



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report March 2012

Let me start out with something I omitted in my February report. My cell number is 610-547-6304 and e-mail is bahinpa@aol.com. This is the best way to contact me.

As we are still in the winter season, which is traditionally our slow period, we still have a couple events going on. February 19 will be the Iwo Jima luncheon at the Delaware County Detachment home. This event is co-sponsored by the Delaware County Detachment and the Smedley Butler Detachment. On February 23 there will be an Iwo Jima remembrance ceremony at Neumann University Library in Aston, time is 5-6pm. Also, on Saturday the 11th we had the detachments first breakfast club. It was well attended and it was great to see Jack McLeod up and out.

Thanks to our Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove for putting it together. Bob would like to try and do this every month, hope to see you there.

I would also like to welcome aboard new member Charles Coombs Jr. Charles served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1977 as a FMF corpsman.

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar. In March the color guard will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield. The date is Saturday March 17. In April the Villanova Spring review (Gung Ho Award Ceremony) which will be held on the 17th. April also marks the return of Adopt-A-Highway and HUHO campaigns. OOOHH RRAAHHH!

Semper Fi,

James Herbst
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!

MARCH BOOSTERS

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| Joe Direso | Rose Marie & Tony Fusto |
| Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore | John V. Artz |
| Bob Cosgrove | Bob Matthews |
| Bud Davis | Jerry McGuckin |
| Bob Senior | Florence/Bob Spano |
| Ellen Lister | Con McGinley |
| John Kelly | Bob Cervino |

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:

- James Donegan
- Richard Guyer
- Albert Harper
- Anthony Terence Jones
- Henry Kaufman
- Raymond Keesey
- Jacques Mauch
- Samuel Mayer
- John McHenry
- Thomas Potter
- Gerald Powlus
- Edward Seidl
- Charles Sexton, Jr.
- Lloyd Spangler, Jr.
- Robert Stanton
- Paul Turner
- Paul Vergalla



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

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| 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 | www.va.gov |

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

March

- 5 General meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 1930.

- 7 The National Archives at Philadelphia, 9th & Chestnut Street. The 1940 Census opens in April. Find out what you need to know to locate your ancestors and what information you can expect to find on the census.

- 12 VAVS Bingo at the Coatesville Health Center. Contact Con McGinley.

- 17 Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade at 1400.

- 16, 17 Dept. of PA Spring Meeting in Ft. Indiantown Gap. Commandants Council on Sat. Hotel arrangements-Days Inn, Lickdale. Deadline for reservations is March 1.

- 20 First day of Spring.

- 27 Staff Meeting at the American Legion Post #805 in Broomall.

- 30, 31 National Northeast Division Conference. Vernon Downs Casino & Hotel, Vernon, NY (315-829-3400). Deadline is March 1.

April

- 2 General meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 1930.
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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

Regular Events

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

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

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

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67, AmVets, Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave. in Morton, PA meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$7.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post #7390, Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Building, Sproul & Springfield Roads, Broomall, PA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Herbert W. Best Post # 928, meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except in September, it will be the day after Labor Day, the 2nd (Tuesday and the 3rd Monday) Meetings are held at Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW, MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

SICK CALL

Dave Brimble William J. Dilenno, Sr.	Jack Meyer Frank Mayer
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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.



WELCOME TO HONOR FLIGHT PHILADELPHIA

GOAL: Helping every single veteran in America, willing and capable of getting on a bus or plane, visit THEIR memorial.



Our veterans are men and women who at some point in their lives decided that they were prepared to suffer the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. Thanks to their dedication, spirit and sacrifice we live in a society filled with freedom and liberty. Although we can never repay our veterans, we can honor them. An "Honor Flight" is simply a small token of our appreciation for everything they have done. During this trip the World War II veterans will be recognized, thanked and admired as the conquering victors that saved the world.

They come home from this trip knowing how much their country still loves and respects them. Please support us on this special day with our modest and humble veterans as we travel to Washington, D.C. to view their memorials. Volunteer to help with the planning and fundraising for our trip, become a Guardian to assist our veterans throughout their day and ensure their safe return home. Donate with your time or resources so we may send as many veterans as possible to Washington, D.C. while focusing on our vets to make certain they have a safe, comfortable journey.

The cost to send one veteran to Washington, D.C. is \$250. There are thousands of World War II vets in our area and we would like to honor them all with your support.

The Honor Flight Philadelphia Team



Inaugural Trip April 14, 2012 Itinerary

- 5:30am-6:30am **Check-in** at Trattoria Giuseppe
4799 West Chester Pike
Edgemont, PA 19073
- 6:30am Bus departs for Washington, DC. Breakfast is served on the bus.
- 9:30am Arrive at War World II Memorial.
- 11:15am Begin boarding and depart for Korea, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorial
- 11:30am Arrive at Korea, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorial
- 12:45pm Begin boarding/ Tour Washington, DC/ Lunch
- 1:30pm Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery for Changing of the Guard @200pm
- 2:30pm Board bus for Iwo Jima Memorial/ Group Photo
- 2:45pm Arrive at Iwo Jima Memorial
- 3:30pm Depart Washington, DC
- 6:30pm Arrive at Trattoria Giuseppe/Dinner

This is our tribute to you for all the sacrifices you have endured so the rest of us can live free. Enjoy your "Tour of Honor" to your memorial and be treated with honor you so richly deserve.

It is going to be a long day but I assure you a rewarding day filled with memories.

Email: Andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org
Call: (610) 662-1812
www.honorflightphiladelphia.org

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 6 February 2012

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Bud Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, and Director Ed Seidl.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 January 2012 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Member: Charles Coombs Jr. was sponsored and introduced by Earle Drake. Charles Coombs Jr. had served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1977 as a FMF corpsman, and was highly decorated. He was accepted into membership, and Commandant Jim Herbst swore him in as a regular member.

Officers' Reports:

Commandant: Jim Herbst indicated that he would be concentrating on recruiting and membership this year. He will also be concentrating on running efficient meetings, so there will be time for fellowship after the meetings have been completed.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that thank you letters for donations made by the Detachment had been received from The Salvation Army in West Chester, PA, from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD (acknowledging that the Detachment donated \$13,000.00 in contributions to them during 2011), the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, The Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA, and from the Tun Tavern Detachment, for its annual Christmas walk at the VA Community Living Center in Philadelphia, and from America 4R Marines, Willow Grove, PA. It was also mentioned that the Spring Review at Villanova University's NROTC Detachment would be on 17 April 2012.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Jr. Vice Jack McLeod had been in the hospital, but he was now at home. Chris Bush also mentioned that both Walt Tallmadge and Dave Brimble were attending the meeting, after being ill for awhile.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove mentioned that he would conduct a brief orientation meeting for new members after the general meeting has concluded this evening. He also mentioned that he was interested in scheduling some day trips this year, so that members would be able to enjoy some camaraderie without incurring too much expense. Suggestions for possible trips would be welcomed. Bob Cosgrove invited the membership to a breakfast to be held at Joe's Pizza in Broomall on 11 February 2011, beginning at 1000.

Service Officer: Con McGinley reported on the upcoming Valentine's Day Party at the Coatesville VA Hospital. He also mentioned that the monthly bingo game at the Coatesville VA hospital would be held on Monday, 13 February 2012.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported on the Veterans Monument under construction on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. He mentioned that a meeting would be held at Aqua on 21 February 2012 to discuss future progress objectives.

Director McGinley: Bernie McGinley reported that the three Directors had conducted the annual audit of the Paymaster's records for the 2011 year. The audit was conducted on 10 January 2012, and everything was found to be in proper order. Bernie McGinley reported that an e-mail was sent to the Detachment officers indicating that the audit had been completed and that all was in order.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 January 2012. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Bob Spano also presented the Detachment's proposed budget for 2012. A general review of the budget was provided and a few questions were answered. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the proposed budget as the actual budget for the Detachment for the year 2012. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism Program would be presented on 7 February 2012 at the Upper Providence Senior meeting. Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern and Lloyd Spangler would be making the presentation.

Awards: Harry Kaufman indicated that there are still a few awards to be distributed. These are awards to be distributed to members who were not at the general meeting in January 2012 when the awards were distributed for the 2011 year.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan provided information on an Iwo Jima ceremony that will be held at the Delaware County Detachment on 19 February 2012. Members from our Detachment are invited to attend. Jim Donegan also reported that the Detachment's Color Guard has been invited to participate in Springfield Township's annual St. Patrick's Day parade on 17 March 2012 beginning at noon.

Honor Guard: Joe Tier reported that the Honor Guard had participated in 17 military funerals for deceased veterans so far. Bob Spano mentioned that he has some hand warmers and gloves for those members participating in the Honor Guard.

Marksmanship: Paul Drinkard reported on a Department pistol match scheduled for 1 - 3 June 2012. The match will be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA. Interested shooters should contact Paul Drinkard.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that he has membership applications available.

Newsletter: Jim Herbst mentioned that newsletter editor Dan Luty has a busy work schedule during February, so for those members submitting reports, all submissions should be sent to Dan Luty by 15 February 2012.

Property: Bob Spano provided information on a red cover that had been found at Paxon Hollow Country Club after the Marine Corps Ball in November 2011. Anyone who has lost a red cover should contact Bob Spano. He also indicated that the 50/50 would not be held this evening, as the tickets were not available.

Public Relations: Earle Drake mentioned that he submitted news releases to local newspapers. In the prior week's *County Press*, there was almost an entire page devoted to Detachment activities. The Auxiliary and the Combined Marple/Newtown Veterans Alliance were also covered.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he now has scholarship application forms for both the Detachment and Department scholarship programs. The Detachment application forms should be submitted by 15 April 2012, and the Department application forms should be submitted by 31 May 2012. Application forms for the National scholarship program should be available at the March general meeting.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

Announcements: Bob Spano provided information on the Delaware County Detachment's recognition of Iwo Jima veterans on 19 February 2012. Jim Herbst mentioned the Spring Review at Villanova University scheduled for 17 April 2012. As we get closer to that date, it will be necessary to provide a head count of those planning to attend.

Jim Herbst presented Wayne Barner with a gift certificate for Wayne and his wife Helene for all of their work with the Honor Guard in the past few years. Wayne and Helene Barner will be moving to Lancaster County in the near future.

Good of the League: Joe Conigliaro introduced Charlie Gracie Jr. to the membership. Charlie Gracie Jr. is a teacher who works with court adjudicated youth in Kennett Square, PA, working with the Chester County Youth Center. Charlie Gracie Jr. explained his program to the membership, and he mentioned that if any members wanted to speak to a group of high school age students about their military career, they should contact Charlie Gracie Jr. and arrange a date and time.

Earle Drake mentioned that he and Pete Patrucci visit the National Archives in Philadelphia on a regular basis. He indicated that he had contacted the chief person there about the possibility of scheduling a General Smedley D. Butler lobby exhibit there, but it did not appear to be too promising. While there recently, the National Archives did give Earle Drake a large box of General Butler's records. If anyone wants to review these records, they should contact Earle Drake.

New Business: Bob Spano provided general information on the suggested donations for this month. These suggested donations were donations that had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting. There was a question raised on the suggested donation to the Michael Wagon family. Army SPC Wagon had been charged with murder of a non-combatant in Afghanistan. The donation was intended for his family to offset certain living expenses while concentrating on his defense. It was mentioned that SPC Wagon had recently been cleared of this charge. Bob Spano and Jerry Sweeley, American Legion Commander of Post #805 in Broomall, provided information to answer the question on the donation. Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) American Gold Star Mothers, Washington, DC (\$500.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$1,000.00); (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); (6) Michael Wagon family (\$500.00); and (7) The Wounded Warrior Regiment, Quantico, VA (\$2,000.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Herbst mentioned that all members are invited to the officers' staff meetings if they desire to attend. He mentioned that we are a veterans volunteer organization and members can attend the officers' staff meetings to see what we do for veterans.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

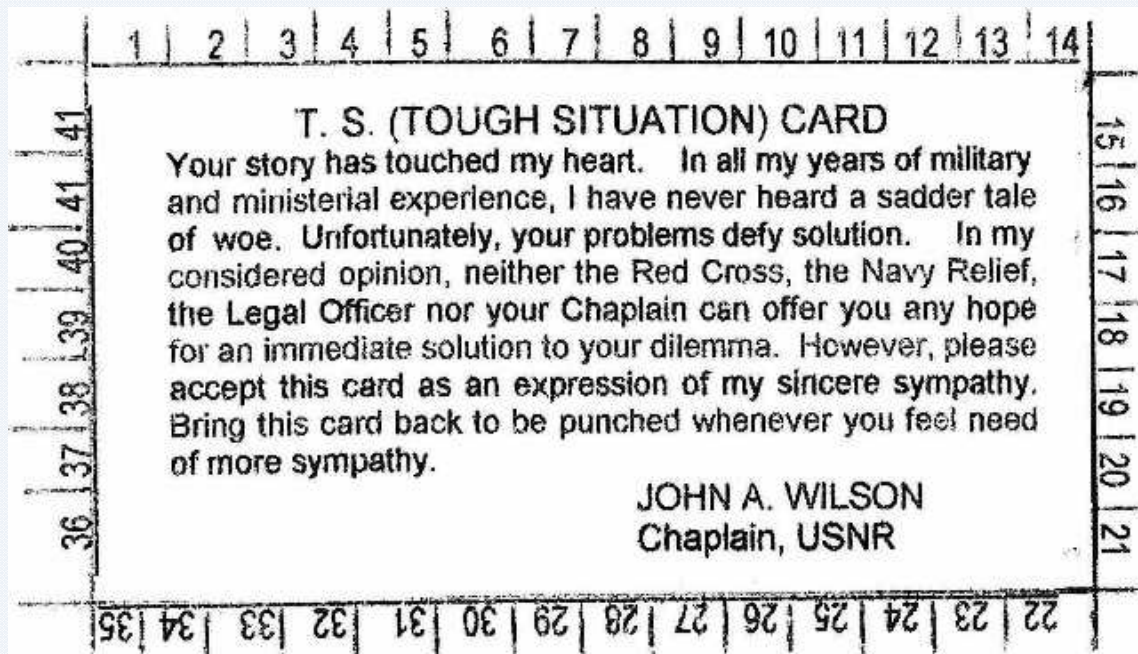
There was no 50/50 this evening. Forty-four members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant



Bits and Pieces



Quotes in History

On tour to visit troops overseas during WWII, President Franklin Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor, visited the 1st Marine Division in Australia and described the area as "covered with beer bottles, Marines in their underwear, unshaven, and grubby looking. After a couple of beer bottles rolled into the street near her, she yelled about a "bunch of uncivilized animals" and would see that the 1st Marine Division would never see a civilized port again.

When asked about Marines after WWII in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt is quoted as saying, "The Marines I have seen have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals that I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps.

August 2003 Leatherneck Article

Squirrel Huntin' in Uniform

The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League is known in Delaware County, PA, for having a military-type honor guard available to attend burial services for departed veterans. This honor guard is a well-turned-out detail and has always provided a solemn military presence on those occasions when it is fitting to present a salute to the deceased.

On one particular day at a burial at Arlington Cemetery, Upper Darby, PA, there was another aspect of its farewell salute. As the first volley was fired on command, there was a gasp from the mourners as a squirrel fell out of a nearby tree. "My God, those Marines shot a squirrel" exclaimed one of the mourners.

All ended well when the startled squirrel scrambled to its feet and ran off.

all submitted by: John J.V. Cook







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**Honor-Courage-
Commitment**



Next Meeting
March 5, 2012
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073