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Commandant's Report March 2009

I want to thank Sr. Vice Commandant Bob (Coz) Cosgrove for assuming my duties at the February General Meeting. Coz has taken an active part in our Detachment and we appreciate his many contributions.

Each winter I try to get out to California to visit with family and enjoy the sunshine. I always try to tie my visit into the dates of the "Marine West Expo" held at Camp Pendelton. This year's Expo was bigger and better than 2008 with many new exhibitors and demonstrations. I had a chance to briefly meet National Commandant Laskey and speak to National Executive Director Mike Blum.

The Young Marines of the Marine Corps League had a booth and their guest was R. Lee Ermey, "The Gunny". He signed autographs and pictures for all comers. The Marine Corps League sponsors the Expos that are held each year at Camp Pendelton, Quantico and Camp Lejeune. If there is sufficient interest we will sponsor an overnight trip to Quantico for the "Modern Day Marine" Expo in the fall.

Before I left for California, I was tasked by Jr. Vice Commandant McLeod to visit with the folks from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund which is located in Oceanside California. I called them and they told me they would have a booth at the Expo so I arranged to meet them there. I am happy to report that our donations are serving our wounded Marines and their families well. Briefly, the Semper Fi fund assists Marines injured in combat, training or with life threatening illness. It helps their families defray the expenses incurred during hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery. It helps other service members injured while in direct support of Marine units.

While it is still winter, your staff is actively planning for upcoming events. Parades, Color Guards, the June dinner, the Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball all are in the works.

Make 2009 the year you became more involved with your League.

Semper Fidelis,

Earle Drake

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Jr. Vice Report

Contribution-Special Activity

Renewal solicitation of forty-six contributors who contributed to our Contribution-Special Account in years prior to 2008 has been completed. Sixteen contributors have responded with contributions.

Solicitation of new contributors and 2008 contributors will commence in March. Our Members will be asked to present Contribution Kits to two persons selected among relatives, friends or family members. This effort will replace last year's TV Bonanza II Campaign and will run throughout 2009.

The kit contains documentation which:

- Explains the financial difficulties that wounded troops, needy veterans and their respective families are encountering;
- Identifies the source and nature of their difficulties.
- Graphically portrays how financial support has been employed in specific instances;
- **Emphasizes the fact that our Detachment is not seeking donations for its own account but acts as a means of channeling contributions to those in need;**
- Details how contributions will be processed.

Contents of the kit will be presented at our next Detachment meeting and distributed to attending Members.

"Help Us Help Others" Events

We will be submitting a proposed schedule of HUHO store events to Acme Markets corporate management prior to our next Detachment Meeting. We hope to obtain corporate approval in March to be followed up by confirmation at individual stores.

Birthday Ball Program Ads

Unpaid ads have been billed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod
Junior Vice Commandant

Sr. Vice Report

As I mentioned at the last meeting, John Burfete, Bill Kinney, Paul Ferguson and I called 60 potential new members, 12 of whom said they would attend the meeting. None showed. Discouraging, but keep on truckin'. We are in the process of re-calling the 12 and some others who we did not reach on the first go-round.

I stopped by Paxon Hollow CC to talk about this year's Marine Corps Ball. We talked about the menu, dates open and the fact that there would be a marginal price increase, probably only about \$.50 to \$ 1.00 per person.

During the next month I will go by the township building and book the date in August for the picnic. In addition, I will visit with Justine the Caterer to negotiate the June dinner, picnic and the Ball arrangements.

By the way, thank you all for not throwing any rotten eggs or tomatoes at me while I stumbled through last months meeting. However, don't forget to bring your ammo for Earle next month.

Robert "Cozy" Cosgrove
Sr. Vice Commandant

Iwo Jima Vets Honored

Iwo Jima Veterans from the three Delaware County Marine Corps League Detachments were honored on Sunday, February 15th at the DELCO Detachment home in Upland, PA.

This is an annual event hosted by our DELCO Detachment Brothers. Thanks, DELCO for your hospitality!!!



Front Row, L-R: Clifford Doud, Don Walz, Henry Mummah
Back Row, L-R: George Edelman, Jack DePew, Al Macauley, Joe Hinderhoffer, Walt Tallmadge

The Legend Continues ...

The newly promoted Major was soon assigned to foreign duty in the Panama Canal Zone as commanding officer of the Third Battalion, Marines. During this tour of duty, which lasted until 1913, he was ordered to mount three expeditions to the neighboring country of Nicaragua on the occasions when civil unrest and revolution threatened American lives and property. With a limited force of Marines, he was able to restore order after personally confronting the rebel leader, Luis Mena. In that same campaign his talent for diplomacy was exhibited when citizens of Granada presented him with a gold medal in appreciation of his "Proper Conduct" during his occupation of that city.

Butler was a young officer and ideal for small wars and expeditions and was skilled in handling light and small units. It was during this time, that he was beginning to sense that the Marines were being used for "Dollar Diplomacy" in order to protect American financial holdings of banks, railroads, Wall Street and fruit companies in the Central American countries. In later years, he described the difficulties in taking sides without appearing to do so, not only in Nicaragua but other Latin American countries.

Washington strongly urged the use of Marines instead of Army troops for this type of action. The public and international communities looked upon the Army as outright garrisons for colonies whereas Marines were accepted as a temporary force to instill peace and calm.

His second child, Smedley D. Butler Jr., was born in the Philadelphia Navy Yard during this tour of duty on 12 July 1909.

John Cook

Historian

Young Marines' Report

In March, the Young Marines will participate in our annual swim qualifications at Ridley High School. To qualify, each Young Marine must swim two lengths of the pool in full uniform.

We also plan on attending a Phantoms game on March 28th. Our color guard will be on the ice before the game for the national anthem.

Lastly, we are heading up to Connecticut with a small group of Young Marines for the 50th anniversary of the Young Marines.

Thank you as always for your continued support!

Jeffrey Gunning

Delaware County Young Marines

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Robert Cosgrove
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	James Herbst
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Jim Mulhern
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	Gene Kern
Membership	Robert Cosgrove
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Earle Drake
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Connie McGinley
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Master	Dan Luty

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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	<u>www.va.gov</u>

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

February

- 27 The PA Veterans Museum Proudly presents an Advance Screening of: Women in the Military: Willing...Able...Essential. 1:00 PM for elected officials, military and press. Reception 2:00 - 3:30. This ground breaking film will be shown at the Media Theater
- 28 MODD Devil Dogs Pound #19 Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00 to 7:00 @ VFW Post 928, MacDade Blvd., Folsom

March

- 02 General Meeting, KOC @ 7:30
- 09 VAWS Bingo at the Coatesville VA Medical Center
- 13 Spaghetti Dinner, American Legion Post 338, Havertown, PA. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM. All proceeds benefit "Walk for the Wounded"
- 31 Staff Meeting. American Legion Post 805, 7:30 start time

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 Avenues, Havertown, PA.

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at 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, \$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

Bill Charlton, Jr. Dave Brimble Anthony Delgripo	Ralph LaMarra Henry Mummah
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Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.

Important Notice

Our Library Committee members, Connie McGinley and John Cook retired after twelve years of service with this duty. Great job Marines!!

The Detachment is looking for a few good men to take over the duties of this program. Please contact the Springfield Township Public Library for more information.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

On U.S. Marine Corps Birthday, 10 November 1938, Contralto Kate Smith premiered "God Bless America", Irving Berlin's anthem to his adopted home, on her radio show. Berlin had written it twenty years before the musical and then abandoned it but with war on the European horizon in 1938, he reworked it as a "peace song". Smith made it a hit, singing it throughout her career, on broadcasts and recordings and in the 1970's as a good luck charm for the Philadelphia Flyers. It is the last song she performed before her death in 1986 at the age of 79.



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

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th 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 dan.luty@ricoh-usa.com

"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!

MARCH BOOSTERS

John Burfete, Jr.
Bob (Coz) Cosgrove
Joe Direso, Jr.
Jim Herbst
Marple Memorial Post #805
Bob Matthews
Connie McGinley
Jack McLeod
Florence & Bob Spano

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.
Richard Guyer
Henry Kaufman
Raymond Keesey
Jacques Mauch
John McHenry
Henry Mummah
Thomas Potter
Gerald Powlus
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 - 2 February 2009

Commandant: The meeting was opened at 1930 by Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, substituting for Commandant Earle Drake, who was in California. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Paul Ferguson, Director Jim Herbst, and Director Bernie McGinley.

Minutes: Harry Kaufman made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 January 2009 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly referred to several letters from organizations acknowledging donations made by the Detachment. Among those received were letters from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Operation First Response in Culpeper, VA, and Hope for the Warriors in Jacksonville, NC. Other letters were also acknowledged. Jack Kelly also read a note from the Protesto family expressing appreciation to the Honor Guard for the graveside service for Robert Protesto.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of the end of January 2009. He also reviewed the Detachment's proposed budget for 2009. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the proposed budget as the Detachment's budget for 2009. George Boyajian seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Dan Luty made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report for the month of January 2009. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove reported that he and several others had recently contacted about 60 potential members by telephone, inviting them to future meetings. Additional follow-up activity is being considered.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod outlined his Detachment fundraising plans for 2009. The TV Bonanza program is being dropped, and the D4D program is being re-named as the Help Us Help Others program. The breadth of the program is being expanded, but the length of the program will remain unchanged. In addition, Jack McLeod also outlined a method whereby individual members could contact ten prospective contributors from relatives or friends, to solicit donations to the Detachment on an individual basis. Jack McLeod also commented on plans for the annual Birthday Ball booklet.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that member Ralph Lamarra is no longer in a convalescent home, but he has been moved into a hospice care facility. Chris Bush also requested that members contact him if members hear of any member being ill or being hospitalized.

Directors: Director Paul Ferguson reported that the Directors had performed the annual audit of the Paymaster's records on 27 January 2009. The Paymaster's records were found to be complete and in order.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Harry Kaufman provided information on the recent event at the Media Theatre in which Captain Bob Matthews, USN (retired) was honored for his military service going back to World War II. A number of Detachment members attended this special event. Harry Kaufman also presented a Meritorious Commendation certificate to George Boyajian for his participation in fundraising activities during 2008. He had been overlooked during the award presentations during the January general meeting.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had participated in 19 military funerals during the month of January. Five more are already scheduled for the first week in February.

Newsletter: Dan Luty mentioned an item listed in the newsletter, and that is the 64th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima will be celebrated at the Delaware County Detachment on 15 February 2009, beginning at 1300. Dan Luty also mentioned that for those members receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please contact him by the 27th or 28th of the month if their next month's issue has not been received by e-mail.

Property: Bob Spano reported that a large number of worn or damaged flags had recently been properly destroyed. Dennis Morsa, Earle Drake, Barry Reese, and Bob Spano all assisted in this project.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that the scholarship application packets for 2009 are now available. Members with eligible relatives who may be interested in applying for Detachment scholarships should contact Wayne Williams.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that the sponsor certificates are now available for those merchants that participated in the 2008 Toys for Tots program. Members who were involved in the Toys for Tots program should contact Dan Luty to pick up the certificates for presentation to the merchants with whom they dealt.

V.A.V.S: Connie McGinley mentioned that the next bingo party at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for Monday, 9 February 2009. Also, a Valentine's Day party is scheduled for 11 February 2009 at Coatesville.

Webmaster Dan Luty reported that he attempting to obtain some new software in order to get the Detachment's web page updated.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business: Dan Luty mentioned that the Young Marines would soon be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Young Marines program. The Delaware County Young Marines are planning to attend an anniversary event in Connecticut. In order to assist them in sending ten Young Marines and staff to this event, Dan Luty made a motion to donate a one-time gift of \$1,500.00 to the Young Marines for this trip. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Bob Spano made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to each of the following individuals or organizations:

- Mary E. Walker House in Coatesville, PA for women veterans.
- The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center
- Cpl. Matt Sondermann, USMC, wounded in action in Afghanistan
- Hope for the Warriors, Jacksonville, NC
- Cpl. Derrick Sharpe, USMC, wounded in action in Iraq.

The Detachment has previously donated to these individuals or organizations, and these were previously discussed at the recent staff meeting. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Harry Kaufman mentioned that Nick Constantino, who had been a catalyst for last year's Walk for the Wounded project at Rose Tree Park, would be having a meeting next Wednesday at the Marple Township Building, to discuss plans for this year's event. The meeting would begin at 1800.

Good of the League: Bob Spano indicated that he had new nametags for several members who had ordered them. On 21 February 2009, there will be a presentation on HBO entitled "Taking Chance," the account of a young fallen Marine and the escorting of his remains back from Iraq to his hometown in Wyoming.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Luty seconded the motion. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2030. Bernie McGinley won the 50/50. Thirty- three members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

WE NEED YOUR HELP



The drawing you see here is of a statue we are going to have built, and which will be erected on the grounds of the National Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. It will be the first ever done to honor one of the greatest marines ever to wear our uniform, LtGen Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. This is a call to arms to all who have ever said the immortal words "Good night Chesty, wherever you are". Let your fellow Marines, friends, relatives and all others know of this worthwhile endeavor. All of the people involved in this project are former Marines including the sculptor. Please send your tax-deductible donations to:

"CHESTY" PULLER STATUE FUND CANYON COMMUNITY BANK (CATALINA BRANCH) P.O. BOX 37170 TUCSON, AZ 85740.

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Next Meeting

March 2, 2009

1930 hours

Knights of Columbus

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