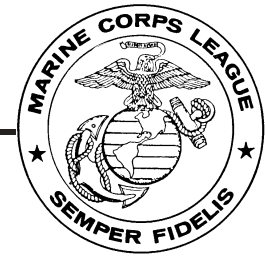


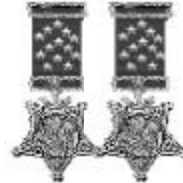


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Commandant's Message June 2004

Warm weather is now upon us as we engage in the outdoor activities that include gardening, barbequing, and celebrating holidays. Our hibernation period has ended and now we long for the more pleasant weather of warm sunshine and clear skies. This time of year, we come upon the relatively unappreciated observance of Flag Day.

The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

We have the pleasure of celebrating these holidays because men and women have sacrificed much to guarantee our freedoms. So, when we are relaxing over the weekends and holidays let us remember all those before us that contributing much for us today and in the past. Especially, we should remember our troops that are fighting in far away countries and those that are in harm's way. They need our support and most of all they need our prayers. Thanks to all of our veterans and a special thanks to our World War II veterans who will be recognized at the Memorial Day Parade this year in conjunction with the WW II Memorial dedication in Washington, D. C.

Don't forget the pre-meeting Spring Dinner starts at 6 PM.

God Bless & Semper Fi

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Sr. Vice Report

Trips:

A great time was had by all of those who went on our visit to New York. The members that went said that they enjoyed it very much. We had a very good bus driver and our box lunches came in handy. I guess the only low point was the strict security we had to go through to get on the ferry. We had to take our belts, coins, etc. I was just very grateful I did not see anyone with rubber gloves on. I want to thank my trip coordinator Dave Brimble and his wife, and our Auxiliary. President, Evelyn for the get help they gave me. I would not have been able to pull this off without them. Also thanks to Bob Spano, Tom Kerrigan, and anyone else who helped load drinks and food on and off the bus. I am still waiting for word on our time for Washington but like I said in my last report, it looks like we should be at the White House at 11:30hrs. If Washington is anything like New York, it will be great! I learned a very good thing on our trip to New York and that is anyone who needs a job could just go there and drive a cab.

June Dinner:

Justine's Cuisine's will be our caterer for our pre meeting dinner. We will have Tortellini Alfredo and Hot Roast Beef, fresh fruit, Caesar salad, assorted fruit pies and drinks. The cost will be \$10.00. If you have not already paid, there will be someone at the entrance to collect your money. I still need some servers so if you're interested, let me know.

Ball:

For our June dinner, we have invited a former Marine who saw action in the European theater of operations. He was supposed to be our guest speaker a couple of years ago, but had to cancel because of health reasons. Everything is still a go for Paxton Hollow on the 6th of November, which is a Saturday. You can see John Cook for seating arrangements.

Membership:

I am working on getting some of our members who have let their dues expire back in. Sometimes national does not send them on time so if you know you are coming up on your due date come and see Harry or myself to catch up. We have a strong membership and we must always try to keep it that way. I want to thank those members who have brought new members in since the beginning of the year. Keep up the good work!

Misc.:

There are plans in the works on having a picnic sometime in September. This will be of no cost to members. All members and their family will be welcomed. It will be a great way to get to know each other and have a good time. Let me know what you think.

Welcome Aboard

Ben Sides
813 Old Lancaster Rd.
Berwyn Pa. 19312
610-647-7614 BOTHSIDES@earthlink.net
Please add his name to your membership list.

Semper Fi

Jim Alleva

Jr. Vice Report

Approximately \$1400. dollars have been turned in for our June Evening PA Lottery. We still have a few members that have not turned in their money for lottery tickets sold. Please send in your money or unsold tickets, by May 30, to our post office box; MCL, Smedley D. Butler Detachment, P.O.Box 184, Newtown Square, PA. 19073-0184.

Thanks for a great effort!

We are ready to go with our annual Jr. Troop Handler Wagon raffle ticket sale. The wagon has been picked up, the tickets have been printed and we have dates for the first few weeks of sites confirmed. The first date of ticket sales is June 12, 2004 to be held at the Media Town Fair/Sidewalk sale, 10 AM to 5 Pm. Please help the League and Volunteer to seel tickets. You'll have fun!

Respectfully,

Earle E. Drake

610.325.9065
Junior Vice

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

June 2004

In case anyone is trying to figure out the timetable for these reports, they start in the middle of the previous month when our deadline for reports and articles for the newsletter are submitted. In other words, this report actually is a continuation from April 15th. Now that we have that settled, let me continue.

The Young Marines graduation was held at the VFW in Folsom on April 16th when Bob Stanton was guest speaker and was presented an award in appreciation for all that he has done and continues to do for the Young Marines.

The viewing and funeral of our member, Joe Knapp, was on the 20th and 21st. His sudden death was a shock to all and he will be missed.

Then on the 24th the Detachment Color Guard presented the Colors at Beverly Hills Jr. High School during a performance by the Delchordians.

Some of us more fit members attended the Walk America March of Dimes on the 25th at Ridley Creek State Park for a 5-mile walk.

On Tuesday, the 27th members of the detachment attended the Villanova NROTC Spring Review where Midshipman Lott was awarded the detachment's "Gung Ho" award.

Sunday, the 2nd of May was a nice day for exercise and camaraderie when we met to clean Bishop Hollow Road with Dave Brimble, chairman of Adopt-A-Highway.

Before the business of our regular meeting, we conducted our memorial ceremony for our departed detachment and auxiliary members from last year. They include: Rudy Mussetti, Bob Adams, Ray Lerro, Mary Powlus, Larry Hart, Paul Hathaway and Joe Everett.

At Rose Tree Park on the 6th we celebrated the National Day Of Prayer with a ceremony, which included our Color Guard along with the VFW and the American Legion.

We enjoyed nice cool weather for our bus trip to New York on the 8th. All those who went had a pleasant experience thanks to Dave & Evelyn Brimble and Jim Alleva.

The Special Olympics Delaware County was held at Penncrest High School on the 15th. Regular

attendees of this yearly event were Bob Bunce and Tom Tanner who were joined by first-timers Earle Drake, Mike Horne and myself. Next year it would be nice if more could volunteer for this worthwhile event.

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser was held at the VFW, Folsom on the 15th to benefit the Marines Corps Birthday Ball.

The last Upland Det. Breakfast fundraiser was held on Sunday, the 16th. They will start again in September.

Remember, on the 29th we need help to decorate veterans' graves with American flags at Glenwood Cemetery. Report time is 9:30 AM.

God Bless & Semper Fi

Bob Spano

SICK CALL



<u>Members:</u>	<u>Friends & Family Of</u>
Jim Alleva	<u>Detachment:</u>
Al Yerger	Jody Hathaway
Jack Thomas	Emma Mummah
Lou DiSantis	John Moyse
Frank D'Amico	

Please keep these members and family members in your prayers.

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

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



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

9 June at 18:30 hours is our next drill at the Folsom Marine Reserve Center. Please send any perspective recruit our way.

15 May at 11:00 hours at Fair Acres, we will be attending the Visit a Vet day. We will never forget the service and sacrifice they have made for us. That evening is a spaghetti dinner at the VFW Post # 928 from 14:00 to 19:00 hours. Chow time!

27 thru 30 May, we will be in Washington, D.C. for the dedication of the World War II monument. Freedom isn't free; let us pay respects to those who have paid the price of freedom.

29 May, at 08:30 hours, we will be planting flags at the Glennwood Cemetery for preparation of the Memorial Day.

31 May, at 08:30 hours, we will be marching in the Broomall Memorial Day Parade.

25 thru 28 June, we will be having an encampment at French Creek State Park. Got to love a weekend in the field, OOH-RAH!

Words of motivation: "May God have mercy on my enemies, for I won't." -Gen. Patton

We would like to thank the Marine Corps League for all of their support. Look for our update in the next Scuttlebutt.

On behalf of the Delco. Young Marines, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have served our nation and let us never forget those who have fought and paid the ultimate price for our freedom. God Bless our troops; we will never forget. Semper Fi.

Semper Fi
Wayne Williams
1st. Sgt.
Delco. Young Marines.

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!

Your \$10.00 contribution helps offset the cost of publication and postage.

We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

MAY BOOSTERS

Loretta and Al Breneke, Dottie and Tom Flack, Ed and Gladys Baily, Pat and Joe Mensack, Dottie and Craig Allen, Rosemarie and Tony Fusto, and Joe Mealy

Thank you boosters!

Semper Fi
Harry Kaufman
Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for June

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

Michael L. Anastasi
Anthony Bernardini
George Boyajian
Anthony Delgripo
Frank DiBonaventuro
Robert A. Cervino
Norman E. Lynch
Joseph J. Mealey
Anthony Medaglia
Robert T. Senior
Tom R. Tanner
Thomas P. McGovern
Gerald W. Zell



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

JUNE

- 01 Pre-meeting Spring Dinner, 1800
- 01 General Meeting, K of C Hall, 1930
- 12 Flag Retirement Ceremony, Veterans Park, 1000
- 12 Jr. Troop Handler, Wagon Chances Sale, Media Fair, State St., 1000
- 13 Flag Retirement Ceremony Rain Date, 1300
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Bingo Party, Coatesville Hospital
- 14 Daughters of American Revolution, Lansdowne Annual Flag Day Celebration, 1830
- 20 Father's Day
- 26 Jr. Troop Handler, Acme Newtown Sq., 0900

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

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

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

Disabled American Veterans: Delaware County Chapter # 113
Meetings are held at the AmVets Post in Morton, PA on the second Monday of every month at 2000.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67,
2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA.

Delaware County Detachment
Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$5.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound # 19, Pack of Penna.
Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd. & Kendron Avenue, Folsom, PA.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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.

LULU SHRINE - DC TRIP

Sunday, November 7th Lulu Shrine is taking a bus trip to Washington, DC. to visit the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, WW II Memorial, and the Lee House. 8 AM breakfast at Lulu, bus leaves at 9 AM, lunch on the bus and full course dinner in Washington, DC. Cost \$50.00 each. Contact Frank Mayer at (H) 610-832-0308 or (W) 610-828-2700 for info.

Mater Dei Council,
Knights Of Columbus
Newtown Square, PA

Family Picnic
On Tuesday June 15th.

For more information contact Joe Carmano
610.449.4778

~ submitted by Steve Neri

DINERS WANTED



Delaware County Detachment will have a Seafood Dinner on Saturday, June 12th 6 - 8 pm. Crab cakes, mussels & catch of the day. Cost is \$10.00 per person

Bar-b-que at the Pavilion on Saturday, June 26th. Food & beverage \$5.00 per person - 4pm- ?

Both of the above will be held at the Delaware County Detachment Marine Corps League at their home in Upland, PA.

~ submitted by Steve Neri

Quotes in History

To know why to do something is wisdom. To know how to do it is skill. To know when to do it is judgment. To strive to do it best is dedication. To do it for the benefit of others is service. To want to help others is compassion. To do this quietly is humility. To get the job done is achievement. To inspire and motivate others to do all these things is leadership."
-- Unknown

~ submitted by Mike Horne

Attention All Golfers

Knights Of Columbus
Mater Dei Council's
3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Gilbertsville Golf Club, Gilbertsville, Pa

Monday, June 14th, 2004
Tee Time 9:00am - \$65.00 Per Person
Buffet Dinner, Refreshments, Prizes

Contact: Norm Fredericks – 610.356.1259
Joe Caramano – 610.449.4778

The Real Golf Deal 11

Monday, June 21st, Edgemont Country Club
18 Hole Scramble Start - 1:00pm Tee Off
\$ 75.00 Per Person

Hoagies, Soda, Beer On The Course & Steak
Cookout Dinner at Delaware County Detachment
Following Golf

Cash Prizes For 1st, 2nd, 3rd Low Net, Longest
Drive, & Closest, To The Pin

Contact: Bill Rulli 610/742-7138 or
Commandant Bob Borgstrom 610/874-6197

~ submitted by Steve Neri



General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Marine Corps League 4 May 2004 Regular Meeting

Commandant Bob Spano called the meeting to order at 1934. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the opening prayer was read.

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

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

Commandant Bob Spano recognized all past commandants who were present at the meeting.

Our annual candlelight vigil was held to honor all deceased members and auxiliary members.

NEW MEMBERS: A motion was by Sr. Vice Alleva to accept Ben Sides as a regular member. Motion passed.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank-you cards were received from the following families for honor ceremonies performed for their loved ones: the Hathaway family, the Costobile family, the Zimmerman family, the Homer family, and the Silvestri family. Also a thank-you was received from Wayne DeHaven. We received a check in memory of Gertrude DeChristo, who was a longtime member of the Women's Club of Sharon Hill. We were invited by the NROTC commanding officer to attend the celebration of the Eucharist at 2:00 at St. Thomas Church in Villanova on May 14. We have also been invited by the Beverly Hills Middle School to participate with the color guard at their Memorial Day Program at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 27th. A thank-you was received from the USO of Pennsylvania thanking us for our donation of \$100.00, as well as a thank you from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children for our donation of \$100.00 to their JROTC program. The American Legion Post 805 asked our detachment

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to participate in their Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31 with services also at Veterans Park in Broomall. The John Basilone Parade Committee in Raritan, New Jersey asked for our participation on Sunday, September 26 at 11:30. Correspondence was received from State Representative Camille "Bud" George asking our support for House Bill #295, which will allow Pennsylvania taxpayers to donate some of their income tax refunds to military families by checking off a box on their state income taxes. The Department of Pennsylvania will be holding their 59th annual convention from June 23 through June 26 in Erie, PA. Our detachment would like to thank all those who participated in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica at Ridley Creek State Park on Sunday, April 25. A special thanks to all those who donated this year, because we raised three times as much as last year. A special thanks also to member Joe Direso for his major contribution to this effort.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: See Scuttlebutt for report.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: See Scuttlebutt for report.

PAYMASTER: Harry Kaufman read the monthly banking report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made to approve the monthly report. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN: See Scuttlebutt for report.

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

SERVICE OFFICER: Connie McGinley stated that Oliver North will be at the Colonel Waterhouse Museum on May 22, 2004. Congressman Curt Weldon will be attending the WWII Memorial Dedication in Washington, DC on May 19, 2004.

DIRECTORS: No reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble thanked all those who participated in the cleanup on May 2.

Americanism: Bill Lessig stated that three schools were visited this month and six more are scheduled.

Scholarship Chairman Harry Kaufman announced the annual detachment scholarship winners. Six names were selected by lottery.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen noted that the Color Guard participated in the National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2004 at Rose Tree Park.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews announced that the bingo party is held the second Monday of every month. If attending, please meet in the K of C parking lot at 6:30.

Toys for Tots: Tom Kerrigan announced that the Toys for Tots Program collected over 45,000 toys which were distributed to over 15,000 children.

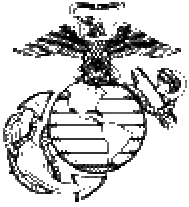
ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a display at the Springfield Library on military uniforms for the month of May. Department Sr. Vice Tom Tanner stated that on May 30, the state convention will be held in Erie, PA. The national convention will be holding their annual convention later this year in Texas.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:08.

Respectfully submitted by Acting Adjutant Ray Green.



Next Regular Meeting is:
June 1, 2004
1800 hrs. (Pre-meeting
dinner)
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)



"I Pledge Allegiance"