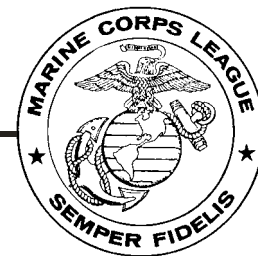




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Commandant's Report July 2009

The June Scholarship meeting had an early start time, and our scholarship recipients, their proud parents and most of the detachment arrived on time. Before the meeting, members of the auxiliary set up the tables with table cloths and flowers. After the meeting, they quickly removed the table settings so we could get ready for business. Thank you, we appreciate your efforts.

We went out of the normal course of our meetings, recognizing that our business segment would not have been of interest to our guests.

Evelyn Brimble, the Auxiliary President, presented two scholarships. They were awarded to Amanda Phillip and Tim Himelin.

Wayne Williams, our scholarship chairman took over from Evelyn and presented 11 scholarships to worthy local students, Ashley Brown, Dana Baiocco, Owen Kinney, Ashley Ross, Julia Cutting, Amanda Andrews, LeAnn McGinley, Alexa Bunce, Stephanie Bunce, Amanda Phillip, and Midshipman John Steele from the Villanova NROTC. Thank you, Wayne. Another great job!

As hard as it is to believe, the year is half over. The Detachment has been very active. Fund raising is ahead of schedule and the budget. Our Website is up and running. Look for it at <http://www.gensdbutlerdet.org>.

We need to recognize that there is an on-going need to recruit new members. We meet many potential new members when we are performing Honor Guards, Color Guards and at our fund raising events. Please pick up a copy of our recruiting kit from Bob Cosgrove and keep it handy in your car. When you give it to a potential new member, always get their names, phone number and address for a follow-up call. We always have a few extra copies of the Scuttlebutt available to send to new prospects.

After all of the excitement and ceremonies of May and June, I'm looking forward to a much quieter summer.

Make 2009 the year you became more involved with your League.

Semper Fidelis,

Earle Drake

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“Help Us Help Others” Upcoming Schedule.

Jr. Vice Report

Help Our Heroes Campaign

To date, we have received in excess of fifty contributions. **Only five of our 160+ Members have obtained contributions – a very poor showing!**

As a reminder, our Members are asked to present Help Our Heroes Contribution Kits to persons selected among relatives, friends or acquaintances. The Campaign replaces last year’s TV Bonanza II Campaign and will run throughout 2009.

The Kits contain documentation which:

- Explains the financial difficulties that wounded troops, needy veterans and their respective families are encountering;
- Identifies the source and nature of their difficulties.
- Graphically portrays how financial support has been employed in specific instances;
- **Emphasizes the fact that our Detachment is not seeking donations for its own account but acts as a means of channeling contributions to those in need;**
- Details how contributions will be processed.

If you have not received a kit or need additional solicitation letters, please contact me at 610-356-8893

“Help Us Help Others (HUHO)” Campaign

Six weekend dates plus our 5/7 Wawa event have been successfully completed with very satisfactory results. **We thank the Lord for His bounty, our Shoppers for their generosity, our Store Hosts for their hospitality and particularly our Member participants for their magnificent efforts!**

Please check the last page of our Newsletter for a revised schedule of HUHO events.

If you have not been an active participant in the past, please consider serving a two to three hour shift on weekends convenient for your circumstances. I promise that you will enjoy yourselves! Please contact me at 610-356-8893 if you wish to participate.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod
Junior Vice Commandant

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
7/04	ACME Paoli 610-240-0101	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
7/04	ACME Wayne 610-341-6073	700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
7/05*	ACME Paoli	39 Leopard Road
7/11	ACME West Goshen 670-431-4726	907 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA
	ACME Concordville 610-459-2759	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA
7/12*	ACME West Goshen 670-431-4726	907 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA
7/18	ACME Media 610-565-5072	527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
	ACME Granite Run 610-891-0407	1067 W Baltimore Pike Media, PA
7/19*	ACME Media	527 E Baltimore Pike
7/25	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
	ACME Glenolden 610-586-0557	503 S Mac Dade Blvd Holmes, PA
7/26*	ACME Ridley	124 Morton Ave
8/29	Super Fresh Havertown 610-446-4516	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
	Pathmark Broomall 610-356-2845	50 Lawrence Rd Broomall, PA
8/30	Super Fresh Havertown	1305 W Chest Pike
9/05	Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
	Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535	605 Conchesteer Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/06*	Wal-Mart Eddystone	1570 Chester Pike
9/12	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA
9/13	Wal-Mart Glenolden	50 N Mac Dade Blvd
9/19	Pathmark Folsom 610-886-8660	420 N MacDade Blvd Folsom, PA
	Shop Rite W Chester 610-696-4066	115 W Chester Pk West Chester, PA
9/20*	Shop Rite W Chester	W Chester PA
9/26	Pathmark Chichester 610-859-8920	643 Conchesteer Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/27*	Pathmark Chichester	643 Conchesteer Hwy
10/03	Helicopter A. S. 610-436-9600	1220 American Blvd Brandywine Airport
10/04*	Helicopter A. S.	1220 American Blvd
10/10	ACME Paoli 610-240-0101	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
	ACME Granite Run 610-891-0407	1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA
10/11*	ACME Paoli	39 Leopard Road
	ACME Granite Run	1067 W Baltimore Pk

*** Denotes Sundays**

Walk for the Wounded



All three of the MCL Detachments from Delaware County combined to present Colors at the '2009 Walk for the Wounded' in Rose Tree Park.

The Little Word That Went to War

Walter L. Mickle

Prior to WWII all branches of the military had similar terms that were used to describe the ways that details, tactics, equipment and personnel can go wrong, but no single term to describe all goof-ups. There is a Yiddish word, **forpotsket** (something that goes wrong despite repeated but failed efforts to correct it) that could call attention to all situations gone amiss. However, service personnel chose to use two acronyms, **snafu** and **fubar**, that were easier to pronounce and remember.

Dictionaries tell us that snafu is an acronym for "situation normal, all fouled up" and fubar is described as "fouled up beyond all recognition." Precise terminology has been sanitized by lexicographers for the general public. Military personnel used a more forceful word than "fouled."

Enter the "little word that went to war."

Noun, adverb or adjective; it was all of those things, and, along with Kilroy, saw duty with all branches of Military service. These men would have been lost without the word. How could they have expected anyone to listen to requests, demands or comments, "Pass the #@\$#% bread" or "Who's got my #@\$#% soap?" Men also complained, "No #@\$#% mail!" or "This #@\$#% rain (or any other inconvenience) gets me down."

When on leave, or after discharge, the word was no longer acceptable. However, veterans often forgot they were not in the field or on a ship, when they asked a family member, "Pass the #@\$#% salt, ... er, uh, please."

Submitted by: John Cook

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Robert Cosgrove
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	James Herbst
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Jim Mulhern
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	Gene Kern
Membership	Robert Cosgrove
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Earle Drake
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Connie McGinley
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Master	Dan Luty

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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	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

Events - June/July/August, 2009

- June 24-27** 2009 Department of PA Convention, Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland, PA 17070. Room Rate: \$89.00, plus tax. Deadline Date for reservations: May 25, 2009.
- June 28** Adopt – a – Highway, report time 0830
- June 30** Staff Meeting, 1930 @ A. L. #805
- July 4** 25th Anniversary Parade. Chris Wheeler of the Phillies is the Grand Marshall.
- July 6** General Meeting, KOC Hall, 1930 start
- July 13** VAVS, Bingo at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital.
- July 28** Staff Meeting, 1930 @ A. L. #805
- August 2** Marine Corps League National Convention, Rochester, MN.
- August 2** Combined Delaware County Marine Corps Leagues 100 Yard Rifle Match, Delaware County Field and Stream, 0803 report time.
- August 3** **General Meeting, KOC, 1930 report time.**

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.

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 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at 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, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$7.00/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

Craig Allen Ralph LaMarra Phil Baglivo Dave Brimble	Anthony DelGrippe Matt and Carol Balfrey Tom Kerrigan
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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 ...

While all the plans revolved around Tampico, the center stage for action shifted to Vera Cruz.

By todays standards, it would be a minor incident, but on 21 April 1914 it sparked an invasion.

The lack of proper apology by the Mexican Government for a minor incident involving American sailors triggered the landing of a Marine and Navy landing force at Vera Cruz. **Major Butler** rushed to the scene and took charge of the Marine force. By his actions and handling of the force, **Major Butler** was awarded the Medal of Honor.

The citation reads...

For distinguished conduct in battle, engagement of Vera Cruz 22 April 1914, **Major Butler** was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion. He exhibited courage and skill in leading his men through the action of the 22nd and in the final occupation of the city.

Butler refused to accept the award for "just doing his duty" but was ordered to accept and also wear the Medal.

Total casualties for the operation were Americans 17 KIA, 63 WIA, Mexicans approximately 250 KIA.

Vera Cruz was occupied for seven months and the invading force sailed away on 23 November 1914. In July, Victoriano Huerta was driven into exile and the Mexican Civil War continued for six more years.

John Cook

Historian



Scholarship Chairman, Wayne Williams and this years Scholarship recipients.

"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!

JULY BOOSTERS

John Burfete, Jr.
Bob Matthews
Frank Greiser
Carole & Jack McLeod
Pat & Joe Mensack
Lloyd Spangler
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 July

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

Charles Butler, Jr.
Thomas Kerrigan, Jr.
Robert Miller
James Mulhern
Peter Patrucci
James Ross
Conrad Sendlinger
Richard Stefankiewicz
Barry Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 1 June 2009

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

Scholarships: This meeting was the Detachment's annual scholarship awards meeting, in which \$500.00 scholarships were awarded to young men and women furthering their education. Commandant Earle Drake introduced Evelyn Brimble, Auxiliary President, and Evelyn awarded two scholarships from the Auxiliary, one to Tim Himelin, who was not able to attend this evening, and one to Amanda Phillip. Wayne Williams, Detachment Scholarship Chairman, awarded Detachment Scholarships to Amanda Phillip, Stephanie Bunce, Ashley Brown, Owen Kinney, Ashley Ross, Amanda Andrews, and LeAnn McGinley. Those not able to attend were Dana Baiocco, Julia Cutting, Alexa Bunce, and John Steele (Villanova NROTC).

Minutes: Joe Mensack made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 May 2009 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bob Wells seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that a number of acknowledgement letters had been received, acknowledging recent donations made by the Detachment.

Sr. Vice: Bernie McGinley, reporting for Jack McLeod, who was absent, reported that after just a few weeks of weekend fund raising activity, almost 28 percent of the Detachment's goal has been raised. In addition, six individuals have procured more than 50 donations amounting to \$6,000.00 in special donations. Funds from these donations will be used to provide relief for those armed forces members who have very special needs. More members are encouraged to become active in this form of fundraising, and Jack McLeod will have additional kits at the next general meeting.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 31 May 2009. He also provided an informational sheet on those organizations that the membership may consider donating funds to later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report for May 2009 as received. Joe Mensack seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross reported that May had been a busy month. Ceremonies, flag retirement, Honor Guards, and Color Guards at National Day of Prayer, Lima Estates, and Dunwoody Village were all signs of a busy schedule. Memorial Day included a parade on West Chester Pike, ceremonies at Glenwood Cemetery, American Legion Posts #805 and #338, and at Marple Veterans Park.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 28 June 2009, beginning at 0830, on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Township.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto mentioned that the Auxiliary is appreciative of all the Acme Market receipts that have been received. This activity assists the Auxiliary in fund raising.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese reported on recent flag collection activity, which has been busy. He also expressed his thanks to all those who helped out in his absence during his recent illness. He also expressed his thanks to all those who came out and participated in Memorial Day activities.

Historian: Bob Cosgrove mentioned that the Detachment's history books are being finalized in order to be delivered to the Department for competition at the upcoming Department convention later this month.

Newsletter/Web-Sergeant: Dan Luty provided information on the updating of the Detachment's website. Information has been updated and pictures have been added. A round of applause was given to Dan Luty for his work on both the newsletter and the website.

Newtown Township Veterans Park: Jerry Leon reported that a meeting had recently taken place and a business plan is in the works for the Newtown Township Veterans Park. Financing will have to come from a number of different sources.

Scouting: Earle Drake, reporting for Jack Gingras, who was not able to attend, mentioned that an Eagle Scout presentation would be made this Sunday, and two more are scheduled for the following Sunday.

V.A.V.S.: Connie McGinley indicated that the next bingo game is scheduled for 8 June 2009, at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern reported on the pistol match on the past weekend, and he also reported on upcoming events, including the Department's rifle match in September.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 106 funerals had been serviced so far this year. The month of May had been busy, and additional volunteers for the Honor Guard are always welcome.

American Legion: Dennis Morsa, Commander of American Legion Post #805, expressed his appreciation to all those League members who participated in the recent Memorial Day activities.

Unfinished Business:

Chaplain Chris Bush mentioned that it was good to see Henry Mummah, Barry Reese, and Craig Allen out to the meeting, after they had been absent with physical difficulties.

New Business:

Bob Spano made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to each of the following organizations: Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc (COPS), Camdenton, MO; Hope for the Warriors, Jacksonville, NC; The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; Operation First Response, Inc, Culpeper, VA; and the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center (PVMSEC), Philadelphia, PA. All of these organizations had been discussed at the recent staff meeting of officers and were recommended by the officers to the membership for consideration. The motion was seconded by Jerry Leon, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Wayne Williams indicated that he thought that public attendance was down this year at the annual Memorial Day parade. He suggested several ways of getting more newspaper publicity about the parade in the future, as well as other ways to educate the public about the importance of Memorial Day. If a committee is formed to look into this, he volunteered to be part of that committee.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to nominate Bob Spano for the Department of Pennsylvania Marine of the Year. A partial list of Bob Spano's accomplishments and activities include past Commandant of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment, and he is currently serving as Paymaster. He is also currently serving as property chairman, donating space in his company's warehouse for Detachment supplies and property. He also participates in Honor Guard graveside services, serves as a member of the Detachment's Color Guard, and he actively participates in the Toys for Tots program each year. He has worked with Operation First Response to bring the "Walk for the Wounded" project to Delaware County, PA, and he is involved with Detachment fund raising activities. He was chosen as the Detachment's Marine of the Year in 2005, and he has received the Commandant's Award twice. In 2008, he was awarded membership in the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion. After the normal closing ceremonies were conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 2025.

George Edelman won the 50/50. Thirty-four members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

Young Marines' Report

Recently, we helped plant the crosses, mulch the gardens, and plant flowers at the Folsom VFW and marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Broomall.

Will we be holding our biannual graduation on June 19th, 7:00 PM at the Folsom VFW on McDade Boulevard. We will be promoting 6 recruits to Young Marines. All are invited to attend.

Two of our Young Marines will be attending Junior Leadership School at Camp Pendleton, CA at the end of June.

We also have a white water rafting trip planned for mid-July in the Poconos.

As always, thank you very much for your support!

Jeffrey Gunning

Delaware County Young Marines



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- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- The preferred format for photos is digital in a high resolution JPG file (other file formats will also be considered). Traditional photos may be submitted as well, and will be included only if the editor is able to scan the photo in a timely matter for publication.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to:
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Next Meeting
July 6, 2009
1930 hours
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Newtown Square, PA 19073