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Commandant's Report November 2010

I'd like to welcome aboard new members Joe Beale and Jim Donegan. Joe Beale is a USMC veteran of the Viet Nam War and Jim Donegan joins us as a dual member. Jim is a member at the DELCO Detachment in Upland.

There is a significant event taking place on 10 November and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the main cog involved in putting it together.

First of all, the event is the last General Smedley D. Butler exhibit of the year. The opening will take place at 1000 at The Delaware County Historical Society and Research Library in Chester, PA. Five hundred invitations have been sent out and many dignitaries are expected to attend.

A lot of artifacts have been added to the normal exhibit and I can assure you that this exhibit will be on a grand scale!

As I mentioned, I would like to recognize Earle Drake for his hard work in putting this together and overall for his work as the Detachment's Public Relations Chairman, a position that wasn't filled for a couple of years.

I asked Earle if he wouldn't mind taking on yet another Detachment responsibility and he has really embraced the position and run with it.

The first round of nominations took place at our October meeting and I believe that we had an accepted nomination for every position except Sr. Vice. We have two more rounds to nominate a Sr. Vice, so if you have a candidate in mind, get to the next meeting and get them nominated.

On a personal note, as I write this, it is thirty years to the day that I was hurried off a bus and onto a set of yellow painted feet. It was some place called "Parris Island", not to be confused with Paradise Island.

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Semper Fi,

Dan Luty

Commandant

Sr. Vice Report

We are down to the home stretch for our "Birthday Ball". Remember, John Cook is taking reservations and Bob Spano is accepting the money, the cost is \$45. The Ball is at the Paxon Hollow C.C. on Friday November 5th from 6:00 to 10:30. I would like to have a firm count by our November 1 general meeting. Please make checks out to the detachment.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner Party will follow our December general meeting which has a *special start time of 1800* and is very brief. *Cost of the dinner is an unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots campaign.*

On the membership front we have had a successful year, twelve new members. Keep up the great work.

Semper Fi

Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant

Jr. Vice Report

Birthday Ball Program Book Ad Campaign

Our 2010 is drawing to a close. Thanks to all who have participated in the Campaign. In particular, Chris Bush, Earle Drake, Tom Kerrigan, Bob Spano and Bob Wells renewed three or more Ads and Gene Kern sold at least six new Ads.

HUHO

Year to date we have completed 23 Weekend and two Wawa events which produced funds year to date in excess of our budgeted objective for 2010 and compares somewhat favorably with those funds produced to date at this time last year.

Please refer to our remaining Schedule in the adjacent column.



Remaining 2010 HUHO Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
10/23	Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860 Super Fresh Havertown 610-446-4516	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA 1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
10/24	Wal-Mart Eddystone Super Fresh Havertown	1570 Chester Pike 1305 W Chest Pike
10/30	Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535 Pathmark Chichester 610-859-8920	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
10/31	Wal-Mart Boothwyn Pathmark Chichester	605 Conchester Hwy 643 Conchester Hwy
11/06	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800 ACME Newtown Sq 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
11/07	ACME Ridley ACME Newtown Sq	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
11/13	ACME Paoli 610-240-0101 ACME Devon 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W. Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
11/13	ACME Paoli ACME Devon	39 Leopard Road 700 W. Lancaster Ave
11/20	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682 Shop Rite W Chester 610-696-4066	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 115 W Chester Pk West Chester, PA
11/21	Wal-Mart Glenolden Shop Rite W Chester	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 115 W Chester Pk

"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!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

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| Gene Kern | Pat & Joe Mensack |
| Beth & Jim Herbst | Joe Direso |
| Bud Davis | Joe Blees |
| Bea Lloyd | John Burfete, Jr. |
| Jack Kelly | June & Ben Cope |
| Florence & Bob Spano | Con McGinley |
| Jerry McGuckin | Dominic D'Alessandro |
| Joe Hudson | Rosemarie & Tony Fusto |
| Tom Falgiatore | Dan Fitzpatrick |
| Bernice & Tom Kerrigan | |

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
- Louis Camilli
- David Cleary
- Joseph Conigliaro
- John Cook
- James Donahue
- Daniel Fitzpatrick
- Karl Heinzelmann
- Aleta Krauss
- Dan Luty
- H. Chalmers McDaniel
- Bernard McGinley, Jr.
- 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 Officers

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| Commandant | Dan Luty |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | James Herbst |
| 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 | Bob Cosgrove |
| 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 |

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Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

November

- 1 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.
- 2 Election Day. Make a difference – VOTE!
- 5 Coatesville VAMC Veterans Week Parade.
- 5 SD Butler Det. Birthday Ball, Paxon Hollow C.C. Cocktails-1800. Dinner-1930.
- 7 Marine Sunday at Oaklands Cemetery, West Chester, PA. Carpooling from Eldorado Carpets at 0930.
- 8 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- 10 General S.D. Butler Exhibit, DELCO Historical Society and Research Library, 408 Avenue of the States, Chester, PA. Start time is 1000. 235 U.S. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY!!!
- 11 VETERANS DAY- 0930 Trailer leaves American Legion Post 805. 1000 Ceremony at Veterans Park followed by Ceremony at Post 805 and then depart for Media Parade.
- 12 Check presentation to Marple Newtown Recreation Youth Center. 1900 at the Gauntlet Ctr., Red Blazers and Ties.

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	
Ralph LaMarra	Bob Bunce
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 ...



In 1901, the Boxer uprising was a sign of the unrest and resentment toward foreigners which had become widespread in such cities as Shanghai, Peking and Tientsin. The uprising had provided the opportunity to vent pent-up emotions and still even in 1927, anti-foreign feelings remained high. This feeling was intensified by the actions of the British and the Americans. In the eyes of the Chinese, tracts of land, or concessions, owned by well-to-do foreign businessmen “formed one of this country’s most unique monuments to international imperialism”, and were typical of the “international exploitation” so hated by the Chinese people. One of the concessions, the International Settlement of Shanghai, comprised about one-half of that city.

Strikes and demonstrations organized by the communists and a new sense of Nationalism agitated the situation. Both the Communist Party led by Mao Tse-tung and the Nationalist Party led by Chiang Kai-shek wanted to consolidate all of China into a modern state free from foreign domination. In 1925, emotions flared over because of the “Shanghai Incident”, in which 29 Chinese students and workers demonstrating during a textile strike were killed or wounded when British police officers opened fire.

By 1926, foreign intervention seemed unavoidable in light of the battles taking place as the Nationalists Army moved southward toward the Yangtze River Valley and the City of Shanghai while battling the Southern area Armies of the local “Warlords”. In March 1927, a series of British and American evacuations began from the larger cities in the valley. Hankow, Hangchow and Nanking were completely deserted by the foreigners, most of who migrated to Shanghai where foreign troops had the authority to shoot in protection of life and property.

This is the situation that existed in China when **Smedley Butler** received his orders to go to China and take command of the US Marine Forces.

Post Note: In 1934, facing military defeat by the National Army under the command of Chiang Kai-shek, Mao Tse-tung lead 100,000 guerrillas in retreat to the north, and after 6,000 miles, 24 rivers and 18 mountain ranges, 8,000 veterans of the “Long March” reached safety in the City of Yenan. In 1949, Mao’s Communist Veterans of that “Long March” won control of China and retained power until 1977.

Submitted by:

J.J.V. Cook

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The following is from “Green Side Out, Marine Corps Sea Stories, by Major H.G. Duncan and Captain W.T. Moore.

For those not familiar with the above two men they authored/co-authored quite a few books individually and together. Interesting reading about tales and characters they were involved with during their Marine Corps careers. The first tale is about:

Wild Bill Koontz and the K-Bar

Dear Gene:

When you were here last December we were discussing our mutual friend, CWO-4 Bill Koontz. I remember another story about Bill which you may not recall.

This incident took place not long after I joined the First Tank Battalion. Bill was the OIC of the Tank Maintenance Ramp out at Camp Las Flores, and Captain “Crazy” Joe Hennegan was our Battalion S-4 officer. It came to pass that a Captain from the Korean Marine Corps joined the battalion for a six-week visit as an observer.

After meeting with the battalion CO, he was introduced to Joe Hennegan, and spent the morning in the S-4 shop receiving a chalk-talk on the T/O, T/E, etc. During the course of the morning, Joe mentioned that the good captain would be spending two weeks at the tank maintenance facility which was run by a crusty old chief warrant officer, and Joe gave Gunner Koontz quite a build-up.

About 1300, the S-4 Chief drove the Korean out to the ramp and introduced him around to everyone. At 1330 the phone rang in the S-4 shop, and conversation went something like this:

Hennegan: “S-4, First Tank Battalion, Captain Hennegan speaking.”

Koontz: “Joe? This here is Bill Koontz.”

Hennegan: “Yeah, Gunner. What can I do for you?”

Koontz: “Did you tell this kimchee eater I killed six Japs on Saipan with a K-Bar?”

Hennegan: “Well, yes, Bill. I guess I did.”

Koontz: “Now, Joe. I don’t mind you telling sea stories about me, but get your s___ straight, god _____! There were eleven of them bastards; not six.

As ever,

Tom

Submitted by:

Bill Kinney

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 4 October 2010

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dan Luty, Sr. Vice Jim Herbst, 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 Bob Cosgrove, Director Bernie McGinley, and Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake. Guests who were welcomed were Jerry Sweeley, Commandant of American Legion Post #805, Charlie Chamberlain of the All Divisions MCL Detachment, and Al Harper from the Chester County MCL Detachment. Jim Donegan, a member of the Upland MCL Detachment, was welcomed as a new dual member of the Detachment.

New Member: Jim Herbst introduced a prospective new member. Joe Beale is a USMC veteran of the Viet Nam War. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Joe Beale as a regular member, and Chris Bush seconded the motion. The motion passed and Commandant Dan Luty swore in Joe Beale as a regular member.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8 September 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly indicated that several thank you notes had been received from families who had deceased family members recognized by the Honor Guard. In addition, a letter of thanks was received from the USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey for a donation made by the Detachment. Jack Kelly also read a letter from the All Divisions Detachment in which an invitation was extended to participate in the All Divisions annual Beirut Memorial Ceremony on 24 October 2010.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst reported that the USMC Birthday Ball is scheduled for Friday, 5 November 2010. John Cook is taking reservations, and Bob Spano is collecting funds for the Ball. Jim Herbst also reported that the December meeting is the Detachment's annual Christmas dinner meeting. The cost is one unwrapped new toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. Jim Herbst also asked if there would be interest in a two or three day bus trip to Marine Corps Expo at Camp LeJeune in April 2011.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that in the Help Us Help Others campaign, twenty-one weekend events and two Wawa store events have produced funds in excess of our budgeted objective for the year. We are more than \$14,000.00 ahead of last year's results for a similar time period. Jack McLeod also reported on the Birthday Ball Program Ad Campaign. Ads are available for members and for those locations that have participated in the past. Gene Kern is the sales manager for the program ad booklet.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 30 September 2010. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and it passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that member Ralph Lamarra passed away on 2 October 2010 and provided details for the funeral of Ralph Lamarra.

Service Officer: Con McGinley indicated that he had information for Viet Nam veterans who have been affected by Agent Orange. The material was placed on the back table for review after the meeting.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake mentioned that the nominations for officers for 2011 and nominations for the Marine of the Year would be conducted later in the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the final Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for Sunday, 10 October 2010.

Public Relations/Americanism: Earle Drake provided an overview of some of the recent activities in the public relations arena. He mentioned the upcoming exhibit on General Butler to be held at the Delaware County Museum and Research Library in Chester, PA, which will be conducted from 10 November 2010 to 10 January 2011. Earle Drake and John Cook had met with the granddaughter of General Butler and she has provided a lot of information and material that will be used in the exhibit. The Detachment has been provided with a leather bound photo album of General Butler in China with pictures that will be scanned to be preserved for future reference. Earle Drake also mentioned the exhibit at the Middletown Free Library, and he mentioned a meeting that he attended along with Harry Kaufman and Lloyd Spangler with a local Cub Scout group, with their scoutmaster, Detachment member Craig Williams. Earle Drake also mentioned that a number of Detachment members had recently attended the Fall Review of the Villanova University NROTC unit.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto mentioned that the Auxiliary has expressed its appreciation to the Detachment for its recent donation, and the funds are already being put to good use.

Awards: Harry Kaufman requested that committee chairmen and officers submit the names of Detachment members to him that they desire to recognize for their contributions to the Detachment during the year. Names of those to be recognized should be given to Harry Kaufman by the December general meeting. The Detachment's annual recognition meeting is conducted in January each year, the same evening as the installation of officers.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro mentioned that the Color Guard had performed at the Haverford School, presenting the Colors at a high school football game on 11 September 2010. He also mentioned that the Color Guard would be participating at the upcoming Beirut Memorial Ceremony on 24 October 2010.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had served at 16 military funerals for deceased veterans during the month of September. The total so far for this year is 156. Wayne Barner outlined the need to purchase an electronic bugle for use at funerals. Wayne Barner made a motion for the Detachment to purchase an electronic bugle for an approximate cost of \$550.00. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion and the motion passed. Wayne Barner commended Ben Sides for his work on keeping the rifles in good working order, but there was concern expressed on looking for material to keep ammunition moisture free.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern was not in attendance, but Dan Luty mentioned that Gene Kern is not able to continue as the Marksmanship chairman, due to his work schedule. Dan Luty asked for a volunteer for this position, but no one volunteered immediately.

Delaware County Memorial Park Chairman: Jerry Leon reported on an upcoming television presentation by Channel 10 in Philadelphia. The event is scheduled for 11 November 2010, Veterans Day, and Jerry Leon invited Detachment members to attend. He also provided a report on the recent fundraising event for the park that took place in September. The golf outing and golf ball drop from a helicopter raised more than \$47,000 for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park.

Scouting: Jack Gingras reported on an upcoming Eagle Scout awards ceremony at the Church of the Redeemer in Springfield on Sunday, 10 October 2010. He also provided general information on the Eagle Scout program and the involvement of the Marine Corps League with the recognition of the Eagle Scouts.

V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley mentioned that there is no bingo at the Coatesville Medical Center in the months of October or November.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that the boxes for this year's Toys for Tots drive would be available in the next week or so. He also mentioned that members should bring a new toy for the Toys for Tots program to the December general meeting.

Unfinished Business: Bob Spano mentioned that nametags are available after the meeting for those members who ordered nametags.

New Business: George Boyajian mentioned that recognition of World War II veterans is scheduled for Sunday, 10 October 2010 at the Springfield Knights of Columbus hall. Harry Kaufman reported that the American Legion in Havertown would be having an Oktoberfest event on 15 October 2010. Proceeds would be going to the Walk For The Wounded program.

Good of the League: Pete Patrucci reported from a newspaper article concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs' aid-and-attendance benefit that pays a maximum of \$1,949.00 a month to married veterans who qualify. Single veterans and spouses may be eligible for smaller payments. To qualify, veterans

must have served at least 90 days of active military service, including at least one day in a war, and have not been discharged dishonorably. Many veterans are not taking advantage of this benefit. Veterans should contact the Veterans Administration for more information. Pete Patrucci also referred to an article in an AARP publication concerning unscrupulous investment advisors who target veterans, attempting to convince veterans to make unwise financial decisions.

Officer Nominations for 2011: Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake presided over the nomination of officers for 2011. Nominations for the following positions were accepted by:

Commandant: Dan Luty

Sr. Vice: None (Jim Herbst was nominated, but respectfully declined the nomination.)

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod

Paymaster: Bob Spano

Adjutant: Jack Kelly

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson

Chaplain: Chris Bush

Service Officer: Con McGinley

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross

Directors: Bernie McGinley, Bob Cosgrove, and Bill Kinney

Nominations can also be made at the November and December general meetings. The election of officers for 2011 will be held at the December general meeting.

Marine of the Year Nominations: Earle Drake provided forms for the nominations of candidates for the Marine of the Year award. The forms can be turned in to Earle Drake, Con McGinley, or Jack McLeod.

Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations that were recommended to the membership for consideration for contributions this month. He also mentioned that we normally donate \$2,000.00 to the Toys for Tots program. Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 each to the following organizations: (1) Homes For Our Troops, Taunton, MA; (2) Hope For The Warriors, Jacksonville, NC; (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (4) USA Together, Los Altos, CA; (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. The motion also included a donation of \$2,000.00 to the Toys for Tots program. Jim Robinson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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 2105.

Charlie Chamberlain of the All Divisions Detachment won the 50/50. Fifty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

Selected November Dates of Historical Significance

1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

17 November 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Force, began its march to the Rhine River, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg, as part of the American forces occupying a defeated Germany.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

Phony Marine Colonel Indictment

Michael Delos Hamilton, 67, of Richlands, was indicted Thursday on four counts: giving false accounts to VA officials about top-secret exploits in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, during which he was injured multiple times and saw the deaths of many of his men; collecting in excess of \$30,000 in disability payments in the last three years due to false combat claims; wearing the uniform and insignia of a Marine colonel without authorization; and pinning on two Navy Crosses, three Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars, and eight Purple Heart medals, none of which were rated.

A spokeswoman for the Federal Public Defender's office of Eastern North Carolina said Hamilton's attorney, Andrea Stubbs, could not comment on pending litigation.

An investigation into Hamilton's affairs began after he was invited by a local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America to give a Vietnam remembrance speech to a group of area veterans and Camp Lejeune officials.

In a bio he circulated among attendees, Hamilton claimed to have been promoted from private first class to colonel in just eight years and awarded a total of 80 medals in that time period.

According to military records reviewed by the Daily News, Hamilton entered the Marine Corps July 18, 1961, and left the Corps as a private first class at Camp Lejeune on April 30, 1962, having never deployed. His only awards were a rifle qualification badge, good conduct medal and national defense service medal. Hamilton was sentenced to probation and \$100 in fines in 2009 after altering his military ID card to represent himself as a three-star general.

John Cooney, the adjutant of the Beirut Memorial Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, has organized shuttle rides for members of the organization to each of Hamilton's court appearances. A retired Marine master sergeant, Cooney told the Daily News Friday he was exultant at the news of Hamilton's indictment.

"I don't think he's going to get a slap on the wrist this time," he said.

Cooney expressed amazement at the lurid detail in Hamilton's allegedly false claims.

In the indictment, Hamilton is charged with stating that he was "shot, stabbed, and blown up, and witnessed atrocities such as the dismemberment and decapitation of his best friend."

"I think he is mentally disturbed, and he has fabricated this lie for so long that he believes it," Cooney said.

Prentis Campbell, Jacksonville Chapter commander of the National Association of Black Veterans, another organization that has attended each Hamilton court appearance, also applauded the indictment.

"We know that's a good start and he's not going to get away with it," he said.

Hamilton's next court appearance will be Oct. 26 at the Federal Courthouse in Wilmington.

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DELCO Veterans Memorial, on the way to Reality...



Earle Drake, Bernie McGinley, Bob Spano and Newtown Square Supervisor Linda Houldin accepting a check in the amount of \$10,000 from Alice and Walter Strine. The Strine foundation donated the money to the Delaware County Veterans Memorial to be built on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square.



The 2nd Annual Patriots Golf Outing and golf ball drop from a helicopter raised more than \$47,000 for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park due in large part to SD Butler Det. Member, Jeremy Leon.
For more information about the Memorial, go to <http://www.delcoveteransmemorial.com>



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