



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report May 2011

I'd like to begin my report by welcoming our newest member, Roger Godfrey. Roger was sworn in during our April meeting and was recruited by Joe Beal. Our recruitment has been steady and of course we are always looking for new members so let's get the word out.

I had plenty of material submitted to me for this month's **Scuttlebutt**, so much that I wasn't able to fit all of it. This is a good problem to have. It's much easier than searching for fillers, so thanks to all for your submissions and keep them coming.

We are heading into our busiest time of the year and I want to highlight some of the events that are fast approaching.

First of all, the Operation First Response – Walk for the Wounded will take place on May 21st. I have posted a flyer for this event on page 9. It is a great event and is for a very important cause. If you have not participated in the past, come on out and see what it is all about.

Of course Memorial Day is at the end of this month and as always, our Detachment has plenty on the schedule starting with the placing of flags on Veterans graves at Glenwood Cemetery on May 28. On Memorial Day the schedule is very full and all are welcome to join in. The report time is 0900 at the old RETS parking lot which is across the street from the firehouse on Malin Road and West Chester Pike. Please see page 3 for details and mark your calendar. We will discuss further during the May General Meeting.

Lastly, I would like to **Welcome Home Ken Marx!** Ken has recently returned from a tour of duty in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Semper Fi,
Dan Luty
Commandant

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"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!

MAY BOOSTERS

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Joe Beal | John Burfete Jr |
| Dominic D'Alessandro | Joe Direso |
| Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore | Paul Ferguson |
| Rosemarie & Tony Fusto | Jack Kelly |
| Emil Latini Sr | Bob Matthews |
| Con McGinley | Jerry McGuckin |
| Pat & Joe Mensack | Bob Senior |
| 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 May**

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

- Charles Davis
- John Davis
- James Duffy
- Thomas Falgiatore
- John Gingras
- John Haynal
- Earl Eugene Kern
- Patrick Lavin
- Dominick Longhi
- Cornelius McGinley
- Joseph Mensack
- Richard Palena
- Joseph Rossetti
- Gene Trautner
- Wayne P. Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Commandant | Dan Luty |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Bob Cosgrove |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod |
| Adjutant | Jack Kelly |
| Paymaster | Bob Spano |
| Judge Advocate | Paul Ferguson |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | James D. Ross |
| Chaplain | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer | Con McGinley |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Ed Seidl |
| Director | Bernie McGinley |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Earle Drake |

**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 | Jim Ross |
| Color Guard | Joe Conigliaro |
| Flag Collection | Barry Reese |
| Historian | Jack Gallagher |
| Home Association | Tom Kerrigan |
| Honor Guard | Wayne Barner |
| Honor Guard Assistant | John J. V. Cook |
| Locker Box | Paul Ferguson |
| Marksmanship | Paul Drinkard |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Jerry Leon |
| Nominations | Earle Drake |
| Property | Bob Spano |
| Public Relations | Earle Drake |
| Scholarships | Wayne Williams |
| Scouting | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Dan Luty |
| 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

May

- 1 Southeast District Meeting, Chester County Detachment Home, 430 Chestnut Street, Downingtown @ 1400.
- 1 Library Exhibit, "Our Women in the Military", Marple Library.
- 2 General Meeting at the KoC @1930.
- 5 National Day of Prayer, Rose Tree Park. Color Guard report @1100.
- 9 VAVS Bingo Party, Coatesville Medical Cntr.
- 19 Awards Ceremony, Chester High School Jr. Marine Corps ROTC @ 1900.
- 21 Walk for the Wounded IV. Armed Forces Day.
- 22 5th Annual National Tribute, West Laurel Hill Cemetery @ 1400.
- 27 Color Guard at Dunwoody, Newtown Square.
- 28 Placing Flags at Glenwood Cemetery. Meet at American Legion Post #805 @ 0900.
- 30 Memorial Day Parade. Report time is 0900 at West Chester Pike & Malin Rd. across from Firehouse.
- 31 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post #805 @ 1930.

June

- 7 June General Meeting, Spring Dinner and Scholarships at the KoC. Dinner starts at 1800 followed by Scholarship Awards.

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 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, \$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. 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	Bob Bunce
Tom Kerrigan	Tom Lynch

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



1931, Butler's last year in the Marine Corps, proved to be the most politically explosive and controversial time in his career. It began when Butler was asked by the Contemporary Club to speak at their dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on January 19, 1931.

In a speech on "How to Prevent War", Butler repeated a story related to him by his friend, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., pertaining to how some heads of foreign countries are personally untrustworthy and could not be trusted to honor treaties or agreements. Butler recounted the story that Vanderbilt was driven by Benito Mussolini on a high speed automobile ride through the Italian countryside and in the trip the Dictator ran down a child and did not even bother to slow down. Vanderbilt screamed as the child was crushed under the wheels of the automobile. Mussolini put his hand on Vanderbilt's knee and calmly stated, "It is only one life, what is one life in the affairs of state".

The Italian Royal Consul in Philadelphia reported the speech to their Washington Embassy, who forwarded the story to Rome and then the Italian Ambassador to the United States took the matter to the U.S. State Department. The Secretary of the Navy, Charles Adams, asked Butler to verify the speech, which he did! Later, Butler received a telephone call at his Quantico Headquarters Office from the Commandant, Ben Fuller, informing him that he was under arrest by order of President Herbert Hoover via Secretary of the Navy, Charles Adams. He was to be court-martialed and was to answer to two charges brought against him.

Charge One: Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Discipline.

Charge Two: Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and Gentleman.

*Submitted by:
J.J.V. Cook*



2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

5 May 1983: In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

8 May 1995: In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

10 May 1945: The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945: The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemies killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

29 May 1991: Elements of a joint task force including the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 4 April 2011

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

New Member: A potential new member was introduced to the membership. Roger Godfrey served in the Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954. Joe Beal, who sponsored Roger Godfrey, made a motion to accept him as a member. The motion was seconded and the motion passed. Roger Godfrey was sworn in as a regular member by Commandant Dan Luty.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 March 2011 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from Operation First Response, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, the USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, and from the St. Vincent DePaul Society. A card of thanks from Mrs. Carol Coladonato was received, after the passing of her husband, Tony Coladonato, and a card of thanks was received from a family whose loved one was buried in a ceremony served by the Honor Guard.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove reported that three members had become Life Members. They are Dan Fitzpatrick, Bud Davis, and Gene Kern. Bob Cosgrove indicated that the annual scholarship award meeting is scheduled for 6 June 2011, beginning at 1800. The dinner will cost \$12.00 per person, and the dinner will be catered by Justine's. Bob Cosgrove also mentioned that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic is scheduled for 13 August 2011, and it will be held at Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike. Bob Cosgrove also mentioned that he is investigating a possible bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Virginia in either late August or early September.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod mentioned that the first two weekend events had been conducted in the Help Us Help Others campaign, and the results had been fruitful. He also provided some insight on how to evaluate organizations when considering them for donations. Members can contact Jack McLeod for additional information.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that a friend of the Detachment, Art Mooney, had passed away. Art Mooney had served in the Marine Corps, and he was 105 years old. Chris Bush

mentioned that Tom Kerrigan is feeling better, and that he is now out of the hospital.

Paymaster: Bob Spano gave the paymaster's report as of 31 March 2011. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center was scheduled for Monday, 11 April 2011. He also mentioned that informational folders would be available after the meeting for veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan with certain stress related illnesses.

Directors: Director Bill Kinney mentioned that the Delaware County MCL Detachment is conducting a golf outing on 25 June 2011.

Junior Past Commandant: Earle Drake indicated that an Americanism program is scheduled for 11 April 2011 at the Russell Elementary School. Lloyd Spangler will be assisting in the presentation by playing his trumpet. Earle Drake mentioned that the Color Guard had conducted opening ceremonies at the Veterans Business Training and Outreach Conference at the Delaware County Community College on 21 March 2011. Earle Drake also provided information on several public relations activities. It was mentioned that a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Detachment by the America 4R Marines organization at the recent Department of Pennsylvania Meeting. Earle Drake mentioned that the MCL Department of Pennsylvania is proposing a change in the By-Laws that would double the number of districts in the state. This will be voted on at the Department Convention to be held in June. Earle Drake made a motion for the Detachment to support the proposed change to double the number of districts in the state. Bob Spano seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Earle Drake also reported that two rifle matches will be held this year, and he provided general details on these.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the first Adopt-a-Highway event would be held on Sunday, 10 April 2011. He will be in touch with the membership by e-mail asking for volunteers.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto mentioned that the Auxiliary is in need of funds. Since it is in the Detachment's budget, Paymaster Bob Spano will look into this.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro was not in attendance, but Bob Spano mentioned that the Color Guard would be serving at an upcoming Walk for the Wounded event.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had served at 19 military funerals for deceased veterans during the month of March. The year to date total is 54. Wayne Barner mentioned that the funeral for Art Mooney, the 105-

year-old Marine who just passed away, would be held on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at Valley Forge Gardens. Wayne Barner also mentioned that plaques for each of the service branches are available, and he asked for suggestions on how to use these plaques. Several suggestions were offered, such as using them at veterans' funerals, or even at other public events where a symbol of the branch of service would be appropriate.

Membership: Jim Herbst reiterated that he has membership kits available, and he encouraged the membership to be seeking new members.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that if any members are in need of nametags, they should contact Bob Spano. He also mentioned that the new Detachment patches that can be placed on the red satin jacket are available at a cost of \$5.00 each. He also mentioned that if members know of someone serving overseas, please contact Bob Spano or the Upper Darby MCL Detachment's Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary can send a package from home to that serviceman or servicewoman.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams indicated that applications for the Nation MCL scholarship program are due by 1 July 2011. He also reported that applications for the Detachment scholarship program are due by 15 April 2011. So far, 14 applications have been received for the Detachment scholarship program.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: Bob Spano provided an overview of the organizations that were to be considered for Detachment donations this month. These organizations had been reviewed at a recent officer staff meeting and were being recommended for consideration by the membership. The organizations recommended to receive funds are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; (2) Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA; (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (4) USA Together, Los Altos, CA; (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA, and (6) Yes We Care, Philadelphia, PA. The first five of these organizations were approved for donations of \$1,000.00 each. The last one, Yes We Care, was approved for a donation of \$500.00. In addition, a donation of \$500.00 was approved for the Gathering of Eagles, Chocowinity, NC, to be donated specifically to Captain R. Fulton Smith MacDonald, of Philadelphia, PA, who has specific needs at this time. This latter donation will be made from the needy fund of the Detachment. George Boyajian made a motion to donate these funds, as outlined. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

There was a discussion concerning the request to donate funds to the erecting of a statue honoring Sergeant John Basilone of Raritan, New Jersey. A contact will be made with the family of John Basilone to determine what the plans are and how much might be considered for a donation to this effort.

Earle Drake mentioned that library displays honoring Women in the Military will be held at the Marple Library in May and the Springfield Library in June. He also mentioned that a

display honoring General Smedley D. Butler will open shortly at the Paper Mill Museum in Newtown Square, PA.

Good of the League: Ben Sides provided information on a Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program, primarily for Pennsylvania residents over the age of 65, but there are several other categories of eligibility also. Eligible Pennsylvania homeowners with annual incomes up to \$35,000 could be eligible for a tax rebate.

Wayne Williams mentioned that in the past, the Detachment's Color Guard had participated in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day parade, but this year we did not participate. He encouraged the Detachment Color Guard to consider marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade again next year.

Bernie McGinley mentioned that there were brochures available after the meeting on a Youth Mentoring project, available through the Upper Main Line YMCA.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Dominic D'Alessandro won the 50/50. Forty-eight members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

Adopt-a-Highway

The General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Detachment No. 741's first of four Adopt-a-Highway programs of the year 2011 was held this past Sunday morning, April 10, as scheduled. We met between 8:00 and 8:30 am at the usual rendezvous location on Bishop Hollow Road. There were 12 of us and because we had so many Leaguers present, the clean up took only about 45 minutes. Participating were: Jack and Carole McLeod, Jim Herbst, Bob Spano, Pete Patrucci, Bill Kinney, Bud Davis, and Caroline Coladonato and her daughter. As you know, their husband and father Tony Coladonato, was a regular participant with Caroline. Also joining us, but on the injured list and not able to walk, were Earle Drake and Paul Donohue.

Adopt-a-Highway Chairman,

John J. Burfete, Jr.



“Help Us Help Others”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
5/07	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA
	Pathmark Glenolden 610-522-1213	140 N MacDade Blvd Folsom, PA
5/08	Wal-Mart Glenolden Pathmark Glenolden	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 140 N MacDade Blvd
5/12	Wawa Store 205 (Thurs) 610-640-5322	5 Mathews Road Malvern, PA
5/14	Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
	Pathmark Chichester 610-859-8920	643 Conchester Hw Boothwyn, PA
5/15	Wal-Mart Boothwyn Pathmark Chichester	605 Conchester Hwy 643 Conchester Hw
5/21	ACME Paoli 610-240-0101	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
	ACME Devon 610-341-6073	700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
	KMART Devon 610-687-8090	704 W. Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
5/22	ACME Paoli ACME Devon KMART Devon	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave 704 W. Lancaster Ave
5/28	ACME Media 610-565-5072	527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
	ACME Granite Run 610-891-0407	1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA
5/29	ACME Media ACME Granite Run	527 E Baltimore Pike 1067 W Baltimore Pk
5/30	ACME Media ACME Granite Run	527 E Baltimore Pike 1067 W Baltimore Pk
6/04	ACME Newtown Sq 610-353-8018	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
	ACME Lawrence Pk 610-325-2880	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
6/05	ACME Newtown Sq ACME Lawrence Pk	3390 W Chester Pike 567 Sproul Road
6/11	Shop Rite W Chester 610-696-4066	115 W Chester Pk West Chester, PA
	SuperFresh Havertown 610-446-4516	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
6/12	Shop Rite W Chester SuperFresh Havertown	115 W Chester Pk 1305 W Chest Pike
6/18	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA
	Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
6/19	Wal-Mart Glenolden Wal-Mart Boothwyn	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 605 Conchester Hwy

Honor Guard Duty

It is a winter day in the northeast
The temperature is below freezing
The wind cuts through my jacket
And chills me to the bone
My feet are getting numb from standing in one place
And I rock back and forth to warm them
My mind takes me back to Vietnam as a nineteen year
Old Marine with thoughts of sweltering heat
I am now a sixty four year old Marine with a mission
Waiting patiently with my M-1 rifle along with my
Honor guard buddies
Beside me is another Vietnam veteran
Beside him is a Korea veteran
Beside him is an eighty five year old WWII
Veteran who fought on Iwo Jima
Suddenly the door of the church swings open
We get the order present arms
The flag draped casket bearing the body a fellow warrior
Passes in front of us with his family following close behind
We get the order assume firing positions, safety off
Three rapid commands of aim, fire are given
Our rifle fire penetrates the cold air and echoes off the church
walls
While little children cover their ears
The American flag is folded and spent casings from our
Rifle salute are gently placed with it
They are handed to our fallen comrade's wife
And she tearfully accepts them
The casket with our fallen brother is placed in the hearse
We receive the order dismissed
Rather than going straight to their warm cars
Family members walk towards us with words of thanks
And tearfully hugging us
The son of the deceased comments Dad would be proud
To know you Marines are here today
I reply it's a privilege and honor to be here sir
My mission is complete
Because of the men of the Marine Corps League
A veteran had a proper military service today

A poem by:

Jim Donegan



Property Tax Rebate Program

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2010 is June 30, 2011. Revenue will begin mailing and depositing rebates on July 1, 2011, as specified by law. Please see Page 3 for eligibility requirements and Page 10 for a sample form.

MORE OLDER PENNSYLVANIANS ELIGIBLE FOR REBATES

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program was dramatically expanded to increase rebate amounts and give rebates to more older and disabled Pennsylvanians.

Homeowners:	INCOME	MAXIMUM STANDARD REBATE
	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
	\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
	\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250
Renters:	INCOME	MAXIMUM REBATE
	\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
	\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

NOTE: Applicants can exclude one-half of all Social Security income.

Some homeowners may receive larger rebates than requested. Based on where you live, income and/or property taxes, you may qualify for a supplemental property tax rebate, automatically calculated for you. See Page 13 for more information.

For more information on property tax relief, visit www.PaPropertyTaxRelief.com. For assistance regarding your rebate claim, call, toll-free, 1-888-222-9190.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Eliminate trips to the bank and receive your rebate payment faster by enrolling in direct deposit. Most seniors already receive Social Security payments through this safe, secure and convenient payment method. See Page 12 for details.

HELP US PROCESS YOUR REBATE FASTER - BE SURE TO PROVIDE YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY CODES

Each claimant must provide the school district code (found on Pages 15 and 16) and two-digit county code (found on Page 14) for his/her residence. Applications for claimants who fail to provide these numbers may take longer to process, so please include these code numbers on your claim form.

Submitted by:

Ben Sides

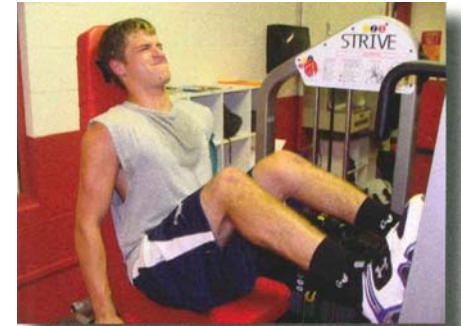
YOUTH MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

Friend Fitness is a youth mentoring program designed to help students grades 6-12 through weekly, year round, workouts. Kids are paired with mentors who work them out, as well as help them set and reach their fitness, academic, social and behavioral goals.



Focused Goal-Setting and Achievement

No experience or special skills required – we train you and provide on-site staff support.



Intense Physical Fitness

Friend Fitness mentors are an enthusiastic group of caring and responsible adult and peer volunteers committed to making a positive impact on the life of a teen.

BE A MENTOR or VOLUNTEER

Contact Chris Major

610.249.9631 chris@youthmp.org

This was submitted by Bernie McGinley and he is also a person that can be contacted for more information.

Put a soldier back on his feet!



Last year 7,500 people walked, helping us raise more than \$175,000. This year's goal is \$200,000 and you can help make it happen.

Come 'Walk for the Wounded!'

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE



The staff of Operation First Response (OFR) is almost entirely unpaid and will do everything in their power to assist soldiers and their families with serious health and financial challenges.

OFR provides everything from paying a critical mortgage payment to purchasing a used car, school clothes for children or even seeking out and funding job retraining for those soldiers whose injuries prevent them from working in their original fields of expertise.

BRING BLANKETS OR LAWN CHAIRS

WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

Sat., May 21st, 2011

Rain or Shine - Noon to 4PM
REGISTRATION: Noon

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Military Helicopters, Hummers – Phillie Phanatic – LIVE MUSIC by Ava Aston
NBC 10's Tracy Davidson – St. Joe's Phil Martelli – Kid's Games – Great Food
plus a very special tribute to Delco's Fallen Hero, SSGT Joey Kane

Special Ceremonies will honor one of Delco's fallen heroes, SSGT Joey Kane who was killed October, 14th, 2006 while serving in Iraq



May 28, 1971 - October 14, 2006



Recording artist Ava Aston will perform hits from her current CD, "Gone" – including the patriotic breakout hit, "We the People." Her rock and roll style is reminiscent of "Heart" and is sure to get the crowd on its feet!



The Phanatic is returning again this year and will appear from noon to 1pm

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A Hero's Story:

Marine Corporal Todd Love

Corporal Todd Love is a brave Marine in the 1st Recon Battalion, B Company, stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl. Love was point man on a foot patrol on the morning of October 25th, 2010 when he stepped on an IED causing him to sacrifice both of his legs and ultimately his left arm. After numerous surgeries and grueling rehabilitation he will spend the next year at Walter Reed Army Medical Center learning to adapt to his new life as a triple Amputee.



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May 2, 2011
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
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