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Commandant's Report January 2011

I hope you all had a very Happy Holidays and as another very successful year ends, another year, with lofty goals, begins!

Last year brought more record breaking achievements, especially with Sr. Vice, Jack McLeod's, band of money raising commandos. I was shaking my head at the beginning of last year when I looked at the budget and, I was shaking my head at the end of year numbers. Could 2011 bring yet another record? My bet is on Jack and his helpers!

Wayne Barner, our Honor Guard Chairman, with the help of many of the members of our Detachment, the American

Legion and VFW, performed many ceremonies in all kinds of weather once again.

Our Color Guard was everywhere and our Americanism team got the word out to many of the schools in the area. The General Butler display had quite the tour in 2010 and Earle Drake, our Public Relations Chairman, had our good deeds in the news more then ever.

We were involved in many other programs, too many to name them all, great job by all! Going forward into 2011, we need to keep the momentum going. The pace that has been set is a very fast one, but with another year of great participation from the membership we can accomplish these same feats once again. Without the participation of many, I'm afraid this won't be the case.

The 2011 officers will be sworn in at our January meeting and the cast of characters hasn't changed much. All though this lends itself to continuity, it also means that many of you won't get to see what goes on during staff meetings. That being said, I want to remind all of you that the staff meetings are open to any of the members and I encourage you to attend a meeting sometime this year.

Semper Fi,
Dan Luty
Commandant



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Proclamation Honoring S.D. Butler

On 13 December, John Burfette, Jack Gallagher and Earle Drake proudly accepted a proclamation honoring General Smedley D. Butler from the Newtown Square Board of Supervisors.

After his retirement from the Marine Corps, General Butler lived on Goshen Road in Newtown Square for many years. Copies of the proclamation (shown below) will be available at the next general meeting.



NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, General Smedley D. Butler is one of only two U.S. Marines who was awarded two Medals of Honor for two separate military engagements, and

Whereas, General Butler was awarded his first Medal of Honor for actions in the Battle of Vera Cruz, Mexico, where he exhibited courage and skill in leading his men of the 22nd in the takeover and final occupancy of the city of Vera Cruz, and

Whereas, General Butler's citation reads "For distinguished conduct in command of his battalion", and

Whereas, General Butler's second Medal of Honor was for taking action in Haiti, where General Butler, as commanding officer of the 5th, 13th, and 23rd Marine detachments and a sailor detachment from the USS Connecticut led the attack on Fort Riviere where he and his detachments took and crushed the Cacos resistance and bastion, and

Whereas, General Smedley D. Butler was a loyal American, a resident of Newtown Square, and faithfully served our country for 34 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Newtown Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and commend General Smedley D. Butler for his invaluable service to our Country.

PROCLAIMED THIS 13th **DAY OF** DECEMBER, 2011.



ATTEST:
James A. Burfette
Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
Linda Hordden
Chairman

"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!

JANUARY BOOSTERS

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| Joe Blees | John Burfete, Jr. |
| June & Ben Cope | Bob Cosgrove |
| Bud Davis | Paul Donohue |
| Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore | Richard Guyer |
| Beth & Jim Herbst | Sissy/Joe Hudson |
| John Keevill | Jack Kelly |
| Gene Kern | Bea Lloyd |
| Con McGinley | Jerry McGuckin |
| Pat & Joe Mensack | Stan Samsel |
| Jim Sandusky | Bob Senior |
| Florence & Bob Spano | |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings
for January**

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

- David Brimble
- James Cecchini
- George Curran
- Paul Drinkard
- Anthony Fusto
- Richard Hudak
- Vincent Mangelli
- Frank McGovern
- Edward Moore
- Barry Reese
- Nicholas Repino
- Alexander Rubin
- Walter Tallmadge
- Robert Wells
- Michael West



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

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 |

*DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

General & Healthcare Benefits

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| 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 | <u>www.va.gov</u> |

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

January

- 3 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.
Installation of our 2011 Officers and Awards Presentation.
- 4 Americanism Presentation at Stonehurst Hills School.
- 7-8 Dept. of PA Staff Meeting. See Dept. website for complete details.
- 25 Detachment Staff Meeting. American Legion Post # 805 at 1930.

February

- 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, 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 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
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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 ...



On landing on Tienstin, the brigade was regarded with something akin to awe as it unloaded a small mountain of supplies: food, sandbags for barricades, machine guns, mortars, field artillery, trucks, light tanks and airplanes. Once unloaded, the brigade moved to billets and shared the safety responsibility of the City of Tientsin and the surrounding area with the U.S. Army 15th infantry....“Can do” or “Manchu” regiment, a unit that had been stationed in China since 1912.

Butler repeatedly stressed that the roll of the Marines was non-involvement in China’s politics and limited to the protection of American lives and property. He developed an exhaustive training schedule and engaged in a “spit and polish” routine which included parades, band concerts, alert drills and the pastime of whitening leggings, painting and lacquering their helmets, nickel-plating their bayonets and even polishing the eyelets in their boots.

They also constructed an airfield and it was used by a Marine air wing, newly arrived from San Diego, nicknamed the “Red Devils” and flying Boeing FB-1 fighters. They were used for aerial patrols over the area and Butler made use of them for his personal observations in assaying the military movements of the local armies.

Post note....

The political/military environment in China at this time is much too complex to detail here. The reader is encouraged to read material regarding China in the 1920’s and 1930’s.

Submitted by:

J.J.V. Cook



This photograph is of a Boeing FB-1 mentioned in the article above. Notice the EGA on the side of the aircraft. The “Red Devils”, currently designated as VMFA 232, are the oldest Fighter Squadron in the Marine Corps.

Selected January Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 6 December 2010

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1805, 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, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bob Cosgrove, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Junior Past Commandant Earle Drake. Several guests were introduced, and Detachment past Commandants were recognized.

Minutes: Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 November 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that about a half dozen letters of appreciation had been received from organizations to which the Detachment had donated funds. In addition, two letters of thanks had been received from families of deceased veterans who had Honor Guard services provided for them at their loved one's funerals.

Senior Vice: Jim Herbst reported that 15 new members had been added to the Detachment's membership roll this year, and he thanked those members who were active in recruitment. Jim Herbst also mentioned that the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November had been a success. The next event would be the staff dinner, scheduled for 28 December 2010.

Junior Vice: Jack McLeod provided information on the Birthday Ball Program Book, indicating that about \$4,500.00 had been collected so far for advertisements. He also reported on a very successful Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign. After 56 store events and two weekday events, in which 26 members had participated, about \$101,000.00 had been collected in donations. This is higher than the \$93,000.00 that had been collected the year before. These donations allow the Detachment to be generous in its contributions to those worthwhile organizations to which the Detachment donates. Jack McLeod provided the names of the individuals who had participated in the HUHO campaign this year.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 30 November 2010. He also reported on a problem with the Birthday Ball program book, in which only some of the sponsors had their name listed. The individuals involved then had their names added to the *Scuttlebutt* booster page. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion and it passed. Bob Spano then reviewed the list of organizations that were being recommended for consideration for contributions this month. He explained that there were seven organizations, but one, Wall Street War Fighters Foundation, would need to be reviewed from a financial standpoint first, before we would

donate funds. If it would be found to be financially sound, then the contribution would be made. Bill Kinney made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 each to the following organizations, with the caveat that the Wall Street War Fighters Foundations be financially reviewed before the donation is made: (1) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA; (2) Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA; (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (4) The Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA; (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA; (6) Wall Street War Fighters Foundation, Philadelphia, PA and (7) The Wounded Warrior Regiment's Charitable Giving Office. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Bob Bunce is now a resident in Fair Acres in Middletown Township.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross reminded the members that the white duty belts and white gloves are no longer part of the MCL uniform, although white gloves can be worn during military funerals. He also indicated that it was good to see so many members wearing their red covers during the meeting.

Service Officer: Con McGinley provided information on the activities this month at the Coatesville Medical Center. There is a stocking stuffer meeting on 10 December, a Christmas Party on 11 December, and then VAVS bingo on 13 December 2010.

Junior Past Commandant: Earle Drake presented Commandant Dan Luty with a certificate from the National Jr. Vice Commandant in recognition of the Detachment's membership growth this year. In addition, Earle Drake mentioned the collage of pictures on display from the event at the Delaware County Historical Society in Chester, PA. In addition, he provided information on his activities in the public relations arena, as well as an Americanism presentation at the Worrall Elementary School in Broomall.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Earle Drake mentioned that in addition to the Americanism presentation at the Worrall Elementary School mentioned above, there will also be an Americanism presentation at the Stonehurst Hills Elementary School in Upper Darby in January 2011.

Awards: Harry Kaufman again reminded officers and committee chairmen to send information to him for those members to be recognized for their contributions to the Detachment during the year. The information should be sent to him by the end of this week, if it has not already been submitted.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that the collection of old flags is ongoing. There may be a burning of old flags in January 2011, if it can be arranged.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had participated in 14 military funerals for veterans during November. The year-to-date total is at 189. Wayne Barner

also indicated that the ceremonial bugle that had been ordered has been received.

Locker Box: Paul Ferguson mentioned that Hank Velardi has designed a Detachment patch, to be worn on the red satin jacket. Two different costs were obtained, either \$5.40 per patch for an order of 50, or \$4.00 per patch for an order of 100. Jim Herbst made a motion to order 100 patches at \$4.00 each. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership: Jim Herbst again mentioned that 15 new members had joined the Detachment during the year, and he asked the members to keep up the good work in the following year.

Scouting: Ed Seidl mentioned that he and Jack Gingras had recently participated in an Eagle Scout presentation on 7 November 2010.

Toys for Tots: Bob Spano mentioned that toys are being collected at a variety of locations. Sgt. Justin Ackroyd, USMC, of the Folsom Reserve Unit would be stopping by later to pick up toys that were delivered here this evening.

Unfinished Business: Earle Drake presided over the third and final opportunity for the nomination of officers for 2011. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by:

Commandant: Dan Luty

Sr. Vice Commandant: Bob Cosgrove

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod

Paymaster: Bob Spano

Adjutant: Jack Kelly

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson

Chaplain: Chris Bush

Service Officer: Con McGinley

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross

Directors: (Three needed) Ed Seidl, Bill Kinney, and Bernie McGinley.

Since there were no contested positions with two or more members nominated, Earle Drake asked Adjutant Jack Kelly to cast one vote for each nominee and the three members nominated as Directors. Adjutant Jack Kelly cast one vote for each person nominated, including the three Directors. The entire slate of officers was elected for the year 2011.

Marine of the Year: Earle Drake also presided over the election for the annual Marine of the Year award. From the total group nominated, three finalists had been selected. Earle Drake gave brief introductions and background information on each finalist. The three finalists were Jack Kelly, Paul Ferguson, and Wayne Barner. Paper ballots were distributed, and the vote was taken. The announcement of the Marine of the Year will be made at the Detachment's January 2011 general meeting.

New Business: Jim Herbst mentioned that sign-up sheets for the staff meeting dinner on 28 December 2010 would be available after the meeting.

Harry Kaufman provided details on the Christmas party for the American Legion Post #338.

Good of the League: Bob Spano expressed his appreciation to those members who assist with the setting up and breaking down of equipment for the general meetings each month. He also mentioned that if any member needs a nametag, the member should contact Bob Spano. Those wishing to donate to the newsletter boosters should also contact Bob Spano after the meeting. Jerry Powlus reminded everyone that the next day would be 7 December 2010, the 69th anniversary of the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in 1941.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 1905. The meeting was followed by the Detachment's annual Christmas dinner.

Frank Duffield, a guest and prospective member, won the 50/50. Fifty-four members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



On Friday, 10 December, several Marine Corps Leaguers and Sgt. Ackroyd picked up 301 Toys from The Project Management Institute (PMI). They have been a great contributor of Toys and financial support for Toys for Tots for many years. This year they matched our Detachments \$2,000 Toys for Tots donation to the Folsom Marines, to go along with the 301 Toys.

Marine Corps Air Station

Ewa

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Marine Corps Air Station Ewa (MCAS Ewa) was a United States Marine Corps air station that was located 17 miles (27 km) west of Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. The base was hit during the attack on Pearl Harbor and later served as the hub for all Marine aviation units heading into combat in the Pacific Theater during World War II. The base was closed in 1952 because its runways were too short for the jet aircraft and expansion was impossible due to the proximity of Naval Air Station Barbers Point. Ewa has been abandoned since 1952, however, two of its runways are still visible from the air and many of the revetments still remain in good condition.

History

Originally founded as an airship base for the United States Navy in 1925, the airship program was cancelled after 3 of the 4 dirigibles located there crashed during the 1930s. The base's upgrade to air station began in September 1940 and on February 3, 1941 it was commissioned Marine Corps Air Station Ewa.

By the onset of World War II, the air station had four runways and numerous hangars. On December 7, 1941, MCAS Ewa was the first installation hit during the attack on Pearl Harbor. All forty eight aircraft based there were destroyed.

In April 1944, the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing was relocated to MCAS Ewa where they stayed for the remainder of the war.

The start of the Korean War saw another surge in activity at MCAS Ewa but because the runways were becoming more and more unsuitable for jet aircraft the Marine Corps shifted its aviation assets to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. Ewa was officially closed on June 18, 1952 and its property assumed by Naval Air Station Barbers Point.

In 2008 the US Navy announced they would be leasing 499 acres of the old air station to Ford Island Properties who plan on building expensive homes and shopping centers to create an urban center for Kapolei. The Navy has said that 4 to 5 acres of the base near the center of the old runways qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places. While some locals looking to preserve the field are trying to rally support to make it a National Cemetery, it seems the Navy and Ford Island Properties are expected to conclude their lease agreement in August.

Post note...

I found two recent articles relating to Marine Corps Air Station Ewa on the internet. The first mentions the undecided fate of a very historic site. The second is coverage of a ceremony held at Ewa on "Pearl Harbor Day". Both are an interesting read. For those of you who "surf", the links are:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/20100801_Development_plans jeopardize_future_of_equestrian_group.html

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/20101206_Ewa_took_Zero_fire_too.html



The burning wreckage of an U.S. Marine Corps Douglas SBD Dauntless dive bomber pictured at Ewa Mooring Mast Field (later Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Ewa, Hawaii) after the Japanese attack on 7 December 1941.

On December 7, 1941, Japanese aircraft struck Ewa before hitting Pearl Harbor.

All Marine Corps aircraft at Ewa (a total of 48) were destroyed in the course of the attack.

By the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, a total of 4 runways had been constructed at Ewa, along with buildings & hangars.



"The Memorial" is at the Barber's Point golf course, which remains open, although NAS Barber's Point was turned over to the state (it is now the Kalealoa Airport).

The memorial is dedicated to several Marines who lost their lives on December 7, 1941 at "Ewa" and includes photos from that day.

Looking Back at 2010





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Happy New Year!

Next Meeting
January 3, 2011
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
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