell will have his restored military truck with our signs on it in the parade. There will also be a few private vehicles for members to ride in, so let's have a really big turnout.

The next big event is the Marine Corps League National Convention in Harrisburg, PA. It will begin on August 3rd, at the Marriott. There will be a pistol match that weekend at Ft. Indiantown Gap. Those of you who are Devil Dogs and plan to go for advancement to the next level, don't forget you have to register early. This is a great chance to get to attend a National Convention. There will not be another one this close for a few years. Try to attend and see your League in action and also have a lot of fun and camaraderie with fellow leaguers.

Leaguers, as I have said before, it's an honor and privilege to be the Commandant of this great Detachment, and once again I would like to thank my fellow officers, the committee chairmen and you for your support and encouragement. I firmly believe we have one of the greatest Detachments in the entire Country because of YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP!

Thank you.

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Stephen D. Neri

Commandant

BATTLEFIELDS

**"In great deeds,
something abides. On great fields
something stays. Forms change
and pass;
bodies disappear;
but spirits linger,
to consecrate
ground for the
vision-place of souls.
And reverent
men and women
from afar;
and generations
that know us not
and that we
know not of,
heart-drawn to see
where and by whom
great things
were suffered
and done
for them..."**

Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

submitted by Mike Horne

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
General Smedley D. Butler Detachment
02 July 2002
Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 19:35.

Scholarship Chairman Harry Kaufman presented Scholarship winner Kathleen Cleary with her \$500.00 check.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present were: Commandant Neri, Sr. Vice Brimble, Jr. Vice Alleva, Adjutant Horne, Paymaster Spano, Judge Advocate Mayer (excused absence), Chaplain Bush, Sgt-At-Arms Stanton, Service Officer McGinley, Director Tallmadge (excused absence), Director Repino, Director Powlus, Jr. Past Commandant Kaufman.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Mike Horne read letters of thanks from Ryan Lister and Kathleen Cleary for their scholarship money received from the Detachment. He had copies available for members to pick up after the meeting on how to get Presidential Memorial certificates. Mike also read a letter stating that on July 14, the American Cancer Society will hold their annual Bike-a-Thon, and he thanked the Detachment for their \$50.00 donation and also thanked Bob Matthews for his \$100.00 donation made to this cause. He also noted that anyone who has survived cancer, is battling cancer, or died from cancer can have a ribbon placed on a rider's jersey as a token of remembrance. He asked that anyone who wished to do this should please give him the person's name. Mike also read a letter of thanks from the Daughters of the American Revolution (Lansdowne) thanking the Detachment for participation in their Flag Day ceremonies.

OFFICER REPORTS:

PAYMASTER: Bob Spano gave a detailed financial report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by Dave Cleary and seconded by Joe Mensack to approve the monthly report. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN: Chris Bush stated that George Van Dusen had heart bypass surgery and is recuperating at his daughter's house. He also noted that George Curley is back in Taylor hospital with complications with his leg. Chris asked the membership to please keep these members in their prayers and to send notes of encouragement.

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Dave Brimble reported that current membership is 151 regular members and 19 associate members, for a total of 170 with 3 new members for the month of June. He also stated that the membership list is up-to-date, and if anyone desires a copy, to please see him.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: Jim Alleva stated that our first Jr. Troop Handler Wagon ticket sales exceeded expectations. He also distributed a schedule of locations where Jr. Troop Handler ticket sales will be held weekly. Jim

also stated that he would appreciate any help with ticket sales or towing of the wagon to and from the sites. He also passed out blank forms for the ad book and asked each member to get at least two ads. Deadline for the ad book is October 15.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Frank Mayer - Excused absence. Commandant Neri stated that all bylaw changes and procedures have been updated and will be reprinted.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Bob Stanton - No report.

SERVICE OFFICER: Connie McGinley stated that he had federal benefit fact sheets available and copies can be obtained.

DIRECTOR: Walt Tallmadge – excused absence.

DIRECTOR: Gerry Powlus - no report.

DIRECTOR: Nick Repino- resigned.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Harry Kaufman-no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Americanism: Chairman Bill Lessig thanked Bob Matthews for helping out with the Americanism program. He stated that those who attended the flag retirement ceremony did a good job. He also stated that he sent a letter of thanks to the Broomall Fire Company for their participation in the flag retirement ceremony, and Commandant Neri asked him to also send one to the Broomall Police Department for their participation.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto stated that all members should save their Acme receipts so that they can be passed on to the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Awards: Harry Kaufman presented the Detachment with Departmental awards. Connie McGinley and George Van Dusen received Distinguished Service awards. Also receiving Distinguished Service awards were Bob Stanton and Tom Tanner. The Detachment also received Certificates of Appreciation and Participation in the following areas: Newsletter and V.A.V.S., and Certificate of Accomplishment for the Recruiter Program was presented to Commandant Steve Neri. The Detachment also won the V.A.V.S. Award 2002, third place, category 3. This award was accepted by Bob Matthews on behalf of the Detachment.

Ceremonies: Ray Green reported for George Van Dusen, who is recuperating from surgery. Ray stated that an Honor Guard phone list has been distributed to members who participate in the Honor Guard ceremonies. If anyone who is not on the list wishes to participate, please give Ray a call. He also stated that anyone who is thinking about joining the Honor Guard should come out and watch a ceremony—they will be impressed.

Pistol/Rifle Team: Mike Bodle-absent. Commandant Neri asked Tom Tanner to report for Mike. Tom stated that the Detachment shot Expert in the rifle match. Anyone wishing to participate in the pistol/rifle team matches must register to do so. Tom also stated that rifles are supplied for shooting matches, but you must bring your own pistol if you wish to

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participate in the pistol match.

Locker Box: Tom Lynch reported that anyone who has placed an order should see him to pick up their order. He also stated that Marine Wagner has donated ball caps and t-shirts to be sold with proceeds going to the Young Marines. Tom stated that if anyone wants a particular item, since the items have been donated, please make an offer rather than letting these items go unsold.

Scholarships: Harry Kaufman will have a written report at next meeting. He stated that he would like to have pictures of the parents taken along with scholarship recipients.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews reported that Coatesville's monthly bingo party is the 2nd Monday of every month.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported that the Young Marines participated in the flag retirement ceremony and will be participating in the Fourth of July parade.

Historian: Ray Green is putting together the Detachment's history book and Detachment photo album. He asked that anyone who would like to supply pictures or any information about their military service should please see him.

Bill Charlton reported that he is writing a history of the Detachment and he would appreciate any information that would help with this project.

Lottery Chairman Repino reported that the top three sellers of lottery tickets were Steve Neri -1st place, Ray Green-2nd, and Bob Spano-3rd, and the lottery was a success.

Home Association Chairman Tom Kerrigan stated that the Toys for Tots program takes place in October and November and volunteers are always welcome.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT: Steve Neri passed out copies of the meeting agenda and the Commandant's report to the membership. Copies are available. Steve reported that the Departmental elections were held and John Moyse was elected Department Commandant and Tony DeGregorio was elected Jr. Vice Commandant. All other Departmental officers remain the same. Steve stated that if anyone is not receiving the Scuttlebutt newsletter, please let him know. He also thanked Sandra Mauer, editor of the newsletter, for doing a great job. The Commandant also stated that the Detachment was well-represented at the annual D.A.R. flag day ceremonies, as well as at our annual flag retirement ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Marple Township. Steve stressed that this is the busiest time of year for fundraising and asked all members for their participation in these fundraising events, especially with Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales and with the ad program book. He also stated that the Detachment will be participating in the upcoming Fourth of July parade, and the next big event will be the Marine Corps League National Convention in Harrisburg. Our Sr. Vice and the Commandant are working on the upcoming Marine Corps ball.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dave Brimble announced that the Detachment's ball will be on November 9, 2002 at the Paxon

Hollow Country Club. Please see him for tickets.

Spencer Goldsborough thanked the Detachment for the get well card that was sent to him. He also showed the Detachment a replica of a flag titled Okinawa-Jima flag, signed by the members of the 22nd Marines.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:05.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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50/50 winner was Bob Bunce. Locker Box certificate winner was Bob Spano.

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44 members signed the log book on 7/2/02.
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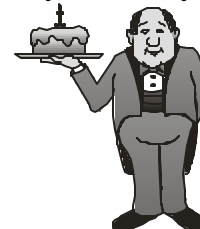


### Birthday Greetings for August

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

Christopher Bush, Joseph Charley, William A. Cubit, Paul Q. Donohue, Raymond S. Green, Francis T. Greiser Sr., Keith P. Henry, William D. Inverso, Ralph W. Lamarra, Thomas E. Lynch, Robert A. Matthews, Robert Paul, Robert Prendergast

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



Next Regular Meeting is:  
August 6, 2002  
1930 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA



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Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
P.O. Box 184  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184