# Scuttlebutt

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# Commandant's Message November 2008

Another of our friends and a member of our Detachment have left us. Louis DiSantis has gone home to be with his God. He was always working for the community. Lou was a member of the Honor Guard that performs the graveside honor ceremonies for our comrades. He came out in good and poor weather. He was not "a summer soldier and sunshine patriot" He proved that in Korea. You could count on Lou. On Saturday you could count on Lou to help with the fundraising and bring his humor with him. On many Saturdays he would pick up and bring home a member who needed a ride. He served the Veterans community with the American Legion and the VFW. Lou's family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to The Marple Newtown Combine Veterans Alliance. Lou, we will miss you.

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For more years than I can remember, Sandi Mauer has been our Scuttlebutt editor. What a magnificent job she has done! She has won many awards for her work, both at the state and national levels. Sandi has tendered her resignation. She has a lot on her plate. She has two part time jobs, children and much more. She has decided that she just has to cut back on her responsibilities and work load. Sadly we didn't make the cut. Thank you Sandi, from the bottom of our hearts, we wish you the very best.

Replacing Sandi will be hard. She is dedicated to us and the detachment. She is Dave and Evelyn's daughter. If there is someone in the Detachment or whose spouse feels they would like to tackle the job, please contact me or one of the other officers.

Planning ahead to November 11, 2008 our Detachment will again participate in the Annual Delaware County Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. The Parade theme this year is "Women in the Military Throughout the Years". The Ceremony at the Delaware County Courthouse will include the Flag Exchange Ceremony In which veterans will pass an American and POW flag to signify the sharing of their legacy of service to our great country. Report time is 0945 at Veterans Park for first part of the ceremonies. The next part of the ceremonies is at the American Legion's Hall, 803, on West Chester Pike. That ceremony commemorates the end of World War One. It starts at 1100, promptly. We then muster at the usual parking lot in Media where we will take our trailer to the parade starting point. Our Color Guard will march and we old guys will ride in the trailer and wave at the crowd.

The November meeting is the second of three monthly nominations. We ask you to step up and run for office. All offices are available. To become Commandant you must have served at least one year in an elected office and have attended 4 meetings by November. To run for any of the other offices you must have attended 4 monthly meetings by November.

Semper Fidelis

Earle E. Drake

# Jr. Vice Report

Those of us who have participated with Louie DiSantis in our fund raising activities are greatly saddened by his passing. We have lost a close friend and partner!

He felt strongly about those in need. As a result, he was an active, enthusiastic, inspiring and personally helpful participant in our fund raising programs.

We shall miss him deeply!

### Drawing for Dollars, D4D

Our Campaign is progressing well with revenues running well ahead of last year. We have been blessed with good weather, cooperative hosts, generous shoppers, helpful advice from members and most of all, hard working participants!

As mentioned last month, we have a supply of approximately 500 Ticket Chances, (part of an original order of 3000 tickets) that is unlikely to be sold during the remainder of our Campaign.

These tickets will be available for sale to Members at future Detachment Meetings or by phone order from me, 610-356-8893. There is a minimum order of \$10 for 7 tickets and a maximum order of \$100 for 100 tickets. Alternative purchases can be made at \$20 for 16 tickets, \$50 for 45 tickets or a prorated price for orders falling between these price-points. If Member demand to purchase tickets or to sell tickets to others is high, we may order additional tickets to meet the demand.

Proceeds from these sales, as is the case with our D4D Sales at stores, will be used to fund our operations, but the majority of the funds will be used to help others in need

Cash prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$150 and \$100 will be drawn for at Our Christmas Party.

### **D4D Store Schedule**

Our Schedule for the remainder of our Campaign is: 10/18: ACME Newtown Square & ACME West Goshen, 10/25: ACME Ridley (Folsom) & ACME Paoli, 11/01: Wal-Mart Eddystone & Super Fresh, Boothwyn, 11/15: Super Fresh Havertown & Pathmark Broomall, 11/22: **tentative ACME Paoli & Wal-Mart Boothwyn** and 11/26 (Wed) Shop Rite West Chester.

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. McLeod
Junior Vice Commandant

# Sr. Vice Report

The Marine Corps Ball returns again to the Paxon Hollow Country Club where we enjoyed many great Balls. Our committee met with Joe Farrell, the General Manager of the Club, and reviewed the menu, which will be a choice of Chicken Picante and Roast Sirloin of Beef. Joe promises that the beef will be tender. We reviewed the seating, the placement of "The Small Table", the open bar and the table to be set-up for our history books. He is ordering a Marine Corps Birthday cake. Flowers are being handled by Barbara Kaufman. I've booked the Disc Jockey. Dancing to John's music, everyone knows John.

The Ball will be taking place on Friday, November 7, 2008. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 PM with dinner at approximately 7 PM. We will have the traditional Cake Cutting Ceremony with the first pieces of the cake going to the representative Oldest and Youngest Marines. Lloyd Spangler and Dan Fitzpatrick, our Ceremonial Buglers, will play appropriate bugle calls and our Young Marines will assist in the Ceremonies.

Our guest Brigadier General Joseph McMenamin will be coming from Washington, DC to join in the festivities. We welcome him and are anxious to hear the latest from the Corps.

It is not too late to make a reservation. The price is right at \$40.00 per person. <u>Call John Cook at 610-853-3932</u>. Money is due no later than at our general meeting on November 3. If you haven't been to a Marine Ball in a few years, for whatever the reason, please come and enjoy the company of your friends. It will be a very nice time.

Membership: Since last December we have had twelve members join the General S. D. Butler Detachment. Our new brochure and our new poster plus follow up with potential new recruits are helping us with membership.

Semper Fi!

Jim (JR) Robinson

Sr. Vice Commandant

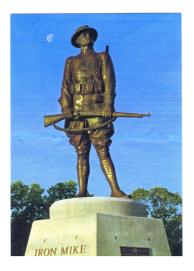


(Shown left to right.) Bob Matthews being presented a Silver Marine Corps Medallion by Earle Drake on Bob's retirement from The Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance's Honor Guard and the VA Medical Center's VAVS program.

Bob presented thousands of Flags to the bereaved relatives of our deceased Comrades and cheerfully served our disabled Vets at the Coatesville VA Medical Center.

### "IRON MIKE"

Located at the National Museum of the Marine Corps



Originally known as Crusade for Right", this statue was commissioned U.S. Army General John Pershing at the end of WWI. The French sculptor, unaware of the differences in the branches of the service, used а Marine private as a model. Because of General Pershing's dislike of the Marine

Corps, the Army refused to buy the statue. The statue was later bought by Marine Corps General Smedley D. Butler when he was Commanding Officer of the Marine Base at Quantico, Virginia in the 1920s and he had it erected there.

The statue depicts a Marine holding a 1903 Springfield rifle and now stands near the entrance to the museum.

Submitted by John Cook

## General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant Earle E. Drake Sr. Vice Commandant Jim (JR) Robinson Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod Adjutant Jack Kelly Paymaster Bob Spano Judge Advocate Dan Lutv James D. Ross Sergeant-At-Arms Chaplain Christopher Bush Service Officer Connie McGinlev Paul Donohue Director Paul Ferguson Director Bernie McGinlev Director Jr. Past Commandant Jerry Leon

## General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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

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# **Looking Ahead**

### **DETACHMENT EVENTS**

#### **November**

- D4D Fund Raising, Wal-Mart, Eddystone & Super Fresh, Boothwyn
- 2 Martins Run Retirement Home WW 2 memorial for their Vets. Tentative date.
- 3 General Meeting. KOC, 1930. Second round of nominations.
- 4 Rehearsal for Marine Corps Ball, Young Marines
- 7 Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Paxon Hollow Country Club. 6 PM, Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres. Dinner served at approximately 7 PM. Ceremonies: with the <u>Young Marines</u> and the <u>Representative</u> Oldest and the Youngest Marine.
- 9 Marine Sunday at General S.D. Butler's grave, West Chester, PA.
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremonies, 0945, Vets Park, 1045, American Legion Post 805. Meet in Media for Parade at usual parking lot at Rt. 1 & 252.
- 14 Teen Night at the Gauntlett Center, Report time is 7PM.
- 15 D4D Fund Raiser, Super Fresh, Havertown & Pathmark, Broomall
- 22 D4D Fund Raising, ACME, Paoli & Wal-Mart Boothwyn
- 25 Staff Meeting American Legion Post 805
- 26 D4D Fund Raiser, Shop Rite, West Chester

## 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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)
Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL, 3<sup>rd</sup>
Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence
Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

**Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113**, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

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

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

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound #19, Pack of Penna., Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd. 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. Jack Lister Matt Balfrey Tom & Berenice Kerrigan Ben Cope

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

# The Legend Continues......

Arriving home early in 1901, West Chester gave him a fine welcome home by holding a Public Reception. The Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps and other distinguished guests came from Washington with the Marine Band for this occasion. He was given a ceremonial sword. A fitting tribute for a newly promoted, 19 year old Marine Captain.

This sword was presented to the United States Marine Corps Historical Center, Washington, D.C. by the family in 1953.

After two months recovery leave; he reported to the Marine Barracks, Philadelphia Navy Yard for duty.

Butler's next few years will be spent in the Banana Republics and involvement in the Banana Wars. The term, Banana, pertains to the Caribbean Islands and Central American countries that exported fruit as their main source of income revenue.

Butler's next duty station was the island of Culebra, the main naval base in that part of the world. Culebra was located 20 miles East of Puerto Rico and it was approximately five miles wide and five miles long. The fleet was anchored at the South end of the Great Harbor. In 1902, there was unrest in Panama and one battalion of Marines was needed for standby. An excuse for the United States Fleet in Caribbean waters was that the fleet was engaging in maneuvers.

Butler was assigned from Marine Barracks, Philadelphia to the standby battalions at Culebra.

J.J.V. Cook

# **Young Marines' Report**



Our graduation has been postponed until December 5th. All are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Jeffrey Gunning**Delaware County Young Marines

### "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!

#### **OCTOBER BOOSTERS**

John Burfete, Jr.
Ruth & Marino DeFrancesco
Kay & Frank Greiser
Pat & Joe Mensack
Kate & Jack McHenry
Stan Samsel
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 November

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

Kim Babcock Matthew Balfrey **David Cleary** Joseph Conigliaro John Cook Laura DiLiello James Donahue Daniel Fitzpatrick Karl Heinzelmann Aleta Krauss **Daniel Luty** H. Chalmers McDaniel Bernard McGinley, Jr. Christopher Mouraview James Sandusky Jack Thomas Russell Williamson



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 6 October 2008

Commandant: Commandant Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Jim Robinson, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Paul Ferguson, Director Bernie McGinley, and Jr. Past Commandant Jerry Leon. Jerry Leon served as Judge Advocate for the meeting in the absence of Dan Luty. Special guests who were recognized were Charles Chamberlain, Commandant of the All Divisions Detachment, and Al Harper, Assistant Sr. Vice of the Southeast District, from the Chester County Detachment.

<u>Minutes</u>: Joe Mensack made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 September 2008 meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. George Boyajian seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## Officer Reports:

Commandant: Earle Drake mentioned that the Detachment's bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Virginia was a success. He reminded everyone that the Villanova NROTC Midshipmen Fall Review was scheduled for 7 October 2008. Several other upcoming events were also mentioned, including the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Program of the Beirut Barracks Bombing, scheduled for 26 October 2008. Earle Drake also reported that Sandi Mauer, editor of the Scuttlebutt, has indicated that she will not be continuing as editor after the close of this year. Another volunteer is being sought, but if one is not found, it may be necessary to pay to have the newsletter typed for the printer.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read several pieces of correspondence, including two thank you letters from two wounded soldiers in the Wounded Warrior program. In addition, a letter was read from the Newtown Square Fire Department, thanking the Detachment for its recent donation.

<u>Chaplain</u>: Chris Bush reported that Ben Cope was in Bryn Mawr Hospital. He also requested that members advise him if they hear of any members being hospitalized. Chris Bush also mentioned that he had distributed thirty-three copies of the New Testament to the NROTC graduates of Villanova University.

Senior Vice: Jim Robinson reported thirty-six people had traveled on the bus trip to the Marine Corps Museum in Virginia. The cost of the trip was borne by those went on the trip, and there was no cost to the

Detachment for this trip. Jim Robinson also mentioned that the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball is scheduled for 7 November 2008. Cost per person is \$40.00.

<u>Jr. Vice</u>: Jack McLeod indicated that new and renewal advertisements for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball program book have to be submitted by 20 October 2008. He also reported on the success of the collection of donations by the Detachment members at the various supermarket sites. He mentioned that receipts are about \$10,000 more than last year. He also reported that there are about 500 ticket chances for members to buy or sell in the lottery program.

<u>Paymaster</u>: Bob Spano reviewed the Paymaster's report as of the end of September 2008. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Bob Wells seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the originally planned date for the next adopt-a-highway event conflicts with the Beirut Bombing Anniversary Memorial Program. A new date for the adopt-a-highway event will be scheduled, and John Burfete indicated that he will advise the membership once the new date has been established.

Bob Matthews reported that he had V.A.V.S.: attended the annual John Basilone parade in New Jersey in late September. John Basilone was the first Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II, and he also was awarded the Navy Cross. He was later killed in action at Iwo Jima. Bob Matthews is retiring from his V.A.V.S. duties and from his Honor Guard duties, and he expressed his appreciation to those who had assisted him. He also expressed his appreciation to those who recently helped out at the picnic at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital, especially the Auxiliary. Earle Drake presented Bob Matthews with a silver medallion with a USMC emblem on it. in recognition of his many contributions to the Detachment. A round of applause followed.

<u>Auxiliary Liaison</u>: Tony Fusto reported that the Auxiliary would be conducting its annual bake sale Saturday, 11 October 2008. Donations are welcome. He also reminded the membership to collect Acme receipts for the Auxiliary. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Auxiliary. Joe Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

<u>Color Guard</u>: Joe Conigliaro mentioned that the next event for the Color Guard would be the Beirut Barracks Bombing 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Program scheduled for 26 October 2008. Details for the Color Guard were provided.

<u>Honor Guard</u>: Wayne Barner reported that 189 military funerals had been provided so far this year, with 15 funerals conducted during the month of September. Specific arrangements were made for the funeral of John Taylor, a member of the American Legion, whose funeral is scheduled for Friday, 10 October 2008.

<u>Marksmanship</u>: Earle Drake mentioned that the Detachment was not able to field a rifle team for this year's rifle match competition held in September.

<u>Scholarships</u>: Wayne Williams introduced Jacquelyn Haynal and presented her with a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Detachment. She had not been able to attend the scholarship awards event earlier this year. Jacquelyn Haynal indicated that she is an art major at Stockton University in New Jersey, and she expressed her appreciation for the scholarship.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Jack McLeod mentioned that there would be donation activity at the Helicopter Museum in West Chester this Saturday and Sunday (11 and 12 October), and also at the Broomall Acme this Saturday. Volunteers are always welcome.

<u>New Business</u>: Bob Matthews indicated that although the listing of Detachment events listed a bingo event for 13 October, Bob mentioned that no bingo events are normally scheduled for the months of October and November.

Good of the League: Dennis Morsa, Commander of American Legion Post #805, requested that a Color Guard from the Detachment be available to join the Combined Veterans Alliance for the events scheduled for 11 November 2008 (Veterans Day). This is on the Detachment's calendar.

Gerry Powlus mentioned that Sandi Mauer had served as editor of the *Scuttlebutt* as a volunteer for a number of years. Since she will be discontinuing her duties as editor, Gerry Powlus made a motion to award Sandi Mauer with an honorarium of \$1,000.00. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Bob Spano made five motions to donate contributions of \$1,000.00 to each of the following organizations:

- Homes for Our Troops
- Fisher House Foundation
- Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
- Marines Helping Marines
- Operation First Response.

All five of these organizations have been found to be worthy organizations, and they are organizations that the Detachment has donated to in the past. Each motion was seconded individually, and all five motions passed.

Announcements: Earle Drake read a certificate that was presented to the Smedley D. Butler Detachment, received from the Operations First Response – Walk for the Wounded, in recognition of the Detachment's valuable contributions. Joe Conigliaro, Commander of American Legion Post #338, reminded everyone that the Post is having a beef and beer event on Friday, 17 October 2008. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

### Officer Nominations:

Nominations of officers for the following positions for 2009 were accepted by:

Commandant: Earle Drake

Sr. Vice: None

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod Adjutant: Jack Kelly Paymaster: Bob Spano Judge Advocate: None Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross

Chaplain: Chris Bush Service Officer: Connie McGinley

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Directors: Paul Ferguson, Bernie McGinley, and Jim

Herbst.

Nominations can also be made at the November and December General Meetings, and the elections will be held at the December General Meeting.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045. Forty members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Kelly, Adjutant

# 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



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