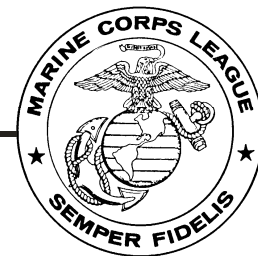




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Commandant's Message July 2008

It's hard to believe that we have passed the half way point of the year. Your new officers have settled into their posts and are working hard for the benefit of the League.

Fund raising is going well with just a few bumps in the scheduling road. We can always use volunteers to help with the donations. Adopt A Highway has done the second clean-up of Bishop Hollow Road. Our Marksmanship Team had a good time at Indiantown Gap and some members shot exceptionally well.

Remember, we are now forming our 2008 Rifle Team which will shoot with 240 of the Marine Corps Leagues'

finest in September. So far we have three members participating. We have two M1s being lent to us by a friend. Contact me for more information.

The Department of Pennsylvania Convention that was held in Carlisle was attended by Connie McGinley, Bob Spano and me. We had the privilege to vote for the new slate of officers. Some you know and some are new to us all. Our new State Commandant is Dick Brown, who has held many state and national offices, including National Judge Advocate. The new Senior Vice Commandant is Leanna Dietrich. Neil Corley who many of us got to meet two years ago, is the new Jr. Vice Commandant. Ed Ringer is the Judge Advocate. Congratulations to all of these fine people.

On Sunday, June 15 we participated in "The Walk for the Wounded" at Rose Tree Park. We formed a Color Guard with our brother Delaware County Marine Corps Leagues, the Upper Darby Detachment and the Delaware County Detachment. The amounts of the pledges that were read by the moderator were staggering. It was a great Veterans affair that was hugely successful.

By the time this edition of the Scuttlebutt reaches you, we will have once again marched in another Independence Day Parade. Old guys like me get to ride in the trailer, which, by the way has had the graffiti removed and has new bunting and flags.

Remember the Marine Corps Core Values:
HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.

Semper Fidelis
Earle E. Drake

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Jr. Vice Report

TV Bonanza II Campaign

Our Campaign was a success!

- 90 plus members accepted tickets on consignment;
- Dotty and Craig Allen, Charles Butler, John Burfette, Jim Constien, Bob Cosgrove, John Davis, Jim Donahue, Larry Doyle, Earle Drake, Paul Ferguson, Dan Fitzpatrick, Tom Gilligan, Tom Kerrigan, Bill Kinney, Dan Luty, George McCaughan, Bernie McGinley, Pete Patrucci, Bob Spano, Bob Stanton, Bob Wells, Michael West, and Wayne Williams sold \$100 or more tickets!
- Thanks to Charlie Sexton's contribution to pay for the Campaign Prize, a 40 inch flat screen TV, we exceeded our budgeted objective for the Campaign!

Contributions Solicitation

A second source of fundraising has been the solicitation of contributions from individuals and business entities on behalf of needy families, wounded servicemen/women and their families, and needy Veterans and their families. We caption funds from these sources as "Contributions – Special".

To date we have received 22 individual contributions which exceed the amount of dollar contributions that was budgeted for 2008. Eleven of the contributions were obtained through the efforts of Bob Cosgrove.

During the next month, a concerted effort will be made to solicit donations from our generous donors of 2007.

Drawing for Dollars, D4D

We have completed eight Sales Events within our D4D Campaign with excellent results. Dennis Morsa has conducted two sales efforts at Gentile's Market which have of been of great help in achieving excellent results on two of our sales dates. Paul Ferguson led a very successful, unscheduled sale at WaWa, Malvern.

Our donations and sales to date have permitted us to reach two-thirds of our 2008 budgeted objective. This result is testimony to the remarkable efforts of our participating Members!

In addition, we have distributed twelve Membership Kits to prospective Members and will submit those names to our Sr. Vice Commandant for follow-up.

We have found that asking shoppers to help us support hospitalized soldiers and disabled veterans generally results in positive responses. General

donations have made up the vast majority of our revenue while ticket sales for cash prizes are running less than \$100 per sales event

While we do not discourage ticket sales, we initially request general donations that permit a member to interact with a much larger number of shoppers.

A note of caution: our future results could be significantly affected by adverse weather and double booking by our Store Hosts.

As of this date, our Schedule for the remainder of the year is: 6/21: ACME Paoli, 6/28: ACME Ridley (Folsom), 7/03 (Thurs): ACME Wayne & ACME Bryn Mawr, 7/12: ACME Granite Run Mall, 7/18(Fri): ACME Broomall, 7/26: ACME Newtown Square, 8/30: Super Fresh Havertown & Pathmark Broomall, 9/06: Pathmark Glenolden and Pathmark Folsom, 9/13: Wal-Mart Glenolden & Gentile's Market Newtown Square, 9/19 (Fri): Super Fresh Wynnewood & Tentative ACME Narberth, 9/27: Tentative Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 10/04: ACME Media, 10/11-12 Helicopter Air Show West Chester & 10/11 ACME Broomall, 10/18: ACME Newtown Square, 10/25: ACME Ridley (Folsom), 11/01: Wal-Mart Eddystone, 11/15: Super Fresh Havertown & Pathmark Broomall, 11/22: Tentative ACME Paoli, and 11/26 (Wed) Shop Rite West Chester.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod

Junior Vice Commandant

Sr. Vice Report

August 24, 2008 is our annual picnic with the American Legion and The VFW. 12 noon start time. Drexel Lodge, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square. Catered by Justine. Bring the family.

We are putting together a bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum and the Marine Corp Expo at Quantico. Both events in September. More info at the general meeting.

Jim (JR) Robinson

Sr. Vice Commandant

SCUTTLEBUTT

While most of us are familiar with this term, which implies unfounded rumor, it is not generally known that the earlier usage of the term mentioned “The Marine at the Scuttlebutt”.

Aboard old time U.S. Navy vessels, the huge wooden cask bound in shining brass bands stood between the foremast and the main mast. Its precious content of fresh water rated a twenty-four hour sentry—an armed Marine—whose special orders included, “allow no one to draw more water than he drinks on the spot”.

Every man aboard, of course, came to the scuttlebutt and paused to yarn over the latest (mis) information. The Marine on duty observed and absorbed. As a result, he was easily the best informed man afloat and his recount about of what he thought about the voyage and its many details was accepted as un-varnish fact. A sailor, seeking to give credence to his opinions, had only to say, “I got it from the Marine at the Scuttlebutt”. That source was far more important than the skipper’s yeoman.

J.J.V. Cook



The Delaware County, General Smedley D. Butler, and Upper Darby Detachments show their cohesiveness at Rose Tree Park on Fathers' Day Sunday, where the “Walk For The Wounded” was started with their respective Color Guards.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Jim (JR) Robinson
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dan Luty
Sergeant-At-Arms	James D. Ross
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Connie McGinley
Director	Paul Donohue
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Bob Matthews
	Jack McLeod
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Jim Ross
Color Guard	Joe Conigliaro
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Bob (Coz) Cosgrove
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Wayne Barner
“ Assistant	John J. V. Cook
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	John Williams
Membership	Jim Robinson
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Sandi Mauer
Newtown Twp Vets Park	
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Robert Matthews
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Mistress	Sandi Mauer

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits	
VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	800-222-8387
Education	888-442-4511
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	<u>www.va.gov</u>

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

July

- 3 D4D Fund Raising, ACME Wayne.
*This is a **Thursday** event
- 4 Independence Day Parade, meet at the Casey's in Newtown Sq. @ 0900.
- 7 General Meeting, KOC Hall, 1930
- 12 D4D Fund Raising, ACME, Granite Run Mall
- 14 VAVS Bingo Coatesville Hospital
- 18 D4D Fund Raising, ACME Broomall. *This is a **Friday** event
- 26 D4D Fund Raising, Acme Newtown Square.
- 29 Staff Meeting American Legion Post 805

August

- 17 Adopt-a-Highway

October

- 26 Adopt-a-Highway

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 2000.

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

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

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 7:30PM. 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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Delaware County Detachment, 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 & 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.

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

Birthday Greetings for July

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

Charles Butler, Jr.
Louis DiSantis
Thomas Kerrigan, Jr.
Robert Miller
James Mulhern
Peter Patrucci
James Ross
Richard Stefankiewicz
Barry Williams
Tom Yannone



In addition, the name of William Kinney should have been included among those having a birthday in June. Our apologies for the oversight.

Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

*If your birthday was omitted,
please contact Adjutant Jack Kelly.
We apologize for any omissions.*

“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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

John Burfete
Ruth & Marino DeFrancesco
Kay & Frank Greiser
Vinnie Mangelli
Pat & Joe Mensack
Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

Young Marines’ Report



On Saturday, June 21st, we have two Young Marines heading to Camp Pendelton for a week to participate in Junior Leadership Training. This should be a great experience for both. Also,

on the 21st we are sending one Young Marine to the Civil War Adventure which takes place in 5 states over a week’s period. In July, yet another Young Marine will be attending the Revolutionary War Adventure in the Boston area.

Thank you very much again for your support!!! Without your help we would not be able to send these Young Marines on these trips.

Jeffrey Gunning
Delaware County Young Marines

THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Honorably discharged in February 1899, at the close of the quickie Spanish-American War, Butler eagerly re-enlisted as a 1st Lieutenant two months later and sailed off to join the U.S. Marine battalion in the Philippine Islands.

He gained his baptism of fire there during several minor skirmishes with the insurgent Moros, and was so exhilarated by the experience that he mimicked the swagger factor of his seasoned comrades and also had Eagle, Globe and Anchor tattooed across his chest.

In China, the Manchu Dynasty has been losing its hold on the Celestial Empire through most of the 19th Century, as the Western Powers and Japan forced one commercial concession after another. Chinese resentment over the attacks on their sovereignty led to the formation of an anti-foreign secret society named I HO CH’UAN (Virtuous Fists), a name quickly transformed in English to “BOXERS”. With the avowed aim of expelling the foreign devils, and with the approval of the Imperial Government, THE BOXERS, rapidly growing in numbers, embarked on a reign of terror, fomenting anti-foreign riots, violently attacking Chinese Christians as well as Western enclaves and massacring missionaries. Matters reached a head in June, 1900, when more than 140,000 screaming “Virtuous Fists” seized the capital city of Peking and put the Western Legations located there under siege.

They threatened the five-hundred plus foreign in the Legation Quarter, where officials and their families from ten to twelve foreign nations huddled together in a prescribed area, about three quarters of a mile square. It was located Southeast of the Forbidden City where the Empress Dowager, TZU HSI held Imperial Court.

John Cook, Historian

SICK CALL

Jack Gingris
Matt Balfrey
Jack McHenry
Bill Charlton, Jr
Jack Lister

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
2 June 2008

Commandant: Commandant Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930, following the annual scholarship awards dinner. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Jim Robinson, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Paul Donohue, Director Paul Ferguson, Director Bernie McGinley, and Jr. Past Commandant Jerry Leon. Harry Kaufman served as Chaplain in the absence of Chris Bush. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted.

Among his opening remarks, Commandant Earle Drake mentioned that members should not wear Marine Corps League uniforms while attending any political events and members should definitely not be photographed in uniform while attending any political events.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 May 2008 General Meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jerry Leon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Scholarships: Scholarship Chairman Wayne Williams announced and presented \$1,000.00 scholarships to the following individuals: Russell A. Philipp, Leann McGinley, James A. Robinson, Jr., Dana Baiocco, Ashley Brown, Amanda G. Andrews, Owen J. Kinney, and Alexa Bunce. Another scholarship will be awarded to Jacquelyn Haynal, who was not able to attend this evening's meeting. In addition, Evelyn Brimble, Auxiliary President, awarded scholarships from the Auxiliary to Ryan Ellis and Russell Philipp.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read a letter from Edgar Speer, Principal of Beverly Hills Middle School and Detachment member, in which he expressed his appreciation for the Detachment's presence and participation in the school's "Memorial Day Program 2008."

Chaplain: Acting Chaplain Harry Kaufman mentioned that one of our members, Frank McNulty, had passed away on 29 May 2008. He also mentioned that Jack Gingras was not feeling well.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report for the period ending 31 May 2008. Jerry Leon made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Frank Mayer seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano mentioned that several motions would be made later in the evening to

distribute funds to organizations that have been approved by the officers.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod provided information on the TV Bonanza II Campaign. The campaign has been completed, and Bob Spano's name was drawn as the winner earlier in the evening. Jack McLeod read the names of about two dozen members who sold more than \$100.00 in tickets. Jack McLeod also reported on the solicitation of contributions by members, and also the Drawing for Dollars Campaign. With only one month's activity, the Detachment has reached almost 50% of its budgeted objective. It was also reported that ten membership kits have been distributed to potential members during the Drawing for Dollars events.

Jr. Vice: Jim Robinson thanked everyone who attended the dinner before the meeting, and he thanked the caterer, Justine, for the excellent meal. He also indicated that he has confirmed that General Joseph McMenamin will be the speaker at the Detachment's birthday ball in November.

Service Officer: Connie McGinley provided information for available financial assistance for Persian Gulf War veterans.

New Member: John Cook introduced Hank Velardi as a potential new member. He was approved for membership and accepted into membership as a regular member. He was sworn in as a regular member by Commandant Earle Drake.

Committee Reports:

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews indicated that the next bingo party at Coatesville is scheduled for 9 June 2008.

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway clean-up is scheduled for 22 June 2008, beginning at 0900.

Awards: Harry Kaufman reported that two Eagle Scout presentations have been made recently. An additional six Eagle Scout presentations are possible by the end of the year, all from one particular Boy Scout troop in Delaware County.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese reported that a combined effort with the Upper Darby Detachment saw a large quantity of old flags burned.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner mentioned that the Honor Guard participated in 21 military funerals during May, and that 114 funerals have been served so far this year. Seven more are scheduled for the coming week, including the one for member Frank McNulty.

Marksmanship: John Williams reported that the annual Department of Pennsylvania pistol match had

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taken place over the weekend. Although no official results had yet been published, the Detachment's team represented the Detachment in an exemplary manner. The rifle match will take place 26, 27, and 28 September 2008.

Color Guard: Although Joe Conigliaro was not in attendance, Bob Spano provided a report for him. Recent past events included the Day of Prayer at Rose Tree Park on 1 May, the Memorial Day Program at Beverly Hills Middle School on 22 May, and the events on Memorial Day, 26 May. This included the parade, programs at Veterans Park, and events at American Legion Post # 805, American Legion Post # 338, and DAV Post #113. The next scheduled event is the Walk for the Wounded at Rose Tree Park on 15 June 2008.

In addition, Earle Drake mentioned that ceremonies had recently been conducted at four graves in Arlington Cemetery, including the grave of Cpl. Mackie, a Medal of Honor recipient.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were discussed.

New Business:

Bernie McGinley made a motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the 1st Lieutenant Travis L. Manion USMC Memorial Fund. Dan Luty seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Travis Manion grew up in Doylestown, PA, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and was killed in action in Iraq in 2007.

Bob Spano made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the VMAC in Coatesville, PA. Frank Mayer seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano made a second motion to donate \$2,000.00 to the Warrior Weekend project. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. All three of these organizations had been previously reviewed by the officers and were approved for donations, as approved by the general membership.

Two suggestions were made for possible donations. George Boyajian made a suggestion to donate \$500.00 to the Newtown Square Fire Department. Jerry Powlus suggested that the Detachment make a donation to the Disabled Veterans Memorial being constructed in Washington, D.C. Both of these organizations will be reviewed by the officers at a future staff meeting, and a decision will be provided to the membership at a future general meeting.

Good of the League:

Charlie Sexton praised Jack McLeod for the job that he is doing in raising funds for the Detachment. His

comments were followed by a round of applause for Jack McLeod.

Dennis Morsa, member and also American Legion Commander of Post #805, Barry Reese, member and also Commander of VFW Post #7390, and Harry Kaufman, member and officer with American Legion Post #338 all expressed their appreciation to the Detachment members who participated in the parade and other various events on Memorial Day, along with the other Veterans organizations.

2nd Lieutenant Wayne P. Williams, USMC, a recent graduate of Penn State University and recently commissioned in the United States Marine Corps, was introduced to the membership. He received a hearty round of applause. He is the son of member Wayne and Joann Williams. It was also mentioned that he had previously been part of the Young Marines program.

Frank Mayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Boyajian seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2050.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Kelly, Adjutant

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Next Meeting

July 7, 2008

1930 hours

Knights of Columbus

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