



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report June 2012

At our May Detachment meeting we had our annual remembrance ceremony. The MCL Ladies Auxiliary joined us as well. The members who were remembered this year were Robert Bunce, June Cope, Joseph Hudson, Bernice Kerrigan, Robert Matthew and John Meyer.

After the remembrance ceremony Donna Moisiades, Auxiliary President, gave a brief report on the Auxiliary's activities and the many events they support. Thanks to the Auxiliary for all they do.

The Detachment was informed on Sunday, May 7th that Bob Matthews had passed.

Bob was a very active member with the Honor Guard in the past and generous to the Toys for Tots campaign. We will never forget his stories about John Basilone.

Two new members, John J. Pino and Robert Morris, were sworn in as regular members. Welcome to the Best Detachment in the MCL!!

June's detachment meeting is our Annual Spring dinner. This is where we present our scholarships. The dinner is at 1800 followed by the scholarships presentation and we will then proceed with our June General Meeting. The meeting should start at approximately 1930. If you did not sign up for the dinner, please give Senior Vice Cosgrove a call. The door should open at 1715 to set up; we can always use extra help.

Dates for upcoming events are the June 10 Adopt-A-Highway and the Fourth of July Parade. Fourth of July parade is on Wednesday, the fourth. We will have a Color Guard and the float. Please support these Detachment events.

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Semper Fi,

James Herbst

Commandant



"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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| George Boyajian | John Burfete |
| Charlie Coombs | Bob Cosgrove |
| Dom D'Alessandro | Joe Direso |
| Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore | Paul Ferguson |
| Jack Gallagher | John Kelly |
| Tom Kerrigan | Bob Matthews |
| Con McGinley | Pat & Joe Mensack |
| Jerry McGuckin | Bob Senior |
| Florence & Bob Spano | Gene Trautner |
| Dominic Longhi | |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.

Birthday Greetings for June

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

- George Boyajian
- John Burfete, Jr.
- Robert Cervino
- Paul Ferguson
- Kalif Kasaba
- William Kinney, Jr.
- Jeremy Leon
- Thomas McGovern
- Joseph Mealey
- Gerd Naydock
- Thomas Rodriguez
- Robert Senior
- William Williams, Sr.



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

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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 | www.va.gov |

DETACHMENT EVENTS

June

- 1-3 Department Pistol Match, Fort Indiantown Gap.
- 3 Italian Festival, Rosetree Park, 12-3 PM.
- 4 General Meeting, Annual Spring Dinner and Scholarships-Knights of Columbus Hall. **Dinner starts at 1800.**
- 10 Adopt-A-Highway – meet on Bishop Hollow Rd, Newt Square - 0830.
- 14 Flag Day! Americanism/Flag Presentation at Newtown Square Businessman's Association breakfast meeting, Casey's restaurant, 0730 report time. It would be nice to see a few members at this breakfast. Uniform of the Day, red cover, shorts sleeve shirt, black trousers.
- 26 Detachment Staff Meeting. American Legion Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall - 1930 report time. Come and see your elected officers at work.
- 27-July 1 The 67th annual Department of PA Convention is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Johnstown, PA. For more info contact Earle Drake.

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 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslenn 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.

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 & Graslenn Avenues, Havertown, PA.

SICK CALL

Dave Brimble William J. Dilenno, Sr.	Jack McHenry Kate 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 (revised 3/13/2012)

Date	Store/Event	Address	Date	Store/Event	Address
6/02	Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018 Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA	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
6/03	Newtown Sq. ACME Lawrence Pk. ACME	3390 W Chester Pike 567 Sproul Road	7/22	Ridley ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
6/08*	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA	7/28	Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920 Media ACME 610-565-5072	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 527 E Baltimore Pk Media, PA
6/09	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154 Eddystone Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road Springfield, PA 1570 Chester Pike	7/29	Pathmark Chichester Media ACME	643 Conchester Hwy 527 E Baltimore Pk
6/10	Springfield Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road 1570 Chester Pike	8/04	Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855 Pathmark Glenolden 610-522-1213	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 140 N MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
6/16	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-2682 Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA	8/05	Brookhaven Pathmark Pathmark Glenolden	5005 Edgemont Ave 140 N MacDade Blvd
6/17	Glenolden Wal-Mart Boothwyn Wal-Mart	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 605 Conchester Hwy	8/11	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
6/23	Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516 Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA 5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA	8/12	Paoli ACME Lawrence Pk ACME	39 Leopard Road 567 Sproul Road
6/24	Havertown SuperFresh Pathmark, Brookhaven	1305 W Chest Pike 5005 Edgemont Ave	8/18	Concordville ACME 610-459-2759 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
6/30	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Paoli ACME 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA	8/19	Concordville ACME Devon ACME	101 Byers Drive 700 W Lancaster Ave
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7/07	West Goshen ACME 670-431-4726	907 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA	8/26	Springfield Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road 1570 Chester Pike
7/07	Concordville ACME 610-459-2759	101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA	9/01	Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
7/08	West Goshen ACME Concordville ACME	907 Paoli Pike 101 Byers Drive	9/01	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
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7/15	Lawrence Pk. ACME Eddystone Wal-Mart	567 Sproul Road 1570 Chester Pike			

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 7 May 2012

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, and Junior Past Commandant Dan Luty. Jim Ross served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting in the absence of Charles (Bud) Davis.

Annual Remembrance Ceremony: In May of each year, the Detachment remembers those members who have passed away in the past year. A candle is lit for each member who has passed away, and a bell is rung as the member's name is read aloud. The candle is then extinguished for each one. Those remembered this year were Joseph E. Hudson, Robert G. Bunce, John J. Meyer, and Robert A. Matthews. The Auxiliary had joined the Detachment for this portion of the meeting, and Auxiliary members who had passed away were also remembered. Auxiliary members who had passed away were Berenice Kerrigan and June Cope.

Report from Donna Moisiades, Auxiliary President: Donna Moisiades, President of the Auxiliary, expressed her appreciation to the Detachment members for the generosity for the funds provided for the Auxiliary during 2011 and so far this year. Donna provided information on the activities of the Auxiliary, including their gifts to those in need, the Auxiliary's annual scholarship program, various activities for the veterans at the Coatesville Medical Center, including Christmas gifts for the women veterans at the Coatesville Medical Center, and a number of additional activities in the local community. In closing, Commandant Jim Herbst provided an additional check to Donna Moisiades as a donation to the Auxiliary.

Applications for Membership: Two new applicants for membership were introduced. John J. Pino served in the Marine Corps from 1967 to 1973, and he was sponsored for membership by George Boyajian. J. Robert Morris served in the Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968, and he was sponsored for membership by Earle Drake. Dan Luty made a motion to accept both men as members of the Detachment. JR Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Commandant Jim Herbst administered the oath of membership, and John J. Pino and J. Robert Morris were sworn in as regular members of the Detachment.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 April 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 is traditionally a busy month, and this year is no exception. Jim Herbst asked that all members to be available where they can be most helpful. The annual Walk for the Wounded event is scheduled for 19 May in Rose Tree Park, and there will be the usual Memorial Day activities. Jim Herbst also mentioned that members should also advise their family members of where their important military papers are kept, so that the papers can be found quickly in case of emergency or in case of the member's death. Jim Herbst also reminded the membership that this is an election year, and members can assist candidates of their choice, but members should not have Marine Corps League uniforms or covers on while assisting candidates of their choice. Additional information on this topic will be included in a future edition of the *Scuttlebutt*.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove indicated that the June general meeting would be the Detachment's annual scholarship dinner meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 per person, and the dinner begins at 1800. Sign-up sheets were circulated for those members having dinner at the June meeting. Bob Cosgrove also mentioned that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic has been scheduled for 4 August, at Drexel Park on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square, PA. Bob Cosgrove also reported on the recent monthly Saturday breakfast meetings. Some had indicated a preference of having the breakfasts on Friday mornings, and a vote on this preference was taken. As a result of this vote, the next monthly breakfast will be held on Friday morning, 11 May 2012 at the Country Squire Diner in Broomall, PA.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly indicated that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from Fisher House, USA Together, and from the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia Airport. In addition, a certificate of appreciation had been received from Marple-Newtown High School for partially sponsoring its annual 2012 Spring LINK Weekend. A note of thanks was read from Michael Saukuak, this year's recipient of the Detachment's Gung Ho award at Villanova University's NROTC Spring Review. A note of thanks was also read from a family whose loved one had recently received military honors provided by the Detachment's Honor Guard.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that our member and friend Captain Bob Matthews, USN (retired) passed away Saturday evening, 5 May 2012. Chris Bush also mentioned that he had recently visited Villanova University and he distributed Bibles to the graduating NROTC seniors.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported on recent HUHO (Help Us Help Others) campaign activity. Each weekend this year has seen a drop-off of participation of members from last year, and this has affected collection results. Jack McLeod asked for assistance from more members. There has been some participation from members of the Auxiliary, but more regular participation is needed from members. This week there is an event scheduled for a Wawa store on Thursday, and then weekend activity at a Walmart and a PathMark store in Boothwyn, PA.

Paymaster: The paymaster's report as of 30 April 2012 was provided by Bob Spano. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the bingo games at the Coatesville Medical Center have been rescheduled for the second Thursday afternoon of each month. This may result in scheduling problems for some of the Detachment's member participants. This change will have to be reviewed for future participation.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the first Adopt-a-Highway event had been conducted on 15 April 2012. Ten individuals participated in the clean-up of Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism/flag program had been presented to the Bethel Springs Elementary School and also the Concord Elementary School. Upcoming events are scheduled for the St. Joseph's School in Downingtown, PA, as well as a 14 June 2012 Flag Day presentation at Casey's Restaurant in Newtown Square to the Newtown Square Business Association. The presenters are Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern, and Lloyd Spangler.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan reported that the Color Guard had participated in two events during April. The first was the Honor Flight for veterans traveling to Washington, D.C. on 14 April 2012. The second was a veterans' parade in Media, PA on 28 April 2012. Jim Donegan also distributed Color Guard patches to Bob Spano, Con McGinley, Jack Kelly, Wayne Williams and Bill Kinney.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that the flag collection of worn or tattered flags is ongoing. The date for the next flag burning has not been determined.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard participated in 14 military funerals for deceased veterans during April. The year-to-date total is 62 military funerals. Ben Sides also emphasized to the membership that it is important to have a deceased veteran's DD214 Form available for the funeral director prior to burial, in order to have a military funeral provided. He mentioned that the members should advise their family members to have knowledge of where their important papers, including military papers, are kept. Bob Spano mentioned that there is a process in which a veteran can place a copy of the DD214 Form on record at the county courthouse.

Marksmanship: Earle Drake mentioned that a District One pistol match is scheduled for Saturday, 12 May 2012. About thirty participants from the various detachments in District One are signed up to participate.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that he has membership packets available for those members interested in recruiting new members.

Delaware County Memorial Veterans Park: Bill Kinney reported that a local Porsche dealer had recently donated \$10,000.00 to the Delaware County Memorial Park. Progress is being made on construction, and the sale of bricks for the Park is ongoing.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that a possible return to having the Detachment's general meeting held on Tuesday evening instead of Monday evening is being investigated. The Knights of Columbus would probably prefer to rent the facility on Tuesday on a weekly basis instead of a once a month basis. Additional information will be provided at a later date. Bob Spano also indicated that a red satin jacket was available to any interested member.

Scouting: Director Ed Seidl was not present, but Jim Herbst mentioned that three Eagle Scout ceremonies had been conducted recently.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams indicated that scholarship applications had been received from fourteen applicants. He recommended that the 2012 Detachment budget be increased to include all fourteen applicants, rather than limiting the total scholarships to twelve individuals. Bob Spano made a motion to increase the scholarship amount in the 2012 budget from \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Wayne Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed. All fourteen applicants will be able to receive scholarships of \$500.00 at the Detachment's June general meeting.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were brought forward.

Good of the League: Bernie McGinley made a motion to nominate Bob Spano as a candidate for Department Marine of the Year. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Earle Drake, Vice Commandant of District One, reported that a District One meeting had been held on 6 May 2012, and representatives from eight detachments were present. Thirty-five officers and detachment members were there and heard reports from each detachment. A guest speaker, Douglas Schmidt, gave a presentation on a free program for returning veterans. Earle Drake was assisted by Dan Murray, Assistant Vice Commandant, and Jack Kelly, who has accepted the position of District Aide de Camp.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations suggested for donations this month. These had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were recommended to the membership for consideration. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the meeting agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) The Chester County Hero Fund, Berwyn, PA – in support of Navy Corpsman Jay Raffetto (\$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) Friends of Kevin Neary, Boothwyn, PA (\$500.00); (5) Mary E. Walker House, Coatesville, PA (\$500.00); (6) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (7) RenovatingHope, Westtown, PA (\$500.00); (8) Upper Mainline YMCA, Berwyn, PA (\$500.00); and (9) the USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2050.

Dom D'Allessandro won the 50/50 for the second consecutive month. Forty-three members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant

Oldest Marine dies

DARBY BOROUGH — Alfred L. DeSerio, a 42-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, died Saturday at the age of 105. He was believed to have been the oldest living Marine in the country.

DeSerio was born and raised in Philadelphia. His family operated a bakery in the city and DeSerio would help deliver Italian bread on a horse-drawn carriage. Before he turned 18, he lied about his age to enlist in the Marines.

Eventually attaining the rank of master sergeant, DeSerio served in the Pacific Theater of World War II and in the Korean War and did two tours of duty in Vietnam. He retired from the military in 1970.

During World War II, one of DeSerio's duties was to escort the bodies of fellow Marines home to their family. It was a job he took very seriously. "I was proud to do it," DeSerio said in a Daily Times interview during his last birthday celebration in November 2011. "After the funeral, you'd take the flag off the coffin and fold it up. The hardest thing to do was present the flag to the mother."

After leaving the service, DeSerio moved to Collingdale and was a maintenance worker at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby until his retirement in 1988.

"He did not want to retire, but when they found out how old he really was, he kind of had to," said Dorothy Barnes, a longtime friend of DeSerio.

Sent to me by:
Peg Walz on 5/21/2012





Dan Croce & Dorthy Hamilton of Acme Markets receiving plaque



District One Meeting hosted by Chester County Detachment



Color Guard at the Walk for the Wounded event



Students at the Russell School in Bromall take in our Americanism Program



Lloyd Spangler playing for the Russell School students



Lloyd S. & Jim M. presenting Certificate to Principal Diane Smith & Cathy Saybolt

A Reminder from National Commandant Voltaggio

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

National Headquarters

March 23, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES DEPARTMENT
COMMANDANTS DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS ALL
MCL MEMBERS

Subj: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE POLICY ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL, STATE, AND
NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Marines: As the 2012 political campaigns heat up this Spring and Summer in anticipation of the General elections in the Fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind you that, as a matter of League policy, Marine Corps League members wearing any part of the League uniform or identifying themselves as members of the Marine Corps League, cannot sponsor a political club; participate in any TV or radio program, or group discussion that advocates for or against a political party, candidate or cause; give interviews to the press or speak at any event promoting a political candidate or movement.

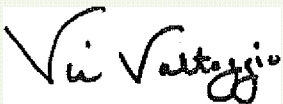
The following is the Marine Corps League's official POLICY on the aforementioned subject taken from the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter One, Section 110:

SECTION 110 — POLICY

(b) The Marine Corps League shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political - ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.

The Marine Corps League wants and strongly encourages ALL its members and families to exercise their • Constitutional right and duty to vote. With that said, our membership cannot give the impression that the League supports or opposes ANY one candidate or political party.

I enjoin you, as the leadership of the Marine Corps League, to ensure all those members under your charge review the Marine Corps League's Policy as outlined above and ensure it is adhered to. Thank you for your support on this issue. God Bless America.



VIC VOLTAGGIO National Commandant

"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

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**Honor-Courage-
Commitment**



Belleau Wood Memorial

Next Meeting
June 4, 2012
***1800 hours**
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073

****Annual Spring Dinner starts @ 1800***