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Commandant's Message December 2005

As we enter the final month of the year, we look back and see all that was accomplished throughout 2005. Thanks to the efforts of many of our loyal and faithful members we can look back and see all that was successfully completed. The two main, high profile activities that the detachment performs are the Military Honor Guard that is formed at the cemeteries and consoles the families of our departed veterans with a ceremony that is not only professional but it is awe-

inspiring. Those of our readers who have not been able to witness what members of the detachment, American Legion and VFW do are missing a lot. The familiar faces of George Van Dusen, Ceremonies chairman, with the assistance of John Cook and Ben Sides, and along with other devoted members like Walt Tallmadge, Bob Matthews, Tony Coladonato, and many others are daily sights at the many cemeteries that they frequent. These are only a few of the high profile members who perform this sacred duty and it is, in no means, an all-inclusive list.

The other worthwhile activity is the Jr. Troop Handler program which is involved with fund raising by selling tickets for a raffle which offers a Lancaster built children's wagon as a prize. On any given Saturday morning you will see Earle Drake with his devoted wagoneers: Bob Bunce ("Iron Mike"), Tony Fusto, Jerry Powlus, Joe Hudson, Lou DiSantis, Bill Nolan and many others – again, this is not an all-inclusive list of member attendees. In fact, you can find out who they all are by coming to our gatherings any Saturday from June to December.

That brings me to the next topic – we need HELP. We need someone to come forward and say that he can do what no other member can. The detachment is depending on someone to take responsibility and accept the challenge that the position of Jr. Vice Commandant poses. As in the past, new officers have had the help of others to perform their specific duties. Speaking for myself, anyone who needs my help will get it as it has been done in the past with others. So, if the reason for your hesitance to accept the position is fear of failing – it won't happen! Promises are not taken lightly and anyone who takes on this task will not fail. You have my word.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Bob Spano

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Sr. Vice Report

December 2005

Membership:

We finished off the year in good shape. I want to again welcome all of you who decided to join our great detachment. So many of you have jumped right in and are doing a wonderful job. For that, the members thank you! We will be fifteen years old at the end of November and our history keeps getting better with so many doing so much. New faces, new ideas, we need them and encourage them. Our success depends on YOU! At the last meeting we have obtained Detachment name strips for your cover. We sold a lot of them so far. Please, if you have not purchased one, see Tom Lynch (locker box chairman) to get one. They are three dollars.

Ball:

Everyone I talked to said they had a wonderful time, as we should have, being part of a Marine Corps that is 230 years old and going strong. I want to thank John Cook, Dave and Evelyn Brimble, Ben and Barbara Sides, Betty Bunce, Ben and June Cope, our Commandant Bob Spano, and my wife Elena. It was a lot of preparation, but worth it! Our guest speaker gave a good speech, letting us know first hand about the current situation in Iraq.

Christmas Party

At our December meeting we will be holding our Christmas party; PLEASE bring an unwrapped toy with you, for our toys for tots! The time will be 1900 for the meeting, with the party following right after. We will have some finger food to munch on. Also we will have a birthday cake for our 15th birthday! So try to make it. We will also hold ELECTIONS that night.

I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS YOUR SR.VICE COMMANDANT, IT HAS BEEN VERY REWARDING TO ME. I HAVE TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP IN MIND AND I HOPE I ACCOMPLISHED THIS. I WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY

OFFICERS AND STAFF;
OUR STAFF MEETING WILL BE AT CASEY'S IN
NEWTOWN SQUARE ON THE 27TH OF DECEMBER.
COST WILL BE AROUND \$25.00 EACH

God Bless and Semper FI
Jim Alleva
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Jr. Vice Report

December 2005

As we see the year 2005 drawing to a close, I want to take note of the accomplishments of the **JTH** volunteers that helped raise the funds for you, the detachment members. Those good and faithful men are Jerry Powlus, Bill Nolan, Paul Donohue, John Burfete, Jim Alleva, Louis DiSantis, Tony Fusto, Joe Hudson, Jack Kelly, Harry Kaufman, Bob Spano, Steve Neri, George VanDusen, Bob Bunce, Tom McGovern, Bernie McGinley and George Boyajian. These men cheerfully fulfilled their duties each week with only personal obligations, sickness or surgery stopping them from participating.

We had other men that stepped forward and helped with the program book or filled in for the regulars, they are: Tom Bishop, Tom Kerrigan, Dave Brimble, Pete Patrucci, Mike Bodle, Craig Allen, Stan Samsel, Gerry Zell, Stan Short, Denis Morsa, Tony Medaglia, Chris Bush and Jeremy Leon. Many others sold ads or helped me in other ways. **THANK YOU ALL!**

As I write this report I anticipate we will have concluded our efforts with the **Jr. Troop Handler** Sales. This year we set an aggressive goal of visiting 26 sites. Weather, on two occasions caused us to cancel locations. Even with the cancellations we met and exceeded our budgeted revenues.

At the December general meeting we will draw the winner of the Jr. Troop Handler. We draw three tickets, numbering them 1-2-3 in the order they are drawn. This is to insure that, in the event we cannot locate the winner, we will go on to the second ticket and so on if necessary. Do you feel lucky? If I have tickets left, I will sell you "three for two" at the meeting.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball Program Book brought in gross revenues that equal last years. Please remember to use the business' that take ads. Thank them for their support when you do business with them.

Happy Holidays!

Earle E. Drake

Junior Vice

Commandant's Report December 2005

On Thursday, October 20th, Newtown Twp. Supervisors meeting was attended by members of the MNCVA

The next Saturday wagon ticket sales were at Shop Rite, West Chester

That evening the Folsom VFW Best Post, celebrated their 70th Anniversary at the Crum Lynne K of C

Sunday, the 23rd, a ceremony was conducted at the Beirut Memorial at Philadelphia's waterfront plaza

The Detachment Staff Meeting was held on the 25th at the Marple Memorial Post #805

On Thursday night the Commanders meeting of the MNCVA was held

Friday, the 28th was the VN Memorial candlelight ceremony in Philadelphia

On Saturday, wagon ticket sales were at the Acme in Bryn Mawr

The General Meeting was held on November the 1st at the K of C

Members of the Detachment Color Guard marched in the parade at Coatesville Hospital on the 4th

November 5th was the wagon ticket sales at the Holmes Kmart

Marine Sunday on the 6th was attended by the Honor Guard, Color Guard and Ceremonial Buglers in West Chester

The PA Veterans Museum reception was held on Wednesday night in Media

Veterans Day started with a 10 AM VFW ceremony at Marple Vets Park, then 11 AM at the Marple Memorial Post #805, then the Media Parade, and then 3 PM ceremony at Newtown Twp

On Saturday, the 12th, wagon sales were at the Narberth Acme in the AM and then to the Marine Corps Ball in the PM at the K of C

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Bob Spano

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



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

Happy 230th Birthday to the United States Marine Corps!

The Delaware County Young Marines are happy to welcome back **Robert Stanton** as our Commander. Commander Stanton founded our Unit 13 years ago and has continuously been involved in the program behind the scenes. Under his guidance, we hope to see our Unit continue to grow and flourish.

Our Unit was quite busy this past month. Young Marines and Recruits attended the Beirut Memorial Service. The weather was beautiful and the ceremony was quite moving. We also helped the Folsom VFW with their annual Halloween Party. Some of us even came in costume! Some of our older SNCOs celebrated the Marine Corps birthday down at Cookies Tavern. We helped out wherever needed and also got the chance to talk with many of the Marines about their service to our country.

I think the most important and meaningful activity we participated in this past month was the Veteran's Day Parade in Media. The Young Marines and Recruits who attended were more than happy to march to show their support and gratitude for all Veterans - past and present.

I would like to thank the Detachment for inviting me and fellow Young Marines, MGSgt Porter and PFC Caruso to your Birthday Ball. We enjoyed participating in the ceremonies and appreciated being included. Thank you to the members who sponsored us for the evening.

The Delaware County Young Marines would like to extend an invitation to all MCL members to attend our Recruit Graduation on Friday, 9 December 2005 at 1930 being held at the Folsom VFW Post 928. Following graduation, light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your continued support of our Unit.

SEMPER FI

1stSgt. Timothy Dunton

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 3 Super Fresh, Havertown – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600
- 6 General Membership Meeting - K of C – 1900
- 6 Christmas Party, K of C (after General Meeting)
- 8 VAVS – Stocking Stuffing
- 9 Young Marines Graduation, VFW Folsom
- 10 Coatesville Hospital, Great Hall Party & Mistletoe Party
- 19 USMC Folsom Reserve Ctr – last day for Toys for Tots
- 27 Staff Dinner Meeting – Casey's Restaurant – 1930

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post # 118

211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070

Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 2000.

American Legion: Broomall Post # 805

2340 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA

Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930.

Disabled American Veterans: Delaware County Chapter # 113

Meetings are held at the AmVets Post in Morton, PA on the second Monday of every month at 2000.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67,

2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA.

Delaware County Detachment

Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$5.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

CONT'D.

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 December

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

John V. Artz
Shannon M. Cassidy
Thomas J. Doyle
Joseph E. Hudson
Charles J. Kerrigan
Anthony D. Nastro
Stephen D. Neri
William J. Nolan
John R. Schaffhouser
Walter L. Scott



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

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



Oct 23rd, when members of the detachment went to Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia for the 22nd anniversary services.

REMINDERS

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

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

WW I Springfield Library Display will be extended to the end of December.

Any present or past resident of Newtown Township should contact Stan Short @ 610-431-1989 for recognition of military service to be included in the Newtown Twp Veterans Memorial.

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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

Your \$10.00 contribution helps offset the cost of publication and postage.

We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

Dot and Craig Allen, Elena and Jim Alleva, Gladys and Ed Bailey, Barbara and Harry Kaufman, Vincent Mangelli, Pat and Joe Mensack, Florence and Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Harry Kaufman, PC

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

SICK CALL



Members:

Matt Balfrey, Bud Bruce, Frank DiBonaventuro, Jim Duffy, John Haynal, Joe Mensack and Don Walz.

Please keep these members and family members in your prayers and make an effort to contact them and let them know you care.

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

PARADES

A good ceremonial parade is a great morale builder for troops and commanders; though the troops grumble at the preparations, it does them good—as Marines—and they enjoy the spectacle and the pride of disciplined corporate power. For a commander there is no better opportunity, other than the test of actual battle, of judging the temper and spirit and standards of a unit. When all is well, it is exhibited by the care and forethought revealed in the preparations and turn-out, the crispness and accuracy of orders, the steadiness of the men while waiting, by the freedom and confidence, even the swagger of their movements and perhaps, most of all, by the way in which they meet the inspecting officer's eye.

Infantry Training Troops, Quantico Marine Base, Virginia....1946
John J.V. Cook

THE ARMY / NAVY GAME

It was one of the greatest spectacles in sports, the annual Army / Navy Football game between the military academy teams from West Point and Annapolis, but the afterglow of this particular contest was short-lived.

The 212 page program for the 1941 game at Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium included a picture of the Battleship Arizona. The caption noted that "despite the claims of airplane enthusiasts, no battleship has yet been sunk by bombs".

Eight days after Navy beat Army, 14-6, the Japanese carrier airplanes attacked Pearl Harbor and thrust the United States into World War II. They sunk 7 ships including 5 battleships, 2 ships beyond repair and 4 ships severely damaged. More than 2,400 Americans were killed in the surprise raid—about half of them when a bomb destroyed the Battleship Arizona.

John J.V. Cook

The Twilight of the DREADNOUGHT

Toward the end of WWII, the role of the battleship being the most important Surface Vessel in the U.S. Navy was coming to an end.

The Aircraft Carrier and the Aircraft would have the major roles in the U.S. Navy.

You can see this by the number of Battleships being built for war but never completed during construction.

U.S.S. Illinois...BB65....canceled...8 - 12 - 45
U.S.S. Kentucky...BB66....suspended...2 - 17 - 47
U.S.S. Montana...BB67....canceled....7 - 21 - 43
U.S.S. Ohio...BB68....canceled....7 - 21 - 43
U.S.S. Maine...BB69....canceled....7 - 21 - 43
U.S.S. New Hampshire...BB70....canceled...7 - 21 - 43
U.S.S. Louisiana...BB71....canceled....7 - 21 - 43

John J.V. Cook



Nov 11th, Veterans Day, when members of the detachment went to dedication of Tun Tavern Historical Marker in Philadelphia.

Happy
Holidays

Gen. Smedley D. Butler Det. 741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
11/01/2005

Commandant: Called meeting to order at 1930.

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

The Adjutant conducted the Roll Call of Officers: Present were the Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Adjutant, Paymaster, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Sgt-at-Arms, Service Officer, Director VanLuvender, Director Donohue and Jr. Past Commandant. Absent /Excused Director Bishop.

Commandant: Recognized Department Officers present, Past Commandants and guest.

Motion to accept minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt made by Joe Mensack seconded by Marino DeFrancesco. Motion passed.

Adjutant: Read all detachment correspondence.

Officers Reports:

Paymaster: Gave a detailed report and had copies available. Motion to accept report made by Bernie McGinley and seconded by Joe Mensack. The Paymaster gave the membership detailed examples as to how, when and why the staff spends detachment funds. Motion to accept this explanation by Marino DeFrancesco, seconded by Phil Baglivio, motion passed.

Chaplain's Report: Don Walz was hospitalized, Frank DiBonaventuro is in the Spring City Veterans Home and Bob Bunce had been ill.

Sr. Vice:

Membership:

As the year comes to a close I would like to welcome and thank all who have joined our detachment. Many of you have jumped right in. I have the cover strips here for members to purchase and put on their covers, they are \$3.00, you have them put on the bottom of your cover. I ask all to please get one. This last quarter report shows a lot of members coming up for renewal, so please check your membership, if you can pay our paymaster. Our Detachment will be 15 yrs old the end of the month and I am working on getting your 5 year membership awards, but I need your help, every five years this award is given out, and some of the files are not updated, so if you have received one award or none, let me know. I believe this to be important to show thanks for your continued loyalty to our Detachment.

Ball: In eleven days we again will be meeting here to mark the 230th birthday of Our Corps, everything is set, the hall will be done up nice, our Guest speaker, as some of you had the pleasure of meeting over the summer is bringing some pics. and other things to show the members from Iraq. I look forward to a very wonderful time. We will have our History books to view, open bar, of beer, wine and soda, live DJ and more, if you have not seen John Cook for seating, you must do it tonight. I need a count for our caterer.

Christmas Party: Our December meeting we will be holding our annual Christmas party, we will have some food to munch on, plus this year we will have a birthday cake for our 15th birthday, elections so it will be a busy and fun night. We ask members to bring a un wrapped toy, around \$10.00 for our Toys for Tots, we can't forget the children.

Jr. Vice Report:

Junior Troop Handler Wagon: Eighteen locations have been to date. Five more locations left. Sales of raffle tickets year -to-date are slightly above last year's level. We have had to cancel 2 sites due to bad weather this year. Last year we cancelled one site due to weather.

We will be at the Shop-Rite 1115 West Chester Pike near West Chester next Saturday. The entire list of the remaining locations is on each table.

Although the year is rapidly coming to an end, volunteers are still needed for the next 5-week ends. The more volunteers we have, the more cash we bring in. Report time is 0900 in the AM and 1200 in the afternoon.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball Program Book: All ads are in for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Program Book. We now need to collect the money due for the unpaid ads. Please see the advertisers and supporters that have committed for an ad and get the money in as soon as possible.

Yesterday the Commandant and I proofread the Program book for the final time at the Printer's shop. This is the third time the book has been reviewed. Once, prior to it's submission to the printer, the second time after printer produced a proof and this third time to make sure all of the corrections we requested were made. It looks great. THANKS to all who sold ads and helped with this fundraiser.

Judge Advocate: No Report

Sgt-at-Arms: No Report

Service Officer: Read a letter from Senator Rick Santorum's regarding VA Benefit's.

Director Donohue: No Report

Director VanLuvender: No Report

Jr. Past Commandant: Gave an updated report on the planned opening of the PA Veterans Museum scheduled for Veterans Day; he also reported on the latest information for the County Veterans Day Parade in Media, PA. Steve also reported on the Unveiling ceremony planned in Newtown Township for the Veterans Memorial Monument, this will take place at 3PM on Veterans Day at the Library in Newtown Square.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Next cleanup is scheduled for Sunday 11/20/2005 at 0900.

Americanism: We visited two schools in October, Amosland Elementary, 90 Students attended program. Also, Stonehurst Elementary, 130 Students attended program.

Auxiliary Liaison: No Report.

Awards: Our annual awards program will be conducted at the January meeting.

Ceremonies: We have conducted over 220 Military Honors for our fellow Veterans with four more scheduled for this week. Our Color and Rifle Squad participated in the Beirut Memorial Remembrance Ceremony in Philadelphia. We have many events scheduled for Veterans Day.

Home Association: No Report

Historian: The detachment has a display on WW1 at the Springfield Township Library for the month of November.

Legislative: No Report.

Locker box: Tom asked new members to pick up nametags and stated that he had many items on a clearance sale.

Marksmanship: No Report.

Property: No Report

V.A.V.S.: Bob reminded everyone of the upcoming

Veterans Day Parade at Coatesville VA Hospital, also there will be a Bingo Party on 11/14/2005. He stated that he did not have a date yet for the Christmas Party but will find out shortly.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton announced that he is back as the Commander of the Young Marines, and asked for our help with this program. He also stated there will be a Young Marines Graduation Ceremony on 12/09/2005 at the VFW Post in Folsom. The YM will be doing the annual cleanup at the WW1 Monument prior to Veterans Day; they will also be joining us for the Veterans Day Parade.

Scholarships: No Report.

Nominations: The second round of nominations was held; the only change was Steve Neri withdrew his name as a candidate to run again for Adjutant.

New Business: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harry Kaufman and seconded by Joe Mansack, motion passed.

Closing ceremonies were conducted, meeting adjourned at 2100.

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George Edelman won the 50/50, 53 members signed the log.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stephen D. Neri
Adjutant

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

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- The preferred format for photos is digital in a high resolution JPG file (other file formats will also be considered). Traditional photos may be submitted as well, and will be included only if the editor is able to scan the photo in a timely matter for publication.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to sandi@lancasterpa.net

Next Regular Meeting is:
December 6, 2005
1900 hrs.
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Newtown Square, PA



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"I Pledge Allegiance"