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Commandant's Report December 2010

Another year is coming to an end and what an eventful one it was. I feel that our Detachment was as active and successful in upholding our "**Motto, Principles and Purposes**" as it ever has been!!

This time last year, as many of you know, I was very reluctant to accept the Commandant nomination. I didn't feel that I would have enough time to dedicate to the efforts involved but many of you told me that I would be able to lean on the efforts of others, what an understatement!

I did lean on so many of you, so often, and without fail through teamwork and dedication, the results are always the same and they are astonishing.

I think you would be hard pressed to find another Veterans organization that performs more community service, performs more Honor Guards or Color Guards, or raises and delivers more charitable contributions than the Smedley D. Butler Detachment. If there is, my hat is off to them.

Once again, you have raised the bar a little higher. I often wonder how much this Detachment could possibly have in its tank but the needle never seems to budge from FULL. Next year is almost upon us and I'm sure the bar is still on its way up, but let us first enjoy the holidays and some camaraderie at our annual Christmas Dinner.

We have one more round of nominations and then the elections at our upcoming December meeting as well as our Marine of the Year election. Don't forget that the meeting starts at 1800, it precedes the Christmas Dinner. The meeting will be very brief.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for the help and support that you have given me and to others this year. It has been an honor to be Commandant of the greatest Veterans organization and I am humbled!!

Semper Fi,
Dan Luty
Commandant



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Sr. Vice Report

Our **BIRTHDAY BALL** was held on November 5th at the Paxon Hollow CC. We had 99 members and guests. Good food, free drinks and a lot of dancing. I would like to thank all the members who assisted me and were part of the program. John Cook reservations, Bob Spano money collection, Bob Cosgrove MIA/POW table, Chaplin Chris Bush dinner prayer, Bernie McGinley reading Gen. Lejeune message, Earle Drake reading Governor Rendell birthday message and Jim Ross cake cutting ceremony. Color Guard looked great as usual. Dan and Lloyd sounded great playing the Marine hymn and national anthem.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner party will follow our general meeting which has a **special start time of 1800 and very brief**. Cost of the dinner is an unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots campaign. I need to have a head count by December 2.

Semper Fi,
Jim Herbst
Sr. Vice Commandant



Jr. Vice Report

HUHO Campaign

Our campaign is drawing to a close. As of this writing, we have two weekend events remaining: our previously scheduled event at ShopRite, West Chester and our Wal-Mart, Glenolden for November 20, 21. Through the efforts of Paul Ferguson, we will hold a final event at Wawa, Malvern on December 17.

Our Campaign has been a great success; we significantly exceeded our budgeted objective and have the opportunity of handily exceeding last years Campaign results! Many contributed to these results and will so be acknowledged in our January Report.

Ball Program Book

We thank all who helped in the creation of the Book. It was a success in all respects with one major exception. After two extensive proof reading sessions, a subsequent printing error occurred. The error resulted in approximately one-half of our Boosters & Supporters names being left off of the Boosters Supporters Ad!

We would appreciate those who have paid for their share of the Ad and whose names were omitted from the Ad, to allow their payments be used in helping to publish the Scuttlebutt Newsletter. Their payments will be acknowledged in the course of publishing future editions of the Newsletter. Any who do not wish to participate in this manner, please contact me and I will reimburse you directly. I deeply apologize for this development, particularly after so many of our Members agreed to join in the Ad!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack McLeod
Jr. Vice Commandant



Along with some of our members, The Delaware County Council helped honor the Marine Corps' 235th anniversary at a flag raising ceremony at the Government Center Building in Media.

"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!

*DECEMBER BOOSTERS AND ...
BALL PROGRAM AD BOOK*

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| Dorothy & Craig Allen | Harry Epstein |
| John Artz | Tom Falgiatore |
| J. Edward Bailey | Paul Ferguson |
| Joe Blees | Dan Fitzpatrick |
| Evelyn & Dave Brimble | Larry Doyle |
| John Burfete, Jr. | Mary & Jack Gallagher |
| Polly & Chris Bush | Jack Gingras |
| Bob & Geri Cervino | Albert Gutierrez |
| Tony Coladonato | Rosemarie & Tony Fusto |
| June & Ben Cope | Beth & Jim Herbst |
| Ellen & George Curran | Richard Guyer |
| Bud Davis | Marino DeFrancesco |
| Mel Delgrippe | Beth & Jim Herbst |
| Jim Donegan | Barbara & Harry Kaufman |
| Gale & Mike Horne | Joe Hudson |
| Jack Kelly | Gene Kern |
| John Keevill | Berenice & Tom Kerrigan |
| Charles Kerrigan | Toni & Bill Kinney |
| Emil Latini | Jerry Leon |
| Bob Matthews | Bea Lloyd |
| Con McGinley | Joann & Wayne Williams |
| Bob Wells | Rosemarie & Lloyd Spangler |
| Tom McGovern | Carole & Jack McLeod |
| Jerry McGuckin | Florence & Bob Spano |
| Jim McGuigan | Pat & Joe Mensack |
| Donna Moisiades | Barbara & Ben Sides |
| Bill Nolan | Alexander Rubin |
| Barry Reese | Hank Velardi |
| Stan Samsel | Gene Trautner |
| Ed Seidl | Bob Stanton |
| Bob Senior | |

Thank you boosters!
Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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| Commandant | Dan Luty |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | James Herbst |
| 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 | Bob Cosgrove |
| 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 |

**Birthday Greetings
for December**

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

- John Artz
- Joseph Daly
- Joseph Hudson
- Charles Kerrigan
- John Meyer
- Michael Milliken
- William Nolan
- John Schaffhauser
- Walter Scott



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

December

- 6 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1800 followed by our Annual Christmas Dinner (bring a toy for Toys for Tots).
- 9 Americanism Presentation-Worrell Elementary School.
- 13 VAVS Bingo, Coatesville Veterans Center.
- 21 First Day of Winter.
- 25 CHRISTMAS.
- 28 Staff Meeting/Dinner at Valentino's Restaurant in Broomall. Meeting starts at 1800 sharp. Red Blazers is the Uniform of the Day.

January

- 3 General Meeting. Knights of Columbus at 1930.
- 7-8 Department of PA Staff Meeting. Holiday Inn, 604 Station Rd., Grantville. Reservations, 888-465-4529. Deadline for reservations is December 9, 2010. Room rate is \$82.

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, \$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 1st 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.

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.

SICK CALL

John Haynal

Bob Bunce

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

The Legend Continues ...



The United States was still shrinking from the prospect of armed intervention in China and hesitantly decided to land 1750 American Marines in Shanghai. Major General Butler was placed in charge of the troops in Southern China and the situation by this time could be called a state of general chaos and the country under a reign of terror. He arrived in Shanghai on 27 March 1927 just when the Chinese rose against the foreigners, looted and burned their property and killed many of them including several Americans.

Butler was determined to maintain a policy of non-provocation and non-involvement in the Chinese struggle. All he tried to do was to prevent a repetition of the Boxer difficulties. He held to the principle that the Chinese had to settle its own form of government.

Another aspect of the turmoil accompanying the China struggle was the tension and rivalry among the various Chinese armies. This internal conflict was especially strong in the North, where the troops were restless and there was a danger of their breaking away from control and going on a rampage of looting, burning and murder. This situation became so critical that Butler felt it necessary to move the Marines to Tientsin. He, therefore, transported an entire brigade of 4,000 men and officers to that city and re-emphasized the peaceful nature of the Marines purpose.

Submitted by:

J.J.V. Cook

Medal of Honor – Pop Quiz

1. In what year was a bill first introduced authorizing "medals of honor"?
 - a. 1776.
 - b. 1814.
 - c. 1861.
 - d. 1917.
2. The first Battle of Bull Run led to the awarding of 11 Medals of Honor, including one for Dr. Mary Walker. How many women have received the medal since then?
 - a. 13.
 - b. 7.
 - c. 3.
 - d. None.

3. This one Civil War campaign led to a record number of medals being awarded - 120.
 - a. Gettysburg.
 - b. Vicksburg.
 - c. Shiloh.
 - d. Antietam.

4. A Medal of Honor went to an African American for the first time as a result of actions during this conflict.
 - a. Civil War.
 - b. Spanish-American War.
 - c. World War II.
 - d. Vietnam.

5. True or false: Some men have been awarded more than one Medal of Honor.

6. True or false: The first Medals of Honor earned for heroism on foreign soil were awarded as a result of actions in Korea in 1871.

7. In 2001, this president was posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor.

- a. George Washington.
- b. Ulysses S. Grant.
- c. Theodore Roosevelt.
- d. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

8. This World War II general received a Medal of Honor 52 years after his father had been awarded one for actions during the Civil War, the first father and son to be so honored.

- a. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- b. George S. Patton.
- c. Omar Bradley.
- d. Douglas MacArthur.

9. Only two Medals of Honor were awarded in the 1990s, posthumously to Gary Gordon and Randall Shughart, for a rescue mission in this country.

- a. Kosovo.
- b. Somalia.
- c. Iraq.
- d. Haiti.

10. How many Medals of Honor have been awarded for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

- a. 20.
- b. 16.
- c. 12.
- d. 8.

Answers: 1. c, 2. d (Walker's award was among 911 stricken in 1917 as a result of a review of medal recipients'. Hers was lost because of her civilian status but restored in 1977), 3. b, 4. a (William Harvey Carney of the 54th Mass. Colored Infantry), 5. true (there were 19 double awards but no longer allowed after 1919), 6. true, 7. c (Theodore Roosevelt, for his leadership of the Rough Riders in Cuba during the Spanish American War), 8. d (Douglas MacArthur, in 1942, for his leadership in the Philippines. His father was honored in 1890 for actions in 1863. They were the only father-son recipients until Theodore Roosevelt was honored in 2001; his son had received a medal for action in WWII), 9. b, 10. d.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 1 November 2010

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

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 October 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst reminded the membership that all reservations and payments for the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball needed to be in by this evening. He also mentioned that the December general meeting would be the Detachment's annual Christmas dinner meeting. The only charge would be for members to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. The general meeting will be held at 6 December 2010, beginning at 1800, and dinner will follow the meeting. Jim Herbst mentioned that discussion of a possible trip to Marine Expo in April 2011 would be tabled until after the New Year. He also commended the membership for recruiting activity, as 12 new members have joined the Detachment this year, along with a number that have transferred into the Detachment.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that 25 weekend events and two Wawa store events had been completed in the Help Us Help Others campaign, with three more store events still scheduled. The amount of funds received is ahead of the amount received last year at a similar time period. Jack McLeod mentioned that the Birthday Ball Ad Book had been submitted to Chapel Printing. Jack McLeod commented on the amount of funds received from advertisers, in both new and renewal ads, for the Birthday Ball Ad Book.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report, as of 31 October 2010. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and it passed.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read a thank you letter from one of the Detachment's scholarship winners, Ryan Ellis. Letters of thanks for contributions made by the Detachment were acknowledged as received from the Department of Veterans Affairs at the Philadelphia Medical Center, from USA Together, Los Altos, CA, and from Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA. Jack Kelly also read a letter from Mrs. Eileen Lamarra expressing her appreciation for the Honor Guard activity and for the number of Detachment members at her husband's Ralph's funeral. Ralph Lamarra was a Detachment member who had passed away in early October.

Service Officer / V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley mentioned that there would not be any bingo at the Coatesville Medical Center in November. In addition, there is a stocking stuffer meeting and bingo game on 10 December, and a mistletoe party on 11 December 2010, all at the Coatesville Medical Center.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake presented a certificate from Leanna Dietrich, MCL Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania, to Lloyd Spangler, in recognition of his service during WW II. Earle Drake provided information on the upcoming exhibit to honor General Butler, which will take place between 10 November 2010 and 10 January 2011. The exhibit will take place at the Delaware County Museum and Research Library in Chester, PA. Earle Drake provided an overview of the exhibit and the various items that will be on display. Earle Drake also provided information on some of his Public Relations activities on behalf of the Detachment, as well as two upcoming Americanism presentations that will be conducted in area elementary schools shortly. He also reported on the recent Color Guard activity at the Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia, and a raising of the Colors at the Government Center in Media, PA. In addition, Bob Spano, Bernie McGinley, and Earle Drake had accepted a \$10,000.00 check from the Strine Foundation for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. In conclusion, Earle Drake mentioned that the Detachment Marine of the Year nominations had been narrowed to three candidates, and the vote for the Marine of the Year would take place at the December general meeting.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete reported that four Adopt-a-Highway events had taken place along Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square during the year. He expressed his appreciation to all of those who had participated in these events during the year.

Auxiliary Liaison: A check for \$1,000.00 was given to Tony Fusto, Auxiliary Liaison, to present to the Auxiliary. Tony Fusto later mentioned that the Auxiliary expressed its appreciation for the contribution.

Awards: Awards Chairman Harry Kaufman was not in attendance, but Bob Spano reminded officers and committee chairmen to submit names of members for recognition for contributions to the Detachment during the year to Harry Kaufman as soon as possible.

Color Guard: Chairman Joe Conigliaro was not present, but Bob Spano provided information on the events conducted at the Beirut Memorial. He also mentioned the upcoming events in which the Color Guard would be needed, including the exhibit at the Delaware County Historical Society and Research Library on 10 November, and the activities on Veterans Day, 11 November 2010, including the Veterans Day parade in Media.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that the collection of unserviceable flags was ongoing, but that no date has been established for the burning of unserviceable flags. In addition, Paul Ferguson mentioned that flags with a blue field of embroidered stars could have the blue field removed from the flags, and then be shipped to an organization in Illinois. There the embroidered stars would be cut out and sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with a message of encouragement for our troops.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had participated in 15 funerals for military veterans during October 2010. The year to date total is now at 170. Wayne Barner also outlined some of the upcoming events in which the Honor Guard would be participating, including the exhibit at the Delaware County Historical Society and Research Library, the Veterans Day events on 11 November, and a special Veterans ceremony at Cumberland Cemetery in Middletown Township on 13 November 2010.

Scouting: Jack Gingras mentioned that he intended to meet with Ed Seidl this evening to review some of the responsibilities that are involved in the Boy Scout program, and the recognition of Eagle Scouts for those Boy Scout troops in the local area.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

Announcements: Dan Luty provided information on upcoming events, as listed in the *Scuttlebutt*, and as listed on the meeting agenda. George Boyajian related an account of how he had been out on a recent HUHO event, and he had presented an American flag to a young boy. In appreciation, the young boy then recited the pledge of allegiance for George. As a final note, Jim Robinson mentioned that in a recent Walk for the Wounded event in Ocean City, NJ, the organizers had received more than \$144,000.00 in donations.

Officer Nominations for 2011: Earle Drake again presided over the nominations for officers for 2011. This was the second month of nominations, with a third round of nominations to be conducted during the December general meeting. The election of officers will be conducted at the December general meeting, after the third round of nominations has been closed. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by:

Commandant: Dan Luty
Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove
Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod
Paymaster: Bob Spano
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson
Chaplain: Chris Bush
Service Officer: Con McGinley

Directors (three positions available): Bernie McGinley, Bill Kinney, and Ed Seidl. Bob Cosgrove had previously been nominated for the position of Director, but he withdrew his name in order to accept the nomination of Sr. Vice. Additional nominations can be made at the December general meeting.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations that were being recommended to the membership for consideration for contributions this month. The first one was for the amount of \$500.00 to be donated to the Chester County Hero Fund, specifically for Jay Raffetto, a Corpsman recently returned from Afghanistan. He had been hit with an IED and he lost both legs, an arm, and three fingers on his other arm. A donation of \$500.00 was being recommended. In addition, organizations recommended to receive donations of \$1,000.00 each were (1) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; (2) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (3) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA; (4) Soldiers Angels, Pasadena, CA; (5) USA Together, Los Altos, CA; (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: It was mentioned that Earle Drake has been appointed as an assistant to the Southeast District Vice Commandant. It was also mentioned that Hank Velardi has designed a Detachment patch that can be ordered. The price has to be determined, and once determined, 50 patches will be ordered to be available for purchase.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Hank Velardi won the 50/50. Forty-nine members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



Members of the Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance Honor Guard take part in "Youth Night" at the Marple Newtown Youth Resource Center.

Smedley Butler Marine Corps Ball, 2010



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Commitment*



TOYS FOR TOTS



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For more information visit www.toysfortots.org

Next Meeting
December 6, 2010
1800 hours (special time)
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073