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## Commandant's Report February 2011

I would like to begin by thanking all of those who endured the January meeting. January meetings are typically a bit longer than others because of the awards and installment of officers.

As Harry Kauffman, our Awards Chairman mentioned, it is important that all are recognized for their tireless efforts throughout the year. I would like to thank Harry for another outstanding job with the awards.

**Congratulations to Wayne Barner and George Boyajian!!!** Wayne was the Detachment "Marine of the Year" and George received the "Commandant's Award". Both, very well deserved, thanks for your dedication, Marines!

There weren't too many new faces in our "Installation Line-up". In fact, the only two changes are Bob Cosgrove as Sr. Vice and Bill Kinney as one of our three Directors. Thank you, Earle Drake for installing our 2011 officers. I would like to thank Jim Herbst for a job well done as our 2010 Sr. Vice.

On top of everything else, two new members were sworn in during the January meeting. **Welcome aboard** Tom Ranaudo and Terry Jones.

It has been brought to my attention, that in the midst of all the end of the year activities that a momentous occasion has been overlooked. The **Smedley Butler Detachment** was founded in November of 1990. For those of you who are **Charter Members**, Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

*Semper Fi,*  
**Dan Luty**  
Commandant

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**Earle Drake and Officers presenting Wayne Barner with "Marine of the Year" and Dan Luty presenting George Boyajian with the "Commandant's Award"**

Public Relations:

It's getting very difficult to pick up a local newspaper and **not** find the **good deeds** of the **Smedley D. Butler Detachment**. Our Public Relations Chairman, Earle Drake, is making sure that our *local press* is keeping the public aware of *Our Detachment's* involvement in the community!

Right, is just one of many recent articles that have been published.

(from *Marple Newtown County Press*)

Earle also shares duties with Jim Mulhern as the Detachment's **Americanism Chairmen**. Our Americanism team recently made a visit and gave their presentation to Stonehurst Hills Elementary.

The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League, headquartered in Newtown Square, has completed a year-long series of events and Scholarships honoring General Smedley Butler's achievements and contributions to the nation.

The Detachment celebrated its 20th anniversary in existence by awarding two, Essay scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 and eleven, \$500 scholarships to local worthy students.

The Marines of the General Smedley D. Butler detachment of the Marine Corps League regularly makes Americanism and Flag History presentations in the elementary schools of Delaware County. On Dec. 9, Marine Corps Leaguers Jim Mulhern and Earle Drake made a presentation at the Worrall Elementary School in Newtown Square.

Currently the Marine Corps Reserves and the Marine Corps League are in the midst of their annual Toys for Tots Campaign. Please consider donating an unwrapped toy where ever you see Toys for Tots donation box. The toys will make a child who would not have received anything, have a happier Christmas.



Jim Mulhern of the Marine Corps League (second from left) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Trezise, Principal, for the school's cooperation in the Americanism program. With them are 5th grade teachers Linda Rosenberg and Justin Manno.

Below is a couple of pictures of Jim and Earle with the Stonehurst Hills students.



*"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!

*FEBRUARY BOOSTERS*

Wayne Barner	John Burfete, Jr.
Bob Cosgrove	George Curran
Bud Davis	Joe Direso
Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore	Beth & Jim Herbst
Jack Kelly	Gene Kern
Emil Latini	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Carole & Jack McLeod
Pat & Joe Mensack	Jim Sandusky
Florence & Bob Spano	Hank Velardi

Thank you boosters!

**Bob Spano**  
Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings  
for February**

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

James Clark  
James Constien  
Harry Deaner III  
Lawrence Doyle Sr.  
James Dunlap  
Jeffrey Elliot  
R. Stewart Hughes  
John Keevill  
John Kelly  
William McCoy  
Robert McLaughlin  
Thomas Ranaudo  
Bob Spano  
H. Weston Tomlinson  
Joseph Beale



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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

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

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

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

*DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

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

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### February

- 7 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.
- 10-12 National Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference. Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA. Check National MCL Web Site for additional details.
- 20 Iwo Jima veterans commemoration. DELCO Det. home - Upland, PA at 1300.
- 22 Detachment Staff Meeting. American Legion Post # 805 at 1930.

### March

- 7 General Meeting. Knights of Columbus at 1930.
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## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

### OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

#### Regular Events

**AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118**, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 1930.

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

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

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

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

**Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113**, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

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

**Delaware County Detachment MCL**, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$6.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

**M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound #19, Pack of Penna.**, Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post #7390**, Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Building, Sproul & Springfield Roads, Broomall, PA.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars: Herbert W. Best Post # 928**, meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except in September, it will be the day after Labor Day, the 2nd (Tuesday and the 3rd Monday) Meetings are held at Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW, MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

**Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129**, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

### SICK CALL

John Haynal	Bob Bunce
Tom Kerrigan	Tony Coladonato

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

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## The Legend Continues ...



**Butler also embarked on some community work projects** that really won the population's respect and admiration. The Marines undertook a highway improvement program to rebuild the Peiping/Tientsin Road and its bridges. The Marines also won the hearts of the people of two separate villages. The first village requested a bridge over a river so that the people could establish a trade route to Tientsin. The bridge was built and trade flourished for the small village.

Boxertown, the second village, was unknowingly saved from certain doom from a rampaging group of Chinese soldiers. Butler drove in an old car toward the village and as he approached he was met by the villagers fleeing the oncoming raiders. Before Butler could react, the raiders spotted his car and assumed that he was leading a body of troops plus the old car had engine problems and was constantly backfiring. The raiders thought that it was machine gun fire coming from the assumed troops and turned and fled from the imagined troops thus saving the village.

An emergency on Christmas Day 1927 also put the Marines in a favorable image with the Chinese people. A Standard Oil Company warehouse containing a million pounds of candle grease caught fire and endangered many lives. The warehouse, on fire, was close to a building used as storage of gasoline and nearby were 6 oil tanks holding 3 million gallons of oil. Nine minutes after the first alarm, Butler had a battalion of Marines on the spot fighting the blaze and eventually a thousand Marines helped to quell the four-day fire. Chiang Kai-Shek was chosen President of China on 10 October 1928 and political conditions greatly improved. No Civil War threatened U.S. and Foreign Interests in Tientsin and all elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade were withdrawn in January 1929 and departed China.

The Tientsin Legation Guard was increased to 500 men when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade departed. The U.S. Army 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry departed China in March 1938, before they could become involved in the fighting between the Japanese and Chinese Armies in North China.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Marines remained in Shanghai, 1150 men, until 1941 when they were transferred to the Philippine Islands.

Submitted by:

*J.J.V. Cook*

## Selected February Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

**1 February 1967:** Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

**2 February 1944:** The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

**6 February 1968:** Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

**11 February 1922:** BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

**15 February 1998:** One hundred years ago this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship *Maine* was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

**17 February 1967:** The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

**23 February 1945:** Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

**24 February 1991:** The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

**28 February 1991:** Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 3 January 2011**

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

New Members: Two potential new members were introduced to the membership. Tom Ranaudo and Terry Jones both served in the Marine Corps and met the qualifications for membership. George Boyajian made a motion to accept both as members, and Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion. The motion passed, and Commandant Luty administered the oath of membership. Both men were sworn in as regular members.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 December 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Lou Camilli seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks had been received from a number of organizations from which donations had been made to by the Detachment. Among others, letters of thanks had been received from the Liberty USO (serving PA and Southern NJ), The Chester County Hero Fund (for a wounded medic), the YMCA of the Upper Main Line, Operation First Response, the Semper Fi Fund, and the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, PA.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 December 2010. A general review of the year-end report was provided. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Barry Reese seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano also reviewed the organizations that were being recommended by the officers to receive donations, after being discussed at a recent staff meeting. Organizations recommended were (1) Marines Helping Marines, Westminster, MD (2) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA, for Cpl Todd Love (3) Soldiers Angels, Pasadena, CA (4) USA Together, Los Altos, CA, and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 each to these organizations. Barry Reese seconded the motion, and the motion passed. It was also mentioned that the budget meeting to establish the proposed 2011 budget is scheduled for 1800 on 18 January 2011 at Eldorado Carpets in Broomall, PA.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that he was going to distribute Certificates of Appreciation to store directors or managers for

their hospitality at their store locations for the Detachment's Help Us Help Others campaign during the 2010 year. He also mentioned that there is some follow-up needed on the advertising receivables for the November Birthday Ball Program Book. He will also schedule a meeting with the President of Acme Markets to present an object of appreciation to recognize the cooperation of Acme Markets during our Help Us Help Others campaign. Jack McLeod also mentioned that John Burfete has agreed to assist with the Help Our Heroes campaign during 2011.

Junior Past Commandant: Earle Drake reported that the final date for the General Butler exhibit at the Delaware County Historical Society in Chester is 11 January 2011. The Butler exhibit will go to the Newtown Square Historical Preservation Society this summer for the entire summer. The Newtown Square Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation honoring General Smedley D. Butler on 13 December 2010. Copies of the proclamation were made available at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Earle Drake mentioned that he and Jim Mulhern would be presenting an Americanism program at the Stonehurst Hills School on 4 January 2011.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese reported that the collection activity is still proceeding. No date has been established for the burning of old flags.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 13 military funerals were provided for deceased veterans during December 2010. The year-to-date total for 2010 is 197. Wayne Barner mentioned that he had a detailed report for the Honor Guard activity for 2010 for anyone who may want to review it. A copy was also given to the Adjutant. Wayne Barner also mentioned that some new members have begun to participate in the Honor Guard ceremonies.

Membership: Jim Herbst expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided to him during the year. Fourteen new members joined the Detachment during 2010. Jim Herbst mentioned that although Bob Cosgrove will be succeeding Jim as the Detachment's Sr. Vice Commandant, Jim Herbst will continue to handle the membership responsibilities.

Newsletter and Web Master: Dan Luty asked that if members had articles for the newsletter, to please direct the articles to him for consideration. He also mentioned that there could be some format changes coming in the newsletter in the next several months. The Detachment's web site needs some revision and this will be taken care of in the near future.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that the Detachment has three K-bar knives on hand and three cases for presentation, both used for special awards by the Detachment. Several additional K-bars and cases may be ordered to have them on hand. There are also several books on hand that have been signed by Col. Waterhouse. Additional supplies may be requested.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he has the application material for Detachment scholarships. He briefly reviewed the eligibility for academic scholarships from the Detachment, and he mentioned that applications are due by 15 April 2011. Information on Department (state) and National scholarships will be provided after it becomes available.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that all toys for the program had been collected and given to Sgt. Ackroyd at the Folsom Reserve Center. In addition, the Detachment provided a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Toys for Tots program. A local organization, PMI, also matched this figure, and that company also collected about 300 toys on their own for the Toys for Tots program.

V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville VA Center would be on 10 January 2011.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were discussed.

Awards: Dan Luty introduced Awards Chairman Harry Kaufman, who presided over the awards presentation portion of the meeting. The January general meeting has been the traditional meeting for the Detachment to recognize its membership for contributions during the preceding year. Harry Kaufman indicated that the Detachment has a long history of participating in all of the Marine Corps League activities and "we lead the parade" in service and contributions to the local community. Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to a number of members for a variety of programs in which they participated during 2010. In addition, Certificates of Meritorious Commendation were awarded to a number of members, among them one to Earle Drake as the Recruiter of the Year. In addition, Distinguished Service Awards were also distributed. The Commandant's Award, the Detachment's second highest award, was awarded to George Boyajian, for his dedicated service to the Detachment, as well as for his being the main individual in thinking of and pursuing the Detachment's special academic scholarship program on General Smedley D. Butler in 2010. The Detachment's main award, the Marine of the Year award, as elected by the membership, was awarded to Wayne Barner. Past recipients of the Marine of the Year Award presented the Marine of the Year Award for 2010 to Wayne Barner for his many contributions to the Detachment, and particularly for his leadership in the Honor Guard program.

New Business:

Installation of Officers for 2011: Earle Drake, in his capacity as Assistant Vice Commandant for the Southeast District, served as the installing officer. Jim Herbst served as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the ceremony, and Tom McGovern served as Chaplain. The officers who were installed for the 2011 year are Commandant Dan Luty, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano,

Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, and Director Ed Seidl. (All officers were present for the installation, with the exception of Paul Ferguson.)

Good of the League: Bob Spano mentioned that a flyer would be available on the rear table, announcing a special service of income tax preparation for veterans at the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in Media, PA. He also reminded the membership about the booster program for the newsletter.

Announcements: Dan Luty mentioned the important dates for January as listed in the newsletter.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Jim Robinson won the 50/50. Forty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant

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Marksmanship:

Paul Drinkard, our marksmanship chairman agreed that Earle Drake will send out the forms for the pistol match to those who competed in the past, with a completed hold harmless due-back date of January 28, 2011, to Paul Drinkard. Paul will get the checks and other forms into the mail to Ed Pienta before February 1, 2011, to insure an early relay. Paul will be at the February meeting to get any additional members that want to compete. We can have up to 3 teams.

S. D. Butler Display:

*All good things must come to an end...*

The Smedley Butler exhibit, at the Delaware County Historical Society, has been taken down. While there, an interested historian in from Plattsburg, NY had come to see the exhibit and interview the co-curators. The artifacts will be returned to the contributors. The Butler exhibit will go to the Newtown Square Historical Preservation Society this summer for the entire summer.

# Frank E. Petersen

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Frank E. Petersen Jr.** (USMC) (born March 2, 1932 in Topeka, Kansas) is a retired United States Marine Corps Lieutenant General. He was the first African-American Marine Corps aviator and the first African-American Marine Corps general.

Petersen retired from the Marine Corps in 1988 after 38 years of service. At the time of his retirement he was by date of aviator designation, the senior ranking aviator in the U.S. Marine Corps and the United States Navy with respective titles of "Silver Hawk" and "Gray Eagle". His date of designation as an aviator also precedes all other aviators in the U.S. Air Force and Army.

## Military career

Petersen enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950 as a seaman apprentice. He served as an electronics technician. In 1951, he entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program. In 1952, after completing flight training he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Petersen served two combat tours in two conflicts — Korea (1953) and Vietnam (1968). His first tactical assignment was with Marine Fighter Squadron 212 during the Korean conflict. He flew over 350 combat missions with over 4,000 hours in various fighter/attack aircraft.

He held command positions at all levels of Marine Corps aviation — commanding a Marine Fighter Squadron, a Marine Aircraft Group, and a Marine Aircraft Wing. He was also the first African-American to command a fighter squadron, a fighter air group, an air wing, and a major base.

On February 23, 1979, he was promoted to brigadier general becoming the first African-American Marine Corps general. In May 1983, he was advanced to the rank of major general; and was promoted to lieutenant general on 12 June 1986.

General Petersen relinquished duties as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia, on 8 July 1988. He served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff from 8 July 1988 until 31, July, and retired from the Marine Corps on 1 August 1988. He was presented the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as the CG, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia, from June 1986 to July 1988, upon his retirement.

## Education

He received his Bachelor's degree in 1967 and his Master's degree in 1973, both from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. In 1987, he was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Law degree granted by Virginia Union University. In addition he also attended the following service schools: the Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia; the Aviation Safety Officers Course at the University of Southern California; and the National War College, Washington, D.C., class of 1973.

**Frank E. Petersen Jr.**  
Born March 3, 1932



<b>Place of birth</b>	Topeka, Kansas
<b>Allegiance</b>	United States of America
<b>Service/branch</b>	United States Navy United States Marine Corps
<b>Years of service</b>	1950-1952 (USN), 1952-1988 (USMC)
<b>Rank</b>	Lieutenant General
<b>Commands held</b>	VMFA-212 VMFA-314
<b>Battles/wars</b>	Korean War Vietnam War
<b>Awards</b>	Distinguished Service Medal Defense Superior Service Medal Legion of Merit with Combat "V" Distinguished Flying Cross Purple Heart
<b>Other work</b>	DuPont DeNemours Inc., VP of Corporate Aviation National Marrow Donor Program, Chairman <sup>[1][2]</sup>



# Awards and Installation of Officers





**Marine Corps League**  
Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
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Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184

*Honor-Courage-  
Commitment*



*A U.S. 37mm gun fires against Japanese cave positions in the north face of Mount Suribachi.*

Next Meeting  
**February 7, 2011**  
**1930 hours**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073