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Commandant's Report August 2013

First thing in my report is to draw attention to the great picture in the recent *Semper Fi* magazine. On page 13 is Detachment members Earle Drake (Past Commandant) and Col. John Church USMCR at the June 1st ceremony, dedicating the grave marker for Captain Samuel Nicholas. The ceremony was held at the Society of Friends Arch Street Meeting House burial grounds in Philadelphia.

On July 10 Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod and Paymaster Bob Spano went to Acme headquarters in Malvern, PA. During their visit they presented Acme management a plaque in appreciation for their support of the Detachment HUHO program. Thanks Jack and Bob!

At the July meeting I read an apology from the young men who damaged the Veterans Memorial Park in Broomall. The young men accepted responsibility for their actions and expressed sincere apologies and regret for their actions not only for the damage they caused but for the people and organizations they offended. These young men did several hours of community service and completion of the County's Youth Alcohol Awareness program. This case is now closed.

Just a reminder that the Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance picnic is August 17. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Sr. Vice Paul Ferguson. Also, there will be an Adopt-A-Highway event on Sunday, August 11 @ 0830. The location is Bishop Hollow Rd.

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Semper Fi,

James Herbst
Commandant



Great Achievements



Bob Spano receives the Distinguished Citizens Award, Silver for his work as the Chairman of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Committee from Earle Drake, Past District One Vice Commandant.



Barry Reese has been honored with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award, presented to him by Earle Drake, Past District One Vice Commandant.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
8/03	Pathmark of Brookhaven 610-872-8855 Pathmark of Glenolden 610-522-1213	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 140 N MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
8/04	Pathmark of Brookhaven Pathmark Glenolden	5005 Edgemont Ave 140 N MacDade Blvd
8/10	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
8/11	Paoli ACME Lawrence Pk ACME	39 Leopard Road 567 Sproul Road
8/17	Concordville ACME 610-459-2759 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
8/18	Concordville ACME Devon ACME	101 Byers Drive 700 W Lancaster Ave
8/24	Bryn Mawr ACME* 601 565 5072 Glenolden ACME 610 586 0577	801 W Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA 503 S Mac Dade Blvd Holmes PA
8/25	Bryn Mawr ACME* Glenolden ACME	801 W Lancaster Ave 503 S Mac Dade Blvd
8/31	Pathmark of Chichester 610-859-8920 Boothwyn Wal-Mart* 610-494-2535	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/01	Pathmark of Chichester Boothwyn Wal-Mart*	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
9/02	Pathmark of Chichester Boothwyn Wal-Mart*	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
9/07	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Lawrence Pk ACME 610-325-2880	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
9/08	ACME Ridley Lawrence Pk ACME	124 Morton Ave 567 Sproul Road
9/14	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073 Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
9/15	Paoli ACME Devon ACME Havertown SuperFresh	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave 1305 W Chest Pike
9/20 (Fri.)	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	551 W. Uwchlan Ave. Aston, PA

"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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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| John Burfete | John J. V. Cook |
| Charlie Coombs | Dom D'Alessandro |
| Joe Direso | Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore |
| Hank Velardi | Beth & Jim Herbst |
| Jack Kelly | Emil Latini |
| Helen Lister | Con McGinley |
| Jerry McGuckin | Carole & Jack McLeod |
| Stan Samsel | Florence & Bob Spano |
| Rosemarie & Tony Fusto | |

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
- Wayne Barner
- Christopher Bush
- Paul Donohue
- Francis Greiser, Sr.
- Thomas Higgins
- William Inverso
- Norman Lynch
- Thomas Lynch
- George McCaughan
- Jack McLeod
- John McNamee
- Robert Paul
- James Robinson
- Henry Velardi
- D. Wayne Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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| Commandant | James Herbst |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Paul Ferguson |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod |
| Adjutant | Jack Kelly |
| Paymaster | Bob Spano |
| Judge Advocate | Charles Coombs |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Chaplain | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer | Con McGinley |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Ed Seidl |
| Director | Rodger Godfrey |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Dan Luty |

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 | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Color Guard | Jim Donegan |
| Flag Collection | Barry Reese |
| Historian | Jack Gallagher |
| Home Association | Tom Kerrigan |
| Honor Guard | Joe Tier |
| Honor Guard Assistants | Ben Sides/Joe Blee |
| Locker Box | Paul Ferguson |
| Marksmanship | Paul Drinkard |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Jerry Leon |
| Nominations | Dan Luty |
| Property | Bob Spano |
| Communications | John Burfete |
| Scholarships | Wayne Williams |
| Scouting | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Bob Cosgrove |
| 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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| 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

August

- 6 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus. Start time is 1930.
- 11 Adopt-a-Highway. Meet on Bishop Hollow Road at 0830. Contact John Burfete for more information.
- 15 VAVS Bingo, Coatesville VA Medical Center. Meet at the KOC parking Lot. Contact Con McGinley for information.
- 17 Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance annual picnic at Drexel Lodge. Start time is 1130. All are welcome at no cost.
- 27 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post 805. West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. All are welcome to attend. See your officers in action.

September

- 3 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus. Start time is 1930.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' 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, 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 7:30 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, \$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	
Matt Balfrey Marino DeFrancesco John McHenry Tom Lynch	Con McGinley Joe Mensack Barry Reese

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 2 July 2013

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Ferguson, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Charles Coombs, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Roger Godfrey, and Director Bill Kinney. Commandant Jim Herbst introduced and welcomed Andrew Colket, District Representative for Congressman Pat Meehan. Mr. Colket would be available to answer questions after the meeting.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 June 2013 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Jim Herbst mentioned details for the Fourth of July Parade. The wagon would be available at 0900 hours at the American Legion Post #805 building, and then proceed to the Malin Road location, and then to the parade's starting point. The Detachment's Color Guard would lead the parade. In another matter, Jim Herbst mentioned that VFW Post #7390 had purchased the BFA's for the Detachment's rifles, and Jim Herbst expressed his appreciation for the VFW's generosity.

Commandant Jim Herbst reviewed correspondence he had received from Jerry Sweeley, 8th District Commander of the American Legion, concerning damage that was done at Veterans Park in Marple Township in August 2012. The individuals who had caused the damage had been apprehended and had completed some hours of community service plus some counseling, and the Court System now considered the case closed. The individuals involved had written a letter of apology to veterans and this letter was read to the Detachment. The letter would also be read at the American Legion and VFW posts.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Paul Ferguson mentioned that the next social event would be the picnic of the Combined Veterans Alliance in August. The location is the Drexel Lodge Park on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square, PA. There is no cost for the picnic, but sign-up sheets would be distributed during the meeting to get an idea of how many plan to attend. Paul Ferguson also mentioned that in his activity at the USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, during the past weekend the facility had the second highest number of troops come through to take advantage of the services that the facility provides.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Semper Fi Fund, the Fisher House Foundation, and from Honor Flight Philadelphia. Notes of thanks had been received from three individuals who had received scholarships at the June meeting. Notes were received from Jenna Maas, Amelia Herbst, and Kathryn Mauer.

A note of thanks was also received from Patrick O'Leary, an Eagle Scout who had recently been honored by the Detachment. Peggy Curley, President of the Detachment's Auxiliary, sent a note to thank the Detachment for its recent contribution to the Auxiliary.

Jack Kelly announced that family and friends of George Boyajian had contributed gifts totaling \$390.00 in honor of George Boyajian's 90th birthday. Gifts were received from Ida Ramoundos, Patrick and Sonia McNelis, Maryanna Phinn, Mary Obabashian, and Alice Kaladjian. Alice Kaladjian is George's sister, and her gift was the largest at \$200.00. Thanks to all of these individuals for their contributions to the Detachment.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that he had recently visited member Marino DeFrancesco. Chris Bush mentioned that Marino is doing well, but he could use some company. Chris Bush asked the members to try to visit Marino.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported on the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign. After fifteen weekends, the Detachment has received donations of more than \$56,000.00, compared to donations of \$54,000.00 at the same time the year before. Jack McLeod also mentioned that more than \$4,200.00 had been collected in the past weekend. The HUHO team would be out soliciting contributions on July 4 as well as the July 4th weekend. Jack McLeod also mentioned that the Charity Watch organization, a group that monitors the activities of a number of charities, had recently upgraded the status of the Wounded Warrior Project to C+ status.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 30 June 2013. He also suggested that the membership review the list of organizations suggested for contributions this month, listed on the back of the agenda. This list of organizations would be considered later in the evening. Bob Spano also reported that three scholarship recipients have not yet received their scholarship checks since they have not come to a general meeting or a staff meeting to receive their checks. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney provided additional information on the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. He mentioned that the electronic kiosk, which had had some difficulties, is now working properly. He also mentioned that memorial bricks are still being sold. He also encouraged the members to visit the Memorial's website.

Service Officer: Con McGinley provided information on the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the recent Adopt-a-Highway event was a success, with the best turnout of participants in the several years that he has been coordinating this activity. There were even several families participating, and John Burfete expressed his appreciation for those who came out to participate.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism program had been conducted recently at the Glen Mills Schools. The next Americanism program is scheduled for 12 July at the Rocky Run Y beginning at 0930. In another matter, Earle Drake mentioned that the exhibit on the Montfort Point Marines at the Springfield Library has been extended for another month through the month of July.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan mentioned that the Color Guard would be in the Marple-Newtown Fourth of July Parade. Those participating in the Color Guard for the parade are Jim Donegan, Bob Spano, Wayne Williams, Chris Bush, and Jack Kelly. Jim Donegan also mentioned that he has been participating in the Honor Guard, providing funerals for deceased veterans. He emphasized the need for volunteers to assist with the Honor Guard program.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that all flag collection boxes have been emptied of worn out flags.

Honor Guard: Jim Herbst mentioned that Ben Sides was on vacation. He also mentioned that the new BFA's have been installed on the Detachment's rifles.

Membership: Jim Herbst encouraged members to continue to be involved in the recruiting of new members.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that patches are available for purchase, as well as the HUHO T-shirts. The T-shirts are available for \$14.00 each.

Chapel of the Four Chaplains: Bob Spano provided a brief history and background of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. He then introduced Earle Drake, who made a presentation of the Legion of Honor Award of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains to Barry Reese. The award is given in recognition of service to people of all faiths and races. Barry Reese was honored for his service to many individuals in the community, regardless of background.

Unfinished Business: Barry Reese had an inquiry on the possibility of supporting the Sea Scouts, an organization in need of uniforms and financial assistance. Jim Herbst mentioned that it has not been considered yet, so the matter was tabled until more information can be determined.

George Boyajian expressed his thanks to Jack McLeod, Bob Spano, Jim Herbst and others who came out for his 90th birthday party. Georg Boyajian also expressed his appreciation to Andrew Colket and Representative Pat Meehan's office for assistance received on a compensation issue that George had had.

Earle Drake provided a brief report on the upcoming July 4th Parade, including a financial report of the Fourth of July Parade committee.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations suggested to the membership for consideration for donations this month. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as follows, with the amounts listed in parentheses: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Earle Drake had attended the recent MCL Department of Pennsylvania convention. Earle Drake presented a Certificate of Participation to Con McGinley for his V.A.V.S. activity. Earle Drake also presented Certificates of Participation for the Detachment's Eagle Scout activity, Toys for Tots, and for Dan Luty for his role of editor of the Detachment's newsletter. Earle Drake also presented a Distinguished Citizen Medal - Silver to Bob Spano for his meritorious service to the community and the Marine Corps League.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jim Donegan seconded the motion. The motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Dom Mattioni won the 50/50. Thirty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant





Jack McLeod & Bob Spano present Award to Acme Markets



DELCO Detachments new Howitzer on display in front of Det. home





Marine Corps League

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Next Meeting

6 August, 2013 @ 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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