



# Scuttlebutt



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### Commandant's Report March 2007

As always February has been a slow month, except for our burial honors, they never get rest.

- The Marple-Newtown Veterans Alliance presented Marple Twp. with a plaque thanking them for all the support given to us throughout the years.
- At the VAMC in Coatesville, besides our regular bingo night Bob Matthews also ran a Valentine's Day party.

- Our brothers at Upland Det. had two functions last month, with the one being an honor to the vets of Iwo Jima. The budget was presented to the membership for approval, but because of the small attendance due to many members doing a casket watch for a fallen member, Frank DiBonaventuro, PDC; we will again address the budget, and give out copies to those who were not able to attend the meeting.
- Our lockerbox chairman Tom Lynch has retired, and I thank him for eight years of hard work. Paul Ferguson will be taking over for him. The new title will be supply/uniform chairman. Please give Paul any and all help he needs to fulfill his duties, as he has some big shoes to fill.
- We are looking for an assistant to the Sgt.-At-Arms, someone to cover the front hatch, and monitoring the sign-in log.
- Please check your membership, your dues must be current to attend and vote in a meeting.
- The Jr. Vice and I bought a wonderful HDTV for our drawing at the June dinner; it's a wonderful set, with many nice features.

Please let me know if you cannot attend a meeting for any reason and would like a copy of the paymaster report, and budget report. If you have e-mail we will send them to you that way or mail them. Remember this is your detachment, and it is the duty of all officers to try to keep the membership informed of anything we do.

God Bless & Semper Fi,  
*Jim Alleva*

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## Jr. Vice Report

Sir Commandant,

February activities and future planned actions included the following:

### General Smedley D. Butler "TV Bonanza":

In lieu of our past June Lottery Sales, we plan to conduct a drawing for a beautiful, wall or stand mounted Polaroid 37" LCD HDTV at our June 4th meeting. Note the image and specifications of the TV elsewhere in our Newsletter. The plan is to sell chances for the TV at a price of \$5.00 per ticket or a packet of five tickets for \$20.00. We will launch our "TV Bonanza Campaign" at our March Detachment Meeting with ticket sales taking place in March, April and May.

I ask that our Members make every effort to attend the meeting. This campaign is a crucial first step in raising funds for the causes we support. An initial order of 1000 tickets is being placed and will be ready for distribution at our Meeting. I ask that a minimum of two packets of tickets (ten tickets) be accepted by each Member for sale to the public. We will also reach out for support from other Detachments and Veterans organizations in the Delaware Valley. For those Members who cannot attend, please call me at 610-356-8893 or email me at [jmcl@verizon.net](mailto:jmcl@verizon.net), I will either deliver or mail the packets to you depending on your preference. A reminder, if the packets are broken and tickets sold individually, the cost is \$5.00 per ticket.

Past June Lottery Sales records indicate that a small number of our Members were responsible for the majority of our sales. I implore that our past top producers continue their outstanding efforts for the good of the League and the causes we support. With an increase in the number of participating Members as well as the number of tickets sold by each Member, our Campaign should be a resounding success!

Our TV Bonanza tickets will contain the wording: "M C League Supports scholarships, needy families, Toys for Tots, VAVS & Disabled Veterans, Young Marines and so much more!" Pulling together as a Detachment and keeping in mind those we support, we truly will succeed!

### JTH Sales

A poll was conducted of those Members who have been active in our Wagon Sales as to whether a "Wagon" should continue to be the object to be won or whether an alternative prize such as cash be used. A majority of those

Members believe that we should continue to use the "Wagon". The consensus of that group is that the "Wagon" has been successful as a prize in the past, we should continue to use it in the future. A substantial minority believes otherwise, leaning toward an attractive cash prize.

I believe that most, if not all, of our participating members would agree that the majority of the revenue from our sales is donated because of who we are and the causes we serve. These donors will probably continue to donate at the same level whatever the prize might be.

To change to a meaningful cash prize, for example, \$1,000+ would materially exceed the cost of what we spend on the "Wagon". Considering our past success and the potential we have for improving our current sales efforts, we will stay with the "Wagon"

### Department Veterans & Youth Program

63 Tickets were sold at our February Detachment Meeting. As we have done in the past, our Detachment will donate \$300 to the Program.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John B. McLeod*

## Sr. Vice Report

The decision on where to hold the Ball seems to be set for holding our great B'day celebration at the Knights. A menu and schedule of events for the ball will be given out in the next Scuttlebutt in April. I am working on a very special speaker, and I hope to have that sewn up by next month as well.

I would like to hear if there is an interest in a trip to either Parris Island or Quantico that would encompass the Marine Officer's Basic school tour and the new Marine Corps Museum. Both trips would incur an overnight stay on base. Once again, this is a short report as we're in a planning stage.

I am putting together a calling list that will notify all members of important events. I hope all are getting along in the cold as well as can be expected, and I must say that the weather here in Florida is a welcome addition for keeping my old bones working.

Remember that I'm always available on line at [JeremyJetpilot@cs.com](mailto:JeremyJetpilot@cs.com), so don't hesitate to drop me an email if there is anything you wish to share with me.

Semper Fi,  
*Jeremy P. Leon*  
Sr. Vice Commandant

## Commandant's Message March 2007

First of all, I would like to say goodbye to two wonderful members that we lost last month; Frank DiBonaventuro, PDC; and Fred Winterling. Again, this detachment has lost not only members, but also a piece of our history. They will be missed greatly.

I cannot stress the importance of the new members stepping up. We need your support. To the right of this column, you will see a list of officers and chairman. Give them a call, and see if they can use your help. Please support the Jr. Vice and the detachment with the upcoming "TV drawing". Later in the newsletter, you will see a picture of the TV with many of its features listed with the features listed. Cut it out and use it as a selling tool. If we are successful, others will benefit. We can give more donations out, and there is a possibility of even having an extra scholarship.

The color guard will be taking the colors out for the first time in March, and if the past years are anything to judge by, they won't be putting them away anytime soon. It has been very cold this last month and I want to thank all who came out to the funeral detail and put up with this weather.

Our e-mailing of the newsletter is going along wonderfully; we have over fifty signed up. If you are interested, see the adjutant to get on the email list. We will now have pictures in every edition. If you chose to receive the newsletter by email, you will be able to enjoy the photos in color will receive the newsletter sooner than you would by traditional mail!

I want to thank all officers for starting out this year with great enthusiasm. The team work is great. See the Judge Advocate to get your copy of the by-laws, if you have not received them. There is a membership roster included, which allows us to contact each other more easily. We will be making an effort to try to get as many members in uniform as possible. We will be doing so much, as usual, and it's always great to see membership participation. Please think about a cover if you don't have one; you can see the supply-uniform chairman for all uniform needs.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

*Jim Alleva*

### **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

Commandant	Jim Alleva
Sr. Vice Commandant	Jerry Leon
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dan Luty
Sergeant-At-Arms	James D. Ross
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Connie McGinley
Director	Paul Donohue
Director	Dave Brimble
Director	Stan Short
Jr. Past Commandant	Tom Tanner
Jr. Past State Commandant	Tom Tanner

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

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble  
Americanism: Bob Matthews, Jim Alleva  
Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto  
Awards: Jim Alleva  
Ceremonies & Honor Guard: George Van Dusen  
Ceremonies Assistant: John J. V. Cook  
Color Guard: Jim Alleva  
Flag Collection - Barry Reese  
Historian: Ben Sides  
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan  
Supply-Uniform: Paul Ferguson  
Membership- Dave Brimble  
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer  
Newtown Twp Vets Park: Stan Short  
Property: Dave Brimble  
Scholarships: Wayne Williams  
Scouting: John Gingras  
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty  
VAVS: Robert Matthews  
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

#### **General & Healthcare Benefits**

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	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>

# TV Drawing



POLAROID 37" 720p LCD HDTV

## ***POLAROID 37" 720p LCD HDTV***

- HDMI Input
- Built-in ATSC & NTSC Tuners
- 1,000:1 Contrast Ratio
- PC Input
- 2 Component Inputs
- Wall Mount or Stand

### **Tickets:**

**\$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00**

**Sales will run March through June 2007.**

**Drawing to be held at the June Dinner/Meeting June 4.**

***Please help make this a success!!! Get your tickets from the Jr. Vice.***

## **Welcome Aboard!**

● Robert Wells USN  
● 39 Hadden Valley Rd.  
● Aston, PA 19014  
● 610-494-5988  
● [rtwells@verizon.net](mailto:rtwells@verizon.net)

● Please add him to your roster and *give him*  
● *a call!*

### **It Happened This Month In Marine Corps History**

31 March 1800

Marines arrive in Washington, D.C., to establish a Marine barracks and guard the Navy yard there.

08 March 1822

Marines and sailors from Enterprise land at Cape Antonio, Cuba, to pursue pirates.

14 March 1863

Pinkerton Vaughn is the second Marine to receive the MOH at the battle of Confederate Fort Port Hudson

15 March 1919

Construction begins at the new Marine Corps base in Sand Diego, CA.

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### March

- 03 MODD – Pasta Dinner – VFW 928 – 1900 – Benefit  
05 General Meeting – Knights – 1930  
10 VFW 3460-Show Double Clothing Weasles - \$20  
10 Eagle Scout Award – Woodlyn – 1930  
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
12 VAMC Coatesville – Bingo Party – 1830 Meet @ Knights  
14 VAMC Coatesville – St. Patrick Party – 1730 Meet @ Knights  
16-17 Dept. of PA MCL Meeting – Ft. Indiantown Gap – 0900  
17 St. Patrick Parade – Springfield – 1100 – Springfield HS  
27 Staff Meeting – AL Post805 - 1930

## 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.

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

**Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113**, meets the second Monday of the month at 8 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**, 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.

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

**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.

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

**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.

### DelCo. League Trip

*National Marine Corps Museum  
Bus Trip to Quantico*

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Departure Time 0800 from DelCo. MCL Parking Lot

Travel Time: 2.5 hours w/ food and beverages on the bus.

#### While at the Museum:

- Take a leisure tour (4-5 hrs.) to see it all in detail
- Semper Fi Park w/ donor inscribed brick walkways
- Hall of Heroes (100' high dome room simulating 2 Iwo Jima flag raisings
- Timeline: A 35 ft x 75-100 yards long backlit panel w. pics and details of USMC history from 1775-2006.
- ...and much, much more

Return to DelCo MCL by 2000

**Cost: \$40**

**Signup Deadline: March 10**

**To signup call 610-874-6601**

## Jr. Troop Handler Wagon Is Delivered



(l-r) Jack Kelly, Stan Short, Jim Alleva, Richard LaMontague (potentate of Shriners), Gerry Powlus, (kneeling) Dave Brimble

Potentate Richard LaMontague receiving the 2006 junior troop handler wagon on behalf of the Shriners.

## THE 1700'S

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some painting of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people to be painted, but how many limbs to be painted.

Arms and legs are "limbs"; therefore painting would cost the buyer extra. Hence, the expression, "Alright, but it will cost you an arm and a leg".

Chester County M.C.L. Newsletter.... December 2006  
J.J.V. Cook

## Military Background in Congress

With each new Congress there has been a steady decline in the number of legislators who have experienced military service. This lack of experience does not bode well for future legislation effecting retiree and veterans benefits.

Percentages of legislators with military service:

	1991	1995	1999	2003	2005	2007
SENATE	68%	56%	43%	35%	31%	29%
HOUSE	48%	37%	31%	27%	25%	23%

Retired Activities Office, News Letter, Naval Air Station, Willow Grove; December 2006  
J.J.V. Cook



On January 28 2007 Lou DiSantis (VFW 7390), Commander Steve Neri (AL Post 448), join Commandant Jim Alleva to present Eagle Scout Awards to Lou DiBello from Havertown.

**REMINDER:  
DUES ARE NOW \$30.00.  
PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN  
RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

## “SCUTTLEBUTT” BOOSTER CLUB



*Help support our  
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!

### FEBRUARY BOOSTERS

Jim & Elena Alleva, Pat & Joe Mensack, Florence & Bob Spano, Barbara & Ben Sides, Rosemarie & Lloyd Spangler, Jean & Bernie McGinley, and Jack McLeod.

**Thank you boosters!**

***Bob Spano***

Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt”  
Booster, please see Bob Spano.*

### Birthday Greetings for March

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

Philip Baglivo, Jr.  
Walter Fitzgerald  
Richard Guyer  
Leon Hendrick  
Henry Kaufman  
Raymond Keesey  
Jacques Mauch  
John McHenry  
Henry Mummah  
Thomas Potter  
Gerald Powlus  
Joseph Romano  
Robert Stanton  
William Warburton



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

### SICK CALL

- Don Walz,
- Matt Balfrey,
- George Boyajian
- Al Harper, III USMC—wounded in Iraq.  
He is the grandson of our good friend Al Harper of the Chester County Detachment

Please remember these men with a card or a phone call.

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



### DCYM Scuttlebutt

The Delaware County Young Marines and Recruits headed to the pool for their annual Swim Qualification this month. This is an event we all look forward to and really enjoy. Headed by Cpl. Jim Caruso, the Unit learned basic water safety, water rescue and water survival techniques. After our lessons were finished, we had time to goof around and play a little water basketball.

We sent a Color Guard to a benefit ice hockey game against the Philadelphia Flyers Legends that Sgt.Maj. Dunton was playing in benefiting NHS. It was fun watching the "old timers" play and Sgt.Maj. held his own. It was definitely a good time for a good cause.

Our Young Marines are also busy with drill and classroom lessons. We're studying hard for upcoming promotion tests. Our Recruits are working hard toward their upcoming graduation in early Spring. An invitation will be sent to all MCL members.

We're also looking forward to participating in Springfield's annual St. Patty's Day Parade coming up in March.

As always, we greatly appreciate the continued support of the Detachment.

***SgtMaj Timothy Dunton***

General Smedley D. Butler  
Detachment #741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes  
5 February 2007

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1935. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Alleva, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Director Stan Short, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, and Service Officer Connie McGinley. The detachment recognized a moment of silence for Frank DiBonaventuro and Fred Winterling, two members who had passed away in the past week.

A new associate member, Robert (Bob) Wells was sworn in. Stan Short had made the motion to accept Bob Wells as an associate member. Phil Baglivo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Minutes: Joe Mensack made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Tony Fusto seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports: Jim Alleva reported for the Sr. Vice, who was excused, and he indicated that the Marine Corps League birthday ball would be held on 10 November 2007. Two suggestions for the location of the ball were the Knights of Columbus hall, and the Paxon Hollow Country Club. A final decision on the location for will be made at a later date. Jim Alleva also reminded everyone that the annual dues had been increased to \$30.00.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that tickets for the MCL Department Veterans and Youth Programs are now underway. Fifteen framed Certificates of Appreciation were delivered to the store managers who cooperated with last year's wagon sales. The question of whether to continue with the junior troop handler wagon as a prize will be discussed at the February Staff Meeting and March's General Meeting. In addition, a change to the June Daily Lottery is being considered to one in which a single prize is offered, such as a new HD TV.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read a thank you note directed to Commandant Jim Alleva from Frank Lacontora Jr., who had recently been awarded his Eagle Scout award.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the Paymaster's report for January. Phil Baglivo made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report. Joe Mensack seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano also presented and reviewed the proposed budget for 2007. Changes from the year 2006 were pointed out, and questions from the floor were addressed. Stan Short made a motion to accept the proposed budget as the budget for 2007. Phil Baglivo seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Dan Luty indicated that the MCL National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures were available on the national website. He also mentioned that the PA Department Bylaws are available on its website. Printed copies, if necessary, are available from Dan Luty on a request basis. Dan Luty also reported that new red binders are now available to those new members who had not received a binder when they joined the detachment. The

March of Dimes Walk will be conducted on 29 April 2007 in Ridley Creek State Park. Report time will be at 0815, and the walk should begin at 0900. Jim Alleva expressed his appreciation to Dan Luty, Bob Spano, and Steve Neri for their work in getting the officer guidebooks printed and bound, as well as the National and Department Bylaws mentioned above.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross mentioned that he had a request from the floor that cream for the coffee should be remembered in the future. He also reminded everyone to make sure that their dues are paid when due. He also mentioned that it is important for members arriving after the meeting has started to remember to salute the Sergeant-at-Arms and then to salute the national colors when entering the meeting room.

Chaplain: Chris Bush was not present, as he was attending the viewing for Frank DiBonaventuro. Jim Alleva mentioned that Chris Bush had indicated that George Boyajian was feeling better, and Jim Alleva asked members to give Henry Mummah a telephone call.

Service Officer: Connie McGinley reported that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had passed legislation in November 2006, approving a one-time bonus of \$525.00 for those who had served in the Persian Gulf conflict.

Director Stan Short: Stan Short mentioned that officers and the Paymaster had met on 29 January 2007 to come up with the proposed budget that had been approved earlier in this meeting. The directors had also conducted an audit of the Paymaster's records for 2006, and everything was found to be in order. The semi-annual locker box audit was not conducted this evening, due to the viewing this evening for Frank DiBonaventuro. The locker box audit will be conducted prior to the March General Meeting.

Committee Reports:

Ceremonies: George VanDusen was not available, since he was at the viewing for Frank DiBonaventuro. Ben Sides reported that 26 funerals had been conducted so far this year.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese indicated that flag collection is an on-going process. He also indicated that he has some concerns on the touch-up painting needs on some of the flag collection boxes.

Historian: Ben Sides reported that he has a new printer at home that is dedicated to Marine Corps League activity. John Cook reminded everyone of the display in the Springfield Public Library, recognizing the World War II battle of Iwo Jima.

Newtown Township Veterans Park: Stan Short indicated that the township had recently approved the groundwork plans, and work will probably begin once the weather improves.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams announced that he had prepared packets of information on the various scholarship programs available. This would include the National, Department of Pennsylvania, Franklin Mint, and the

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Detachment Scholarship programs, among others. The packets of information are available for those needing them. Wayne Williams emphasized that attention to detail is important when completing the necessary forms.

Membership: Bob Spano mentioned that the detachment currently has 162 paid members. Thirteen members had not paid their dues as of December 2006, and of this group, two have since paid. Others are being contacted concerning paying their dues.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews reported that there will be a Valentine's Day party at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital on 14 February 2007, and a St. Patrick's Day party there on March 14 2007. Both of these events are scheduled for 1830. The monthly bingo party for February is scheduled for 12 February 2007, beginning at 1900.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business was raised.

New Business: Ben Sides made a motion that detachment donations from the needy families category of the budget be made for needy families located only within the Southeast Division. Stan Short seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jim Alleva raised the need to purchase more K-bars and display cases for presentations at the Naval ROTC department at Villanova University. The cost of the K-bars is \$38.50 each, and the cost of the display cases is \$47.23 each. Ben Sides made a motion to spend \$429.00 for five K-bars and five display cases. Dan Luty seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jim Alleva announced that in November 2006 Governor Rendell signed into law legislation that if a veteran is 100% disabled, the veteran is tax exempt from paying real estate and school taxes in Pennsylvania. Also, the review of disability will be made every five years, instead of every two years.

Jim Alleva mentioned that he had received an e-mail from the Marine Corps League in Florida, requesting financial assistance for MCL members affected by the recent tornadoes in Florida. This would be considered disaster relief. After discussion, Stan Short made a motion to turn down the request. Joe Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Craig Allen made a motion to contribute \$200.00 toward the Desks for Freedom project, a project of the NROTC in Boca Raton, Florida, to purchase five desks at \$40.00 each, for the school children in Iraq. Phil Baglivo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jim Alleva announced that American Legion Post #338, VFW Post #7390, and our detachment took part in the Eagle Scout program for Lou DiBello of Havertown in January.

Jim Alleva made a review of upcoming activities for February.

A change in the award for the annual Policeman and Fireman of the Year for Marple and Newtown Townships

was briefly discussed. Dan Luty mentioned that any change would constitute a change in the Bylaws, and the change should be written up and voted on by the membership before it could be put into practice.

Dan Luty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Fusto seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2055.

Dan Luty won the 50/50. 31 individuals signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly, Adjutant

**Guidelines for Submission of Articles & Photos for inclusion in "Scuttlebutt"**

- 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



**Marine Corps League**  
 Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
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*"I Pledge Allegiance"*

**"SAEPE EXERTUS, SEMPER FIDELIS, FRATER INFINITAS."**  
**"OFTEN TESTED, ALWAYS FAITHFUL, BROTHERS FOREVER."**

**Next Regular Meeting is:**  
**March 5, 2007 (MONDAY)**  
**1930 hrs.**  
 Knights of Columbus  
 327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
 (Route 252)  
 Newtown Square, PA

