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Commandant's Message August 2005

Summer is well under way and, before you know it, the season will be coming to an end. The complaints of the heat and humidity will be replaced by the complaints of the cold, ice, snow, etc. But, don't be concerned, we still have plenty of nice weather left. In fact, the word is that there will be superb weather for the detachment picnic in the middle of September – details will be in the next newsletter. The members of the Honor Guard who perform military funerals for veterans and those members who sell the wagon tickets will be very happy to see cooler weather.

Although we do not make it a habit to invite guest speakers at our monthly general meetings, it is important to give everyone a break from the standard meeting schedule and present topics of interest. At the last meeting, Ed Cashman, District Representative from Curt Weldon's Congressional Office came to inform veterans of the office's purpose. Some of the areas of interest which they can help veterans are: health care benefits, education & training, home loan guaranties, pension, burial benefits, survivor benefits, service records & awards, and others. You can contact Curt Weldon's office by calling 610-259-0700 and asking for Ed Cashman. Also, there will be hand-outs available at the August meeting at the sign-in table at the Knights of Columbus for anyone who is interested.

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The detachment is very proud of their members and all the work that they do to make this detachment the envy of the League. Department of Pennsylvania Commandant, Tom Tanner, presented several awards from the State Convention in Bethlehem for our accomplishments in Americanism (special thanks to Bill Lessig & Bob Matthews), VAVS (special thanks to Bob Matthews), Membership (special thanks to Earle Drake & Mike Horne), Newsletter (special thanks to Sandra Mauer & others) and medals for Distinguished Citizen to Connie McGinley and Meritorious Commendation to Bernie McGinley. Keep up the good work and special thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the detachment.

God Bless & Semper Fi,
Bob Spano

Sr. Vice Report

Membership:

Recruitment is going fine, but it could be better. Our wagon does not only help our fundraiser, but it is essential for recruitment. Our JR.Vice has membership application forms with him. I am working on getting Detachment name strips for our covers that will be available for members to purchase. So many covers that have no name on them, and as you, I am proud of this Detachment and I would want others to know who we are. We do so much in the community! I am also working on membership five year awards to be given out. We will be fifteen years old soon, so we need to recognize those charter members and others. Again please check your membership to see if it is coming up for renewal. If so, see our paymaster. We now have a life membership installment plan. You can pay over THREE payments during your membership year and become a life member. Life Membership will be increasing in the following years. If interested please see the paymaster or myself.

Ball:

Our Ball will be on Saturday 12 November 2005 at the Knights. The times will be from 1800 to 2300. We will have a DJ, wine toast, pictures etc. PLEASE see John Cook for reservations. He will be taking them starting at the August meeting, with payment no later than 25 October. Our guest speaker will be Maj. Alex Chowkowski USMC. The Major served in operation Iraqi freedom II as CO of a motor transportation unit. The Major expressed an interest in coming to our August meeting, this way you can see him and chat with him if you like. Special thanks to Joe Mensack for his assistance in obtaining our guest speaker!

Picnic:

Our picnic will be on 18 September at 1230 until..... Our brothers from the AL and VFW are invited. I need a picnic committee so see me if you are interested. Like last year, there is no charge to members; all we ask is to bring something. We need meats, buns, and side dishes. I will have a list at the next meeting you can tell me if you are coming and what, if anything, you are bringing. We had a great time last year, and it can only be better.

Spirit of Philadelphia:

The Spirit has sunk! I did not get enough sign ups to meet the quota needed to get the price we had. I apologize, but I cannot take on an endeavor that will cost this Detachment money.

God Bless & Semper Fi !

Jim Alleva

Sr.Vice Commandant
610-789-3755

Commandant's Report

August 2005

June 27th, Monday evening at 7:30 PM was the Newtown Twp. Board of Supervisors meeting when the resolution was passed to rename Brookside Park as the Newtown Township Veterans Memorial Park

Tuesday evening was the detachment's staff meeting at the American Legion

On Wednesday, the 29th the Folsom VFW held a 1st anniversary ceremony to honor the 3 Folsom Marines – Adle, Sherman & Todd - that were KIA in Iraq

July 2nd, Saturday, members were at the Acme at Granite Run to help sell tickets for the Jr Troop Handler

Monday, 4th of July, was a sunny day for the parade in Newtown Square & Marple

Tuesday evening was the monthly general membership meeting at the K of C Hall

Wednesday morning, the 6th, we were present to dedicate a flag pole at the Cobbs Creek Country Club for all veterans

July 9th, Saturday, we enjoyed some camaraderie at the Clifton Heights Acme

On Monday evening John Lucas was presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the Marple Township Commissioners meeting from the detachment for his help with the flag dedication at the Blue Route and other veterans-related functions.

Saturday, the 16th, members joined for ticket sales at the Acme in Paoli

God Bless & Semper Fi

Bob Spano

Welcome Back!!!

Herbert " Wes " Tomlinson Esq.
247 N.Middletown Rd
Media, Pa. 19062
610-627-4131

Please add his information to your membership list.

Jr. Vice Report

It's again time to start getting ads for our MCL Birthday Ball Program Book. This is our second most important fund raiser. It's where the money comes from to support the Young Marines, Veteran's Programs and our other community projects.

Please contact your past advertisers and supporters and sign them up early. Ad forms are available by calling me at 610-325-9065. I'll get them right out to you.

The JTH Wagon sales are at about last year's level. Following is the JTH site schedule for the month of August:

- Acme, Devon, 700 Lancaster Ave
- Acme, Media, 527 E. Balt Ave
- Super Fresh, 1025 Youngesford Rd
- Acme Drexel Hill, State and Lansdowne
- NO SALES DAY SCHEDULE FOR LABOR DAY WEEK-END

We come back on September 11th at the DELCO College huge flea market at their campus.

Remember, The Marine corps League's success is your success.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle E. Drake

Junior Vice

Quotes in History

"The Lord who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy but cannot disjoin them." – Thomas Jefferson

"One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our Founding Fathers used in the struggle for independence". – Charles Beard

"Do your duty in all things, you should never wish to do less." – Robert E. Lee

~~submitted by Steve Neri

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



Here is the scuttlebutt of what the Delco. Young Marines are up to.

Not too much is happening with our Unit right now because so many are on vacation.

This weekend we are going on a camp out at Ridley Creek State Park. The trip is open to Young Marines and Recruits.

We discharged 2 Young Marines who recently graduated from high school. Our Recruits will be taking their promotion tests in August and we're hoping to hold graduation in September. As soon as the date is set, I'll let you know.

Semper Fi

1st Sgt. Tim Dunton

Birthday Greetings for August

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

J. Edward Bailey
Christopher Bush
William A. Cubbit
Paul Q. Donohue
Francis T. Greiser, Sr.
Keith P. Henry
Thomas P. Higgins
William D. Inverso
Ralph W. Lamarra
Thomas E. Lynch
Robert A. Matthews
Jack McLeod



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

If your birthday was this month and you were not listed please contact the Adjutant (Steve Neri) so that he may update our records. Thank you.

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

August

- 2 Lockerbox Audit – K of C - 1800
- 2 General Membership Meeting - K of C – 1930
- 6 Acme, Devon – Wagon ticket sales – 0900-1600
- 7 Clean Highway – Bishop Hollow Road - 0900
- 7-13 MCL National Convention – Cleveland, Ohio
- 8 Coatesville Veterans Hospital - bingo
- 13 Acme, Media – Wagon ticket sales – 0900-1600
- 15 Rose Tree Park – 60th Anniversary of WW II
Cessation of Hostilities - 1900
- 20 Super Fresh, Gladwyne – Wagon ticket sales –
0900-1600
- 27 Acme, Drexel Hill – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600
- 30 Staff Meeting – Marple Memorial Post #805 – 1930

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.

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.

August Special Events

7th – (2005) AMVETS, Morton – All You Can Eat Corn Boil - \$10 - 1300



7th – (1942) Marines conduct the 1st allied amphibious offensive in the Pacific.

14th – (1912) Maj. Smedley Butler leads Marines ashore in Nicaragua.

30th – (2005) Pig Roast from 1-8 PM at VFW Folsom

REMINDERS...



Anyone who submits pictures for the History book should list the date and the names of people for identification as well as any other pertinent information. Thank you for your help.

John Cook needs your photos from "THEN" and "NOW." Everyone needs a good laugh and looking at these pictures of our "youth" and then of our "senior" years is quite entertaining. So, get those photos in, NOW!

Gen. Smedley D. Butler Det. 741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
July 5th, 2005

Commandant: Called meeting to order at 1930.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain read the opening prayer. The Sgt.-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business.

The Adjutant conducted the Roll Call of Officers: Present were the Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Adjutant, Paymaster, Chaplain, Sgt.-at-Arms, Service Officer, Jr. Past Commandant, Director Bishop, Acting Judge Advocate & Director VanLuvender. Judge Advocate was excused, Director Donohue was absent.

Commandant Spano: recognized all past detachment Commandants, and Department Officers. He also, introduced two Guest Speaker's Edward Cashman from Congressman's Curt Weldon's office, and Al Santone from Cobbs Creek Golf Club. Other guest included Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kerrigan and son Patrick who were there to accept a Scholarship award.

Mr. Cashman stated that Congressman Weldon sent his best regards to our membership and recognized and thanked our detachment for all that we do for the community. He especially wanted to applaud us for our Military Funeral Honors Program. Ed reminded us that he and the rest of the Congressman's staff are always available to help us with VA benefits claims, obtaining copies of our military records and other problems.

Minutes: motion to accept previous minutes as printed in the Scuttlebutt was made by Joe Hudson and seconded by Anthony Fusto, motion passed.

Adjutant: read correspondence, we had a thank you note from the Marple Beautification Association for our donation, from Major Froeder for our generous donation. Also, a thank you from the Lansdowne chapter of the D.A.R. for participating in their Flag Day ceremony, a thank you from the Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation for our generous donation, thank you from Lisa LaRocco for her Scholarship, and a number of families for Military Funeral Honors.

Paymaster: Gave a detailed report and had copies available. He also gave a 6-month review of our annual budget. Motion to accept report made by Tom Bishop and seconded by Bernie McGinley, motion passed.

Chaplain: reported that Bob Stanton had been briefly hospitalized over night after passing out on the 4th of

July. He also, reported that member Wayne Williams father had passed away and the details for the funeral arrangements.

Officers Reports:

Sr. Vice:

Trips – Our bus trip to Gettysburg was a good success. We got to see some places of interest. Spirit of Philadelphia – I will be taking reservations and we need a head count ASAP, if we do not fill the required 40 people I will cancel the trip. So please see me after the meeting to sign up, you need no money right now, it will be good if you have it, but we will need it by next meeting. We sail on 8-12-05 at 1200.

June Dinner – Our dinner went over well; we had enough food, everyone I talked to say they had a great time. Total cost was \$1,125.24 and we brought in \$ 1060.00, which left the detachment a minus \$65.24.

Marine Corps Ball – Working on Ball, have placed a call to one Marine Major Alex Chowkowski an Iraqi veteran. He is willing to be our guest speaker, he will be getting back to me sometime this week after he checks his schedule, he does speaking on the war and has said it would be an honor, he also expressed coming to our next meeting. John Cook will be taking reservations so see him for seating; it makes it easier when one person handles this less confusion, so please see John. Anyone else is welcomed to join the committee. The Ball will be on 11-12-05 at the Knights.

Picnic – Want to set up a committee for the picnic, and as I said before our brothers from the VFW and the American Legion will be invited. It will be held on 9-18-05 at the same location as last year.

Membership – Calling members to remind them of their dues, would like to implement a time payment plan for life membership. After going over with the paymaster, any member interested in a life membership can pay the Detachment in Three installments, being a life member means you do not have to worry about renewal every year. We are a little behind on new members this year from last, and I hope that will pick up I am working on membership awards, this November we will be fifteen yrs old, which some members who will have their award, I think this is important to recognize those members who have supported this Detachment over the years. We also need to Get our detachment name on our covers.

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Jr. Vice:

PA Evening June Lottery - Our total receipts exceeded last year's results, thanks to all who helped make this year's lottery a success.

Junior Troop Handler Wagon – Four locations have been covered to date. Sales of raffle tickets to date are running at about last year's level. volunteers are still needed on the afternoon shift. Two weeks ago I had to shut down half of the operation because of a lack of help after twelve noon. Leaguers, the afternoons are when we generally have our largest volume of sales PLEASE come out and lend a hand. An anonymous person donated new tables. Thanks to that person. All sites up to and including September have been confirmed. Four sites are confirmed for dates after September. There are 6 unconfirmed after September. This Saturday we will be at the ACME, in Clifton Heights. Report time is 0900 for the morning and 1200 for the afternoon. Please come out and help your detachment in this important fund raising effort.

Marine Corps Ball Program Book it's hard to believe but it is now time to start getting ads for our Program Book. Don't wait until September to contact your past advertisers and supporters. We fell a little short of boosters last year. Booster ads are \$10.00; ad forms are on each table. If you need more forms please see Me after the meeting.

Judge Advocate: No Report

Sgt.-at- Arms – Spoke to the membership about the proper protocol and conduct at meeting.

Service Officer – No Report

Director Bishop – No Report

Director VanLuvender – No Report

Jr. Past Commandant – Spoke about a new program called "Operation Uplink" which distributes free phone cards to our Military Personnel. Please contact him if you would like more information or to help with this program.

Department Commandant – Spoke about a number of special Veterans benefits available to Pennsylvanian Veterans. He also presented a number of Awards to the Detachment from the Department Convention

- Americanism – 1st place for Department of Pennsylvania category III
- Membership – Certificate of Accomplishment 113.19% of previous year 3rd Place category III
- Newsletter – Certificate of Participation
- V.A.V.S. – Certificate of Participation
- Streamer for our Colors

- Bernie McGinley – Meritorious Commendation Award
- Connie McGinley – Distinguished Citizens Award

Scholarships – Patrick Kerrigan who was not available to attend the June meeting picked up his award.

Committee Reports:

Adopt –a- Highway – Next outing will be August 7th, 2005, 0900

Americanism – The program was presented to 35 schools, 2968 students, the Young Marines and a number of adult groups. Bill showed us the new Flag brochures and cards giving to each student. Chairman Lessig thanked Bob Matthews and Walt Tallmadge for all their help as members of this committee. Bill also thanked all those who participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony.

Auxiliaries – No Report

Awards – Chairman announced that the last of the I. Newton Kerber Awards will be presented later in the month.

Ceremonies – George reported on a very busy month, the Color Guard & Rifle Squad in participated in a number of ceremonies for Flag Day, Flag Retirement, and Flag Dedication's. So far this year they have conducted 139 Military Funeral Honors.

Historian – John Cook asked the members to share photos of activities also of ourselves when we were in the Military.

Home Association – No Report

Legislative - No Report

Locker Box – Tom gave a report on membership nametags, donated memorable from Ray Green, and available Challenge Coins.

Marksmanship – No Report

Uniforms – Tom Bishop discussed purchasing a supply of detachment name strips for our red covers.

V.A.V.S. – Bob reminded everyone of the Bingo Party at Coatesville VA Hospital Monday night.

Newtown Square Veterans Memorial Park – Stan Short reported that the Township Board of Supervisors had passed the Resolution officially creating the Park. We have a design of the Monument and there will be a

Ground Breaking ceremony at 3 PM on Veterans Day at the Park.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business – Department Commandant stated that he thinks our detachment should consider increasing our financial support for the Department Scholarship programs. Officers will discuss this at next staff meeting.

The Commandant introduced Al Santone from the Cobbs Creek Gulf Club who spoke to us about the ceremony to dedicate a monument to all Veterans to be installed at their Flag Pool next to the Club House. He also asked our Color Guard and Rifle Squad to participate in this ceremony.

Announcements – None

Good of the League – None

Motion to adjourn by Rick VanLuvender and seconded by Earle Drake, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2050.

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46 members signed the log book
Bob Matthews won the 50/50

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen D. Neri
Adjutant

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

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- 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

"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. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

JULY BOOSTERS

Dottie and Craig Allen, Betty and Bob Bunce, Caroline and Tony Coladonato, Ruth and Marino Defrancesco, Ruth and Lou Disantis, Frank Eng, Kay and Frank Greiser, Barbara and Harry Kaufman, Carol and Paul Lutton, Bob Matthews, Joe Mealey, Kate and Jack Mchenry, Florence and Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Harry Kaufman, PC

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Harry Kaufman.

SICK CALL

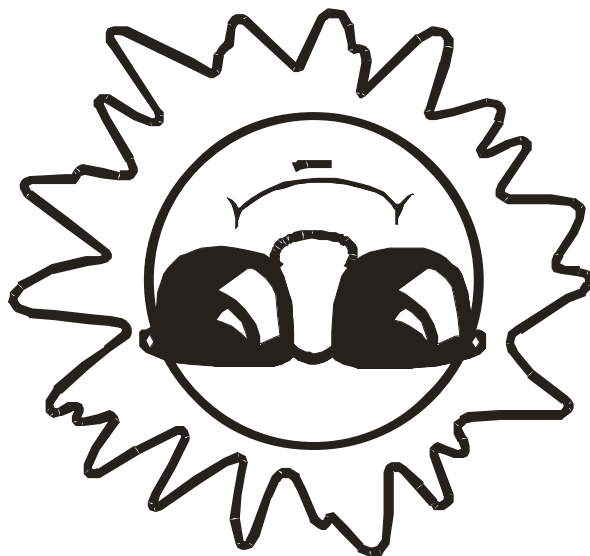


- Members:
 Craig Allen,
 Bud Bruce,
 Frank DiBonaventuro,
 and Bob Stanton

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.

Next Regular Meeting is:
August 2, 2005
1930 hrs.
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA



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"I Pledge Allegiance"