



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report & Message March 2008

Leaguers,

I attended the Marine West Expo at Camp Pendleton on January 16, 2008. I had the opportunity to meet Jack Ryan the Nat'l MCL Commandant. Neil Corley, our friend from Delaware was also there.

I met the General Dynamic's representatives, designers and manufacturers of the EFV and the actual Marine Corps Crew of the EFV, The Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle. This is really a great vehicle that gets our Marines on the beach in a hurry and kills the enemy with its big gun and machine guns.

We are going to propose a trip in September to visit The Modern Day Marine Expo and The Marine Corps Museum. More information to come at future meetings from our Sr. Vice.

During the Month of January I attended both a Department and a District Marine Corps League meeting. At the early January meeting Paul Hastings gave a report regarding John Moyse, PDC. His health was reported as tenuous at best. John has subsequently succumbed to his illness and was laid to rest on Saturday January 26. The Honor Guard duties were performed by his home Detachment, Upper Darby. We will miss John. He was one of the good guys. Please remember John in your prayers.

The Department of Pa. Convention will be held June 12-15 at the Hotel Carlisle, Carlisle, PA. Reservations can be made by calling 717-243-1717 or 800-228-9290. The room rates are \$70.00 for both single and double occupancy. Reservations must be made prior to June 1, 2008.

The Nat'l Convention will be held Aug. 10-18 in Orlando, Fl. I'll pass on information as it becomes available.

All Detachments present were tasked to carefully review the credentials of all new persons seeking membership in the League. We are proposing to the Department an addition to the membership form that will require all new members to sign a Form SF180 and agree to grant us permission to have their records sent to us from NARA in St. Louis. The Department Judge Advocate, Noel

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Haynes has commented that this is a good course to follow. We will not implement this procedure without additional review by the Nat'l JA.

The regulation insignia for Associate Member's red covers has been changed from the currently used MCL insignia to the "Sunburst, right". They will be available from The Nat'l Ships Store soon. The MCL insignia will only be worn on the shirt collar.

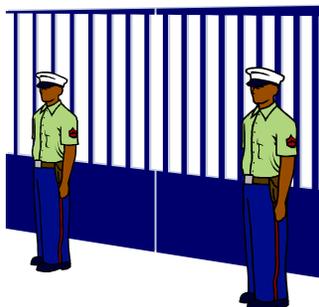
Sadly the price of war has come home to one of our Pennsylvania Marines. Derrick Sharpe sustained horrendous damage as a result of action in Iraq. He has lost his leg, his buttocks, part of his skull, and rectum. He must forever be attached to a colostomy bag. Only three other GIs have suffered the degree of his wounds and lived. During past wars he would not have lived. He has need for money to pay for his transportation to his doctors and hospitals and help with simple living needs. He requires physical assistance in walking, and his military pay doesn't pay for incidentals. He was a Lance Corporal when he sustained his wounds. As he is still on active duty, he was recently promoted to Cpl. He is only twenty years old.

A motion was presented and passed at our general meeting that we provide Cpl. Sharpe with a \$1,000.00 donation to help cover some of his expenses. Donations from some of our Detachment members and other friends of the Detachment matched and in fact exceeded our Detachment donation.

At our general meeting March 3, 2008, we will have as our guest, Bill Walsh, Congressman Sestock's District Manager. He will speak about the Veterans services available through the Congressman's office.

Thank you and Semper Fidelis.

**Earle E. Drake**  
Commandant



## Jr. Vice Report

The primary purpose of this month's report is to outline plans for our 2008 fund raising campaigns. Members who were active in last year's fund raising campaigns were consulted for ideas. We also drew on what we learned during last year's campaigns. We will:

- renew last year's TV Bonanza Campaign which will run from March 1<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Its title will be "**TV Bonanza II**";
- attempt to expand the number of Members seeking donations from both individual and corporate donors;
- renew our Birthday Ball Program Ad Campaign to run from August 1<sup>st</sup> through early November;
- significantly change our approach to what has been known as our JTH "Wagon Sales" campaign. The new campaign will be called "**Drawing for Dollars**"

We ask that all Members take TV Bonanza II tickets on consignment with a commitment to try to sell as many tickets as possible. **There will be no commitment for the Member to buy the tickets!** Tickets will be available for Members at our March Meeting. For those Members who will not be at the Meeting and wish to take tickets on consignment, please call me at 610-356-8893. I will arrange prompt delivery of your tickets!

Our "**Drawing for Dollars!**" Campaign will:

- involve drawing for cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$150 and \$100 instead of using a wagon as the object of the Drawing;
- use the same number of sales days as we have scheduled in the past with as many double location events as is practical;
- schedule the sales dates to match the higher traffic seasons of our store locations. We will drop the summer months and schedule Saturdays on April 5<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup> through November 29;
- continue to solicit donations or ticket sales from shoppers to support our wounded troops, hospitalized veterans and needy families;
- update our posters and other communication pieces to more graphically display what we do and who we help;
- change ticket prices to lessen our paper work while keeping prices affordable. Prices will be \$2.00 for one ticket, \$5.00 for three tickets and \$10.00 for six tickets;

A preliminary schedule of "Drawing for Dollars!" calendar dates and locations will be provided at our March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

**John B. McLeod**

Junior Vice Commandant

## Sr. Vice Report

The officers & chairpersons will meet at 1900 instead of 1930 to discuss membership-recruiting possibilities at the next staff meeting on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Any member with suggestions should contact them. A discussion of different recruiting procedures and incentives will be discussed.

All old membership files will be transferred and stored with all of the other detachment property. As a reminder, all members should do what they can to recruit new members and anyone who needs membership applications, let me know. If you can, invite those who are interested in joining to come as a guest and observe the functions of the detachment.

Also the Marine Corps ball will be held on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined.

Sr. Vice Commandant,

*Jim (JR) Robinson*

## Young Marines' Report



We held our annual swim qualifications on February 16th at Ridley High School. Approximately 20 Young Marines and recruits enjoyed the warm indoor pool and learned various life-saving and swimming techniques from a Marine Corps swimming instructor.

We're gearing up for a few activities in the upcoming months.

Thank you as always for your support!!

*Jeffrey Gunning*

Delaware County Young Marines

### General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Jim (JR) Robinson
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	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

### General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Bob Matthews
	Jack McLeod
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Jim Ross
Color Guard	Joe Conigliaro
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Bob (Coz) Cosgrove
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Wayne Barner
“ Assistant	John J. V. Cook
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	John Williams
Membership	Jim Robinson
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Sandi Mauer
Newtown Twp Vets Park	
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	Steve Neri
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Robert Matthews
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Mistress	Sandi Mauer

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

<b>General &amp; Healthcare Benefits</b>	
<b>VA Hotline</b>	<b>800-827-1000</b>
<b>Veterans' Healthcare</b>	<b>800-222-8387</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>888-442-4511</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

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### March

- 3 General Membership Meeting.
- 4 The Marine Band played at a Presidential Inauguration for the first time. 1801.
- 10 VAVS Bingo, Coatesville Hospital
- 18 1814 - The British Schooner Phoenix fell to US Marines
- 22 American Legion Post 805 Egg Roll To be held on Malin Road
- 25 Staff Meeting, American Legion

### April

- 5 MNLL Opening Day Color Guard
- 7 General Meeting
- 14 VAVS Bingo, Coatesville Hospital
- 17 VFW Luncheon. Springfield CC.
- 22 Villanova Spring NROTC Review and Gung Ho Award, 1400
- 26 March of Dimes Walk at Ridley State Park 0800
- 27 Walk for Wounded Veterans at Rosetree Park 1200-1300

## 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.

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7:30PM. 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.

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

**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**, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$6.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

**M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound #19, Pack of Penna.**, Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd & Kendron Avenue, Folsom, PA.

**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.

## Judge Advocate Report

The Membership voted to add Administrative Procedure A15 titled Process for the Dispersal of Detachment Funds for Various Charities and states that: Requests received for charitable donations from outside charities or members in good standing via email or any other method shall be forwarded to the Board of Trustees without delay. The Board will review, investigate and recommend to the membership whether or not the Board is in agreement with the request. The Board will explain their recommendation.

A submitting Member in good standing may bring their charitable request before the membership for a vote after the Board has given a recommendation.

Respectfully,  
*Dan Luty*  
Judge Advocate

## “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

- \*Dan Fitzpatrick
- \*Richard Guyer
- \*Jack McLeod
- \*Pat & Joe Mensack
- \*Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

**Bob Spano**  
Paymaster

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



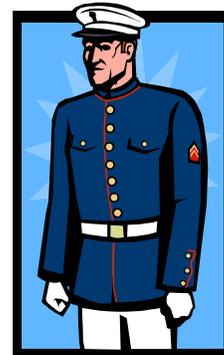
### SICK CALL

- Bob Bunce
- Matt Balfrey
- Bill Charlton
- Henry Mummah
- Steve Neri

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

## In Remembrance of Stan Short

I will remember him as a classmate,  
Marine, policeman, historian and  
friend.



*submitted by Dave Brimble*

## 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  
Charles Sexton, Jr.  
Robert Stanton  
Paul Vergalla  
William Warburton



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

*If your birthday was omitted,  
please contact Adjutant Jack Kelly.  
We apologize for any omissions.*

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes  
4 February 2008

Commandant: Commandant Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Jim Robinson, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Director Paul Ferguson, and Director Bernie McGinley.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 2008 meeting were reviewed. Joe Conigliaro made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Spence Goldsborough seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Member: Paul Vergalla was introduced as a potential new regular member. He was sponsored by Jim Ross, who gave some brief details of Paul Vergalla's USMC service. After his introduction, he was accepted into membership, and he was sworn in by Commandant Drake.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Commandant Drake reported that he had attended the Marine West Expo at Camp Pendleton in California in January. He had also attended a Department meeting and a Southeast District meeting during January. He also outlined several dates for upcoming events at the Department and National levels. He reported on Marine Cpl. Derrick Sharpe who had received extensive injuries while serving in Iraq. A motion was made by George Boyajian that the Detachment donate \$1,000.00 to Cpl. Sharpe to cover some of his expenses. Spence Goldsborough seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Sr. Vice: Jim Robinson reported that he had joined the Honor Guard for military funerals, and encouraged others to become involved in this endeavor. Wayne Barner is the contact person for the Honor Guard. Jim Robinson mentioned that the Paxon Hollow Country Club is being considered for the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. Jim Robinson also reported on two possible trips, one to the USMC Museum in Virginia, and another to the Marine Expo at Camp Lejeune in September.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that there will be another TV Bonanza Campaign again this year, running from 1 March to 2 June 2008. The Birthday Ball ad campaign will run from 1 August through early November 2008. The Detachment will significantly change its approach to what had been the wagon

sales campaign. Instead of the Junior Troop Handler wagon, we will award cash prizes for the drawing. We will also rely more on direct donations. Sales activities will be conducted in April and May, then close for June, July and most of August, and begin again in late August and last through November.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly referred to a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, acknowledging a donation made by the Detachment. He also read a memo of thanks from Judy Burns, widow of former member Ed Burns, thanking the Detachment and the Honor Guard for the services provided at Ed's funeral.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the Paymaster's report for January 2008. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano then presented the proposed budget for 2008, and he addressed questions or made clarifications as needed. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Chris Bush seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano mentioned that Cpl. Derrick Sharpe, who the Detachment will be sending a donation to, lives in Berwick, PA. Cpl. Sharpe had attended the MCL Department Meeting in January, and that is how Earle Drake and Bob Spano became aware of his situation. The donation from our Detachment will be sent to the Anthracite MCL Detachment in West Hazelton, PA, since that Detachment is assisting with Cpl. Derrick's financial affairs. In other matters, Bob Spano made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the USO in Philadelphia. Ben Sides seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Bob Spano made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Salvation Army. Spence Goldsborough seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Harry Kaufman made a suggestion to consider donating to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Fund. This suggestion will be considered at the next staff meeting.

Judge Advocate: Dan Luty read a recommended proposal from Paul Ferguson, regarding a process for the dispersal of funds for various charities. In short, any request would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees, and the Board would review, investigate, and recommend to the membership whether or not the Board is in agreement with the request. The membership would have the final approval on the request. If this proposal is adapted, it would become Administrative Procedure #A15. John Williams made a motion to accept the proposal as read. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Stan Short and Steve Neri were both in the hospital, and that Dave Brimble was not feeling well, but he was at home. Bill

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Charlton is in the Broomall Presbyterian Home.

Director Paul Ferguson/Locker Box: Paul Ferguson mentioned that the semi-annual audit of the items in the locker box had been completed prior to this meeting. Some older items will be available after the meeting for a donation or purchase, and some older remaining items will given to Jack McLeod for possible distribution at the sales locations.

Committee Reports:

V.A.V.S./Americanism: Bob Matthews reported that the next bingo party at Coatesville is scheduled for 11 February 2008. In addition, a Valentine's Day party is scheduled at Coatesville for 13 February 2008.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that the flag collection efforts are on-going.

Historian: Bob Cosgrove requested that if members see items in the local press involving Detachment activities to forward those items to him, as he does not live in the immediate area. He may not have a chance to include the items in the history book, unless forwarded to him.

Ceremonies: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard served at 19 funerals in January 2008. Two have already been completed in February, and four others have already been scheduled.

Marksmanship: John Williams reported that the MCL Department of Pennsylvania rifle match is scheduled for 26, 27, 28 September 2008. The pistol match is scheduled for 6, 7, 8 June 2008. He also reviewed the specific firearms requirements for each match.

Newtown Township Vets Park: Stan Short was not in attendance, but Bob Spano provided a brief report from Stan Short. Stan has been looking for a home for the Detachment, possibly from a benefactor or some other source. Before any decision would be made, he would bring all available information before the membership for whatever action would be taken.

Property: Bob Spano reported that all of the Detachment's property that was in Dave Brimble's garage has been removed, and it is now located in Bob Spano's business warehouse.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams indicated that he now has the information packets available for those who may want to apply for academic scholarships for family members. He indicated that there are four types of scholarships available. The scholarships available are the Detachment scholarships, from the MCL Department of Pennsylvania, from the Marine Corps National Scholarship program, and from the Marine

Corps Foundation Scholarship program.

Unfinished Business: Bob Spano distributed several awards to individuals who had not been at the meeting in January. He also distributed some certificates for the Toys for Tots program.

New Business: Dan Luty provided some information on this year's March of Dimes program. The March of Dimes walk this year will be on a Saturday instead of Sunday, and those interested can either participate by walking or by making individual donations. The walk is scheduled for 26 April 2008, in Ridley Creek State Park.

Good of the League: Bob Spano indicated that individuals who may want to donate funds for the newsletter could contact him.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Sides seconded the motion. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Joe Hudson won the 50/50. Forty-two members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly, Adjutant

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- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the upcoming issue.
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- 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**

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**Honor-Courage-Commitment**

Next Meeting

**March 3, 2008**

**1930 hours**

Knights of Columbus

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