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Commandant's Report December 2006

The ball is behind us, and a good success. Our guest speaker was great, funny and had a lot to say. I want to thank Tom Tanner for stepping in and doing a great job as M.C. Also I want to thank Ben sides and his wife, Jack Kelly and his wife, Tom Kerrigan, Betty Bunce, Dave and Evelyn Brimble, John Cook and all the others. Our honor guard has passed the 2006 total for funerals of 266. That's one record nobody wants to break. It is feasible that we could reach 300. Our color guard went to Coatesville and marched in their Veterans Day parade on the 3rd, thanks to Jack Kelly, Ben Sides, George Van Dusen and Bob Matthews.

Whenever we can do things for the VA, it's a pleasure. We did not stop there; again the honor guard and color guard went to Gen. Butler's grave and with Chester Co. Detachment we gave honors to our namesake and deceased members from Chester Co. who are buried there. On the 9th the color guard went to Hershey Mill-West and performed a ceremony for the elderly there. The VFW # 7390 who also brought their colors joined us. On the 11th the combined Marple-Newtown Veterans Alliance started the day doing honors at Vet's Park on Lawrence Rd in Broomall, then we went to the AL Post 805 and joined in on their ceremony on the 11th hour, 11th day. So many people ask us how all three groups can work so well together. It's simple; we all have a love for our veterans, our community, and respect for each other. Our detachment is proud to be a part of the alliance. We then marched in the Media parade, which is always fun. The streets are always lined with people waving the flag. This year the corpsmen were honored, Lloyd Spangler, Jim Ross, members of our detachment were there. We are all proud of them. Bob Matthews continues to do a great job with bingo nights at the Coatesville VA. Ben sides and I were present to give our portion of \$500.00 to teen night at Marple-Newtown HS. The VFW #7390, and the AL #805 joined us. It's great to see what the school does to keep our kids off the street. The wagon sales will end this week, and we exceeded our goal. I cannot say enough about the crew that comes out. I hope all had a wonderful birthday, not bad for being 231yrs old. I wish all a happy Thanksgiving, and look forward to seeing all at December's Christmas party. Remember bring an unwrapped toy. The party starts at after the meeting. **Note that the meeting begins at 1830!**

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God Bless & Semper Fi,
Jim Alleva

Jr. Vice Report

It truly pays to work as a team. No one knows that better than Marines from the first day they enter the world of the Corps to getting the most out of our careers. Naturally, one might wonder what I'm talking about? Well, my team of fund raisers went the whole nine yards in putting us over the top as this year's fund raising efforts of our wagon crew. Not only did they go the whole way, they did it under the leadership of Jack McLeod and Joe Hudson while I was away. They deserve a wonderful round of applause, along with their team mates, Bob Bunce, Dave Brimble, Jim Alleva, Tony Fusto, Lou DiSantis, Jack Kelly, Tom McGovern, Stan Samsel, George Boyajian, Chris Bush, Paul Donohue, Earle Drake, Bob Spano, Harry Kaufman, Jerry Powlus, Bernie McGinley, Bill Nolan, Gerry Zell, Bob Stanton's Young Marines and George VanDusen. These men worked their butts off to keep our detachment at the head of the League. Thank you gentlemen. It's such a pleasure to work with so many dedicated people interested in making a difference.

On this 231st year of our beloved Corps, I wish you all a very Happy Birthday. My only regret was that I was not able to be with you on our day of special dedication. I know that Jim Alleva and his crew put together a fabulous Ball, as did those who brought home the bacon in our ad campaign for the birthday program. Jim Alleva, Dave Brimble, Tom Kerrigan and all who brought in ads deserve much credit for picking up the ends that had been dropped by those not so dedicated to our cause.

In support of our great Scuttlebutt editor, please help out Sandi Mauer's daughter's fund raiser. Here is a copy of her email to me: [If you shop at Giant and use a Bonus Card, you can help my daughter's school raise money for the PTO. All you have to do is send me your Bonus Card number \(located on the back of your card\) and I will register for you. \(Just reply to this email sandi@lancasterpa.net with your Bonus Card number.\) Every time you shop, 1 penny from every dollar that you spend at Giant will be donated to John Reynolds Middle School here in Lancaster City. After your number is registered you don't have to do another thing! If you're already supporting another school through this program, that's ok. You're allowed to support up to 2 schools! Thanks in advance for your support!](#)
Sandi

(Note: If you don't have email, you can give your Giant number to Dave or Evelyn Brimble.)

I am anxious to see you all in our next meeting, as I will be back on Nov. 18th. Once again, I want to thank those who put in countless hours not only supporting my absence, but taking hold of what had to be done in a fashion that has to be respected by all of us. There are too many to name, and I'm sure that I would probably leave out some important names, so here's a great big oorah to all of you at Smedley D. Butler Detachment 741. Semper Fi and thank you all!!!!

Semper Fi,

Jeremy Leon

Jr. Vice Commandant.



Sr. Vice Report

Our next general meeting on December 4 is also the last of the year and that means it's time for our Christmas party. The cost to the members is a toy donation for our Toys-for-Tots program. The toy should be moderately priced and also it should be in its original packaging. Please do not gift wrap the toy. There will be barrels at the main entrance to the Knights hall for your toy donation.

New Member

Please welcome aboard new regular member:

Charles P. Sexton, Jr.
780 Kelli Lane
Springfield, PA 19064
610-544-2397
march0136@comcast.net

Dan Luty

Commandant's Message November 2006

As the year comes to an end I want to thank the membership for all you have done. I want to welcome all of you that joined our detachment over the year, and hope you will be a part of us for many more to come. Over the year we did much and accomplished such. Our wagons that for years were in need of repair and paint were done, and they look great, my thanks to Dave Brimble for taking the ball and running with it. Thanks to Tom Kerrigan our home association chairman for coordinating with the Knights on the meetings, and parties. Our e-mail of our newsletter has saved us a lot of postage. By doing this we were able to save two and a half months of postage. I encourage all who have an e-mail address to get with the adjutant and sign up for it. You get it faster, and you get the pictures in color if you have a color printer. Speaking of our adjutant, Jack Kelly, who has done a wonderful job this year, his keeping of the minutes and correspondence was and is so valuable to us. Our paymaster, Ben Sides has done above and beyond his duties. When looking at his records, he has made copies of everything, check, receipts; his books are second to none. Ben has laid a foundation of what a paymaster should be. I am very proud to have him on the staff. The members at each meeting have been receiving the paymaster's report, something that was not done in the past. It is our belief that all members should have this; it is your money, your assets that we deal with. Every member has a right to see what we have, how we spend it, how we invest it. The Jr.Vice did something that I thought would not work. He went out without the wagon, the boom box, and was just as successful, if not more than the past in raising money for the detachment. Jack McLeod and Joe Hudson have stepped in as wagon masters and took some burden off the Jr.Vice, organized the supplies, the manpower, and kicked butt, with the help of our regular volunteers. I can't say enough about them. The Honor Guard, and Color Guard have done so much this last year, with the honor guard being at all the funerals and the color guard doing over twenty ceremonies. Thanks to John Cook, George VanDusen for running the honor guard. Thanks to Ben Sides, Bob Spano, Jack Kelly, George VanDusen, Jim Ross, Bernie McGinley, and others for taking part in the color guard. Bob Matthews for his hard work for the VAVS, sad good-bye to Bill Lessig Sr. who did such a great job with Bob as Americanism chairman, he will be missed greatly as well as the others we have lost over the year. Our Chaplain, Chris Bush, who went to visit our sick, bringing them things they needed, helping them with their needs. Jim Ross, our Sgt.-At-Arms, for the color guard, running the meeting, bringing the food. Our Directors, Earle Drake, Bernie Mc Ginley and Paul Donohue doing a wonderful job on the budget. All the others who pitched in this year, we as a detachment would not have the success we have had without you. The associate members, who at times made some of us Marines look bad with the hard work they have done. To the VFW #7390, the AL # 805 for their help, friendship, and working with us in the many things we do as a team. This year we were honored by receiving first place in Category III Americanism Award by the Department of Pennsylvania. The Gil Gray Award (Best of the Best) from National on Americanism. This just goes to show what I had been saying all year long. We as a TEAM will always succeed. God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant: Jim Alleva
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dan Luty
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jeremy Leon
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Paymaster: Ben Sides
Judge Advocate: Rick Van Luvender
Chaplain: Christopher D. Bush
Sergeant At Arms: James D. Ross
Service Officer: Connie McGinley
Director: Paul Donohue
Director: Earle Drake
Director: Bernard McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant: Bob Spano

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble
Americanism: William Lessig
Auxiliary Liaison: Anthony Fusto
Awards: Bob Spano
Ceremonies: George Van Dusen
Ceremonies Assistant: Ben Sides
Color Guard: Jim Alleva
Flag Collection - Barry Reese
Historian: John J. V. Cook
Honor Guard: John J. V. Cook
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan
Legislative: Bernie McGinley
Locker Box: Tom Lynch
Marksmanship: Earle Drake
Membership- Bob Spano
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer
Property: Dave Brimble
Scholarships: Wayne Williams
Scouting: John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty
Uniforms: Bernie McGinley
VAVS: Robert Matthews
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

Paymaster Report

We have currently saved \$306 by e-mailing newsletters to members who have requested it. We are approximately \$6000 under budget regarding expenses for the year. Our income is approximately \$2000 higher than our budgeted figure. We have repaired and painted both trailers. We are currently repairing and/or refurbishing the honor guard & color guard rifles.

We are ever mindful of how the Detachment monies are being spent, with regard to expenses.



DUES INCREASE:

**Attention Members:
REMEMBER, ALL DUES WILL BE
INCREASED AS OF JANUARY
1ST, 2007.**

**Please remit your
Life Membership dues
to the Paymaster by DEC. 20th, so
that it can be in to National before
the end of the year, in order to
stay within this year's rates.**

**All annual rates become \$30.00
starting Jan. 1st, 2007.**

Toys for Tots Chairman Report

Christmas is right around the corner which means it's time for the Toys for Tots program to get a move on. Bob Spano and I have been placing barrels at all of the usual businesses and after having met with the Folsom Marines we have been volunteered to take on roughly twice the usual placements. Bob and I could sure use the help in placing barrels and even more so with the pick up of the toys.



Dan Luty

It Happened This Month In Marine Corps History

- 01 1947 The Corps first helicopter squadron, HMX-1 Was commissioned at Quantico
- 08 1941 The Japanese attacked American garrisons at Wake Island, Guam, and the Philippines
- 09 1968 The 1st, 5th, 7th, and 26th Marine Reg. participated in Operation Meade River-Vietnam
- 24 1950 The last elements of the 1st Mar. Div. Departed Hungnam, North Korea.
- 26 1776 Marines participated in the second Battle of Trenton NJ. As part of Gen. Washington's force
- 30 1927 Marines participated in the battle of Camino Real (Nicaragua)

**NOTE TIME CHANGE:
GENERAL MEETING
STARTS AT 18:30 to be
followed by the
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

December

- 02 Evening to honor Fallen Hero-Sgt. Joe Kane-KIA- Iraq. Beef & Beer St Charles Borromeo School Hall- Drexel Hill-1900-2300-\$30.00 advance-\$40.00 at door-See Commandant
- 04 General Meeting-Elections-Christmas Party-1830 Knights-of-Columbus-Bring un-wrapped toy
- 05 Naturalization Ceremony-Media Courthouse-1930
- 07 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 11 Coatesville VAMC Bingo Party-Meet-Knights-1830
- 15 Hanukkah begins at sundown
- 20 AL Post # 805 Christmas Party- Springfield CC.-1800 \$25.00 per
- 21 First day of Winter
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Staff Meeting-Place to be announced-1830

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 Avenue's, Havertown, PA.

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 8 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, 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.

Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

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.

Happy Holidays!



**Post Thoughts on C Company,
1st Marines, 1st Marine Division,
Korea 1950-1951,
Reunion, Savannah, Ga., August 2006.
16th Reunion in 32 Years.**

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or to look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the U.S.MARINE CORPS. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the province of legend and myth. A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall silent. Some of the men will stay close, a couple, perhaps, always at hand.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades.....such good men.

Written by Michael Norman *

This was in the Detachment's Program Book for the Ball but the author's name was omitted by error..

Submitted by John J.V.Cook

Did you know???



At the U.S. MARINE MEMORIAL, located in Arlington, VA., the figures of **six men stand 32 feet high**; the **flagpole that they are planting is 60 feet long**. The rocky base on which they are standing rises approximately 6 feet above the 10 foot base, making **the entire structure nearly 78 feet tall**.

To further illustrate the immensity of the monument, the **M-1 rifle being carried is 16 feet in length**; the **Carbines are 12 foot long**. The **canteen, if filled, would hold 32 quarters of water**. The concrete base is covered with polished Swedish black granite with the names and dates of every major Marine Corps engagement burnished into it. Also, inscribed is the tribute by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz regarding the Marines on Iwo Jima, **"UNCOMMON VALOR WAS A COMMON VIRTUE"**.

submitted by John J.V. Cook

BLARNEY

In 1602 Blarney Castle, near Cork in Ireland, was the scene of prolonged negotiations between one Cormac MacCarthy and Queen Elizabeth I's Lord President. MacCarthy had been ordered to surrender the castle as part of an armistice but he daily prevaricated, offering nothing more than reassuring statements to the Lord President that he was willing to comply with the Queen's wishes. However, his string of excuses prolonged the negotiations for so long that he became the laughing stock of the royal court and the Queen herself expressed her exasperation at yet "more blarney talk". Since then deceptive flattery of all kinds has been termed "Blarney", assisted no doubt by the legend of the Blarney Stone set in the castle walls, which, once kissed, is said to endow the kisser ever after with a flattering tongue and the ability to lie shamelessly.

THE BALLOON's GONE UP

The start of excitement or action is vividly encapsulated in this phrase which dates back to WWI, when often the first sign of an attack beginning was the launching of a balloon. These could be signal balloons, commanding gunners along the front to begin firing, or balloons carrying aloft observers to direct the advance. Either way, to the troops in the trenches, word that "the balloon was up" meant that action of some form was imminent.

Swinging the Lead & Spiking his Guns....Castle Books
J. J. V. Cook



!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

The meeting day has been changed to the first Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday, then it would be on the first Wednesday. Please make this notation in your records and calendars.

"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!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

Joe Direso - American Legion Post 805 - Bob and Florence Spano - Pat & Joe Mensack - Carol & Tony Colodonato - Ben Sides - Jim & Elena Alleva

Thank you boosters!

Ben Sides

Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Ben Sides.

Joe Rosenthal...1911 – 2006

Photographer Joe Rosenthal, best known for his immortal image of six WWII servicemen raising an American flag over Iwo Jima, passed away of natural causes on Sunday 20th August 2006.

His famous photo, "a frozen flash of history caught by his camera", became the model for the Iwo Jima Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Dedicated in 1954 and known officially as the Marine War Memorial, it commemorates the Marines who died taking that island in WWII.

Ten years after the flag raising, Rosenthal wrote that he almost didn't go up to the summit when he learned a flag had already been raised. He decided to go up anyway, and found servicemen preparing to put up the second but larger flag. "Out of the corner of my eye, I saw the men start the flag up. I swung my camera and shot the scene. That is how the picture was taken, and when you take a picture like that, you don't come away saying you got a great shot. You don't know".

It turned out to be the most recognizable and famous photograph of World War II.

submitted by John J. V. Cook

SICK CALL



- Jack Lister
- Henry Mumma
- Don Walz
- Matt Balfrey

Please call or visit any of the above people as they would enjoy hearing from us.

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

Birthday Greetings for December

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

John Artz
Thomas Doyle
Alvin Gentzler
Joseph Hudson
Anthony Natri
Stephen Neri
William Nolan
John Schaffhauser
Walter Scott
Joseph Sestak



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
6 November 2006

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1735. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. All officers were present, with the exception of Senior Vice Dan Luty, Jr. Vice Jerry Leon, and Judge Advocate Rick VanLuvender. For this meeting, Commandant Jim Alleva asked Jack McLeod to serve as Jr. Vice, Dave Brimble to serve as Sr. Vice, and Tom Tanner to serve as Judge Advocate.

Installation of New Members: Nick Micarrelli was accepted and sworn in as an associate member. Charles Sexton Jr. was accepted and sworn in as a regular member.

Minutes: Jack Kelly noted that a correction was needed in the minutes for the October meeting. A reference was made in the October minutes that Tom Archer had been elected as the commander of the Media VFW. The correction should read that Tom Archer had been elected as the Commander of American Legion Post #93 in Media, PA. Earle Drake made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, and Bernie McGinley seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Officer Reports:

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod, who was substituting for Jerry Leon, reported on recent wagon sales activity. He also recognized those involved in the wagon sales endeavors, with special praise for George Boyajian.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read the incoming correspondence, including information on a website named TogetherWeServed. There was no interest in the detachment becoming involved with a banner in this website at this time. In addition, a letter was read that was received from Noel Haynes, Department of PA Judge Advocate, concerning a ruling of fund raising territories for the Smedley D. Butler Detachment and the Upper Darby Detachment.

Paymaster: Ben Sides presented Toni Nastri with his Life Membership card and pin. Ben Sides also presented the financial report. He reported that a new operating rod had been donated to the detachment for one of the rifles, and he provided information on repairs needed on the other rifles used in ceremonies. Ben Sides also reported that a donation received for the Toys for Tots program had been forwarded to the Folsom Reserve Center. Stan Short made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. Phil Baglivo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Tom Tanner, substituting for Rick VanLuvender, read the proposed change to the Marine of the Year selection process. This was the third and final reading of this Administrative Procedures change. The chairman of the Marine of the Year committee will be the most recent Marine of the Year. The past four, plus the committee chairman, will serve as the committee. The membership will send nominations of worthy regular members to the chairman in a sealed envelope. These nominations will be reviewed by the committee and they will choose the top three candidates. These will be presented to the membership and voted on by secret ballot at the December general meeting. Phil Baglivo made a motion to accept this change, and Joe Mensack seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that associate member Bill Lessig had passed away. He made a motion to donate \$25.00 in Bill Lessig's name to the Alzheimer's Association. This was seconded by George Boyajian. After discussion, the motion was amended by Chris Bush to donate \$50.00 in Bill Lessig's name to the Alzheimer's Association. George Boyajian seconded the amended motion, and the motion passed. Chris Bush also mentioned several other members who were in ill health.

Director Earle Drake: Earle Drake read a proclamation that had been received from Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, recognizing the 231st birthday of the United States Marine Corps, as well as the contributions of the Marine Corps League. The proclamation was then given to Historian John Cook.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Bernie McGinley indicated that his main report would be published in the Scuttlebutt. He also reminded everyone to vote on 7 November, and to vote yes on the ballot question concerning funding for veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble reported that activity has been completed for the year. He also indicated that he would like someone to volunteer to take responsibility for this activity next year.

Newtown Township Veterans Park: Stan Short reported that it is up to the township now to begin work on the project.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he has received the information on scholarships from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. Interested members should contact Wayne Williams for details.

Toys for Tots: Ben Sides reported that a contribution had been received from American Legion Post #805,

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and that this will be forwarded. Bob Spano reported that the barrels will be distributed this week.

Neil Corley: National Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms Neil Corley addressed the membership on a local matter.

Unfinished Business: Walt Tallmadge expressed the need for more volunteers for the funeral ceremonies details. He encouraged everyone, especially younger members, to become more involved. More people are needed in order to do the job properly.

Calendar Events: Jim Alleva reviewed the activity for Thursday, 9 November, including the funeral for Bill Lessig, and the veterans program at Hershey's Mills. He also reviewed the activity for Veterans Day, Saturday, 11 November.

Awards: Past Department Commandant Tom Tanner presented several awards to the detachment. The first was for first place in the Americanism category for category three detachments (over 100 members), and the Best of the Best Award, for all three categories. He also presented the detachment with several streamers and two Certificates of Appreciation for our membership programs and newsletter competition.

New Business:

Dennis Morsa provided information on an upcoming Christmas party at American Legion Post #805. He also discussed several possibilities for a banner for the Combined Veterans Alliance.

Good of the League:

Nominations of Officers:

In this second round of nominations, nominations were 2007 were accepted by the following:

Sr. Vice: Earle Drake
Paymaster: Bob Spano
Directors: Dave Brimble, Stan Short, and Paul Donohue. George VanDusen was also nominated, but he was not in attendance to accept the nomination.

After two rounds of nominations, the offices and nominees are as follows:

Commandant: Jim Alleva
Chaplain: Chris Bush
Sr. Vice: Earle Drake
Sgt-at-Arms: Jim Ross
Jr. Vice: Jerry Leon
Service Officer: Connie McGinley
Judge Advocate: Wes Tomlinson
Directors: Dave Brimble, Stan Short, and Paul Donohue

Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Paymaster: Bob Spano

The final round of nominations will be conducted at the December general meeting, followed by the election of officers for 2007.

Announcements:

Jim Alleva reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, 7 November. He also reviewed several calendar items that had not been discussed earlier, including the last two wagon sales scheduled for 12 November (Sunday), and 18 November.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Bernie McGinley. The motion passed. Closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Jim Ross won the 50/50. 42 members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kelly, Adjutant



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

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



Marine Corps League

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184

"I Pledge Allegiance"

**"SAEPE EXERTUS, SEMPER FIDELIS, FRATER INFINITAS."
"OFTEN TESTED, ALWAYS FAITHFUL, BROTHERS FOREVER."**

Next Regular Meeting is:
December 4, 2006
(MONDAY)
1830 hrs.
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA

