



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report June 2014

The month of May has been a busy month for the Detachment. The month began with the Detachment's general meeting, which included the Detachment's annual remembrance ceremony for those members who had passed away in the past year. The Auxiliary was also included in this ceremony again this year, and one Auxiliary member was also remembered. The Detachment members who were remembered were John J. McHenry, Matt E. Balfrey, Benjamin Cope, John V. Artz, and David R. Brimble. The Auxiliary member who had passed away was Donna Bush. Other activity in May included HUHO activity, Honor Guard activity, and Color Guard Activity, in addition to several events scheduled for Memorial Day.

In June, the Detachment will have its annual scholarship awards dinner and presentation. This will take place at the June general meeting, and dinner will be served at 1800. Please contact Sr. Vice Dom D'Alessandro right away if you have not signed up and want to be included for the dinner. There are eleven scholarships to be presented to children or grandchildren of Detachment members. The Auxiliary will also be awarding scholarships to deserving students.

Looking ahead to July, the Detachment will once again be participating in the annual Marple-Newtown Fourth of July parade. Other events are also scheduled.

The Americanism team of Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern and Lloyd Spangler received recognition for their efforts in presenting Americanism programs to local elementary schools and other venues. The Heritage Commission of Delaware County presented the Americanism team with a Preservation Award for Special Programs at the Delaware County Council's regular meeting on 7 May 2014. More information on this topic is shown on page 9 of this issue of your *Scuttlebutt*.

Our Detachment is a volunteer organization. Consider where you can best serve and become more involved in your Detachment. New members are now needed, so all members are asked to be involved in recruiting new members.

*Semper Fi,*

*Paul Ferguson*

Commandant

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## Help Us Help Others (HUHO)

Members!

Our 2014 HUHO fund raising Campaign has kicked-off, March 22 at the Havertown Superfresh and Media ACME Stores.

Our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are individuals and families from over 650,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their disability/compensation claims!**

Scheduling of our HUHO Store Events was completed subject to our delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. ACME Corporate Management has granted approval for our proposed ACME Store activity.

At least part, if not all, of our Schedule is contained in this month's *Scuttlebutt*. One thing we can be sure of is the Schedule will change: Corporate cancellations, double booking by Store Management action and JR. Vice errors will take its toll. **Please keep our Schedule information confidential, within our Detachment Family!**

Copies of the Schedule will have been emailed or USPS mailed to active HUHO participants and to new Members who have expressed interest in participating. **Other Members, who are interested in participating, please contact me at 610 356 8893.**

During our Campaign, I will call active participants during the early part of each week in order to staff that week's scheduled event. Generally, if you have not heard from me by Thursday Evening, you may stand at ease!

It's never too late to express appreciation to our participants, spouses and friends for the outstanding results achieved in our past Campaigns! Here's to a similar, successful Campaign in 2014!

Respectively Submitted,

*Jack McLeod*

## 2014 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

Date	Store/Event	Address
5/31	Granite Run ACME 610-891-0407 Media ACME 610-565-5072	1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA 527 E Baltimore Pk.
6/01	Granite Run ACME Media ACME	1067 W Baltimore Pk 527 E Baltimore Pk.
6/07	W.M.Springfield 610-605-3154 Havertown S. F. 610-446-4516	400 S. State Road Springfield, PA 305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
6/08	W.M.Springfield Havertown S. F	400 S. State Road 305 W Chest Pike
6/14	Glenolden ACME 610 586 0557 Concordville ACME 610-459-2759	503 S Mac Dade Blvd Holmes PA 101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA
6/15	Glenolden ACME Concordville ACME	503 S Mac Dade Blvd 101 Byers Drive
6/21	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
6/22	Paoli ACME Devon ACME	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
6/28	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
6/29	Ridley ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
7/04	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
7/05	Bryn Mawr ACME 601 525 1950 Lawrence Pk. ACME 610-325-2880 Pathmark of Chichester 610-859-8920	801 W Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 643 Conchester Hw Boothwyn, PA
7/06	Bryn Mawr ACME Lawrence Pk. ACME Pathmark of Chichester	801 W Lancaster Ave 567 Sproul Road 643 Conchester Hw



"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

Dot & Craig Allen	John Burfete
Dom D'Alessandro	Bud Davis
Joe Direso	Tom & Jeanne Falgiatore
Paul Ferguson	Beth & Jim Herbst
Jack Kelly	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod
Florence & Bob Spano	Gene Trautner

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  
Robert Cervino  
Paul Ferguson  
Kalif Kasaba  
William Kinney  
Dominick Mattioni  
Thomas McGovern  
Joseph Mealey  
Gerd Naydock  
Robert Senior  
William Williams



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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen**

Adopt-A-Highway Americanism Team	John Burfete J. Mulhern, E. Drake & L. Spangler
Auxiliary Liaison Awards Ceremonies Color Guard Flag Collection Historian Home Association Honor Guard Honor Guard Assistant Locker Box Marksmanship Membership Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) Newtown Twp Vets Park Nominations Property Communications Scholarships Scouting Toys-For-Tots V.A.V.S. Young Marines Web Master	Tony Fusto James Herbst Charles (Bud) Davis Jim Donegan Barry Reese Jack Gallagher Tom Kerrigan Ben Sides Joe Blees Paul Ferguson Paul Drinkard James Herbst Dan Luty Bill Kinney James Herbst Bob Spano John Burfete Wayne Williams John Gingras/Ed Seidl Bob Cosgrove Con McGinley Robert Stanton Dan Luty

*DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

<b>VA Hotline</b>	<b>800-827-1000</b>
<b>Veterans' Healthcare</b>	<b>877-222-8387</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>888-442-4551</b>
<b>Grave Markers</b>	<b>800-697-6947</b>
<b>Life Insurance</b>	<b>800-669-8477</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></b>

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### June

- 1 The Detachment will present a "Flags of America Exhibit" at the Springfield Library.
- 3 General Meeting, Scholarships and Annual Spring Dinner, **1800** at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- 7 **Butler House** open to the public from 1300-1600. John Cook and Earle Drake will be on hand to answer questions.
- 19 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center. See Con McGinley for information.
- 24 Staff Meeting at Broomall, American Legion Post #805, start time 1930.
- 30 NROTC Awards Ceremony at Sun Valley High School, 1800.

### July

- 1 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus, start time is 1930.

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## 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

## Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

**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	
Dennis Morsa	Thomas Falgiatore

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

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 6 May 2014**

**Commandant:** Commandant Paul Ferguson opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Roger Godfrey, Director Bill Kinney, and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Herbst. In the absence of Chris Bush, Earle Drake served as chaplain for the meeting.

**Minutes:** Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 April 2014 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Annual Remembrance Ceremony:** This meeting was the annual remembrance meeting in which the Detachment remembers those members who have passed away in the past year. The Auxiliary joined the Detachment for this ceremony again this year. A candle was lit for each member and Auxiliary member to be remembered. A bell is rung as each person's name is mentioned, and then a candle is then extinguished as each name is mentioned. The Detachment members who had passed away during the year were John J. McHenry, Matt E. Balfrey, Benjamin Cope, John V. Artz, and David R. Brimble. The Auxiliary member who had passed away was Donna Bush. After the ceremony was over, Commandant Paul Ferguson presented a check from the Detachment to Auxiliary President Peg Curley.

**Officer Reports:**

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, and from the Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD. An email message was read that had been received from John Fairbank, who had assisted the Detachment with the inspection and supplying of parts for the Detachment's rifles. John Fairbank mentioned that it had been a privilege and an honor to assist the Detachment. Jack Kelly also provided information on a golf outing for the Chester County MCL Detachment. The event is scheduled for 11 August 2014 at the Whitfield Country Club in Exton, PA. In 2013, our Detachment had donated \$1,500.00 for this golf outing. More information will be provided on this at a later date. In addition, Jack Kelly mentioned that information had been received on the Marple-Newtown July 4 Parade Commemorative Ad Booklet. Bob Spano made a motion to purchase a half-page ad in the booklet at a cost of \$125.00. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Jack McLeod reported that almost \$30,000.00 has been collected so far this year in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign. This compares with about \$22,000.00 collected in the same time frame in 2013. Jack McLeod mentioned that this may be comparing "apples and oranges" and timing and circumstances are different to make a valid comparison from one year to the next.

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Dominic D'Alessandro reported that the June Dinner meeting is scheduled for 3 June 2014. This is the annual scholarship awards dinner meeting. Tickets are \$12.00 per person. Dominic D'Alessandro mentioned that sign up sheets would be circulated during the meeting to get a count for the number attending the dinner meeting. Dom D'Alessandro mentioned that the annual Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic is scheduled for 9 August 2014 at Drexel Lodge Park. The menu has been modified to bring the cost down from \$19.95 per person to \$14.95 per person.

There is a possibility that the American Legion and VFW may not participate this year. This is yet to be decided, but if individual members from the American Legion and VFW wish to attend, they would be welcome.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 30 April 2014. He also suggested that the membership review the organizations listed on the back of the agenda that are being suggested for consideration for donations this month. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Chaplain:** Since Chris Bush was not able to attend, Earle Drake served as chaplain for the meeting. Earle Drake mentioned that members Matt Balfrey and John Artz had passed away in the past month. It was also mentioned that Barry Reese had broken several ribs.

**Service Officer:** Con McGinley reported that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for Thursday, 8 May 2014, at 1400.

**Committee Reports:**

**Honor Guard:** Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had participated in seven funerals for deceased veterans during the month of April. There had also been four more so far in May, with five more scheduled in the coming week. One of the upcoming funerals would be the first to be conducted at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Ben Sides also mentioned that on Thursday, 8 May 2014, several members of the Honor Guard would be going through training with representatives of the United States Army for handling funerals for Army veterans. The Army would offer to pay \$50.00 per person, for up to six Honor Guard members for funerals of Army veterans. Ben Sides also stressed that the Honor Guard is in need of additional volunteers. It may get to the point where the Honor Guard may no longer serve, due to declining participation. He mentioned that Detachment member John Artz was buried this day, and only five members of the Detachment were at the church for the casket watch.

**Adopt-a-Highway:** John Burfete mentioned that the first adopt-a-highway event of the year was poorly attended. He mentioned that thanks to the Coladonato family, there were sufficient numbers to get the job completed.

**Communications:** John Burfete mentioned that he has been making postings in the Marple/Neewtown Patch, as well as those in Radnor and Ardmore. Some of the events covered were the Spring Review for the NROTC unit at Villanova University, the activities of the Americanism program, and the recent Walk for the Wounded event. Press releases were also made on these activities.

**Americanism:** Earle Drake reported that Jim Mulhern, Lloyd Spangler, and he had presented an Americanism program at the Loomis School in Broomall on 1 May 2014, and at the Hillcrest School in Drexel Hill on 2 May 2014. John Cook also joined the presentation at the Hillcrest School and he demonstrated how to fold the flag. Earle Drake announced that the Americanism/Flag History program was selected to be awarded the "Preservation Award" from the Heritage Commission of Delaware County. The award would be presented on Wednesday, 7 May, 2014, in the County Commissioners meeting room in the Government Services Building in Media, PA.

**Pistol Match Activity:** Earle Drake reported that the Combined MCL pistol match was held on 6 April 2014 at the Delaware County Field and Stream location. Five Detachments participated with thirty-one Leaguers shooting. The five Detachments were General Smedly D. Butler, Upper Darby, Delaware County, Chester County, and Tun Tavern.

The Department pistol match is scheduled for 31 May and 1 June 2014. There will be two matches, one for a service pistol and one for an open pistol match for those who wish to shoot a non-service pistol. Additional information is available on the Department's website.

Gift of Portrait of General Butler: As a result of a decision by the Detachment's officers, the eight foot by four foot portrait of General Smedley D. Butler in period civilian attire has been given to the Newtown Square Historical Preservation Society. The portrait had been loaned to the Society for a three year period, but now it has been given to the Society as a permanent gift. One of the founding members of the NSHSP was the late Stan Short, a former member of our Detachment.

Earle Drake also mentioned that the Detachment will be placing a Flag Day exhibit in the Springfield Library on 1 June 2014.

Awards: Jim Herbst mentioned that the Detachment had been presented with a certificate for its valuable contribution to the recent Walk for the Wounded event. He also presented Tom Kerrigan with two certificates for his contributions to the Detachment during 2013. Tom had spent the winter months in Florida and he was not present for the awards meeting in January. Jim Herbst also stressed the need to keep on recruiting new members.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan expressed his appreciation to those who had participated in the Color Guard event at the recent Walk for the Wounded at Rose Tree Park. Jim Donegan mentioned that the next event for a Color Guard would be a fund raising event for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, scheduled for 19 May 2014. The event is scheduled for a private home on Dam View Drive in Media, PA.

Home Association: Although he did not have a report for the Home Association, Tom Kerrigan mentioned that he had been in Florida for four months. He mentioned that someone in the neighborhood there would play "Taps" on a trumpet every night, followed by "Amazing Grace." Tom mentioned that he appreciated hearing both numbers every evening.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the fundraising event for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial scheduled for 19 May 2014 would be at the home of Paul and Theresa Murtaugh on Dam View Drive in Media, PA. Another event after that is a mud run at the Memorial in September. In November, there will be a gala at the Springfield Country Club in which Con McGinley and Tom McGovern will be honored. Bill Kinney also provided information on the discussions centered on the upcoming Memorial Day, July Fourth and Veterans Day events.

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that he had made inquiries into getting a fifteen-year participant sign for the Adopt-a-Highway sign on Bishop Hollow Road, where the Detachment has its area of responsibility. In reviewing records, it was found that the Detachment started policing activity along this road in 1993, so the Detachment would be eligible to have a twenty-year participant sign installed. This is being prepared and will be installed once it is available.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he had received eleven applications for Detachment scholarships, ten regular applications and one from a Young Marine. He mentioned that our Detachment By-laws call for six regular scholarships and one for a Young Marine. In the past we have provided for more than what the By-laws call for.

Wayne Williams made a motion to accept all eleven scholarship applications this year. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Scouting: Due to his work schedule, Director Ed Seidl was not present, but Bob Spano reported that Eagle Scout presentations had been made recently for an Eagle Scout at Troop 122 and for three Eagle Scouts at Troop 430.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton was not able to attend, but Wayne Williams provided his report. Wayne Williams mentioned that there would be a graduation ceremony for the Young Marines on 21 May at the Folsom Reserve Center, beginning at 1800. Detachment members are invited to attend. Wayne Williams also reported that the Detachment's contribution to the Young Marines program was appreciated.

Commandant: Paul Ferguson mentioned that the Liberty USO is looking for volunteers. The USO is looking for volunteers who could commit to serving two six hour shifts per week. Those interested should contact Paul Ferguson.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the suggested list of organizations to receive donation this month. These organizations had been approved at the recent officers' staff meeting, and were being brought before the membership for consideration. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as listed on the back of the agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated shown in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$1,000.00); and (5) the USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Tom Kerrigan seconded the motion and the motion passed. It was also mentioned that at the recent officers' staff meeting it had been approved to donate \$500.00 to the Gideons International organization.

Good of the League: No items were discussed under this category.

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 2030.

Bill Kinney won the 50/50. Thirty-four members signed the logbook.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Jack Kelly***  
Adjutant





**Joe Conigliaro with The VFMC Color Guard (left) & The Massing of Colors (right) before the start of the Walk for Wounded**



**Memorial Service held during the May General Meeting**

**1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting**



**Our Americanism Team giving a presentation to Mrs. Patrice Cutler's first graders at The Loomis School**

IN THE NEWS: The White House announced today that Marine veteran Cpl. William “Kyle” Carpenter will receive the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in Marjah, Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Carpenter will receive the medal from President Barack Obama, June 19, 2014. He will be the eighth living recipient of the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.



On Nov. 21, 2010, Taliban insurgents initiated an attack on Carpenter’s squad, part of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. Carpenter, the squad automatic rifleman for his fire team, and Lance Cpl. Nicholas Eufrazio were holding a rooftop security position when a hand grenade was thrown their way. Without hesitation, Carpenter reacted, rushing toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his brother-in-arms from its blast.

The grenade detonated with Carpenter’s body taking the majority of the blast. Carpenter lay on the rooftop, barely clinging to life; his fellow Marine also severely wounded.

A selfless action and a hellish tragedy happened in the blink of an eye, leaving both Carpenter and Eufrazio with painstaking recoveries.

Carpenter suffered severe injuries from the blast. Much of his jaw was rebuilt and he lost his right eye; he sustained countless shattered bones throughout his body and a collapsed right lung.

He endured a strenuous recovery process at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. After two and a half years, Carpenter was medically retired from the Marine Corps on July 30, 2013.

The Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance is joining with the Army to assist them at Army Graveside Honor Guards.

The attached picture shows Larry Snyder, American Legion 805 Commander, Ben Sides, Honor Guard Chairman, Army Staff Sgt. Belcher and Civilian US Army trainer, Mr. Quimby. The Army representatives came from Fort Dix to train our Honor Guard in the Army's procedures of Graveside services. They showed a half hour training video and discussed how we may be of assistance to them. They reviewed the accounting procedures also.



Assisting in Army sanctioned Honor Guards will include a stipend of \$50.00 per person, up to six persons at each sanctioned event. Approximately 12 Honor Guard members were trained today, (5-8-14), at the American Legion Post # 805 headquarters. All earned stipends will go to the group, not to individuals.



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## PRESS RELEASE



May 9, 2014

The Americanism Team of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League, Newtown Square, regularly makes Americanism and Flag History presentations in local elementary schools, YMCAs, and Senior Centers.

A Richard Paul, Chairman of the Heritage Commission of Delaware County, informed the Butler Detachment that because of its Americanism Flag History Program, it has been selected to receive a Preservation Award for Special Programs. The Heritage Commission is a volunteer body appointed by the County Council with a mission to encourage historical and cultural awareness and preservation within the county. The Commission has been recognizing deserving programs and individuals for the past three decades. The Thirty Sixth Annual Preservation "Special Project" Award was presented to the Detachment at the County Council's regular meeting on May 7 in the Delaware County Council main meeting room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Government Center Building. A reception and luncheon was held for awardees, members of the County Council, and members of the Heritage Commission in the Francis Catania Law Library on the top floor of the courthouse following the presentation. Representing the Detachment were Marines Earle Drake and Jim Mulhern and Ceremonial Bugler Lloyd Spangler who are the regular members of the Americanism Team.

A short paragraph in the Heritage Commission brochure stated, "The Americanism/Flag Program of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment was designed to teach students in the elementary schools of Delaware County the history of the American flag. The program includes the proper handling and respect for the flag, proper display of the flag, and flag rules. The history of Flag Day and the history and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance is also covered. Earle Drake, Lloyd Spangler, and Jim Mulhern present the program in elementary schools throughout the county. The students are provided with a flag brochure, a flag recognition award, and a small American flag pin". The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League provides educational programs for children, historically relevant exhibits in libraries and museums, and Graveside Honor Ceremonies. It also provides financial and other assistance to wounded veterans and their families. In 2013, the Detachment awarded 11 scholarships to local students.

In the spring and summer of 2013 there was a display in the Springfield Township Library honoring the Montford Point Marines. These first African American Marine recruits were trained separately from other recruits at [Camp Montford Point](#), in [Jacksonville, North Carolina](#), from 1942 to 1949 when the United States military was desegregated.

The Marine Corps League was founded in 1923 by WWI Marine hero and then Maj. Gen. and Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, John A. Lejeune. Today the League boasts of a membership in excess of 76,000. Its sponsored programs include Marines Helping Marines, the Youth Physical Fitness Program, the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, the Veterans Service Officer Program, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, the Toys for Tots program, the Adopt-a-Highway program, and several scholarships.

U.S. Marine Corps General Smedley D. Butler was born in West Chester and lived much of his adult life in Newtown Square. He spent many of his final years lecturing throughout the country on behalf of veterans' causes and good government. The general was one of only two U.S. Marines awarded two Medals of Honor for heroism in two distinct military actions.

See the General Butler Detachment on Face Book at "Marine Corps League, General Smedley D. Butler Detachment". The Pennsylvania Department of the MCL has a web site at [PAMCLeague.org](http://PAMCLeague.org).



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
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Honor-Courage-  
Commitment



Next Meeting  
**3 June, 2014 @ 1800**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
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Newtown Square, PA 19073