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## Commandant's Report August 2011

For those of you that missed last month's meeting, I thought I would post Earle Drake's summary of this year's State Convention.

### From Earle Drake:

I attended the Department Convention for three days. Bob Spano and Con McGinley attended the business session on Saturday. The By-Laws that pertained to the number of Districts all passed. The number of District Vice Commandants increased from 5 to 10. I was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> District Vice Commandant by Tony Capelli with seconds by George Souder and Don Turner, all of the Upper Darby Detachment. The election of officers was held Saturday. I was elected. My District will be Delaware County, Chester County and Philadelphia County.

The Detachment won so many awards that I was almost embarrassed to continually be up-front accepting them.

The Awards are: a streamer for convention attendance, a streamer and a plaque for maintaining 100% membership, a Certificate of Appreciation, \$200.00 and a plaque for VAVS, a Certificate of Appreciation for our Toys for Tots program, a Certificate of Appreciation for our Website, a Certificate of Appreciation for the Scuttlebutt, and a Certificate of Appreciation for our History Book. Also awarded were Certificates of Appreciation and plaques for individuals and teams. Membership award to me for eight members recruited. The Detachment Pistol Team won first prize in the Sharpshooter category. The individual shooters were: Paul Drinkard, Frank Greiser, Bob Spano, Gene Kern and Earle Drake.

The first prize in the newsletter competition went to our Detachment. The first prize, editor, went to our newsletter editor, Dan Luty. A Distinguished Citizen Medal, Silver, was awarded to Bob Spano for his many accomplishments in the Marine Corps League and his service to Veterans and the community.

And finally, as recognition for all the good works we perform, as the Best Detachment in the State of Pennsylvania we were awarded the Meritorious Commendation Unit. This is the second time the detachment has been awarded this medal. All members are authorized to wear the Meritorious Unit Ribbon with one bronze star. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. Without your hard work we would not have received this recognition.

*Semper Fi,*  
*Dan Luty*  
Commandant

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*"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB*



**Help support our award winning newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!**

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing. We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

*AUGUST BOOSTERS*

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Bob Cosgrove          | John Burfete Jr      |
| Joe Direso            | Dominic D'Alessandro |
| Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore | Paul Ferguson        |
| Jack Kelly            | Bob Matthews         |
| Jack Gallagher        | Jerry McGuckin       |
| Pat/Joe Mensac        | Florence/Bob Spano   |
| Jim Herbst            | Con McGinley         |

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.
- Philip Bannan
- Christopher Bush
- Paul Donohue
- Francis Greiser, Sr.
- Thomas Higgins
- William Inverso
- Thomas Lynch
- Robert Matthews
- George McCaughan
- Jack McLeod
- Robert Paul
- Henry Velardi

- Bob Balentine
- Wayne Barner



- James Robinson
- D. Wayne Williams

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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Commandant          | Dan Luty         |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Bob Cosgrove     |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod      |
| Adjutant            | Jack Kelly       |
| Paymaster           | Bob Spano        |
| Judge Advocate      | Paul Ferguson    |
| Sergeant-At-Arms    | James D. Ross    |
| Chaplain            | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer     | Con McGinley     |
| Director            | Bill Kinney      |
| Director            | Ed Seidl         |
| Director            | Bernie McGinley  |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Earle Drake      |

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adopt-A-Highway          | John Burfete          |
| Americanism              | Jim Mulhern/E. Drake  |
| Auxiliary Liaison        | Tony Fusto            |
| Awards                   | Harry Kaufman         |
| Ceremonies               | Jim Ross              |
| Color Guard              | Joe Conigliaro        |
| Flag Collection          | Barry Reese           |
| Historian                | Jack Gallagher        |
| Home Association         | Tom Kerrigan          |
| Honor Guard              | Wayne Barner          |
| Honor Guard Assistant    | John J. V. Cook       |
| Locker Box               | Paul Ferguson         |
| Marksmanship             | Paul Drinkard         |
| Membership               | James Herbst          |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty              |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park    | Jerry Leon            |
| Nominations              | Earle Drake           |
| Property                 | Bob Spano             |
| Public Relations         | Earle Drake           |
| Scholarships             | Wayne Williams        |
| Scouting                 | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots            | Dan Luty              |
| V.A.V.S.                 | Con McGinley          |
| Young Marines            | Robert Stanton        |
| Web Master               | Dan Luty              |

*DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

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|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>VA Hotline</b>           | <b>800-827-1000</b>                               |
| <b>Veterans' Healthcare</b> | <b>800-222-8387</b>                               |
| <b>Education</b>            | <b>888-442-4511</b>                               |
| <b>Grave Markers</b>        | <b>800-697-6947</b>                               |
| <b>Life Insurance</b>       | <b>800-669-8477</b>                               |
| <b>Website</b>              | <b><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></b> |

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### August

- 1 August General Meeting, at KoC @ 1930.
- 8 **VAVS** Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- 13 Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance **FREE PICNIC.** Drexel Lodge on W. Chester Pike, Newtown Square. Please let Coz know if you are going to attend. We need the count for the caterer. **START TIME IS 1100.** Bring the family. If you have any yard games, ring toss, horse shoes, etc., please bring them.
- 14 Adopt-a-Highway, 0830 on Bishop Hollow Rd. in Newtown Sq.
- 30 Staff Meeting, 1930 at the Broomall American Legion #805.

### September

- 7 September General Meeting, 1930 at the Knights of Columbus (**due to Labor Day, the Sep. meeting is on Wednesday!!!**)
- 30-2 AR15 Rifle Match. *This was previously scheduled for Sep. 23-25 but has been moved back a week due to National Guardsmen training.*

## 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 1930.

**American Legion: Broomall Post #805**, 2340 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930.

**American Legion Nunan-Slook Post #338**, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM of every month at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues, Havertown, PA.

### Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67**, AmVets, Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave. in Morton, PA meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

**Delaware County Detachment MCL**, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$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. 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

Ben Cope Matthew (Gene) Balfrey	Bob Bunce
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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.*



In July 1932, Butler visited the veterans Bonus March camp along with his son, Smedley Butler Jr., and encouraged the veterans to press their claims for an early payment of the bonus voted for them by Congress. His arrival was at a time of high tension between the President Herbert Hoover Administration and the veterans. Shortly after his visit, the government issued an eviction notice and ordered the veterans to vacate the buildings that they were occupying in the City of Washington. Butler's appeal was for them to hold fast and keep petitioning because they had the same rights just as any corporate lobby had for petitioning for their cause.

Sad to say, the Hoover group took a swift and brutal removal of the veterans and their families via the U.S. Army, under the command of General Douglas MacArthur. Gas was used even after it had been banned because of its terrible effects during WWI.

Callous statements, afterwards, by Hoover and other government officials regarding this affair marked a low point in the American People's minds pertaining to this administration. Butler, with a lifetime of Republican Party connections, now, turned his attention to defeating Hoover with his "Hoover for ex-President" campaign.

Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt soundly defeated Republican Herbert Hoover in the 1932 presidential election and although Butler was not a major force in the election, he was elated with the outcome.

In 1933, Butler's autobiography was published in book length, titled "Old Gimlet Eye". It was written in collaboration with Lowell Thomas, a popular writer and famous radio personality. Thomas was also famous for bringing to the public, the British Desert Soldier, Lawrence of Arabia, via theater slide shows and a book recounting the War in the Middle East Desert.

*Submitted by:*

*J.J.V. Cook*

**1 August 1944:** After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy pre-assault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

**3 August 1950:** Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS *Sicily* and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

**7 August 1990:** President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

**9 August 1942:** With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using captured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBY which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

**17 August 1942:** Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines *Nautilus* and *Argonaut*. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

**21 August 1968:** PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

**23 August 1984:** The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

**24 August 1814:** Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 6 July 2011**

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1930, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dan Luty, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Junior Past Commandant Earle Drake.

Scholarships: Academic scholarships of \$500.00 each were presented to several young men and women who were not able to attend the scholarship awards dinner in June. Scholarships were presented to Ashley Nedbalski, Michael West, Jr., Julia Drake, and Cameron Dickson. Each one gave a brief outline of the college or university he or she is attending. Peter Balzereit was not able to attend, but his scholarship was accepted on his behalf by member George Boyajian.

Minutes: George Boyajian name a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 June 2011 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks had been received from several organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters acknowledging Detachment donations were received from the Wounded Warrior Regiment in Quantico, VA, the USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey located in the Philadelphia International Airport, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Havertown, PA. In addition, a card of thanks was received from the daughter of a veteran who had been buried with military honors provided by the Detachment's Honor Guard. Two cards of thanks were also received from recent scholarship award recipients Jenna Maas and Alexa Bunce. Alexa Bunce had included a brief letter of thanks for her scholarships. Jack Kelly read her letter to the membership in which she expressed her appreciation to the membership for the scholarships she received during her four years of study.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove presented a Life Membership nameplate to Jim Cecchini. He also reminded the membership of the Combined Alliance Picnic to be held on 13 August 2011 at Drexel Lodge Park.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that in the first half of the year, more than \$54,000 had been collected at various store events in the Detachment's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign. In addition, over the three-day July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, an additional \$7,600 had been collected. The year-to-date total now stands at more than \$61,000, which means that shoppers have been generous in donations. This gives the Detachment more opportunities to assist financially those organizations

providing assistance to wounded servicemen returning from the conflicts overseas as well as for our more senior veterans.

Chaplain: Chris Bush indicated that the grandson of member Richard Guyer had passed away recently. In addition, Dick Brown, a former Department Commandant, also passed away recently. Chris Bush mentioned that Earle Drake would be having knee surgery soon. Bernie McGinley mentioned that Joe Conigliaro was back on his feet following his recent surgery.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 30 June 2011. He also directed the membership to review the list of organizations that were being recommended for donations later on in the meeting, under New Business. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center would be on Monday evening, 11 July 2011.

Directors: Ed Seidl mentioned that an Eagle Scout presentation had taken place recently in Larchmont.

Committee Reports:

Ceremonies: Jim Ross mentioned that Channel Three News had a short film clip of the Detachment's Color Guard leading the annual Marple-Newtown Square Independence Day Parade. Jim Ross mentioned that the Color Guard "really looked sharp."

Americanism/Public Relations: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism program had recently been presented at the Rocky Run YMCA in Middletown Township. Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern, and Lloyd Spangler led the presentation, and approximately sixty children attended. Earle Drake also reported that the "Women in the Military" display that had been at the Springfield Library during June has been removed. A presentation on the life of General Smedley Butler is now on display at the Paper Mill Museum.

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that there had been a good turnout of volunteers for the Adopt-a-Highway event in June. The next event is scheduled for the second Sunday in August, and John Burfete will send out reminder notices as the scheduled date draws nearer.

Color Guard: Earle Drake indicated that the Color Guard had been active recently at Dunwoody Village In Newtown Square, prior to the Memorial Day holiday. The Color Guard also participated in raising the Colors during the playing of the National Anthem at noon at a Mud Run event at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park in June, as well as leading the parade in the annual Marple-Newtown Square Independence Day parade. Bill Kinney mentioned that there is an event at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park on 13 July 2011, and he asked if the Color Guard would be available for this event. Four volunteers indicated they would participate.

Jerry Leon provided additional information on the event scheduled for 13 July 2011. Contributions for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park are approaching \$600,000, and a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 13 July 2011 at noon. Jerry Leon mentioned that tickets are available for a golf ball drop fundraiser scheduled for 9 September 2011, and he mentioned that commemorative bricks are also available for purchase at \$100.00 each to honor a veteran.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner mentioned that he personally had not been too active with the Honor Guard during the month of June, due to having some surgery performed, but he thanked those individuals who participated in the military funerals during the month of June. Wayne Barner reported that 21 military funerals were conducted during the month, and the year-to-date total is now at 109. He also reported that five more are scheduled for the remainder of the week.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that he did not have a report on membership, but he brought to the membership's attention a situation that had risen recently. Jim Herbst reminded the membership that the Marine Corps League is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization, and care should be taken when members are approached by others outside of the organization. Occasionally some individuals may desire to approach the Marine Corps League to have the League's endorsement for a particular cause, but the Detachment and League must take care to not get involved in partisan issues.

Unfinished Business: There were no items of unfinished business raised.

New Business: Earle Drake reported on the activity at the Department Convention that was held in the third week of June. There was a vote to change the Department By-Laws to increase the number of Districts from five to ten. This vote passed, and the Department now has ten Districts. Earle Drake ran as a candidate for the position of Vice Commandant for the First District, and he was elected. The First District includes MCL Detachments in Delaware County, Chester County, and Philadelphia County. Earle Drake also announced a number of awards that were distributed at the Department Convention for our Detachment. Some of the awards received were given to Con McGinley for V.A.V.S. activity, Certificates of Participation to Dan Luty for Toys for Tots, for the Detachment Website, and for his editorship of the Scuttlebutt, and a Certificate of Participation to Earle Drake for recruiting. Also presented was a plaque for Dan Luty for the newsletter being selected as first in the state, and Dan Luty also received a plaque for first place for his role as editor of the Scuttlebutt. The pistol team of Bob Spano, Frank Greiser, Paul Drinkard, Gene Kern, and Earle Drake also received an award. The Detachment received an award for maintaining 100% membership. The Detachment also received a Certificate of Appreciation for our History Book. Bob Spano received a Distinguished Citizen Award – Silver, for his activity in the community. The Detachment also won a Meritorious Unit Commendation for all of its accomplishments.

Bob Spano briefly reviewed the organizations that had been discussed and recommended for donations at a recent officer's meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to each of the following organizations: (1) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA; (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (4) The Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA; (5) USA Together, Los Altos, CA; (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. Jim Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: It was mentioned that T-shirts have been ordered with the Detachment design created by Hank Velardi. These T-shirts have been ordered for those individuals who are involved with the Help Us Help Others campaign. Bob Spano mentioned that he was taking orders for golf shirts with the Detachment logo. The shirts can be ordered in various colors and sizes. The exact price is not known as yet, as it depends on the total number ordered, but the price per shirt will probably be between \$25.00 and \$30.00. Bob Spano also mentioned that members could see him to order nametags. The Detachment patch designed by Hank Velardi is available for \$5.00.

Announcements: Bill Kinney provided information on an event at the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in Media, PA, scheduled for 13 July 2011, beginning at 1830. The museum is hosting a special speaking event in which local veterans from World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam will share some of their experiences. Bob Spano mentioned that a special celebration commemorating the tenth anniversary of the flag raising along the Blue Route will be held on 17 September 2011. Although the public will not be invited, due to safety reasons along the highway, township officials will be attending.

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 2040.

Dominic D'Alessandro won the 50/50. Thirty-nine members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant



July 20, 2011

Military.com|by Bryant Jordan

For the first time since the Vietnam War a living Marine will be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Former Cpl. Dakota Meyer will receive the nation's highest military award for actions on Sept. 8, 2008, in a small Afghan village near the border of Pakistan, according to a report July 19 on the website of Leatherneck, a publication of the Marine Corps Association.

Meyer, who left the Marine Corps in June 2010, was nominated for the medal after risking his life to race into the kill zone of a firefight to find three missing Marines and a Navy corpsman, Marine Corps Times reported earlier today after confirming the Leatherneck report.

The four men were already dead and stripped of their gear and equipment, according to the report. Along with friendly Afghan soldiers Meyer got the bodies away from the combat area where they could be flown out.

That a living Marine was in line for the Medal of Honor has been known since last November, when then-Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway announced during a visit to Camp Pendleton, Calif., that one had been nominated.

Meyer's actions occurred during the controversial battle near the village of Ganjgal, Afghanistan, where Meyer was serving as part of a joint embedded training team to mentor Afghan forces. His patrol was ambushed by a large insurgent force which rained down AK-47 and RPG fire on the training team.

A reporter embedded with the unit at the time told of desperate calls for close air or artillery support that never came. Just a few days after the attack, an angry Meyer was quoted as saying that the commanders' decision not to order artillery support "basically screwed our guys over. They expect us to bring stuff to the fight, and [the commanders] didn't give it to us."

Investigators later reprimanded three Army officers for their conduct in the bloody ambush.

Two Marines with Meyer on Sept. 8 were awarded the Navy Cross - after the Medal of Honor the highest award for valor a Marine can be awarded. Capt. Ademola Fabayo and Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez-Chavez were presented the medals for helping retrieve the bodies.

The last Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor was Cpl. Jason Dunham, who was presented the medal posthumously for sacrificing himself to save the lives of two other Marines in Karbala, Iraq. Dunham used his helmet and body to cover a grenade dropped by an insurgent that had attacked him at a checkpoint.

The last living Marine to be awarded the medal was Sgt. Maj. Allan J. Kellogg, who received the award for combat actions on March 11, 1970, in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam.

As of August 1st, we will have completed nineteen HUHO fund raising weekends plus one Wawa date yielding donations comparing favorably with those achieved at that point in 2010.

The results were accomplished by the dedicated efforts of the following Members:

**Joe Beal, Joe Blees, George Boyajian, Bob Bunce, John Burfete, Chris Bush, Jim Constien, Coz Cosgrove, Bud Davis, Earle Drake, Paul Ferguson, Rick Guyer, Jim Herbst, Joe Hudson, Jack Kelly, Gene Kern, Bill Kinney, Aleta Kraus, Bernie McGinley, Tom McGovern, Jack McLeod, Sam Mayer, Bill Nolan, Pete Patrucci, Stan Samsel, Ed Seidl, Bob Spano, Hank Velardi and Bob Wells.**

**To say the least we were blessed by the Lord for His bounty, our Hosts for their hospitality, and the generosity of our Shoppers!**

We will have taken a break on completion of our **July 30/31** Weekend and will resume operations on the Weekend of **August 27/28**. Our schedule of remaining HUHO events is included on page 8 in this edition of Scuttlebutt.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack McLeod*

Jr. Vice Commandant

**Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association  
In Newtown Square's  
3rd Annual Patriot Day Golf Outing**



**Friday, September 9, 2011**

**Edgemont Country Club, 5180 West Chester Pike**

**11:00 AM Registration and Lunch**

**1:00 SHOTGUN START!**

**4:30 Silent Auction Opens**

**6:00 Cocktails and Dinner**

**\*Not a Golfer? Join us for dinner!\***

**\$30 Veteran & Spouse (per person) \$40 Non Veteran (per person)**

**HELICOPTER BALL DROP**

**1st Prize \$2,000**

**2nd Prize 2 Airline Tickets**

**3rd Prize Set of Golf Clubs**

**\$20 per ticket**



## 2011 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule (07/14/11 Edition)

Date	Store/Event	Address	Date	Store/Event	Address
7/16	ACME Lawrence Pk 610-325-2880 ACME Glenolden 610-586-0557	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 503 S Mac Dade Blvd Holmes, PA	9/18*	ACME Devon Wal-Mart Eddystone	700 W Lancaster Ave 1570 Chester Pike
7/17	ACME Lawrence Pk ACME Glenolden	567 Sproul Road 503 S Mac Dade Blvd	9/23	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	551 W Uwchlan Ave Exton, PA
7/23	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800 ACME Newtown Sq. 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA	9/24	Helicopter A. S. 610-436-9600 ACME Granite Run 610-891-0407 ACME Newtown Sq. 610-353-8018	1220 American Blvd Brandywine Airport 1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
7/24	ACME Ridley ACME Newtown Sq.	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike	9/25	Helicopter A. S. ACME Granite Run ACME Newtown Sq.	1220 American Blvd 1067 W Baltimore Pk 3390 W Chester Pike
7/30	Pathmark Chichester 610-859-8920 Pathmark Folsom 610-586-8660	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 420 N MacDade Blvd Folsom, PA	10/01*	Pathmark, Brookhaven 610-872-8855 Shop Rite W Chester 610-696-4066	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 115 W Chester Pk West Chester, PA
7/31	Pathmark Chichester Pathmark Folsom	643 Conchester Hwy 420 N MacDade Blvd	10/02*	Pathmark, Brookhaven Shop Rite W Chester	5005 Edgemont Ave 115 W Chester Pk
8/27*	ACME Concordville 610-459-2759 ACME Media 610-565-5072 Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA 527 E Baltimore Pk Media, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA	10/08	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682 Pathmark, Glenolden 610-522-1213	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 140 MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
8/28*	ACME Concordville ACME Media Wal-Mart Eddystone	101 Byers Drive 527 E Baltimore Pk 1570 Chester Pike	10/09	Wal-Mart Glenolden Pathmark, Glenolden	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 140 MacDade Blvd
9/03	Super Fresh Havertown 610-446-4516 Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535 ACME Paoli 610-240-0101	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA	10/15	Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535 Pathmark Chichester 610-859-8920	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/04*	Super Fresh Havertown Wal-Mart Boothwyn ACME Paoli	1305 W Chest Pike 605 Conchester Hwy 39 Leopard Road	10/16	Wal-Mart Boothwyn Pathmark Chichester	605 Conchester Hwy 643 Conchester Hwy
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9/10	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800 ACME Lawrence Pk 610-325-2880	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA	10/23	Wal-Mart Eddystone	1570 Chester Pike
9/11	ACME Ridley ACME Lawrence Pk Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860	124 Morton Ave 567 Sproul Road 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA	10/29	Super Fresh Havertown 610-446-4516 Pathmark Folsom 610-586-8660	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA 420 N MacDade Blvd Folsom, PA
9/17*	ACME Devon 610-341-6073 Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860	700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA	10/30	Super Fresh Havertown Pathmark Folsom	1305 W Chest Pike 420 N MacDade Blvd
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**Delaware County Veteran's Memorial Ground Breaking Ceremony**



**E. Drake, Butler's Grand Daughter-Edith Wehle and J. Cook**

**Color Guard prepares before leading the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**



**Jim Mulhern, Earle Drake and Lloyd Spangler gave their Americanism and Flag Presentation at the Rocky Run YMCA in Media, PA**



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Next Meeting  
**August 1, 2011**  
**1930 hours**  
Knights of Columbus  
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