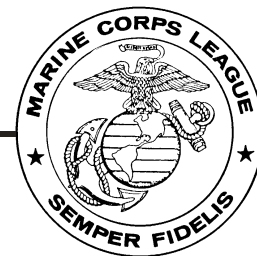




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Commandant's Message January 2005

This year the detachment will celebrate its 15th anniversary. For the charter members, it will seem like yesterday. For us new members, it would seem that the detachment is somewhat older. With all of the programs and all of the different functions that are performed by the membership you would think that its start would be much earlier. It is a credit to the members who unselfishly devote and donate their time unquestionably to the successful completion of the detachment tasks; they are to be commended.

I would like to thank the officers, the chairmen, their assistants, and the others that consistently work hard to make this veterans' organization what it is today. With their help and the help of others, especially the new members, we can look forward to another year of community involvement and support that this detachment has given over a decade and a half.

Over the last few years we have lost seven members annually. It is very important now that our newer members step forward and volunteer to help with the many activities if we are to continue at the pace we are now. I know we have been told not to volunteer for anything but that is who we are – **VOLUNTEERS**. So, I implore you, step forward and offer a hand to any of the many tasks that the detachment performs. You may not be familiar with our activities, so **ASK!!** A good person to ask would be your sponsor, the one who signed your application, or any officer or chairman. Go to our website (listed above) and check out the details of some of what we do.

The biggest threat that faces our group is the reduction of key people. You know the old saying: "80% of the work is done by 20% of the people." We need those members who are not actively involved to get involved and to step forward and say that they are here to make a difference. Yes, I know it sounds "corny" but that is the way it works. We give to those who need. They get our help, our service, our money, and our devotion. Remember we live by the words: "**Courage, Honor, Commitment.**" Happy New Year to all.

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God Bless & Semper Fi,
Bob Spano

Commandant's Report

January 2005

Friday night on the 19th of November, the MNCVA (American Legion, MCL, & VFW) attended Youth Night at the Gauntlet Ctr., MNSD and we donated \$500.00 to support their youth programs.

On Saturday, the 27th, a Maryland MCL detachment had their table set up for Toys for Tots in Arundel Mills Shopping Center, it was a nice to see how other Leaguers conduct their program.

Saturday, December 4th was a good day to sell raffle tickets for our last wagon outing at the Super Fresh in Manoa.

General membership meeting and Christmas party was held on Tuesday, the 7th.

Marple Memorial Post #805 held their Christmas Party at Springfield Country Club on Wednesday night, the 15th.

God Bless & Semper Fi

Bob Spano

Jr. Vice Report

Leaguers,
Sunday December 12, 2004, a small deligation of "The Sons of the Wagoneers" delivered and presented the JTH wagon to Ms. Donna Burdett of Drexil Hill. We took several pictures of Ms. Burdett and her neighbors with the wagon and our presenters. MCL representatives were: Bob Spano, Gerry Powlus, Lou DiSantis, Tony Fusto and me.

Total JTH sales for 2004 were above expectation. We are pleased to be able to report that total sales were \$12,456.42 with net receipts of \$10,884.93. These receipts go to support the many worthy projects of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment.

It took 24 Saturdays to produce these results. The volunteers are to be commended for their efforts. Thank You!

Merry Christmas!

Earle E. Drake

Junior Vice

Sr. Vice Report

OVER ALL:

I believe we had a very successful year, with the trips, picnic, and the ball. I want to thank all who helped in making all this possible. **WE** did a great job! I look forward to serving all of you again in the coming year; it was an honor. We have so much to do and I know it can be done. Please come to me with any ideas you may have; like where to go on a trip, or what time of the year you think we can have our picnic, and of course how can we sign up new members.

Speaking of members we had a bang up year, Our membership file can use a little straightening up so about February I will bring the files to the general meeting and you will have the opportunity to review them. This way if anything needs correcting we can do it. For example if you received an award at one time or other and it is not in your record book we can make the changes.

Like I said before so many members came forward and really pitched in this year; Tom Kerrigan, Harry and Barbara Kaufman, Our Commandant Bob Spano, John Cook, Steve Neri, and Dave Brimble and his wife Aux. President Evelyn, for doing a great job in all the activities I put him in charge of. I can give much of this year's success to his help, and my wife for being there for me, and putting up **with me!**
MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN THE COMING YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SEMPER FI!

Jim Alleva

Junior Vice
610-789-3755

Staff Meeting for all officers and appointed at 1830 On 12-28-04 at Charlotte's Please call me if you have not done so and let me know if you are coming!!!



Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

December

28 Detachment Staff Meeting Dinner – 1930

January

7 General Membership Meeting – K of C – 1930
Installation & Awards Ceremonies
13 Coatesville Hospital Bingo
25 Detachment Staff Meeting – 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.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council # 4129

327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA.
Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

2004 MCL Fundraiser Concludes



Sunday December 12, 2004, a small delegation of the "Sons of the Wagoneers" delivered the Jr. Troop Handler Wagon to the winner of our raffle.

We presented the JTH to Ms. Donna Burdett of Drexel Hill. Present were Bob Spano (photographer), Gerry Powlus, Tony Fusto, Lou DiSantis and Earle Drake. This was our annual fundraiser, which helps raise money for the detachment's many programs.

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



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

Drills went pretty well this month, we've been working hard on drill and knowledge.

We've also been helping out the Folsom Marines with their Toys For Tots collection and distribution.

As of this writing we plan to be at VFW post 928's Christmas party on December 19th. In addition, we'll also will be doing Toys for Tots.

Semper Fi,

SSgt. Timothy Dunton

Delaware County Young Marines



Quotes in History

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

~~~~~submitted by Mike Horne

### SICK CALL



#### Members:

Jim Alleva,  
Bud Bruce,  
Frank Di  
Bonaventuro, Lou Di  
Santis,  
Tom Kerrigan,  
Tony Medaglia,  
Tom Potter, and  
Fred Winterling

#### Friends & Family Of Detachment:

Berenice Kerrigan,  
Emma Mummah, and  
John Moyse

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

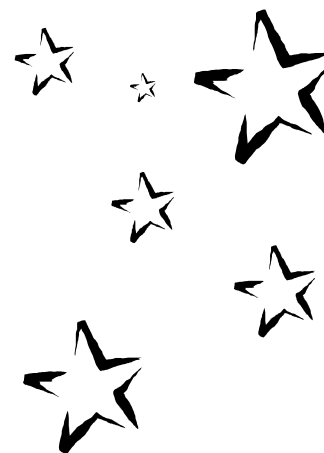
Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.

The officers and members of the Detachment say,  
***"Welcome to our new members!"***

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Please add their names to your membership list.

## Boondocks

The "boondocks", or the back of beyond, came into general use through Americana troops serving in the Philippine Islands during WWII. Those sent to the remote mountain regions took to referring to their duty stations as the "boondocks", from the word for mountains, bunduk, in the Philippine language Tagalog.

## Carte Blanche

In French a carte blanche literally means a "blank paper" and the term was originally used in a military context at times of unconditional surrender. The defeated force would issue a blank paper, on which their victors could write their own terms and conditions, knowing that they would be accepted. Today the term is used in a figurative sense, conferring complete freedom of action on whoever has been given "carte blanche".

## Deadline

These days a "deadline" is a final time limit which must not be exceeded, but in its original context it was a physical line which was passed on pain of death. The term came into being during the American Civil War, when prisoners of war risked being shot on sight in many prison camps if they crossed a line marked some way inside the perimeter fence surrounding the camp. Understandably, this demarcation became known as the "deadline".

Based on "Swinging the lead & Spiking his guns"  
Castle Books

~~~submitted by John J.V. Cook



Olivia Bishop,
Smedley D. Butler
Marine Corps League
Detachment's pin-up
girl, seated with her
favorite guy???

Happy Holidays!

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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newsletter and become a
member of the Booster Club!

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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!

DECEMBER BOOSTERS

Dottie and Craig Allen, Elana and Jim Alleva, Gladys
and Ed Bailey, Sis and Charlie Butler, Joyce and Jim
Dunlap, Dottie and Tom Flack, Ellen and Jack Lister,
Paul and Carol Lutton, Gloria and Jim Sandusky, Bob
Senior, and Carmella and Frank Turse. **Thank you
boosters!**

To all those who have contributed as boosters to our
newsletter this past year, the detachment thanks you,
and to all our members a very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.

Harry Kaufman, PC

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

Birthday Greetings for January

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

David R. Brimble,
Frederick Barsucia,
George D. Curran,
Paul A. Drinkard,
Anthony A. Fusto,
Stanley R. Short
Walter I. Tallmadge,
Frank Turse. Richard Hudak, Frank McGovern, Nick
Repino, Michael West, Norman Weiner, Vincent
Mangelli, Steve Fuimano, Marcus Lingenfelter, George
E. Murray Jr., and Mark Hines



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Marine
Corps League
7 December 2004
Regular Meeting**

Commandant Bob Spano called the meeting to order at 1900. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the opening prayer was read.

Commandant Bob Spano passed out copies of the meeting agenda to the membership. Copies are available.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present were: Commandant Spano, Sr. Vice Alleva, Jr. Vice Drake, Adjutant Horne, Paymaster Kaufman, Judge Advocate Luty, Chaplain Bush, Sgt-At-Arms Ross, Service Officer McGinley, Director VanLuvender, Director Bishop, Director Powlus, Jr. Past Commandant Neri.

Commandant Bob Spano recognized all past commandants who were present at the meeting as well as State Commandant Tom Tanner. He also recognized guests Jim Beck, Commander of the VFW, Dennis Morsa, Commander of the American Legion, and Nick Kalynych.

NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made by Jim Alleva to accept Charles Butler and George McCaughan as regular members, and John Burfete as an associate member. Motion was seconded by membership. Motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Steve Neri and seconded by Jack Lister to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Mike Horne stated that the detachment received several contributions in memory of Al Yerger as well as a card from Betty Yerger thanking our detachment for Honor services performed at Al's funeral. A thank you note was also received from Mildred Hart and family for Honor ceremonies performed for her late husband, Bob, and a note was received from Eagle Scout David Griefff thanking our detachment for participating in his celebration for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. A thank you was received from Military Moms thanking our Commandant, Bob Spano, for his assistance in making their Beef and Beer a success and also for his contribution to their silent auction. All proceeds will help support our troops overseas. Our detachment has been asked to attend a Beef & Beer fundraiser being held in honor of Jason Phipps on Saturday, January 8th, 2005 at Finnigan's Wake at 527 N. 3rd

Street, Philadelphia, from 3-7 PM. This National Guardsman has brain cancer and all proceeds will help reduce medical costs. The first annual Toys for Tots will be held on December 17 from 8-12 PM at Drexelbrook Catering in Drexel Hill. On December 11, the Media Theater will be holding a special Veterans Night honoring U.S. Marine David Fortune. Mike also thanked Tom Bishop for filling in as adjutant last month.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Jim Alleva noted that the next staff meeting will be at Charlotte's Restaurant on December 28, 2004 at 1830. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Dress uniform will be blazers. Jim thanked everyone for an outstanding effort in recruiting new members. Life membership dues are going up. Jim stated that he wanted everyone to enjoy the Christmas party tonight.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: Earle Drake briefed members on the 2004 budget and program fundraising. The MCL program book, JT Handler and June lottery have all surpassed their budgeted goals. Earle also noted that starting next year, the JTH fundraiser will drop some sites because of low sales. He hopes to add additional sites to replace these. The JTH fundraiser may start earlier in the year and conclude in October to avoid inclement weather. He also stated that the program ad book was a success and that the printer gave us a \$200.00 credit off his invoice due to omission of ads and misspellings. Earle thanked all members who continually volunteered all year to help the detachment surpass our budgeted goals.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Dan Luty – no report.

PAYMASTER: Harry Kaufman read the monthly banking report and answered any questions related to the report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by Steve Neri and seconded by Earle Drake to approve the monthly report. Motion passed. Harry also has pocket knives for those who become newsletter boosters while supplies last.

CHAPLAIN: Chris Bush announced that there have been two deaths in our detachment: Al Yerger and Bill Bernard. Also, the following people have been sick: Tom Kerrigan, Fred Winterling, and Tom Potter. Please keep all in your prayers.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Jim Ross - no report.

SERVICE OFFICER: Connie McGinley briefed members on new veterans ID cards to help battle identity theft.

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DIRECTOR: Rick VanLuvender- no report.
DIRECTOR: Jerry Powlus-no report.
DIRECTOR: Tom Bishop - no report.
JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Steve Neri

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble stated that this program is finished for the year.

Americanism: Bob Matthews stated that four schools were presented with the program in November with more scheduled for December. The two month program so far has reached over 840 children.

Awards: Steve Neri asked that all chairmen and officers turn in their nominees for awards as soon as possible.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen stated that as of this date, 236 Honor Guard ceremonies were performed. He also commented on the Color Guard's participation at the MCL Ball, the Veterans Park ceremony, Marine Sunday, and the Veterans Day Parade.

Quartermaster (Locker Box): Tom Lynch reminded all new members that their name tags are free. He also reminded members that he has covers and sweatshirts for sale. Also, Betty Yerger has donated several items made by her late husband, Al. All proceeds go back to the detachment.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews announced that the bingo party is held the second Monday of every month, which is December 13. If attending, please meet in the K of C parking lot at 6:30. Also, on December 9th, there will be stocking stuffing at the VA hospital in Coatesville with distribution on December 11th. Volunteers are always needed.

Young Marines: Wayne Williams, Sr. noted that his son, Wayne, Jr, a former Young Marine, was awarded an ROTC scholarship to Penn State. Wayne Sr. commented that this was made possible through the Young Marine program and the help of our detachment.

Toys for Tots: Tom Kerrigan thanked all those who brought in unwrapped toys for the Christmas party.

Historian: John Cook would like members to bring in photos from the time when they were in the military. A brief description of the photo should be given with the photo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jr. Past Steve Neri held final nominations for officers for the year 2005: Commandant – Bob Spano; Sr. Vice – Jim Alleva; Jr. Vice – Earle Drake; Adjutant – Mike Horne; Paymaster – Harry Kaufman; Judge Advocate – Dan Luty; Sgt.-at-

Arms – Jim Ross; Chaplain – Chris Bush; Service Officer – Connie McGinley; Directors – Rick VanLuvender, Tom Bishop, and Paul Donohue. A vote was cast by Adjutant Mike Horne to accept final nominations as read.

Discussion was undertaken regarding sending a letter to John DuPont thanking him for his support for the detachment. Since there is some misunderstanding on whether the funds were from John DuPont or his estate, this matter was tabled until a later time when more information could be obtained. Also, ballots were passed out for regular members to vote for Marine of the Year. Nominees were Earle Drake, Jim Alleva, and Harry Kaufman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jack Lister was distressed at the fact that victims' families of 9/11 received an average of \$3.1 million but families of a military victim's death only receive \$12,000. He suggested that members write to their legislators to express their views.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: State Commandant Tom Tanner read an official response from the Marine Corps on the shooting of an unarmed Iraqi citizen by a marine. The Corps stated that there will be a fair and non-political inquiry into this incident.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:45.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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The 50/50 winner was Jim Ross.  
65 members signed in the log book on 12/7/04.

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**Next Regular Meeting is:  
January 4, 2005  
1900 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA**



**Marine Corps League**  
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*"I Pledge Allegiance"*