



# Scuttlebutt



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### Commandant's Message June 2005

When someone joins the Marine Corps League, he/she is asked to swear an oath to "never knowingly wrong....the League to the value of anything". This oath is not to be taken lightly. The detachment is bound together by a common bond of honor, courage and commitment. It is not right for anyone, who doesn't contribute to the many exercises of the detachment, to criticize what others do. There are leaders, and there are followers. Any organization needs both, but it is only with "constructive" criticisms that the operation can run smoothly. Anyone who really is devoted to the detachment would not resort to spreading malicious rumors that only can cause

damage and helps no one. Thank God that we have so many members that work hard and are truly a credit to the organization.

The members work together and volunteer their time and efforts to promote the League in a way that shows the community that we "practice what we preach." The detachment has progressed over the years because of the efforts of those Past Commandants, Officers, Chairmen, and the many members who had devoted their energies to make the detachment what it is today, an organization to be envied. The programs, ceremonies, and details that are conducted on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis are no small feat.

The first outing for the year 2005 for the Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales is to be at the Marple Memorial Park on Lawrence Road for the Marple Community Pride Day on Saturday May 21st. Earle Drake, our Jr. Vice Commandant, will need all the help he can get from all of the members until December when we conclude the ticket sales. Call Earle and help out.

The month of June is Flag month. There will be a flag retirement on the Saturday, the 11th. There is Flag Day on the 14th when we are asked to attend an evening ceremony in Lansdowne. Last, but not least, there will be a flag ceremony on the 16th to celebrate the flag raising on the Blue Route by the Cavallo brothers, Joe and John.

God Bless & Semper Fi,  
*Bob Spano*

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# Sr. Vice Report

## June 2005

### Membership:

Membership is starting to come around; if it keeps at the same pace we could be as successful as last year. Keep up the good work!

Dues: Please, if you are not a life member remember to check your membership to see if you are up for renewal. National has been slow sometimes and it would be a great help to the Detachment if you see the paymaster or myself and give us your dues and they will be taken care of.

Uniform: You can see Tom Bishop at the meetings if you are interested in putting together a uniform. Remember associate members can wear one also. We have a busy season coming up and it would be nice to see all of those new faces. The best way to know one and other is to get out to some of our functions.

I am still going over our files and will be sending a letter to members that the Detachment might need info from. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### Ball:

Last month at the May meeting, the Knights of Columbus was selected this year. The ticket price will be \$35.00 per person; it will include an hour of Hors D'oeuvres three entrées, deserts, and five hours of open bar consisting of beer, wine and soda. Mixed drinks will cost extra, but will be reasonable. The wine toast is also included. We will have a DJ and the Ball will run from 1800 to 2300. Let me know if you want pictures. Last year we did not get that many, I do not know if it was the time he was there or something else. John Cook will be taking seating arrangements, PLEASE see him and not me for seating. I am still searching for a speaker. If you have any in mind, feel free to call.

### Trips:

Our Gettysburg trip is sold out. We will be leaving on June 17 at 0800 from the Knights. We should return about 2000. We have some nice things planed it should make for a good time. I want to thank Dave and Evelyn Brimble for their assistance in getting this trip off the ground.

Spirit of Philadelphia trip will be sometime in August. I will let you know at the meeting. Our staff is welcoming the American Legion and the VFW to this event.

### June Dinner:

Our June dinner will be at the regular meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1800. The meeting will start at regular time 1930. So if possible try to arrive a half hour earlier. Please if you plan on coming you must give Joe Hudson

610-353-5487 or me a call. We need a head count, but you can pay at the door. The cost will be \$10.00 per person, and as last year we will have some extra aprons so any one that wants to help you are more than welcome. We will have a nice spread laid out.

### Picnic:

The picnic will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, a Sunday, around 1300. All we need is for people to bring a side dish, or meat product. Again we extend this offer to the American Legion and the VFW. All three organizations do so much together, we should have fun together. Last year was our first and we had a wonderful time.

God Bless & Semper Fi !

*Jim Alleva*

Sr. Vice Commandant

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## Jr. Vice Report

Leaguers,

Thus far we have collected \$1584.00 of the outstanding June PA Evening Lottery receipts. Thanks for getting the money in. Those with tickets or money should return one or the other to me at: MCL, Gen Smedley D. Butler Detachment # 741, P.O. Box 184, Newtown Square, PA 19073. We can sell unused tickets if you get them to me in time.

The Jr Troop Handler has been picked up and the wagon signage is in the process of being completed. We will be at the Media Town Fair June 21 and the Newtown Square Acme June 25, hours are 0900 to 1600. Please come out and help us sell tickets. Remember, this is our major fund raiser. No funds, no help for needy families, scholarships, VAVS, Young Marines, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

*Earle E. Drake*

Junior Vice

## Commandant's Report June 2005

Friday, April 22nd honors for former member, Ed Leppert, deceased.

On 24th, Sunday, the March of Dimes "Walk America" 5K Walk at Ridley Creek State Park.

Villanova University's Spring Review was Tuesday, 26th where the "Gung Ho" Award was presented to Midshipman VanHaute.

Later that day we held our monthly Staff Meeting at the Marple Memorial Post #805.

The Detachment's 1st Police & Fire Award was presented at the Marple Twp meeting on Monday, May 2nd.

Tuesday, the 3rd, was the General Meeting of the Detachment at the Knights of Columbus.

National Day of Prayer at the Rose Tree Park was Thursday, the 5th, a yearly ceremony.

Dual ceremonies at Veterans Park for the Vietnam Veterans and National Military Appreciation Day were held on Saturday, May 7th.

Media Theatre hosted a gathering of local veterans groups for questions and answers by the State Auditor and State Treasurer on the 11th.

Our yearly attendance at the Special Olympics at the Penncrest School was attended by members of the detachment on Saturday.

That evening Chester County Detachment hosted a "roast" for their Marine of the Year, their Commandant, Doc Wells.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

*Bob Spano*

## Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



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

- 5/21-Folsom VFW Post 928 Clean-up and Cross Set-up (am)
- 5/21-Fair Acres Visit with Vets and Color Guard for Ceremony (pm)
- 5/28-Glenwood Cemetery Clean-up and Flag Planting (am)
- 5/28-Willow Grove Air Show (pm)
- 5/29-Willow Grove Air Show
- 5/30-Marple's Memorial Day Parade

Staff is working on setting up a weekend camping trip for the Unit for the end of June (after school's finished).

MGySgt. Chrissy Porter has been chosen by Nationals to spend 2 weeks in Germany this summer.

We will be holding a discharge ceremony towards the end of June for 3 of our Young Marines.

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*GySgt. Tim Dunton*



# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### June

- 7 Spring Dinner & General Membership Meeting, K of C, 1800
- 11 Media Towne Fair – 0830
- 11 Flag Retirement, Vets Park, 1000
- 12 Highway Cleanup – Bishop Hollow Rd. - 0900
- 13 Coatesville Hospital – Bingo Party
- 14 Lansdowne DAR ceremony, 1900
- 16 Dedication of Flag Raising at Blue Route, 1115
- 17 Detachment bus trip to Gettysburg
- 22-25 Department of PA Convention in Bethlehem
- 28 Staff Meeting – Marple Memorial Post #805 - 1930, W. Chester Pk. & Malin Rd.

## 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.



### Birthday Greetings for June

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

Michael L Anastasi,  
George Boyajian,  
Anthony Delgrippe,  
Frank DiBonaventuro,  
Robert Cervino,  
Norman Lynch,  
Joseph Mealey,  
Anthony Medaglia,  
Robert Senior,  
Tom Tanner,  
Thomas McGovern,  
Gerald Zell



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





Gen. Smedley D. Butler Det. 741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Commandant Spano called meeting to order at 1930

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Chaplain read the opening prayer. The Sgt-at-Arms declared the meeting open for official business.

The Adjutant conducted the Role Call of Officers:

Present were the Commandant, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, Paymaster, Sgt.-at-Arms, Chaplain, Service Officer Directors Bishop, Director Vanluvender, Jr. Past Commandant, Director Donohue is hospitalized.

Commandant Spano recognized all past detachment Commandants, and Department Of Pennsylvania Officers present. He also recognized all invited guests.

New Member: The Commandant introduced a new applicant for associate membership, James H. Clark, sponsored by Anthony Fusto, who spoke on his behalf Membership voted to accept his application, and the Commandant duly swore him in.

Commandant called for a motion to accept the past minutes as printed in the Scuttlebutt, motion made by Joe Mensack and seconded by Walt Tallmadge, motion passed.

Correspondence: The Adjutant acknowledged thank you cards from the families whose deceased loved ones were honored by our Military Funeral Honor Guard. He also read a thank you letter from the American Cancer Society for the donation in the name of deceased member Anthony Bernardini. The Adjutant read a letter that was sent by our Commandant to Maj. Michael Froeder along with a detachment check as a donation to help in his time of financial distress. We were once again invited to participate in the annual John Basilone Parade in Raritan, NJ. The detachment received a Sponsor's AD form from the Marple-Newtown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee. A thank you note from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division Association for our donation to their Scholarship Fund in the name of deceased member Frank Turse. We received information packets regarding both the National and State Conventions. Steve read an advertisement he had received from a Marine CWO4 who has designed, manufactured and is selling a grave marker specifically for MARINES. The cost is \$20.00 + shipping and they come with a Marine Flag; they are made of weather resistant metal. If anyone is interested contact Steve Neri he has photo and ordering information.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Sr. Vice:

Membership: Please check your membership to see if it is up for renewal, it will help us out greatly if you make your payments to the detachment by seeing the paymaster or myself. This way we will be able to record and update the files ASAP. National is slow in getting notices out and when we get our quarter report it shows an inaccurate membership count. We are on course for another good year of recruiting, I still see the same members from last year are starting off the same and doing a good job. I am still updating our files you will be notified in writing or call if we need something from you. We still have special instruction forms, I encourage everyone to take advantage and fill one out, and it will help us help your family in time of need. You can also donate items to the Detachment; have the Detachment carry out your last burial wishes the way you want us to. I have form for request for your military records, I am trained and qualified to assist anyone who needs help with that matter. I am also working with the awards chairman on membership awards to be given out at a later time; it is given out every five years, an initial ribbon the gold star every five years thereafter. I am glad to see everyone with their covers and nametags, Please see Tom Bishop our uniform chairperson and he can help you with obtaining your covers and a uniform if you so desire. After the meeting the Commandant, Tom Bishop, any other officer and myself will meet with all new members to introduce and answer any questions you may have. We stand at 180 members.

BALL:

As promised I went to two places to get prices for the ball and they are as follows. I will be asking for a vote of those members who plan on attending.

Paxon Hollow:

Country Club with very nice surroundings, outside patio, and a change of scenery. The cost will be \$40.00 per person, no couple discount, that will include one hour open bar, three main entries, salad, desert, no Hors D'oeuvres, and you will be responsible to get a drink for the wine toast. The Birthday cake will be furnished at \$180.00 cost to the detachment as well the center pieces, cost \$25.00 a table. The time will be from 18:30 to 23:30 and will have live DJ.

Knight of Columbus:

The cost will be \$35.00 per person, with no couple discount. Included in the price will be Hors D'oeuvres, wine toast, five hours open bar of beer, wine and soda, mixed drinks will be extra, but I was assured the prices for the mixed drinks

will be less expensive than at Paxon Hollow. Three main entrees dessert and the Birthday cake, which will be the same size but only cost us \$50.00, and of course we will have the same DJ. Centerpieces will cost us \$20.00 per table. I have never seen the Knights fixed up for any special occasion but were told that it looks very good. We can go to the Knights for \$35.00 per person and have a Ball! But whatever the membership decides, the Ball committee will do its best as always to have one heck of a time. It's about being together and that's what counts! Pass out ballots

**June Dinner:**

I have asked Joe Hudson to handle collecting monies for the up coming June dinner. It is very important you let him know if you are coming because I need a head count. If you have your money now that would be great, but please give Joe your name so I can make the necessary arrangements. We will have Caesar salad, Tortellini Al Fredo, Chicken Marshaled, Onion mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, dessert and all for \$10.00 per person!

**Trips:**

We have a trip going to Gettysburg on June 17<sup>th</sup> the cost will be \$55.00 per person. We will depart at 0800 and should arrive back at 20:30. The trip will include, (read the info page Evelyn sent). I want to thank Dave Brimble, I went to him and gave him the suggestion of Gettysburg and he took the ball and ran with it. It should be a good time. Please see Dave to let him know and if possible pay as soon as you can, because we only have a few seats left. We need to send monies to the places of interest to reserve us coming and if at all possible I want to take as less as possible out of our Detachment funds. Of course it would be replaced but I do not want to disturb our cash flow if and all possible.

**Spirit of Philadelphia:**

This will be a day cruise it will cost \$27.00 per person which will include a two hour cruise, buffet and DJ, and life boats. The date is not yet set but it will be sometime in August. I would also like to extend an invention to the AL and the VFW, since all three organizations work so hard together it is fitting that we should play together! We will be departing at 12:00 and return at 17:00, because of the closeness of the place of destination we will have to car pool, it will not be cost effective to get a bus. I will have further info at the next meeting.

**Picnic:**

The picnic will be in September, sometime in the middle of the month; I just need to get together on the day to make sure we do not conflict with any other thing going on. It will be of no cost but all will be asked to bring something. Again I want to extend an invite to the AL and the VFW.

I have all the info on the Ball, and the trip with me, you

may come and see me after the meeting to get more info. Any questions?

**Jr. Vice:**

**Daily Lottery:** PA Evening June Lottery tickets are in the hands of MCL members. I ask that all members start turning in their money from ticket sales. All monies and ticket stubs must be in by June 1, 2005.

**Jr. Troop Handler Wagon:** The wagon has been picked up and the rails are at Sign-a-Rama to be painted with our name and this year's date. The tickets have been printed and the wagon will be ready for its debut at the Marple Pride Day event on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 I will be purchasing a new card table, flags and the signs will be repaired. Some of the first wagon sites have been confirmed. We will not be at the Willow Grove Air Show, the matter of our participation was brought before the JAG,(Judge Advocate General), JAG had problems with the Wagon donations. The JAG ruled it is a raffle, thus it is gambling and not permitted on any DOD facility.

I have emailed Zubair Kahn of the Media Business Activities Association asking for a free site in the Media Towne Fair. I asked for the same site as last year, which is in front of the Armory.

**Judge Advocate:** No Report

**Paymaster:**

Gave a detailed report on detachment finances, copies available. He also explained the new accounting and purchasing procedures for the Lockerbox. Motion to accept report made by Marino DeFrancesco and seconded by Bernie McGinley, motion passed.

**Chaplain:**

Reported on members who are sick or hospitalized. Paul Donohue is in hospital.

**Sgt.-at-Arms:** No Report

**Service Officer:** No Report

**Directors:**

Tom Bishop – No Report

Rick Vanluvender – No Report

**Jr. Past Commandant:**

Read a letter from Lou Reda of Reda Productions and showed everyone a book entitled "D-Days in the Pacific" which Lou had donated to our library and discussed two up coming shows on the History channel. Lou has sent him copies of both of these shows on DVD's, Steve will set up a date when we can view these DVD's.

**State Commandant:**

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Reported on budget cuts for VA and other Veterans programs, he urged everyone to contact their Congressman and Senator's regarding these cuts to our benefits.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway – No date set for next clean up.

Americanism – We presented our program to four schools in April, and have five Schools scheduled for the month of May. So far over the past 7 months 2183 students have seen our presentation and by June it will be over 3,000.00.

Auxiliary Liaison:

Reminded members to collect the ACME store receipts and turn them in to him for the auxiliary fundraising.

Awards Chairman:

Reported he and Commandant had presented the I. Newton Kerber Awards to The Marple Township. Policeman & Fireman of the year. They did this at the Township Commissioners meeting, which was last night.

Ceremonies Chairman:

Reported the Military Funeral Honor Guard had attended 108 Veterans funerals so far this year.

Historian: No report

Legislative Chairman: No Report

Home Association Chairman: No Report

Marksmanship Chairman:

Pistol team has a practice scheduled for 1:30PM tomorrow at Delaware County Field and Stream Assoc. range in Aston, PA.

Scholarships Chairman: Thus far he has received 7 applications; he read the names of each applicant; Matthew Walsden, Lisa LaRoca, Zack Tanner, Brandon Bunce, Tony Fusto, Katrina Phillips, and Patrick Kerrigan. All names were put in the hat and the six recipients are, Walsden, LaRoca, Kerrigan, Bunce, Fusto, Phillips.

Toys for Tots Chairman: No Report

Uniforms Chairman: No Report

V.A.V.S. Chairman: No Report

Young Marines Chairman:

They will be at the Willow Grove Air Show on Sunday; they will help us with the flags at Glenwood cemetery on Saturday morning. Bob also reported that a YM won a full scholarship to Valley Forge Military Academy.

Unfinished Business:

Bob Stanton gave us an on update Major Michael Froeder, USMC.

Barry Reese reported that he is getting additional certificates for those members of the Funeral detail who were left out at the ceremony.

Bob Bunce reminded everyone about the upcoming Special Olympics.

Jeff Elliot thanked everyone who attended the funerals of the two AmVets members.

Tom Kerrigan reported that our trailer would be available for the Memorial Day Parade.

New Business:

Steve Neri reported on a request for our Color Guard from the Brandywine Visitors & Conference Center for a Military event that they are having on Tuesday May10th.

There being on further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen D. Neri  
Adjutant

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50/50 winner - - Tom Flack  
48 members signed the logbook

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- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 sandi@lancasterpa.net

Next Regular Meeting and  
Spring Dinner is:  
June 7, 2005  
1800 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
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