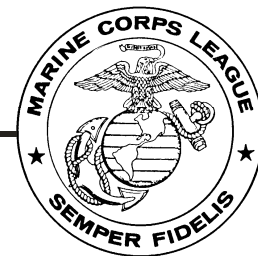




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Commandant's Message August 2008

While events have slowed because of the summer months we still need your help to man the fund raising effort and help with the honor guard.

Wayne Barner, our Honor Guard chairman, has invited all members to join him at an up-coming graveside honors ceremony. If you can give a day once in awhile it would help the stalwarts that show up all the time. Call Wayne at 610-543-7274. We will train you in the procedures. The Honor Guard helps to bring peace to a bereaved family while honoring a departed comrade. For those that don't know, our Honor Guard is a combined effort with the VFW and the American Legion. It is known as the Marple/Newtown Combined

Veterans Alliance.

Jack McLeod's group of fund raising volunteers can always use another afternoon volunteer. Call Jack and tell him you will join his group of merry men, 610-356-8893. I guarantee you will have a lot of fun with this one.

Sandi Mauer, our Scuttlebutt Editor and our newsletter have won third prize in the Department newsletter contest. Congratulations Sandi!

The Detachment won first prize in the Department's Americanism program. We are still trying to get our plaque from the Department (State). We also won the membership streamer again this year.

This year we are doing something different as far as our picnic is concerned. We are turning the work over to Justine's Catering. Her gals will set up, run the grill, provide the cups, utensils, soda, ice, and serve the beer. The picnic is scheduled for August 24, 2008 at Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike, Newtown Square. Hours are 12:00 to 3:30. There is no charge for the members and their guests. Please come out and spend some time with your friends.

Have a safe summer.

Semper Fidelis
Earle E. Drake

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Jr. Vice Report

Contributions Solicitation

Follow-up solicitations of our 2007 Contributors will begin By August 1st.

Drawing for Dollars, D4D

We have completed twelve of our scheduled Sales Events. Our participants efforts at these locations plus Dennis Morsa's and Paul Ferguson's efforts at Gentile's Markets and WaWa, Malvern respectively have allowed us to exceed our year-end 2008 Budget objective!



During our fundraising activities at these locations, we have distributed 31 Membership Kits to prospective Members.

A note of caution: our future results could be significantly affected by adverse weather and double booking by our Store Hosts.

As of this date, our Schedule for the remainder of the year is: 7/18(Fri): ACME Broomall, 7/26: ACME Newtown Square, 8/30: Super Fresh Havertown & Pathmark Broomall, 9/06: Pathmark Glenolden and Pathmark Folsom, 9/13: Wal-Mart Glenolden & Gentile's Market Newtown Square, 9/19 (Fri): Super Fresh Wynnewood & Tentative ACME Narberth, 9/27: Tentative Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 10/04: ACME Media, 10/11-12 Helicopter Air Show West Chester & 10/11 ACME Broomall, 10/18: ACME Newtown Square, 10/25: ACME Ridley (Folsom), 11/01: Wal-Mart Eddystone, 11/15: Super Fresh Havertown & Pathmark Broomall, 11/22: Tentative ACME Paoli, and 11/26 (Wed) Shop Rite West Chester.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod

Junior Vice Commandant

Sr. Vice Report

Arrangements are complete for our annual Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic. August 24 is the date and 12:00 to 3:30 are the times. The price is right, FREE TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS. Place is the Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike, Newtown Square. Catering is by Justine. Just come and have a good time with your friends.

Welcome to our three new members: Gene Kern, John Gallagher, and Jim Herbst. Our membership continues to grow.

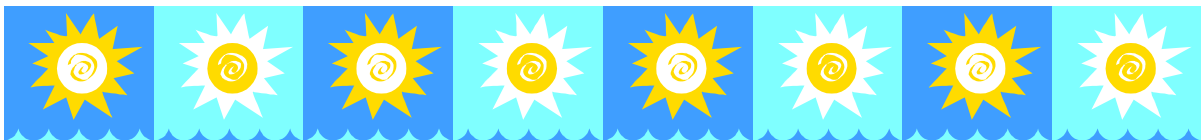
Jim (JR) Robinson
Sr. Vice Commandant



SICK CALL

Bob Bunce (Devon Manor for re-hab).
Tom Kerrigan
Anthony Del Grippo
Jack Gingris
Bill Charlton, Jr.
Jack Lister
Matt (Gene) Balfrey

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



Curse of Capitol Hill

Only twice has a sitting Senator been elected President: Warren Harding (1920) and John F. Kennedy (1960). James Garfield is the only sitting Representative to be elected Chief Executive (1880).

Coincidentally, all three died during their first terms—two at the hand of assassins (or three, if you believe the conspiracy theory that Florence Harding poisoned her philandering husband).

American History Magazine...August 2008
John J.V. Cook

The 1700's

After the introduction of the Gregorian calendar, it was common to mark holy days in red letters on church calendars to note that they were special days. The phrase "red-letter-day" came to mean any day of special meaning.

Reservations for our Detachment Birthday Ball will start being taken at our August Meeting, Monday 4th August

Paxon Hollow Country Club, Media, PA
Friday, 7th November 2008
\$40.00 per person
John J. V. Cook will be handling reservations.

Attention Members!

Bud Hendrick, curator of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in Media has asked for a copy of our membership list. The purpose of his request is to be able to send you information on their activities and current events. Dan Luty, our JA, feels that you should have the opportunity to opt out of having your name in their data base.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR NAME IN THE MUSEUM'S DATA BASE, CALL ME AT 610-325-9065.

Earle Drake

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Jim (JR) Robinson
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dan Luty
Sergeant-At-Arms	James D. Ross
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Connie McGinley
Director	Paul Donohue
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Bob Matthews
	Jack McLeod
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Jim Ross
Color Guard	Joe Conigliaro
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Bob (Coz) Cosgrove
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Wayne Barner
" Assistant	John J. V. Cook
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	John Williams
Membership	Jim Robinson
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Sandi Mauer
Newtown Twp Vets Park	
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Robert Matthews
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Mistress	Sandi Mauer

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

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

August

- 4 General Meeting, KOC Hall, 1930
- 8 DAV Nat'l Convention
- 10 Corm boil, AMVETS, \$12.00
- 10-16 Nat'l Marine Corps League Convention, Orlando Fl.
- 11 VAVS Bingo Coatesville Hospital
- 16 VFW Nat'l Convention
- 17 Adopt-A-Highway, 0900, Bishop Hollow Road
- 24 MARPLE/NEWTOWN COMBINED VETERANS ALLIANCE PICNIC. 1200 to 1530. THIS IS A SUNDAY DATE. CATERING BY JUSTINE. They do all the work.
- 26 Staff Meeting American Legion Post 805 1930
- 30 D4D Fund Raising, ACME, Granite Run Mall

October

- 26 Adopt-a-Highway

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.

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. 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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Delaware County Detachment, 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 & Kendron 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.

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

Birthday Greetings for August

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

- J. Edward Bailey, Jr.
- Bob Balentine
- Philip Bannan
- Wayne Barner
- Christopher Bush
- Paul Donohue
- John Gingras
- Francis Greiser, Sr.
- Thomas Higgins
- William Inverso
- Ralph Lamarra
- Thomas Lynch
- Robert Matthews
- George McCaughan
- Jack McLeod
- Robert Paul
- James Robinson
- Wayne Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

*If your birthday was omitted,
please contact Adjutant Jack Kelly.
We apologize for any omissions.*

“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!

JULY BOOSTERS

John Burfete
Kay & Frank Greiser
Richard Guyer
Vince Mangelli
Jerry Powlus
Stan Samsel
Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt” Booster,
please see Bob Spano.*

Young Marines’ Report



As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we just had 3 Young Marines return from their summer trips. Two were sent to Junior Leadership School at Camp Pendleton, CA

and another attended the Civil War Adventure which took place in 5 states. Another of our Young Marines is currently in Boston attended the Revolutionary War Adventure.

We are also heading up to the Poconos for 4 days of camping later this month.

The Young Marines would like to again thank you for your generous contributions. Without this funding these trips would not be possible!!

Jeffrey Gunning
Delaware County Young Marines

THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Surrounded on 20th June, 1900 this was the start of the famous 55 day siege of Peking.

Thoroughly alarmed, the American Government ordered several Army units and all of the Marines in the Philippines to China in order to join a multi-national relief force being formed in Tangu, for the relief of the Legations under siege in Peking.

The Germans, Austrians, Russians, Italians, British, French, Japanese and Americans made common cause against the Boxers.

The initial lead rescue force composed of U.S. Marines, under the leadership of Major General Littleton Tazewell Waller a.k.a. “Tony Waller” totaled 7 officers and 131 enlisted plus a contingent of Russian soldiers under their officers. Butler was a Lieutenant in the Marine group.

They proceeded until they came under fire and were halted outside the city of Tientsin by Boxers and Chinese Army units. During this engagement Butler, another officer and four enclosed men recovered a Private Carter, who had been badly wounded and had fallen on the battlefield, and carried him through the constant enemy fire for a distance of 17 miles in 4 hours.

For this rescue, all the enlisted men were awarded the Medal of Honor. Butler and the other officer were Brevetted for Gallantry in Action. The Medal of Honor was not awarded to officers until 1914. A Brevet Medal ranks immediately after the Medal of Honor. A Brevet Metal is a commission advancing an officer in honorary rank without advance in pay or command. It was awarded for achievement, usually, on the field of battle. Butler was promoted to Captain before he was 19 years old.

The lead rescue force was held outside of Tientsin and was under constant fire and attack by the Chinese forces. The relief column of multi-national force of 3,000 finally arrived and after a concerted siege and assault, during which, Butler was wounded by a bullet to his right thigh; the City of Tientsin was captured by the Allied Force.

Hospitalized with his wound, he quit the hospital in order to join the new allied column of 3,000 men being formed to start for the relief of the besieged legations at Peking ninety miles away, on 4 August 1900.

John Cook, Historian

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
7 July 2008

Commandant: Commandant Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Jim Robinson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Paul Ferguson, Director Bernie McGinley, and Past Commandant Jerry Leon. Jerry Leon served as Jr. Vice in the absence of Jack McLeod and Harry Kaufman served as Judge Advocate in the absence of Dan Luty. Among the guests who were recognized were Bill Miller, Southeast District Vice, Al Harper, Southeast Assistant Vice, and Pat Powell, Chester County Detachment Commandant.

Three new potential members were introduced to the Detachment. Earl E. Kern, James G. Herbst, and John G. Gallagher all served in the U.S. Marine Corps. George Boyajian made a motion to accept these men as regular members. Spence Goldsborough seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Earle Drake conducted the swearing in ceremony for these new members.

Minutes: Joe Conigliaro made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 June 2008 General Meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Spence Goldsborough seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant's Report: Earle Drake provided some general information on the process of the election of officers, looking ahead to later this year. He reported that fund raising is going very well, and gave Jack McLeod praise for his efforts, as well as Dennis Morsa for his individual efforts. Earle Drake reported on the Adopt-a-Highway efforts, coordinated by John Burfete, and he also provided information on the upcoming rifle match in September. Recent activities that the Detachment was involved in included the Walk for the Wounded on 15 June 2008 and the annual Marple-Newtown Fourth of July Parade.

Sr. Vice: Jim Robinson provided information on the combined picnic, scheduled for 24 August at Drexel Lodge. The event will be catered by Justine's. Jim Robinson made a motion to have the Detachment pay the cost of the picnic for Detachment members and their guests. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jr. Vice: Jerry Leon provided the report in Jack McLeod's absence. The TV Bonanza Campaign was successful, but netted less than achieved in 2007. It may be necessary to consider developing a new program for 2009. The Drawing for Dollars campaign is doing very well after eleven sales events, and the Detachment has already exceeded its 2008 budget objective. Donations are far exceeding ticket sales. In addition, 20 membership kits have been distributed to potential members during the sales events.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly indicated that notes of thanks had been received from several of the Detachment's scholarship winners, Owen Kinney, Amanda Andrews, Dana Baiocco, and James Robinson. A note of thanks was read from the family of Frank McNulty, our member who had passed away

recently. A letter of appreciation was also received from Karl Fisher, this year's Gung-ho Award recipient at Villanova University's NROTC.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report, as of 30 June 2008. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Harry Kaufman read the Judge Advocate's report in Dan Luty's absence. The report read as follows. "As a result of a guilty plea in the case of United States of America v. James Anthony Alleva, the Board of Trustees held a vote at the June 24th staff meeting to submit disciplinary charges against Jim Alleva, the result of which was unanimous with one abstain, to submit the charges. A summary of the three violations that James Alleva plead guilty to under the Stolen Valor Act are:

- altering military or naval discharge certificate
- unauthorized wearing of military medals and decorations
- false claim about military decorations and medals

The Board of Trustees has formed a committee to draft disciplinary charges that fall under the National Marine Corps League Administrative Procedures, Chapter Nine, Section 913, (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e). Other charges are also being considered and may be submitted in addition to the aforementioned charges.

Dan Luty, Judge Advocate"

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross indicated that he had no report, but he indicated that it was good to so many members wearing their red covers at the meeting.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Bob Bunce was in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital after suffering a broken foot. Chris Bush also mentioned that Bill Charlton is at the Presbyterian Home, and visitors are welcome. It was mentioned that Tom Kerrigan also had a broken foot, and Noel Haynes, Past Department Judge Advocate, recently had a serious operation.

Service Officer: Connie McGinley reported that a new Pennsylvania state program would pay bonuses to veterans of the first Persian Gulf War. Veterans who served honorably in the Persian Gulf between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1991, received the Southeast Asia Service Medal, and were residents of Pennsylvania are eligible. The bonus is \$75 per month of service, up to a maximum of \$525. Prisoners of war are eligible for a \$5,000 bonus, as are families of troops killed during the conflict. In another matter, Connie McGinley provided information on the new veterans cemetery in Bucks County, with construction to start in 2009.

Committee Reports:

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews indicated that the next bingo party at Coatesville is scheduled for Monday, 14 July 2008.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese reported that efforts are ongoing, and a good number of old flags has been collected. As a separate item, he also indicated that the Moving Wall, a portable version of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, is scheduled to be in Harrisburg in September.

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Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the second Adopt-a-Highway was conducted on 22 June, and the next event is scheduled for 17 August 2008.

Color Guard: John Conigliaro reported that the Detachment's Color Guard participated in the Walk for the Wounded event at Rose Tree Park in June, along with the Color Guards from the Upper Darby and Upland Detachments. In addition, the Color Guard and other members were involved with the annual Marple-Newtown Fourth of July Parade.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard has been involved in 144 military funerals so far this year, with seven having been conducted so far in July.

Marksmanship: It was announced that John Williams is now living in Maine, and he will not be shooting with the rifle team at the rifle match in September. Others are welcome to participate.

Membership: Jim Robinson mentioned that he had spoken to at least 10 potential members, but he has not received any commitments yet.

Announcements: Earle Drake mentioned that the Detachment's newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*, had received a third place award at the recent Department convention. In addition, Sandi Mauer, the editor, also received a third place award. The Detachment also received a first place award in the Americanism category. In addition, Earle Drake mentioned several social events to be held by the AmVets and also the Upper Darby Marine Corps League Detachment. Earle Drake also read an announcement from the Upper Darby Detachment concerning Cpl. Matthew Sondermann, USMC, who has been wounded in Afghanistan. Cpl. Sondermann is from Drexel Hill, PA, and is currently receiving surgery and burn care at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas.

Unfinished Business: George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$500.00 each to the Newtown Square and Broomall Fire Departments. Bernie McGinley seconded this, and it passed.

Gerry Powlus made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Cpl. Matthew Sondermann. Joe Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Gerry Powlus made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. Tony Fusto seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Business: Bob Spano mentioned that the Detachment had purchased a brick in the Marple Veterans Park when George Van Dusen had passed away. Bob Spano made a motion to purchase a brick honoring former member Steve Neri. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bernie McGinley made a motion to purchase a brick honoring former member Stan Short. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Dennis Morsa indicated that the American Legion, Post #805, will not be having an installation banquet this year, but there will be an installation ceremony and light refreshments on 10 September 2008. John Cook mentioned that he would start taking reservations at the August meeting for the Marine Corps Ball to be held in November. Earle Drake read a letter from Kevin Patrick O'Shea, a student at St. Gabriel's School in Norwood, PA. He has an opportunity to attend Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, DC, and he is looking for possible donations. (This event is not affiliated with the U.S. Congress.) This item was tabled until it is investigated further.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Mayer seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Pat Powell, Commandant of the Chester County Detachment, won the 50/50. Forty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kelly, 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



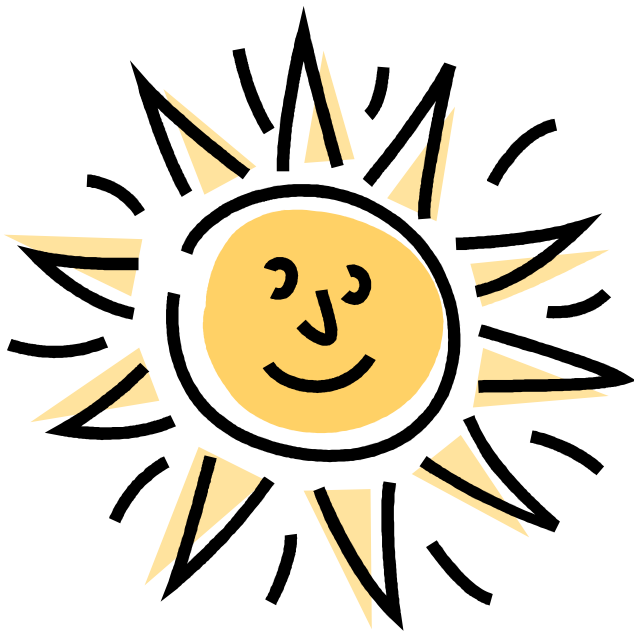
Marine Corps League

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Next Meeting

August 4, 2008

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