

# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report July 2012

At the June Detachment meeting we once again had our annual Spring dinner. The dinner was well attended and the food was delicious. Thanks again, Justine's Cuisine, great job.

This evening is also when the detachment and Auxiliary awards its scholarships. First I would like to thank Wayne Williams for all his hard work as Scholarship Chairman for the Detachment. Well done, Wayne. Through all the hard work of the HUHO campaign, the Detachment awarded thirteen - five hundred dollar scholarships. The Auxiliary awarded fourteen scholarships, they were presented by Auxiliary President, Donna Moisiades and Auxiliary Scholarship Chairwoman, Beth Herbst . Names are listed in the minutes.

The next big event is the Fourth of July parade. In the detachment events you will find the report time and location. Our next Detachment meeting, which is on July 2, we can finalize any issues. One need that we do have is the Color Guard for this event. We will be missing some key members who always march. If you can march please contact Jim Donegan. We will also have our HUHO campaign working that day. Please support the Detachment.

### *"Good of the League"*

If you need uniforms, you can go to the Marine Corps League website @ [www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php](http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php). Look to the left and you will see "The Semper Fi store". They have all your uniform needs.

John Burfete sent this National Archives website to share with the Detachment where you can access forms for records. The site address is [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records).

I have received some concerns that during some of the funerals, Honor Guards members are parking by the grave site. If you need to unloaded equipment that's fine, but then please move your vehicle. That way, the funeral home vehicles and family are close to the grave site. Thanks for your understanding on this matter.

Have a great summer and a safe vacation if you're going away. Also the Alliance picnic is August 11 at the Drexel Lodge.

*Semper Fi,*

*James Herbst*  
Commandant

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"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



**Help support our award winning 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

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| John Cook               | John Burfete      |
| Roger Godfrey           | Joe Direso        |
| Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore | Jim Herbst        |
| Paul Ferguson           | John Kelly        |
| Tom Kerrigan            | Bob Matthews      |
| Bob Wells               | Pat & Joe Mensack |
| Jerry McGuckin          | Bob Senior        |
| Florence & Bob Spano    | Dominic Longhi    |

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:

- Thomas Kerrigan
- Gerald McGuckin
- Robert Miller
- James Mulhern
- Peter Patrucci
- James Ross
- Conrad Sendlinger
- Richard Stefankiewicz
- Barry Williams



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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Commandant          | James Herbst        |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Bob Cosgrove        |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod         |
| Adjutant            | Jack Kelly          |
| Paymaster           | Bob Spano           |
| Judge Advocate      | Paul Ferguson       |
| Sergeant-At-Arms    | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Chaplain            | Christopher Bush    |
| Service Officer     | Con McGinley        |
| Director            | Bill Kinney         |
| Director            | Ed Seidl            |
| Director            | Bernie McGinley     |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Dan Luty            |

**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               | Charles (Bud) Davis   |
| Color Guard              | Jim Donegan           |
| Flag Collection          | Barry Reese           |
| Historian                | Jack Gallagher        |
| Home Association         | Tom Kerrigan          |
| Honor Guard              | Joe Tier              |
| Honor Guard Assistant    | Ben Sides/Joe Blee    |
| Locker Box               | Paul Ferguson         |
| Marksmanship             | Paul Drinkard         |
| Membership               | James Herbst          |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty              |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park    | Jerry Leon            |
| Nominations              | Dan Luty              |
| Property                 | Bob Spano             |
| Communications           | Earle Drake           |
| Scholarships             | Wayne Williams        |
| Scouting                 | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots            | Bob Cosgrove          |
| 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              | <a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a> |

# Looking Ahead

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### July

- 2 General Meeting at the KofC Hall, start time-1930.
- 4 Independence Day Parade! Report time is 0915 at Malin Rd. & W. Chester Pike (the old RETS parking lot). Marine Corps League Color Guard will be leading the Parade.
- 31 Detachment Staff Meeting. American Legion Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall - 1930 report time. Come and see your elected officers at work.

### August

On August 4, 2012 the Marine Corps League will celebrate the 75th anniversary of it being awarded a Congressional Charter. On August 4, 1937, President Roosevelt signed the Act passed by both houses of Congress, making the Marine Corps League the only United States Marine Corps-related veteran's organization in the United States.

The Marine Corps League plans a ceremony beginning at 0800 in front of Independence Hall with dignitaries from the Marine Corps, Marine Corps League, colonial reenactors and members of other veterans groups.

A 48 star American flag will start the Ceremony with "Colors" played by our ceremonial bugler, Lloyd Spangler. A message from our National Commandant and Neil Corey, our State Dept. Commandant, will be delivered. The delegation will then march to Washington Park to place a wreath on the tomb of the Revolutionary War Unknown Soldier. Then, the first 48 star flag will be lowered and a second 48 star flag will be raised. That flag will fly momentarily over Independence Hall and then lowered and presented to the Marine Corps League's National representative.

- 6 General Meeting at the KofC Hall, start time-1930.

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

### OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' 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.

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

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

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

**Delaware County Detachment MCL**, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$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

Dave Brimble Marino DeFrancesco	John McHenry
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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.*

## 2012 “Help Us Help Others” Schedule

Date	Store/Event	Address	Date	Store/Event	Address
6/30	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Paoli ACME 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA	8/18	Concordville ACME 610-459-2759 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
7/01	Paoli ACME Devon ACME	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave	8/19	Concordville ACME Devon ACME	101 Byers Drive 700 W Lancaster Ave
7/04	Paoli ACME Devon ACME	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave	8/24*	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
7/07	West Goshen ACME 670-431-4726	907 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA	8/25	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154 Eddystone Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road Springfield, PA 1570 Chester Pike
7/07	Concordville ACME 610-459-2759	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA	8/26	Springfield Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road 1570 Chester Pike
7/08	West Goshen ACME Concordville ACME	907 Paoli Pike 101 Byers Drive	9/01	Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
7/13*	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA	9/01	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
7/14	Lawrence Pk ACME 610-325-2880 Eddystone Wal-Mart	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 1570 Chester Pike	9/02	Chichester Pathmark Wal-Mart Boothwyn	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
7/15	Lawrence Pk. ACME Eddystone Wal-Mart	567 Sproul Road 1570 Chester Pike	9/03	Chichester Pathmark Boothwyn Wal-Mart	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
7/21	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA	9/08	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Lawrence Pk ACME 610-325-2880	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
7/22	Ridley ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike	9/09	ACME Ridley Lawrence Pk ACME	124 Morton Ave 567 Sproul Road
7/28	Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920 Media ACME 610-565-5072	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 527 E Baltimore Pk Media, PA	9/15	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073 Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
7/29	Pathmark Chichester Media ACME	643 Conchester Hwy 527 E Baltimore Pk	9/16	Paoli ACME Devon ACME Havertown SuperFresh	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave 1305 W Chest Pike
8/04	Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855 Pathmark Glenolden 610-522-1213	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 140 N MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA	9/21 (Fri.)	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	551 W. Uwchlan Ave.
8/05	Brookhaven Pathmark Pathmark Glenolden	5005 Edgemont Ave 140 N MacDade Blvd	9/22	Granite Run ACME 610-891-0407 Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018	1067W Baltimore Pk Media, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
8/11	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA	9/23	Granite Run ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	1067 W Baltimore Pk 3390 W Chester Pike
8/12	Paoli ACME Lawrence Pk ACME	39 Leopard Road 567 Sproul Road			

*An asterisk (\*) denotes Friday start time 1600 till ??*

## General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

### Marine Corps League

#### General Meeting Minutes – 4 June 2012

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1920, following the annual scholarship awards dinner, catered by Justine's of Broomall, PA. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, and Director Ed Seidl. Jim Ross served as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting. Jim Herbst mentioned to the membership that it is very important to advise family members where a member's DD214 Form and other important papers are located. The location of papers becomes very important when the member passes away and the DD214 and other proper forms are needed for proper documentation for a veteran's military burial and other benefits.

Scholarship Awards: The Detachment awards scholarships each year to young men and women who are continuing their education beyond high school. Commandant Jim Herbst introduced Wayne Williams, scholarship chairman, who announced the names of the scholarship recipients for 2012. Detachment scholarships of \$500.00 each were awarded to Amelia Herbst, Amanda Philipp, Joseph Paparo, Lauren D'Amora, Connor Kaufman, Ashley Ross, Hayley Nedbalski, Jenna Maas, Michael West, Theresa McGinley, Cameron Dickson, Alexandra Guyer, and Peter Balzereit. Several of these were not able to attend this evening's presentation, but they will receive their scholarships at a later date. Commandant Jim Herbst then introduced Auxiliary President Donna Moisiades, who was assisted by Beth Herbst, to present scholarship awards from the Auxiliary. Auxiliary scholarship recipients of \$200.00 each were Anthony DelGrippo, Nicholas DelGrippo, Lauren D'Amora, Cameron Dickson, Amelia Herbst, Elizabeth Himelein, Matthew Heilman, Christoffel Hoekstra, Raymond Meekins, Amanda Philipp, Cassandra Ricci, Anton Starcevic, Sophia Starcevic, and Mary Sullivan. All scholarship recipients who attended the meeting provided a brief summary of the college or university they would be attending and their academic major.

Minutes: Jim Herbst mentioned that there had been a problem with some of the e-mail addresses for those members receiving the *Scuttlebutt* by e-mail. Paper copies of the newsletter were made available for those members who had not received the *Scuttlebutt* by e-mail. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 May 2012 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Officer Reports:

Commandant: Jim Herbst mentioned that the month of May had been a very active month for the Detachment. He mentioned that he had received a certificate for the Detachment's participation in the Walk for the Wounded event at Rose Tree Park on 19 May 2012. The Detachment assisted in the placing of flags on graves in Glenwood Cemetery on 26 May. The Color Guard and Rifle Squad were present at

activities at Arlington Cemetery in Drexel Hill on 27 May. The Color Guard and other Detachment members participated in the Memorial Day Parade and other events on Memorial Day, 28 May 2012. Jim Herbst mentioned that a thank you note had been received from Auxiliary President Donna Moisiades expressing her appreciation for the latest Detachment contribution to the Auxiliary.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove mentioned that the next meeting of the "Smedley's Breakfast Club" would be held on Saturday morning, 9 June 2012 at 0830. The breakfast would be held at the Country Squire Diner and Restaurant on West Chester Pike in Broomall.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters acknowledging donations made by the Detachment had been received from The Semper Fi Fund, Surrey for Seniors, The Y of the Upper Main Line, and the Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society. A note of thanks was also received from the family whose loved one received a military funeral from the Detachment's Honor Guard.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Marino DeFrancesco was in Riddle Memorial Hospital. He was expected to be released from the hospital shortly.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod mentioned that he, Earle Drake, and Bob Spano had recently visited the executive offices of Acme Markets to acknowledge Acme's participation in the Detachment's Help Us Help Others fund raising campaign. This visit provided an opportunity to provide Acme with information on our fund raising purposes and to express our appreciation for permitting our solicitation efforts at Acme store locations. Jack McLeod mentioned that in the last two weeks, more than \$12,000.00 has been collected in contributions for the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign, and the year-to-date results are similar to last year for the same time period. Six members from the Auxiliary have been assisting in the campaign. Jack McLeod mentioned that John Burfete had been handling another fundraising endeavor, the "Help Our Heroes" campaign, and he has collected about \$12,000.00 in contributions. Jack McLeod indicated that John Burfete has served his "tour of duty" and that Jim Constien will take over for John Burfete. The emphasis in this endeavor will be looking to receive contributions from corporate sponsors.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 May 2012. Harry Kaufman made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the Military All Stars baseball team would be playing a game on Wednesday evening at the Glen Mills School in Glen Mills. He also mentioned that plans are still in process for the opening of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park in November. It is anticipated that the Detachment will have the Color Guard and Honor Guard participating in the event.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for Thursday, 14 June 2012, at 1430.



Committee Reports:

Americanism/Public Affairs: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism flag program had been presented at the St. Joseph School in Downingtown, PA. There will be a Flag Day presentation on 14 June at 0730 at Casey's in Newtown Square to the Newtown Square Business Association. Lloyd Spangler, Jim Mulhern, and Earle Drake will be making the presentation. In the public relations arena, news releases of the Detachment's activities have been submitted to the *County Press* and to the *Semper Fi* magazine. Earle Drake also mentioned that on 4 August 1937, President Roosevelt signed an act into law creating the Marine Corps League, the only Congressionally Chartered VSO in the United States. The Marine Corps League will be holding a ceremony at Independence Hall on 4 August 2012 commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Marine Corps League's charter. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete indicated that the next Adopt-a-Highway event would take place on 10 June 2012, beginning at 0830. The location would be at Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan mentioned that members who desire to serve in either the Color Guard or Honor Guard need to obtain the proper Marine Corps League uniform. Jim Donegan also mentioned recent activities in which the Color Guard had participated. He mentioned that the "Moving Wall," a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. would be in Marcus Hook, PA from 21 June to 24 June. Jim Donegan also mentioned that the Color Guard would be involved in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade again this year.

Home Association: Tom Kerrigan inquired about the potential change in meeting nights from the first Monday of each month to the first Tuesday of each month. Bob Spano indicated that this was only being looked into at this point, and no decision has been made. Before any decision is made on changing the meeting date, it would be investigated and then the membership would have the opportunity to approve or not approve any change in meeting nights.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that there had been ten military funerals during the month of May. The year-to-date total stands at seventy-five.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that members should be involved in recruiting new members. Two new members had joined the Detachment at the May general meeting.

Property: Bob Spano reported that the trailer was used during the Memorial Day Parade, but there was an issue with the tires being low in air pressure. The trailer will be ready for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Unfinished Business: Harry Kaufman mentioned that the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment was recognized for its participation in the recent Walk for the Wounded event at Rose Tree Park.

He also mentioned that although final figures were not yet available, it appears that the Walk for the Wounded event had collected from the general public around \$190,000.00 for wounded servicemen and women.

George Boyajian mentioned that the Carpenters' Union had recently donated \$100.00 to the Detachment's Help Us Help Others campaign.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations to be considered for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting, and were being recommended for consideration by the membership. One organization, Connect-by-Night, was a new organization for consideration. It is a program that works in conjunction with local churches that provide a place to sleep and a lunch for up to fifty people who would otherwise do without. Harry Kaufman made a motion to distribute the funds as outlined on the meeting agenda. As outlined, the organizations and the amount to be donated in parentheses for each are (1) Connect-By-Night, Broomall, PA (\$1,000.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (5) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA (\$1,000.00) and (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Bernie McGinley mentioned that this date, 4 June, was the seventieth anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Midway in the Pacific during World War II. This battle is widely considered as a major turning point for control of the Pacific by American forces during the war.

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 2045.

Jack Kelly won the 50/50. Forty members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Kelly*  
Adjutant





Marine Corps Leaguers, Jim Mulhern, Earle Drake, Dan Condrion and Lloyd Spangler made a presentation to fifth graders at the St Joseph School in Downingtown, PA





Sun Valley High School Marine Corps Jr. ROTC Award Ceremony. Colonel Reimann and Master Gunnery Sgt. Perna are the Instructors of this program that...



...that presented awards to approximately 30 of the programs 100+ Cadets



Some of our Members with Newtown Sq. Businessman's Assoc. President, D. Pound



Patrons filling into St. Anthony's in Wilmington, DE for the Annual Italian Festival at which, our own Jim Cecchini, produced and sang in the Tenth Opening Gala Concert



# BREATHING LIFE INTO A SCULPTURE OF 'CHESTY' PULLER

By Edward Colimore  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER  
Sunday June 17, 2012



Newtown Square sculptor Terry Jones works on his depiction of Marine Lt. Gen. Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller. Jones called Puller, who received five Navy Crosses, "a Marine's Marine." MICHAEL S. WIRTZ / Staff Photographer

Every detail of the eight-foot sculpture has been meticulously researched — from the characteristic smoking pipe and .45-caliber sidearm to the pair of 1942 naval binoculars and "USMC" lettering on the uniform.

Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller, the most decorated Marine in history and the only one to receive five Navy Crosses, stands tall again, larger than life, in an airy studio in Newtown Square.

The molded face of clay is scowling, and the right arm is extended as if Puller is directing fire at the enemy. "We're surrounded," he once said during battle. "That simplifies our problem of getting to these people and killing them."

Puller's legendary fearlessness through the bloodiest clashes of World War II and the Korean War has been captured by sculptor Terry Jones, who remembers his own grueling boot camp experience at Parris Island, S.C., in 1966 — and Puller's enduring lore.

Just before "lights out" every night, he and fellow "jarhead" recruits laid in their racks and called out in unison: "Good night, Chesty, wherever you are."

On Monday, the Puller statue will be transported to the Laran Foundry in Chester to be cast in bronze and given a French brown patina.

It will then head to the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va., where it will be mounted on a base of Vermont granite and dedicated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 — the day after the anniversary of the corps' beginning in Philadelphia.

"Chesty Puller was a Marine's Marine, so this is a great honor for me," said Jones, 65, who has sculpted scores of pieces across the country. "He's part of who I am. I studied every image of him that I could find" before starting.

"When you're doing military or history themes, you have to be completely accurate," he said. "People are knowledgeable and will nitpick you about a button or holster, every nuance."

Jones' works include the Scottish Immigration Monument at Front and Chestnut and Streets; the Union Gen. John Gibbon statue at Gettysburg; the Ernest Hemingway bronze at Key West, Fla.; a John Philip Sousa statue at the Marine barracks in Washington; and the Angel of Marye's Heights monument at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.

But his latest piece — breathing life into an iconic Marine — holds a special place for him and other leatherneck veterans. "If you were in the Air Force or Army, you might not know about him," Jones said. "But if you were in the Navy or Marines, you knew about Chesty Puller."

Passing motorists and dog-walking neighbors gaze at the statue, lit by spotlights at night, and a couple of dozen Marines have made pilgrimages to Jones' studio for an audience.

"When they walk in, they say, 'That's him; that's Chesty,'" said the sculptor. "They didn't know him personally, but knew his history and had seen his photos."

The work on his statue began more than a year ago with a one-foot maquette, or model. That was enlarged with the help of a computer program, which directed the cutting of foam into an eight-foot figure. Clay was applied to the foam base and modeled with sculptor's rakes.

"I'll come into the studio, put on some classical music, and start sculpting," Jones said. "You have to think of the forest before you think of the trees, limbs, and leaves. Over time, you introduce more detail."

Foundry workers will coat pieces of the clay figure with silicone rubber to make molds and cover them with plaster to provide support. They then will paint wax into the molds and invest them on both sides in a ceramic shell.

The product of this so-called lost-wax process, perfected by the Greeks 2,500 years ago, is a series of molds that can withstand molten bronze, with a temperature of 2,200 degrees. The bronze pieces are eventually assembled into the statue and given a patina.

Throughout the creative process, Jones has been always inspired by a quote from sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. He displays it in his studio: "A sculptor's work endures so long that it is next to a crime for him to neglect to do everything that lies in his power to execute a result that will not disgrace."

"My legacy is my work," said Jones, a former Franklin Mint artist who has been sculpting for 45 years. "There's a thread between the artist and the subject that will endure through the ages."

"When civilization is over, the bronze and granite live on."



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

**Honor-Courage-  
Commitment**



Next Meeting  
**July 2, 2012**  
**1930 hours**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073