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Commandant's Report June 2015

I would like to begin by expressing sincere condolences to the families of the two members who recently passed, William DiFenno and George Hettenbach.

Let's all welcome our two newest members, Joe O'Leary and Tom O'Leary. Welcome aboard!

As a reminder, our June General Meeting is preceded by our Annual Spring Dinner and Scholarship Awards. ***The dinner starts at 1800.*** Also, from our Sr. Vice, the date has been set for our Annual Picnic. The picnic will be held on 8 August at the same location, Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike.

Congratulations to member Jerry Powlus who was honored at the Media Theater on their Veterans Appreciation night. Jerry is a WWII combat Marine Veteran.

Bill Kinney announced at our last meeting that yet another one of our members will be honored. John Cook will be among the list of honorees at this year's Delaware County Veterans Memorial dinner, to be held on 12 November 2015 at the Springfield Country Club.

As always, we have a few events that take place on Memorial Day and on Independence Day. These events are a good opportunity to show the public what we are about and the more participation we can get from the members, the better we look. Please keep an eye out for times and places for these events in the *Scuttlebutt*. You can always contact your officers for information, as well.

Semper Fi,

Paul Ferguson
Commandant



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"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing. We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our **award-winning** newsletter!

JUNE BOOSTERS

John Burfete, Jr.	Bud Davis
Joe Direso	Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore
Jim Flynn	Rosemarie & Tony Fusto
Beth & Jim Herbst	Jack Kelly
Steve Kusner	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Stan Samsel
Florence & Bob Spano	Hank Velardi
Peg Walz	

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
William Kinney
Dominick Mattioni
Thomas McGovern
Joseph Mealey
Robert Senior



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	Paul Donohue
Jr. Past Commandant	James Herbst

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	877-222-8387
Education	888-442-4551
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

June

- 1 Banana Wars Exhibit at the Springfield Library.
- 2 **Annual Spring Dinner/Scholarship Awards** and General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall. Dinner starts at *1800 followed Scholarship Awards and General Meeting.
- 11 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center. Contact Con McGinley for information.
- 30 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805, Broomall, 1930 start time.

July

- 4 Annual Independence Day Parade. We will be mustering at the empty lot across the street from the Broomall Fire Co. Stay tuned for more information.
- 7 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Start time is 1930.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

REGULAR EVENTS

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 1930.

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

American Legion Nunan-Slook Post #338, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM of every month at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues, Havertown, PA.

Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL, 3rd 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 7:30PM. 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, \$8.00/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

Frank Greiser
Jack McLeod
Dennis Morsa

Joe Conigliaro
Lloyd Spangler

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 – 5 May 2015

Commandant: Commandant Paul Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, Director Ed Seidl, and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Herbst.

New Member: A potential new member was introduced to the membership. Joseph (Joe) O'Leary had served in the United States Marine Corps. His application and DD214 were in order and his membership dues were paid. He was accepted into Detachment's membership as a regular member. Commandant Paul Ferguson conducted the swearing in ceremony.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 April 2015 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Paul Ferguson mentioned that the *Scuttlebutt* has a listing for the upcoming events for the month of May. He also mentioned that the back page of the agenda's handout has the schedule of events and times for Memorial Day.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that a handwritten note of thanks was received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA. This was in appreciation for a recent donation made by the Detachment. It was also mentioned that a note of thanks was received from the widow of a Marine veteran who was honored at his funeral by the Honor Guard. A presentation of the show "Hello Dolly" was mentioned, which was scheduled for Saturday, 9 May 2015, at the Media Theatre. This was to be Veterans Night at the theatre, and Detachment member Gerald Powlus was to be honored. Gerald Powlus is a World War II Marine combat veteran.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominic D'Alessandro provided details on the June scholarship awards dinner. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting to assist with a count of the number planning to attend. Dominic D'Alessandro also mentioned that the Detachment picnic has been scheduled for 8 August 2015 at Drexel Lodge Park on West Chester Pike. The American Legion and VFW will be invited, but it is not known yet if they will attend. Dominic D'Alessandro also mentioned that he has not had a reply from the MCL Detachment in Utah that had expressed a desire to attend our Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November 2016.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the last weekend's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) result was very good, with more than \$4,400 being donated by area shoppers. Additional funds were also collected at Booth's Corner. So far the results on a year to date basis are ahead of the same time frame from 2014. Jack McLeod mentioned that the HUHO campaign would include a Wawa store in Malvern, PA on Thursday, 7 May, and then at the Lawrence Park Acme and the ShopRite in West Chester, PA over the coming weekend.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that he had visited Lloyd Spangler, who had fallen recently. Chris Bush mentioned that Lloyd was improving but still had some rehabilitation ahead of him. Chris Bush also mentioned that two members, William DiIenno and George Hettenbach, had passed away recently.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that a bingo game is scheduled for 14 May at the Coatesville Medical Center. Those interested in assisting should contact Con McGinley.

Director Seidl: Ed Seidl reported that four area Boy Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout during the month of April and were honored with the appropriate Certificate and coin from the Detachment.

Jr. Past Commandant: Jim Herbst presented some Certificates to several who had not received the Certificates for contributions to the Detachment during 2014. Jim Herbst also reported on the prior weekend's Walk for the Wounded event, held at Rose Tree Park in Media, PA. Jim Herbst expressed his thanks to Bob Spano, who coordinated the Color Guard, made up of Color Guard units from several different organizations.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney presented information on events at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. He mentioned that a flag lowering ceremony was tentatively scheduled for 17 May 2015, but he was not sure of the details on how this would take place. He also provided information on the Delaware County Veterans Memorial dinner, to be held on 12 November 2015 at the Springfield Country Club. John Cook, a member of our Detachment, will be among the list of honorees that evening. Other details were also provided concerning other activities for the DCVMA.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report through 30 April 2015. He also reminded the membership to review the list of events scheduled for Memorial Day on the back of the agenda's handout. He also suggested that the membership should review the list of organizations being suggested for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Annual Remembrance Ceremony: Each May the Detachment conducts a remembrance ceremony, in which those members who have passed away in the past year are honored. The Auxiliary joined the meeting for this ceremony again this year. A candle was lit for each member to be remembered. The person's name was announced, and the candle was then extinguished as a bell is rung in honor of that person. The Detachment members who had passed away in the past year and were honored were Barry Reese, Thomas Lynch, Raymond Keesey, Donald Walz, Robert Stanton, Walter Tallmadge, G. Craig Allen, Marino DeFrancesco, Chalmers McDaniel, William DiIenno, and George Hettenbach.

Committee Reports:

Fourth of July Parade Report: Earle Drake provided information on the upcoming Fourth of July parade. It was mentioned that the Parade Committee has more than \$39,000.00 on hand. Bands for the parade are under contract, including the Marple Newtown Community Band, the Woodland String Band, and the Eagles' Pep Band. Sales of ads for the program book are going well.

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Three names have been submitted for the parade's Grand Marshall position, including Terry Jones from our Detachment. Parade Committee members will vote on the Grand Marshall position. A Color Guard will be needed from the Detachment. Wayne Williams asked for volunteers and enough individuals volunteered for the parade.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported on upcoming Americanism programs. Two programs are scheduled for the Concord Elementary School on 20 May 2015. On 22 May 2015, a Memorial Day program is scheduled for the Beverly Hills Middle School in Upper Darby, PA. A Color Guard is needed for this event. On 29 May, 2015, there is a flag raising at Stonehurst Hills Elementary School at 0830, followed by an Americanism program at 0900. In the evening on 29 May 2015, an awards presentation is scheduled at Sun Valley High School for the school's Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit.

First Annual National Postage Pistol Match: Paul Drinkard reported on the First Annual National Postage Pistol match, recently held at Delaware County Field and Stream. Teams from the Upper Darby Detachment and the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment were included. There were sixty rounds fired by each shooter, including two strings of ten, slow fire, two strings of ten, timed fire, and two strings of ten, rapid fire. The results of shooters from the Smedley D. Butler Detachment were Earle Drake, Paul Drinkard, and Bob Sapno, all shooting Expert. Jim Herbst qualified as a Sharpshooter, and Terry Jones qualified as a Marksman.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams asked for volunteers for the Color Guard for Memorial Day. A sufficient number of members volunteered.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that there were nineteen military funerals served by the Honor Guard during the month of April. The year-to-date total is sixty-six. Several more were scheduled for the current week. Ben Sides reported that the O'Leary Funeral Home had recently treated the members of the Honor Guard to a luncheon, and the Videon Funeral Home will be treating the members of the Honor Guard to a dinner in the near future.

Jr. Past Commandant: Jim Herbst provided a familiar message of "Recruit, recruit, recruit!" New members are always needed.

Property: In reply to an inquiry raised earlier in the meeting, Bob Spano indicated that the Detachment presently has a sufficient number of Eagle Scout coins on hand.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that applications for Detachment scholarships had been received from nine individuals. The nine applicants (with their sponsor's name in parentheses) are Caitlin Donohue (Paul Donohue), Andrew Drake (Earle Drake), Kelly Balzereit (George Boyajian), Cara Nedbalski (Bob Wells), Daniel Lane (Roger Godfrey), Hale Kusner (Stephen Kusner), Grace Connolly (Pete Patrucci), Kelly Bergh (Jim Constien), and Theresa McGinley (Con McGinley). Wayne Williams made a motion that the Detachment provide scholarships of \$500.00 to all nine applicants. The motion was seconded by several members and the motion passed.

Toys for Tots: Paul Ferguson mentioned that a chairman is needed for this year's Toys for Tots drive. A volunteer is needed for this important position. It was mentioned that the toys that are collected can once again be stored at the Videon Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealership on West Chester Pike in Edgmont township prior to sending the toys down to the Folsom Reserve Center.

Young Marines: Dan Luty reported that the Young Marines program is doing well. He mentioned that Gunny Jesus Melendrez of the Folsom Reserve Center is doing a good job with the Young Marines, and Dan Luty mentioned that the support of the Detachment is important. There is an upcoming graduation ceremony scheduled, although this is not a formal program. Parents of the Young Marines will be in attendance. One member of the Young Marines program will be graduating from high school, and will soon be off to USMC recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business: Bob Spano discussed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations had been discussed recently at an officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration for donations as outlined. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and the amounts to be donated 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) Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lakehurst, NJ (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: It was mentioned that the President of the United States has nominated the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Confirmation by the Senate is needed before this nomination becomes official.

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.

Tom Falgiatore won the 50/50. Thirty-nine members signed the logbook

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



2015“Help Us Help Others”Store Schedule

Hi Members!

Our 2015 **HUHO fund raising Campaign** will have been kicked-off, March 21 at the Havertown Superfresh and Media ACME Stores.

Our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are needy individuals and families from over 450,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their disability/compensation claims!**

We regularly inquire of those organizations through which we send our financial support as to whether they are adequately funded. Invariably, we are told that **they have more requests for financial assistance than can be supplied!** Therefore, even though the amount of financial assistance that we individually and collectively give may seem modest, **it is not so to the person whom our support is given!**

With the exception of three dates, scheduling of our HUHO Store Events has been completed by delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. One thing we can be sure of is that 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!**

Our Schedule is contained in this month's *Scuttlebutt*. 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, active participants will be called during the early part of each week in order to staff that week's scheduled event. We want to emphasize that this is not an obligation of our Members. Please feel free to opt out of a given week's event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. An email will be sent by Thursday evening that contains the roster for to those Members who have volunteered to participate in that week's scheduled event. **Please feel free to opt out of a given week's event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. You will not be judged or questioned for declining to participate!**

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 2015!

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
5/30	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
5/31	Concordville Acme 610-459-2759 Ridley Acme Concordville Acme	101 Byers Drive Glenn Mills, PA 124 Morton Ave 101 Byers Drive
6/6	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	605 Conchester Highway Boothwyn, PA 400 S State Road Springfield, PA
6/7	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Springfield Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Highway 400 S State Road
6/13	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 ShopRite of W. Chester 610-696-8066	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
6/14	Lawrence Park Acme ShopRite of W. Chester	567 Sproul Road 115 W Chester Pike
6/20	Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018 Media Acme 610-565-5072	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
6/21	Newtown Sq Acme Media Acme	3390 W Chester Pike 527 E Baltimore Pike
6/27	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
6/28	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road Devon, PA
7/04	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 1067 W. Baltimore Pike Media, PA
7/05	Lawrence Park Acme Granite Run Acme	567 Sproul Raod 1067 W. Baltimore Pike
7/11	Boothwyn Walmart 610-494-2535 Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA
7/12	Boothwyn Walmart Glenolden Acme	605 Conchester Hwy 503 S. MacDade Blvd
7/18	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
7/19	Ridley Acme Newtown Sq Acme	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike



Mike Bodle helping with the HUHO campaign



Jerry Powlus honored at The Media Theater



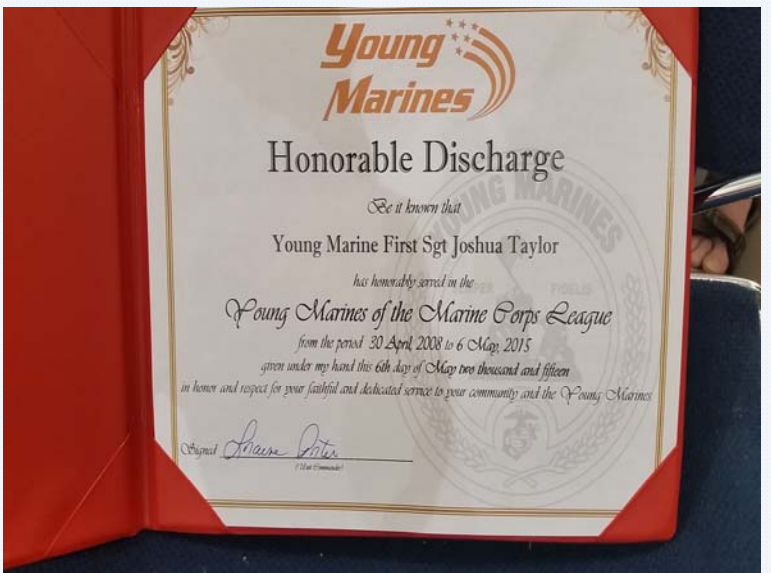
Jim Mulhern & Earle Drake presenting Americanism/Flag History program to 200 Concord Elementary students



Pictures from our May meeting, 2015



Cpl Romenesko of the Folsom I&I presiding over Young Marine 1st Sgt Joshua Taylor's Graduation



Joshua was a long tenured DELCO Young Marine, he graduates from Ridley HS in June and leaves for MCRD, Parris Island in the fall



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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*Honor-Courage-
Commitment*



Next Meeting
**2 June, 2015 @ *1800 (Annual
Spring Dinner and Scholarships,
followed by Meeting)**
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073