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Commandant's Message November 2004

The present Marine Corps was established by an act of Congress on July 11, 1798. The Corps, however, celebrates **November 10, 1775**, as its founding date. It was on that day that the Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions of Marines. On November 28th, 1775, Samuel Nicholas was commissioned a captain in the Continental Marines, and was charged with raising a part of the body of Marines that Congress had specified. Captain Nicholas remained the senior Marine officer throughout the Revolution and so is traditionally considered to be the first Commandant.

Another officer that was appointed was Robert Mullan who happened to be the proprietor of Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. Supposedly, his appointment came as a result of his success as a recruiter and the importance of Tun Tavern as a recruiting station. It is also thought that the resolution passed by the Continental Congress that established the Marines, was written in Tun Tavern because the second floor of the tavern was the meeting place of the Naval Committee of Congress. Therefore, Tun Tavern and the birth of the Marines are forever intertwined together.

This year we celebrate the 229th birthday of our beloved Corps and what better way to celebrate than with a birthday ball. Come join us on November 6th at Paxon Hollow Country Club and you will receive a piece of birthday cake and more, much more.

After the Marine Corps birthday, we celebrate Veterans Day. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the express will of the overwhelming majority of the State legislatures, all major service organizations and the American people.

The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Thank you for your service.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Bob Spano

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Sr. Vice Report

Ball:

Our Ball will be 11-06-04. See John Cook for seating, he has the table arrangements made up, so hurry and get your seat. When I was looking for a speaker this year, and believe me after the guests we have had over the last years it was an effort. I had asked members for some help in finding one. I wanted a guest that was involved in our current war against terrorism someone that could educate us on what our present day Marines are doing. Well thanks to Steve Neri, we were able to get Capt. Sam Bakion from Folsom. His unit just came back from Iraq and I am sure he has a lot to say. It should make an interesting night.

Membership:

Last meeting we signed up four new members, it was great! What an effort from our membership. Both Mike Horne and Earl Drake are in the running for the recruitment awards this year, as well as some others. There is still time left. We have lost some great members this year to our Supreme Commandant and what a lost it was, but I am sure our new members will make a name for themselves. Some are already getting involved in many of our projects. For all that came aboard please see our locker box chairman, Tom Lynch. We will work with you to get uniforms on a pay-as-you-go plan. We have our Veterans Day parade coming up, and even if you just have a MCL cover, come and march with us. The more in uniform, the more we spread our detachment's name and show the community how involved we are.

December Dinner:

You can see me at the November meeting about the December dinner coming up on December 7th meeting. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. I will pass on more information at the next meeting.

DON'T FORGET,
LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS GOING UP IN 2005.

There is still time left to get a life membership!

Semper Fi & God bless

Jim Alleva

Sr. Vice
610-789-3755



Make a Difference,
Vote!

Jr. Vice Report

I am pleased to report that the efforts to make our Marine Corps Birthday Ball Program Book a success have almost been achieved. Sales are near where we anticipated they would be. We now need to collect the unpaid balance owed. I will not send out invoices until I see how much of the payments come in the next few days. Please remind the merchants who need reminding.

Congratulations to the men who beat the bushes for ads again this year.

Our team of volunteers who are virtually the same each week, have put our Jr Troop Handler sales slightly ahead of last year's efforts. We would appreciate seeing a few new volunteers come out and help. An hour or two would help the detachment and you. There is a real feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment when you're part of a team working for a common goal.

With just a few more weeks until the end of this year's ticket sales, following is where we will be in November:

Nov 6	KMART, Holmes	600 Mc Dade Blvd
Nov 13	Acme, Sharon Hill	1130 Chester Pike
Nov 20	Acme, Folsom	124 Morton Ave
Nov 27	Acme, Lansdowne	63 N. Union Ave
Dec 4	Super Fresh, Manoa	Rt 3, Havertown

Respectfully submitted.

Earle E. Drake

Junior Vice

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

November 2004

On September 18th, Saturday we got rained out from the River Bramble Celebration in Tincum. Rain date was the next day, Sunday.

Sunday, September 19th marked the Detachment's 1st Annual Picnic next to the Knights of Columbus in Newtown Square. Good food, good friends.

Jack Gingras presented the MCL Eagle medal and Eagle Scout certificate at the Milmont Park Boy Scout Troop on Monday evening the 20th.

Thursday, the 23rd the Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance (AL, MCL, & VFW) met for their monthly meeting.

On the 26th, the John Basilone parade came and went and another year the detachment failed to form a color guard to be represented in the Raritan festivities. Our lone rep. was, again, the responsible and dedicated Bob Matthews.

September the 28th was the detachment staff meeting when the November activities were discussed.

On Sunday, October 3rd, the Media Veterans Museum was selling chances at the Media Food & Craft Fair assisted by Jerry Zell, Earle Drake and myself. Then, the "Welcome Home" party at the Folsom VFW went until 1-5 PM. It was great to see the troops home.

Tuesday was the Fall Review of the NROTC at Villanova University which was attended by several of the members.

One of the more gut wrenching ceremonies was the memorial services of the 3 KIA Marines from the Folsom Reserve Center held on Thursday, the 7th at 0800.

That night, thanks to the help of Earle Drake, Harry Kaufman, Steve Neri and myself the Ball Program Book was assembled and completed.

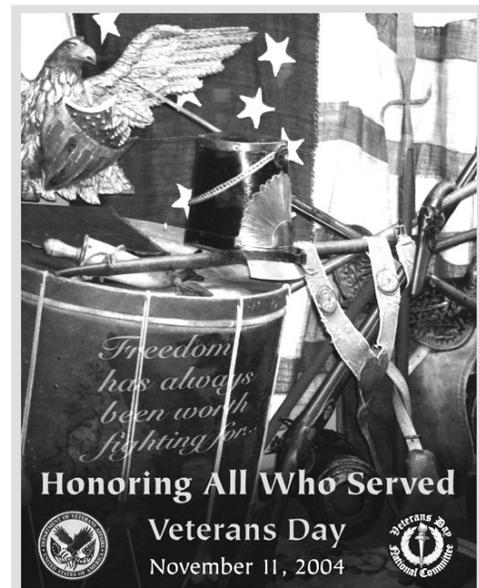
#3 of 4 highway cleanups was completed on Sunday, October the 10th.

John J. V. Cook and Tom Tanner presented the history of Major General Smedley Darlington Butler at the Springfield Library on Columbus Day between 2-3 PM. Some of the members attended; the rest of you missed out.

Thursday night, the 14th, our Toys for Tots Chairman, Tom Kerrigan, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to a charitable toy maker from Upper Providence at their Township Council meeting along with 2 Marine L/Cpls from the Folsom Reserve Unit.

God Bless & Semper Fi

Bob Spano



Field Rosters ~ Vietnam

Having troubles remembering names of men you served with? These rosters contain the names of men serving with a particular unit during a specific month. Enclose a copy of your DD-214 and a letter requesting the unit, month & year you want the roster to reflect.

Mail to:
Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters USMC
(Code-MMSB-10)
Suite 201
Elliot Rd.
Quantico, VA 22134-5030
(703)784-3920

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 26 Detachment Staff Meeting
Marple Post #805 - 1950
- 30 MCLA Bake Sale – Newt Sq Shop Ctr – 0930

NOVEMBER

- 2 General Membership Meeting – K of C – 1930
- 5 Coatesville Hospital Parade – 1000
- 6 Wagon Sales - Kmart, Holmes – 0830-1600
- 6 Marine Corps Birthday Ball – Paxon Hollow
Country Club; 1830-1930 Open Bar, 1930
Dinner & Ceremonies
- 7 Marine Sunday – Oakland Cemetery, W.C. –
1000.
- 11 VETERANS' DAY Ceremonies & Parade –
1100
- 13 Wagon Sales – Acme, Sharon Hill – 0830-
1600
- 19 Youth Night – Gauntlet Center – MNSD –
1900
- 20 Wagon Sales – Acme, Folsom – 0830-1600
- 27 Wagon Sales – Acme, E. Lansdowne – 0830-
1600
- 30 Staff Meeting – Marple Memorial Post #805 -
1930

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post # 118

211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070

Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 2000.

American Legion: Broomall Post # 805

2340 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA

Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at
1930.

Disabled American Veterans: Delaware County Chapter # 113

Meetings are held at the AmVets Post in Morton, PA
on the second Monday of every month at 2000.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67,

2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War
Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pike,
Havertown, PA.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Delaware County Detachment

Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130,
\$5.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at
detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month
except: June-July-August.

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound # 19, Pack of Penna.

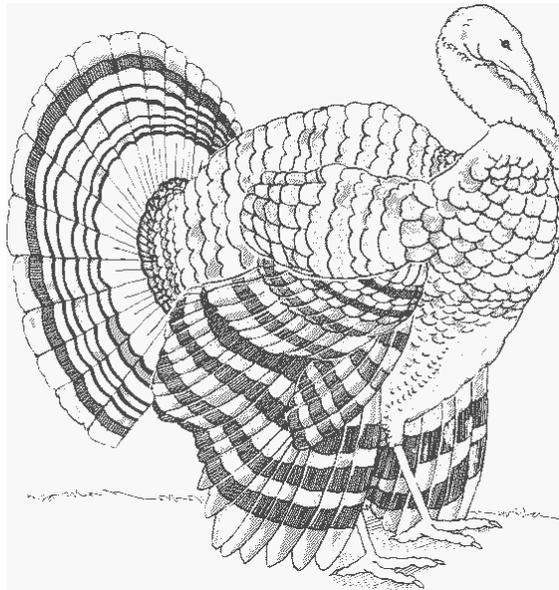
Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of
the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert
W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade
Blvd & Kendron Avenue, Folsom, PA.

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.



**Delaware County Young Marines,
reporting as ordered, SIR!**



Here is the latest scuttlebutt on the Delco. Young Marine Unit.

October 16th and 17th we camped out at the Helicopter Museum and helped out with security.

On October 24, we will help the with Folsom VFWs clean up.

On October 30, the older YMS will participate in the Toys for Tots 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk in memory of James "Daddy Wags" Wagner.

On October 31st we will help the VFW with their Halloween Party. We will be setting up before and cleaning up afterwards.

On November 13th and 14th, we're heading down the the VA Hospital for Veterans' Week. We'll be bringing "goodies" to the Vets and spending some time talking with them, playing cards, etc. We've been collecting items at our last couple of drills.

We have also set aside a date in November to help out with the wagon tickets sales.

Our "tentative" Recruit graduation has been postponed until January. No exact date has been set.

Semper Fi!

SSgt. Tim Dunton

Quotes in History

"If you don't stand for something,
you fall for anything."

--Michael Evans

~~~~submitted by Mike Horne

**SICK CALL**



**Members:**

Jim Alleva,  
Phil Baglivo,  
Bud Bruce,  
Lou Di Santis,  
Tony Medaglia,  
Steve Neri,  
Frank Turse,  
Al Yerger

**Friends & Family Of  
Detachment:**

Emma Mumma  
John Moyse

***Please keep these members and family members in your prayers and make an effort to contact them and let them know you care.***

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

The officers and members of the Detachment say,  
***"Welcome to our new members!"***



Kurt B. Schwichow  
4701 Pennell Rd.  
Aston Pa. 19014  
610-497-7969



Harry Deaner III  
155 E. Township Line Rd.  
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082-1031  
610-450801



Anthony M. Coladonato  
2704 Belmont Ave.  
Ardmore Pa. 19003-1904  
610-642-1139



John P. Kelly  
1265 Wakefield Ct.  
Glenn Mills Pa. 19342  
610-358-3419



Please add their names to your membership list.

### MCL Sponsored Programs for 2005

- Mon. 1/10/05 – Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 2/7/05 – Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Wed. 2/9/05 – Valentine’s Super Bingo Party 7:00 PM @ Great Hall
- Mon. 3/14/05 – Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Wed. 3/16/05 – St. Pat’s Super Bingo Party 7:00 PM @ Great Hall
- Mon. 4/11/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 5/9/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 6/13/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 7/11/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 8/8/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Sat. 9/10/05 – MCL annual picnic 11:00 AM @ 57 Picnic Area
- Mon. 9/12/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B
- Mon. 12/13/05 - Bingo party 7:30 PM @ 58B

---submitted by VAVS Chairman Bob Matthews

### At The Eleventh Hour

Although the last of the laborers hired in the parable of the laborers in St. Matthew’s gospel were hired “at the eleventh hour”, the phrase has taken on a distinctly martial tone since the signing of the armistice at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, which ended World War I. In its biblical and modern sense, “at the eleventh hour” has become synonymous with “at the last minute”.

### AWOL

The term “absent without leave” is these days applied to any period of unofficial absenteeism and is usually referred to by its acronym “AWOL”. This is a recent development to a term first used during the Civil War, when offenders were made to wear a sign bearing the initials AWOL. The O was intended to make it clear that the offender had not been “absent with leave”. Only after WWII did the pronunciation as an acronym become widespread.

Based on “Swinging the lead & Spiking his guns”  
....Castle Books

Submitted by J.J.V. Cook

### Hear ye! Hear ye!

### **Life membership dues going up!**

| Age Category | MCL Now | MCL 2005 | MCL 2007 | MCL 2009 Proposed |
|--------------|---------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 0 -35        | \$250   | \$325    | \$400    | \$500             |
| 35-40        | \$250   | \$300    | \$350    | \$400             |
| 40-50        | \$200   | \$275    | \$350    | \$400             |
| 51-60        | \$150   | \$200    | \$250    | \$300             |
| 61-over      | \$75    | \$100    | \$125    | \$150             |

## Presentation of Toys for Tots Award to Toy Maker, Edwin B. Brown



Marine on left: LCpl David Baker, Phila, PA  
 Marine on right: LCpl Marc Hippe, Bloomfield, NJ  
 Both of the above Folsom Reserve Marines have just returned from Iraq.  
 Toys for Tots Chairman for MCL Detachment: Tom Kerrigan

14 Oct 2004, Upper Providence Twp Municipal Bldg.  
 Media, PA

## "SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!

Your \$10.00 contribution helps offset the cost of publication and postage.

We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

### OCTOBER BOOSTERS

Pat and Joe Mensack, Gladys and Ed Bailey, Dottie and Craig Allen, Carmella and Frank Turse, Joe DiResso, and Joe Mealey. **Thank you boosters!**

Semper Fi

*Harry Kaufman*

Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Harry Kaufman.*

### More Quotes

"No arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the World, is so formidable as the will and morale courage of free men and women. "

**--Ronald Reagan**

"Here is my strategy on the Cold War; we win they lose."

**--Ronald Reagan**

"There are those I know who will reply that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is. It is the American Dream."

**--Archibald Macleish**

~~~~~submitted by Steve Neri

Birthday Greetings for November

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

William O. Barnard,
 Albert F. Brennecke,
 David K. Cleary,
 Frederick W. Winterling,
 John J.V. Cook,
 Laura DiLiello,
 Joseph Conigliaro,
 Joseph Dodds,
 James A. Donahue, Karl F. Heinzelmann, Daniel E. Luty, H. Chalmers McDaniel, Bernard A. McGinley, James M. Sandusky, Jack Q. Thomas, Russell S. Williamson, Daniel V. Fitzpatrick and Christopher Mouraviev



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Marine
Corps League
5 October 2004
Regular Meeting**

Commandant Bob Spano called the meeting to order at 1930.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the opening prayer was read.

Commandant Bob Spano passed out copies of the meeting agenda to the membership. Copies are available.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present were:

Commandant Spano, Sr.

Vice Alleva, Jr. Vice Drake, Adjutant Horne, Paymaster Kaufman, Judge Advocate Luty, Chaplain Bush, Sgt-At-Arms Ross, Service Officer McGinley, Director VanLuvender, Past Commandant Neri.

Commandant Bob Spano recognized all past commandants who were present at the meeting as well as Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Tom Tanner, Past Department of Pennsylvania Commandant John Moyse, and Department of Pennsylvania Chief of Staff Ray Devlin.

NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made by Sr. Vice Jim Alleva to accept Anthony Coladonato, Harry Deaner, Jack Kelly, and Curt Schwichow as regular members. Motion was seconded by membership. Motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Steve Neri and seconded by Joe Mensack to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Mike Horne read thank-you notes on behalf of the Matt Ryan and Horace Rowland families for honor ceremonies performed for their loved ones. A thank you was also received from Tara Kerrigan for the scholarship received from the detachment. The Delaware County Young Marines again thanked our detachment for our continual support of their program and they would also like to present our detachment with a plaque acknowledging our support. We also received correspondence from Department of Veterans Affairs in Coatesville thanking our detachment for sponsoring their annual picnic on September 11 and their bingo party on September 13. Also, the Chester County MCL detachment will hold a barbecue chicken night on October 9, 2004 at their home between 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. Cost is \$7.50 per dinner. Mike also congratulated Bob Spano on the marriage of his

daughter, Jennifer, on Friday, October 1, and, Earle Drake and his wife, Sue, who celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Jim Alleva thanked all those who helped out at our first annual picnic. He announced that the speaker for the Marine Corps Ball on 11/6/04 will be Captain Sam Bakion, who just returned from Iraq. John Cook is organizing the seating arrangements and taking payment for the MCL Ball. Tickets are \$40.00 per person/\$75.00 per couple. Again, Jim asked members to check on their membership renewal dates and to consider becoming a lifetime member. An increase in the dues for life memberships takes effect in January 2005.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: Earle Drake again thanked all those who continually come out to sell tickets for the Jr. Troop Handler wagon. Earle noted that afternoon volunteers for ticket sales are always needed. He also expects that the ad book for the MCL Ball should reach its budgeted goal.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Dan Luty – no report.

PAYMASTER: Harry Kaufman read a comprehensive monthly banking report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by Steve Neri and seconded by Bob Stanton to approve the monthly report. Motion passed.

CHAPLAIN: Chris Bush announced that Lou DeSantis is in the hospital. More information will follow. He also gave a sick report on several other recovering members. Please keep all in your prayers.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Jim Ross – no report.

SERVICE OFFICER: Connie McGinley – no report.

DIRECTOR: Rick VanLuvender – no report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Steve Neri – no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble announced that the next cleanup is October 10. Report time is 0900 at Bishop Hollow Road.

Americanism: Bill Lessig stated that this program will begin in the middle of October. Last year, this program reached over 3000 students. Bill thanked all those who help out with the Americanism program. Bill also said that he has flag brochures that can be given out while selling Jr. Troop Handler wagon tickets.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto announced that the

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Ladies' Auxiliary will have a bake sale on October 30 at Marple Newtown Shopping Center. Baked items and monetary donations will be accepted.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen noted that for the month of September, 18 Honor ceremonies were performed, giving the detachment a total of 190 so far this year. Also, George stated that our commandant did a good job on September 14 at the POW/MIA ceremonies at Veterans Park in Broomall.

Quartermaster (Locker Box): Tom Lynch asked new members to stop by and pick up their name tags. Also, Tom is available to assist new members in assembling a uniform.

V.A.V.S.: There will be no bingo for the months of October and November at Coatesville Medical Center.

Home Association and Meetings: Tom Kerrigan announced that the Knights of Columbus Building is now smoke-free.

Toys for Tots: Tom Kerrigan stated that this program will start in November. Tom is hoping to get the donated check for the Toys for Tots program down to the Reserve Center as soon as possible.

Historian: John Cook noted that the history book is up-to-date.

Young Marines: There will be a campout at French Creek from October 8-10. Also, Wayne Williams, Sr., noted that his son, Wayne Jr., a recent graduate of the Young Marines, placed first in a recent physical fitness tryout. He is hoping to win a scholarship with aspirations of becoming a Marine Corps officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: John Cook and Tom Tanner will hold a seminar on General Smedley D. Butler at the Springfield Library on Monday, October 11.

NEW BUSINESS: Jr. Past Steve Neri held first nominations for officers for the year 2005: Commandant – Bob Spano; Sr. Vice – Jim Alleva; Jr. Vice – Earle Drake; Adjutant – Mike Horne; Paymaster – Harry Kaufman; Judge Advocate – Dan Luty; Sgt.-at-Arms – Jim Ross; Chaplain – Chris Bush; Service Officer – Connie McGinley; Director – Rick VanLuvender. Motion was made by Harry Kaufman to close nominations until the next meeting; motion was passed by membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob Stanton thanked everyone who helped out with the Welcome Home party for the marines from the Folsom Reserve Center who returned from Iraq. Also, there will be a memorial service for the fallen marines on October 7, 2004.

Tom Tanner noted that he would like our detachment to form a rifle team to be sent to any upcoming matches.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Department Commandant Tom Tanner gave the detachment a plaque for Americanism Award Category 3. He also noted that we were second in the nation in this category and congratulated all those who contributed to this award. Tom also gave the detachment a streamer for having our colors displayed at the convention. Tom stated that it was announced at the convention that life membership dues are going up in 2005.

A motion was made by Dan Luty that the detachment donate \$50.00 to a scholarship memorial fund in honor of the three marines from Folsom Marine Reserve Center killed in Iraq. Motion passed by membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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The 50/50 winner was Ed Bailey.  
44 members signed in the log book on 10/5/04.

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

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- The preferred format for photos is digital in a high resolution JPG file (other file formats will also be considered). Traditional photos may be submitted as well, and will be included only if the editor is able to scan the photo in a timely matter for publication.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to sandi@lancasterpa.net

**Next Regular Meeting is:  
November 2, 2004  
1930 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA**



**Marine Corps League**

Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
P.O. Box 184  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184

*"I Pledge Allegiance"*