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Commandant's Report August 2009

The Fourth of July Parade was the best attended parade Marple/Newtown ever held. It may have been because Chris Wheeler, the Phillies announcer and a Marple Newtown High School grad was the Grand Marshall. I attended the after parade meeting that was held at the Gauntlet Center on July 8th along with Tom Murray, Broomall police chief, Mitch Robbins, the jeweler, Evelyn Brimble, Jan Cetan, our tax collector, Rich Ehnou, Vince Del Vacchio and several others. Sam Coco, the treasurer reported that all bills had been paid and the parade treasury still had funds. The parade expenses were over \$18,000. Street collection were the highest ever at, \$6,819.00.

Parade safety was a great concern of Chief Murray. He feels that the Townships have to find a way to control the crowds

at two specific intersections. Barricades are needed to safeguard the parade attendees, especially the children. The cost for barricades may not be available from the townships.

The July meeting again saw us going out of the normal course of our meetings, recognizing that our business segment would not have been of interest to our guests. Scholarship checks were awarded to Julia Cutting and Dana Baiocco, who could not be present at the June meeting. Tony Fusto, Dana's granddad accepted for her.

Five members of the Detachment visited Art Mooney after the Fourth of July parade. Art, at 103, is one of the oldest living Marines in the area. He lives at Saunders House in Wynnewood. We made him an Honorary Member of the Detachment and presented him with a Marine Corps League cap and other gifts. We then made ice cream sodas for all of the residents present.

It was good to see Anthony Delgrippe and Henry Mumma attending a meeting. Both of them have been under the weather. With their presence, we had all five Iwo Jima veterans in attendance. Walt Talmadge, Don Walz, and George Edelman were the other Iwo Vets at the meeting.

Harry Kaufman was recognized for his service to the Marine Corps League and the Veteran community by the Marine Corps League, Department of Pennsylvania. Harry was awarded the Distinguished Citizen, Silver, medal, the second highest medal that the Marine Corps League presents. Harry, thank you for your service! Coming up on August, 23 is our annual Marple/Newtown Veterans Coalition Picnic. Please come and join with your friends from the VFW and American Legion. Bring the family, bring the kids. More information in the Senior Vice Commandant's report.

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“Help Us Help Others” Upcoming Schedule.

Commandant's Report continued ...

A few of our new members have jumped in with both feet in our fund raising activities, they are Ed Seidl, Andy Rubin and Jack Meyer. Seen at the Honor Guard ceremonies is our newest rifleman, Aleta Krause. Let 2009 be the year you became more active in your Detachment. Thank you all.

Make 2009 the year you became more involved with your League.

Semper Fidelis,

Earle Drake

Jr. Vice Report

Help Our Heroes Campaign

To date, we have received in excess of fifty contributions.

Only five of our 160+ Members have obtained contributions – a very poor showing!

As a reminder, our Members are asked to present Help Our Heroes Contribution Kits to persons selected among relatives, friends or acquaintances. The Campaign replaces last year's TV Bonanza II Campaign and will run throughout 2009.

The Kits contain documentation which:

- Explains the financial difficulties that wounded troops, needy veterans and their respective families are encountering;
- Identifies the source and nature of their difficulties.
- Graphically portrays how financial support has been employed in specific instances;
- **Emphasizes the fact that our Detachment is not seeking donations for its own account but acts as a means of channeling contributions to those in need;**
- Details how contributions will be processed.

If you have not received a kit or need additional solicitation letters, please contact me at 610-356-8893

“Help Us Help Others (HUHO)” Campaign

Six weekend dates plus our 5/7 Wawa event have been successfully completed with very satisfactory results. **We thank the Lord for His bounty, our Shoppers for their generosity, our Store Hosts for their hospitality and particularly our Member participants for their magnificent efforts!**

Please check the next column of our Newsletter for a revised schedule of HUHO events.

If you have not been an active participant in the past, please consider serving a two to three hour shift on weekends convenient for your circumstances. I promise that you will enjoy yourselves! Please contact me at 610-356-8893 if you wish to participate.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod

Junior Vice Commandant

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
8/29	Super Fresh Havertown	1305 W Chest Pike 610-446-4516 Havertown, PA
	Pathmark Broomall	50 Lawrence Rd 610-356-2845 Broomall, PA
8/30	Super Fresh Havertown	1305 W Chest Pike
9/05	Wal-Mart Eddystone	1570 Chester Pike 610-447-1860 Eddystone, PA
	Wal-Mart Boothwyn	605 Conchester Hwy 610-494-2535 Boothwyn, PA
9/06*	Wal-Mart Eddystone	1570 Chester Pike
9/12	Wal-Mart Glenolden	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 610-583-2682 Glenolden, PA
9/13	Wal-Mart Glenolden	50 N Mac Dade Blvd
9/19	Pathmark Folsom	420 N MacDade Blvd 610-886-8660 Folsom, PA
	Shop Rite W Chester	115 W Chester Pk 610-696-4066 West Chester, PA
9/20*	Shop Rite W Chester	W Chester PA
9/26	Pathmark Chichester	643 Conchester Hwy 610-859-8920 Boothwyn, PA
9/27*	Pathmark Chichester	643 Conchester Hwy
10/03	Helicopter A. S.	1220 American Blvd 610-436-9600 Brandywine Airport
10/04*	Helicopter A. S.	1220 American Blvd
10/10	ACME Paoli	39 Leopard Road 610-240-0101 Paoli, PA
	ACME Granite Run	1067 W Baltimore Pk 610-891-0407 Media, PA
10/11*	ACME Paoli	39 Leopard Road
	ACME Granite Run	1067 W Baltimore Pk
10/17	ACME West Goshen	907 Paoli Pike 670-431-4726 West Chester, PA
	ACME Media	527 E Baltimore Pk 610-565-5072 Media, PA
10/18*	ACME West Goshen	907 Paoli Pike
10/24	ACME Newtown Sq	3390 W Chester Pike 610-353-8018 Newtown Square, PA
	ACME Lawrence Pk	567 Sproul Road 610-325-2880 Broomall, PA
10/25*	ACME Newtown Sq	3390 W Chester Pike
	ACME Lawrence Pk	563 Sproul Road
10/31	ACME Ridley	124 Morton Ave 610-237-3800 Folsom, PA
	ACME Concordville	101 Byers Drive 610-459-2759 Glen Mills, PA
11/01*	ACME Ridley	124 Morton Ave 610-237-3800 Folsom, PA
	ACME Concordville	101 Byers Drive 610-494-2535 Boothwyn, PA
11/08*	Wal-Mart Eddystone	1570 Chester Pike
11/14	Super Fresh Havertown	1305 W Chest Pike 610-446-4516 Havertown, PA
	Pathmark Broomall	50 Lawrence Rd 610-356-2845 Broomall, PA
11/15	Super Fresh Havertown	1305 W Chest Pike

* Denotes Sundays

Sr. Vice Report



Mark your calendars for Sunday August 23 at 12 noon for the annual picnic. Once again the picnic will be held at The Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike in Broomall. Best of all, the cost per person is **\$0.00**, so feel free to bring your kids & grandkids. Justine will be catering the affair with hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken, salads, fruit etc. Nonalcoholic beverages will also be provided.

I will have to know, in advance, the number of people who will be attending. I will bring a sign-in sheet to the next meeting [August 3]. You can also send me an e-mail, [bigcoz@comcast.net] or call me at 610-896-8559 with your name and how many will be in your party. We had a great time last year and it will be even better if you can be there to enjoy the camaraderie.



Iwo Jima Veterans from the Detachment reminisced after the July meeting. From Left to Right, George Edelmann, Don Walz, Walt Tallmadge, Henry Mummah and Anthony Delgripio.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Robert Cosgrove
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	James Herbst
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Jim Mulhern
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	Gene Kern
Membership	Robert Cosgrove
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Earle Drake
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Connie McGinley
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Master	Dan Luty

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General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	800-222-8387
Education	888-442-4511
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

Events – August/September/October, 2009

- August 2** Marine Corps League National Convention, Rochester, MN.
- August 2** Combined Delaware County Marine Corps Leagues 100 Yard Rifle Match, Delaware County Field and Stream, 0803 report time.
- August 3** **General Meeting, KOC, 1930 report time.**
- August 23** Annual Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance Family Picnic. To be held at Drexel Lodge, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA.
- Sep. 9 *Wed** **General Meeting, KOC, 1930 report time.**
- Sept. 12** Annual VA Picnic, Coatesville Medical Center. 11:00 AM at Coatesville.
- Sept. 18** POW/MIA Recognition Day. Marple Veterans Memorial Park, Broomall, PA.
- Sept. 18-20** 30th Annual Department Service Rifle Match. To be held at the Reade Range Allemans, PA. Not Ft Indiantown Gap.
- October 25** Beirut Remembrance Day Ceremony, Sunday date, at the Monument, Philadelphia, PA.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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 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, 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

Ralph LaMarra Dave Brimble	Matt and Carol Balfrey Tom Kerrigan
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Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.

The Legend Continues ...

EPILOGUE...

As a military operation, the landing had been a success. There were blunders but the U.S. Fleet mounted an efficient invasion on short notice and casualties were kept to a minimum. Naval aviators had flown the first flights on combat missions. The largest distribution ever for one engagement, fifty-five U.S. servicemen were awarded Medals of Honor for Valor.

At that time the Medal of Honor was the only award available for "meritorious service", other decorations in the "Pyramid of Honor" had not yet been established. Following the landing at Vera Cruz, Congress amended the rules concerning the MOH to give eligibility to officers as well as enlisted men. Two-thirds of the fifty-five medals awarded at Vera Cruz went to officers.

Even before the Americans left, Vera Cruz and the Mexican Revolution receded from international attention, eclipsed by the start of World War I in Europe. Vera Cruz and the American intervention was not so easily forgotten in Mexico and even to this day, an Honor Guard of Mexican Marines circles, twice a day, a monument honoring the fallen heroes of 1847 and 1914 in Vera Cruz. There the battle that has faded into the shadows of U.S. history is still remembered as "a kind of Caribbean Pearl Harbor".

John Cook
Historian



Marines of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League, honor Arthur Mooney, 103 year old Marine veteran, with an Honorary Membership in the Detachment.

"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!

AUGUST BOOSTERS

C. B. Anonymous
Jim Herbst
Bob Matthews
Pat & Joe Mensack
Jerry Powlus
Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

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
Robert Paul
Henry Velardi

Jack McLeod
James Robinson
D. Wayne Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 6 July 2009

Commandant: Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Jim Herbst, and Director Bernie McGinley.

Commandant's Report: Earle Drake provided a brief report of Detachment activities in June, as well as a report on the recent Department of Pennsylvania MCL Convention in New Cumberland, PA. He provided the names of the new Department officers, as well as some of the activities of the Department. In addition, Earle Drake awarded two Detachment scholarships to individuals who were not able to attend the Detachment's scholarship awards meeting in June. A scholarship was awarded to Julia Cutting, who is studying nursing at Delaware County Community College. A scholarship was also awarded to Dana Baiocco. She was not able to attend this meeting either, but member Tony Fusto accepted her scholarship on her behalf. Dana Baiocco is a student at Drexel University.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 June 2009 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Cecchini seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 30 June 2009. He also provided an additional informational sheet concerning those organizations for the membership to consider for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Wayne Barner seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported on the funds received and the activity in the "Help Our Heroes" campaign. Although a good beginning has been made, additional members were encouraged to participate. New kits are available for those who wish to participate in this program. In the "Help Us Help Others" campaign, ten events have been conducted so far at area supermarkets and the results have been very encouraging. At last weekend's events at the Acme Supermarket in Paoli and at the Acme Supermarket in Devon, more than \$5,300.00 was raised.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove reported that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, 23 August 2009. The event will be held again at the Drexel Lodge, beginning at noon, and it will be catered by

Justine's. Bob Cosgrove also asked the membership if there was interest in welcoming troops returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan at Philadelphia International Airport. There was a positive response from many, so Bob Cosgrove indicated that he would look into this further.

Adjutant:

Jack Kelly indicated that Detachment had received thank you notes from some of the scholarship award recipients from the last general meeting. Thank you notes were received from Ashley Ross, Amanda Philipp, Bill Kinney Jr., Alexa Bunce, and Stephanie Bunce. In addition, thank you notes were received from several family members whose loved ones were honored by the Honor Guard during funerals for military veterans. A note of appreciation was read from Rita Nastro, wife of former member Tony Nastro, who had passed away in March 2009.

Chaplain: Chris Bush commented that it was good to see Craig Allen, Henry Mumma, Anthony Delgrippe, and Tom Kerrigan out to the meeting. All of these members had recently overcome some health issues. Chris Bush also noted the passing of a former past Commandant of the Tun Tavern Detachment.

Committee Reports:

Commandant Earle Drake introduced Nick Connelly and his father Patrick Connelly. Nick Connelly addressed the meeting for several minutes, indicating that he is a Life Scout in a Boy Scout troop in West Chester, PA. He is looking for ideas for a service project that would assist him in becoming an Eagle Scout. Several possibilities were mentioned, although fundraising could not be considered. Any members with potential ideas were encouraged to see Nick Connelly after the meeting.

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete was not in attendance, but Earle Drake mentioned that the recent Adopt-a-Highway event on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Township was a success. The road was divided into thirds, and enough hands were on board to see the project completed quickly and thoroughly.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto indicated that the Acme Market receipts are appreciated by the Auxiliary, and he reminded everyone to continue to save the receipts for the Auxiliary.

Awards: Harry Kaufman reported on the Detachment's recognition at the recent Department of Pennsylvania MCL Convention. The Detachment tied for third with the Chester County Detachment in the Americanism (Category 3) Award, and the Detachment received Certificates of Participation for its newsletter, its website, and its Toys for Tots program. The Detachment also received \$100.00 for its V.A.V.S. participation. Dan Luty was given an individual Certificate of Participation for participation in the

MCL website program and for maintaining the website. Earle Drake was presented with a Certificate of Participation for recruiting eight new members.

Earle Drake then presented Harry Kaufman with a Distinguished Citizens Medal – Silver for his many activities and accomplishments, both in the Detachment and in the community. Earle Drake provided an overview of many of Harry Kaufman’s accomplishments over the years. Earle Drake also presented Harry Kaufman with a plaque in honor of this recognition.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 123 Honor Guard funerals have been conducted though June. Five more are scheduled for the coming week. Volunteers for the Honor Guard are always welcome.

V.A.V.S.: Connie McGinley reported that the next bingo game is scheduled for the Coatesville VA Hospital on Monday, 13 July 2009.

Unfinished Business: Bob Matthews provided information on the Marine Corps Scholarship golf outing to be held on 20 July 2009 at the Waynesborough Country Club.

New Business: Bob Spano made a motion to donate funds to the organizations listed on a sheet distributed previously in the meeting. The organizations and amounts to be donated are: Philadelphia Stand Down (\$2,000.00); Air Compassion for Veterans (ACV) (\$1,000.00); The USO, Terminal A-East, Philadelphia International Airport (\$250.00); The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$1,000.00); Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA (\$1,000.00); Ronny Porta, Operation First Response (\$1,000.00). These organizations had been discussed by the officers at a recent staff meeting and were recommended for consideration by the membership. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: It was reported that Earle Drake, Bob Spano, Chris Bush and several others had recently visited a USMC World War II veteran, Art Mooney, who will be 103 years old on July 18. He had served in the Pacific. He was made an honorary member of the Detachment.

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

Hank Velardi won the 50/50. Thirty-six members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

Scouting Report

The Detachment's Annual report for the Departmental Year ending June 30, 2009 indicated we presented twenty-one Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Awards to Eagle Scouts during that period. Most of those were attended by the Commandant or other Officers of the Detachment.

We begin the New Year with a presentation scheduled for August 1, 2009.

Semper Fi
Jack Gingras



Smedley Butler Det. Color Guard, 4th of July Parade

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:
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