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Commandant's Message October 2005

It would be most appropriate at this time to mention what has happened in the Gulf Coast with Hurricane Katrina and the people of Biloxi, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana. The amount of devastation and destruction is very difficult to imagine while we are sleeping comfortably in our beds in our houses with running water and electricity. But we should not sit idly by and ignore the pleas of our fellow countrymen.

The Marine Corps League has always done what was necessary to help others, not just other veterans. We stand by our ideals of "Courage, Honor and Commitment." Right now what we need to practice is "Commitment" to help others by donating whatever monies we can and forward it to the Marine Corps League Foundation. If you read further in the newsletter you will see the message from Mike Blum, Executive Director and where you can send your donations. So please be generous to those who have lost everything. Please give from your heart.

At the general meeting in October we will be accepting nominations for officers for the year 2006. The detachment members will nominate officers who they feel are the best candidates for the position to be filled. No member should accept a nomination if he/she feels that they would not be able to perform all of their duties either physically or mentally.

Under Article VIII, Section 8.2, "in order to qualify for the office of Commandant, a nominee must have held any other office for at least one full elected term." Under Section 8.1, "in order to qualify for office a member must have at least six months' membership in the Detachment and must have attended at least four meetings prior to the meeting in which the election is to take place." Under Section 7.3, "each member.....shall surrender all monies, books, papers and all other property belonging to the Detachment to his/her successor upon leaving office."

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Bob Spano

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October 2005

Membership:

As most of you know we will be fifteen years old at the end of November. I am working on getting membership awards to members who have FIVE years of service or more (star) for every five years after, I can use your help. Come and see me, call me let me know if you have received an award at anytime, or if you never received one. It's the Marine Corps League's way of thanking you for faithful service, and ours!

Recruitment is going fine, keep up the good work! NEW MEMBERS PLEASE at anytime see any officer or director, or committee head and ask how you can help. We welcome you all and can sure use your help. We will be having available DETACHMENT NAME STRIPS to be purchased to put at the bottom of your cover. We do so much around the world and it's a good thing to let others who we are. It is my hope they will be used. Dues, Remember, check your membership! You can mail them in to the Detachment or give them to our paymaster.

Ball:

Many seats are filling up; Please see JOHN COOK for seating. The Ball will be 12 November 2005 at 1800 to 2300. Prices are \$35.00 per person and \$70.00 per couple. Our Guest Speaker is Maj. Alex Chotkowski USMCR. He is a Veteran of the Iraq war. We will have five hours of open bar of beer, wine and soda. Mixed drinks will cost but will be reasonable. There will be live music from a DJ and more! All are welcome as we mark two hundred thirty years of greatness!

Our picnic will be history as we read this, but I want to thank all in advance for your help. This is something that I hope becomes an every year thing! It's great to be with our WHOLE family at least once a year!

God Bless & Semper Fi !

Jim Alleva

Sr. Vice Commandant
610-789-3755

Welcome Back!

Col. C.J. Edelman USMC (Ret.)
2016 Sussex Blvd.
Broomall, PA 19008-3213
610-353-5711

Please add his contact information to your membership list.

Jr. Vice Report

NOW is the time to get your ads in for the MCL Birthday Ball program book. The summer is gone and time always has a way of disappearing. Please visit with the people and businesses that bought ads in the past and ask them to support your MCL again this year.

If you attended the September General meeting you know that we voted to give money for disaster relief, gave money to support sending packages to our Marines in Iraq, gave money to support the Juvenile Brain Tumor Foundation. Without the ads you can bring in we will not be able to support these worthy projects. **PLEASE HELP!**

The **JTH** raffle ticket sales are at the mid point in our season, only 13 more scheduled dates left.

Following are October's sites:

Oct 1, **Super Fresh**, 250 E. Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood, PA
Pathmark, 429 McDad Blvd, Folsom,
Pathmark, 5000 Edgemont Ave, Brookhaven,
Shop-Rite 1115 West Chester Pike,
Acme, Rt 30 & Penn Street, Bryn Mawr.

Respectfully submitted,

Earle E. Drake

Junior Vice

ANNOUNCEMENTS Special Events

Toys-for-Tots – Benefit Beef & Beer, Saturday October 1st, 2005. There will be a Fund Raiser for Toys-For-Tots at the Lagoon Tavern in Essington, PA. It is from 6 – 9 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. For tickets Contact –Linda: 610/522-1197 or 610/534-8084. LET'S MAKE THIS A SUCCESS FOR THE KIDS.

1st Annual Toys-for-Tots Golf Outing, Friday October 7th, 2005. This will be held at Moccasin Run Golf Club in Atglen, PA. All proceeds go to the Toys-for-Tots Fund. Please Contact SSgt. Ward USMC at the Folsom Marine Reserve Center for more information 610/532-0585 or 0659

Commandant's Report October 2005

Members honored a request to visit a WW II Marine, Sgt. Day, at the Sterling Nursing Home in Media on the 19th of August

Saturday, the 20th, members sold tickets for the wagon at the Super Fresh in Gladwyne

On Wednesday, the 24th, members of the Detachment Color Guard greeted the returning teachers to Upper Darby High School

Acme in Drexel Hill was the sight of wagon ticket sales on Saturday, the 27th

Staff meeting on Tuesday night was conducted by the Sr. Vice

On September 1st, Thursday evening members of the detachment paid their respects to the family at the wake of Sgt. Day

Tuesday, September the 6th, the monthly general meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square

Members of the detachment & Color Guard went to Ridley H. S. to celebrate the 60th anniversary of VJ Day

Saturday was a busy day while some members went to Coatesville Hospital picnic others went with the Honor & Color Guard to Berwyn for their Veterans' Memorial Dedication and several funeral honors at Peter & Paul Cemetery

On Sunday, the 11th at Delaware County Community College several members sold wagon tickets at the Hero Scholarship Flea Market.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Bob Spano

Delaware County Young Marines, reporting as ordered, SIR!



Here is the scuttlebutt of what the Delco. Young Marines are up to.

The DCYMs were busy last weekend.

On Saturday, we helped the Upper Darby MCL with their Family Day picnic. Not only were we on work detail helping set up, supervising the moon bounce and walking ponies, but we had some free time to enjoy ourselves as well.

On Sunday, we headed over to the Folsom VFW to help them with the family day picnic for the Marines from the Folsom Reserve Center. We helped set up, did some parking detail and got a chance to talk one-on-one with some of the Marines.

Upcoming events include:

Saturday, Sept. 17th Aldan Boro's Founders Day Celebration. Myself and MGSgt Porter will be participating in their ceremonies; my mom will be manning a table where she'll have information on joining the Young Marines. Porter and I will be around to answer any questions parents or kids might have about the program. Hopefully, we'll have a few that will be interested.

Sunday, Oct. 2nd

The YMs and Recruits will be helping the Upper Darby MCL with their annual Oktoberfest. Last year a good time was had by all.

SEMPER FI

1stSgt. Tim Dunton

REMINDERS

Anyone who submits pictures for the History book should list the date and the names of people for identification as well as any other pertinent information. Thank you for your help.

John Cook needs your photos from "THEN" and "NOW." Everyone needs a good laugh and looking at these pictures of our "youth" and then of our "senior" years is quite entertaining. So, get those photos in, NOW!

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Super Fresh, Wynnewood – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600
- 4 General Membership Meeting - K of C – 1930
- 4 Villanova University Fall Review - 1500
- 7 Toys for Tots Golf Outing
- 8 Pathmark, Folsom – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600
- 9 Adopt-A-Highway – clean Bishop Hollow Rd - 0900
- 10 Coatesville Veterans Hospital – bingo
- 15 Pathmark, Brookhaven – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600
- 20 Tun Tavern Marker Dedication - Phila
- 22 Shop Rite, West Chester – Wagon ticket sales 0900-1600
- 23 Beirut Memorial, Columbus & Dock, Phila – 1000
- 24 Staff Meeting – Marple Memorial Post #805 – 1930
- 29 Acme, Bryn Mawr – Wagon ticket sales - 0900-1600

~October 30~
Don't forget to turn
your clocks back!



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.

Birthday Greetings for October

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

Craig G. Allen
Michael R. Bodle
Robert G. Bunce
Edwin D. Burns
Thomas P. Cleary
Aaron G. Cabbage
Marino DeFrancesca
William J. Delenno, Sr.
Frank A. Mayer, Jr.
James V. Procopio
Donald F. Rugen
Donald T. Walz



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

If your birthday was this month and you were not listed please contact the Adjutant (Steve Neri) so that he may update our records. Thank you.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE LICENSE PLATES

PennDOT has approved the new design for the Marine Corps League License Plate for production. A new application form has been received. The Form Number is MV-904SO (09-04). This is the ONLY form that we can use to obtain the new plate.

The Assistant Paymaster, John Moyses, will handle this program in its entirety. All completed applications must be signed by our designated and authorized representative for the Marine Corps League. John will submit applications by batches to the department for processing.

It is my understanding that the Department of Transportation will send a letter of our choosing to all current plate holders giving them three choices: 1. Retaining their current plate and doing nothing. 2. Purchasing the new plate for \$30 and keep the same plate number or 3. Purchasing a new plate for \$30 and requesting a lower number if a lower number is available.

As stated above, the new plate will cost \$30 each and the check must be made out to the MCL of PA., Inc. since we must now purchase the plates from the prison system. The department will issue a check to PennDOT in the amount of the total applications in the batch order.

A copy of the form has been faxed this date to our Department Adjutant and it is requested that the form be disseminated to our membership thru our detachments. Of course, an application can be obtained from PennDOT.

Completed applications are to be mailed direct to John Moyses at 401 S. New Ardmore Ave., Broomall, PA 19008-2840. John's phone number is 610-353-2851.

Attention

All Marine Corps Birthday Ball Attendees: Be advised – all monies and reservations for seating must be in John Cook's hands no later than OCTOBER 31st. Reservations will be closed after that date and there will be no exceptions.

Bob Spano, Commandant.

QUOTES and LEGENDS

In November 1950, the 1st Marine Division in North Korea, at the Chosin Reservoir Area, was completely surrounded by 10 Communist Chinese Divisions. The Marines manned 3 surrounded camps, Yudam-ni, Hagaru and Koto-ri.

Colonel Lewis "Chesty" Puller commanded Koto-ri and on receiving a mixed unit of reinforcements consisting of U.S. Army Engineers, Medical Battalion and Infantrymen, plus 250 Royal Marines and U.S. Marines, Colonel Chesty Puller welcomed them and personally led their commanders to a ridge in order to define the defense position.

He swept the surrounding hills with his field glasses. To his front he could see Chinese. To his left and right he could see them. Even to his rear there were Chinese moving along the hills. Puller put down his glasses and turned to his aide. "They got us surrounded", he rasped. Then, grinned through lips cracked and blue with cold, he added "THE BAST****S WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME".

The March to Glory...By...Robert Leckie
John J.V. Cook

"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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Dot and Craig Allen, Elena and Jim Alleva, Betty and Bob Bunce, Joyce and Jim Dunlap, Carol and Paul Lutton, Joan and Bernie McGinley, Florence and Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

Harry Kaufman, PC

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

SICK CALL



Members:

Matt Balfrey, Bud Bruce, Frank DiBonaventuro, Jim Duffy, Jay Joseph, Bob Matthews, Stan Short and Don Walz.

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.

WITH FLYING COLORS

Victorious warships signaled their triumphs by returning to port with all their flags (colors) still flying. Therefore, by analogy, anything that is accomplished "with flying colors" can be regarded as a total triumph.

FACING THE MUSIC

The military origin of this expression is similar to that of being "drummed out", referring to the formal, humiliating dismissal of the soldier from his regiment. The ceremony involved the beating of drums, a public reading of the culprit's crime and the stripping of insignia from his uniform. Thus, "facing the music" became associated with bearing punishment in general.

FIFTH COLUMN

A fifth column is a body of traitors, working secretly within a country or organization on behalf of an enemy or rival. Though widely used, the term is comparatively recent, dating from the Spanish Civil War 1936-1939. The Fascist army was divided into columns and General Mola, who commanded the Fascist forces advancing on Madrid, claimed that he had four columns surrounding the Spanish capital and a fifth working for him inside the city, undermining the efforts of the defenders.

*Based on "Swing the Lead & Spiking His Guns"
Castle Books....John J.V. Cook*

Katrina Relief Fund

On behalf of National Commandant Kish and the Staff at National Headquarters, we want to take a moment to convey our prayers and concern for those who have been affected by this seemingly overwhelming disaster. We pray that we didn't lose any Marines or family members in this tragedy.

There is no doubt that Marine Corps Leaguers all over the country want to "step up" to help. The Marine Corps League Foundation is the best, most organized and safest way to do that. The Marine Corps League Foundation has the experience and the procedures in place to deal with accepting donations as well as seeing that those donations are used to serve the emergency needs of those impacted by this disaster.

The Marine Corps League Foundation is a 501 (c)3 organization and donations to the Foundation, designated for the Humanitarian Relief Fund are tax deductible. Donations should be sent to:

The Marine Corps League Foundation
P. O. Box 3070
Merrifield, VA 22116-3070

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,

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Merrifield, VA 22116-3070
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FAX: 703/207-0047
E-Mail: ExecDir@MCLeague.org
Website: <http://www.MCLeague.org>

QUOTES IN HISTORY

For 36 days in February 1945, nearly 75,000 United States Marines from the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions were locked in epic struggle with 22,000 Japanese troops defending to the last man a seemingly impregnable flyspeck Pacific island called IWO JIMA.

"Victory was never in doubt. What was in doubt, in all our minds, was whether there would be any of us left to dedicate our cemetery at the end, or whether the last Marine would die knocking out the last Japanese gun and gunner"....

Major General Graves B. Erskine
At the dedication of the
Third Marine Division Cemetery at Iwo Jima
14th March 1945

submitted by John J. V. Cook

Gen. Smedley D. Butler Det.741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
September 6th, 2005

Commandant: Called meeting to order at 1930.

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

The Sgt-at-Arms placed the POW/MIA chair banner and a moment of silence was observed, he then declared the meeting open for official business.

The Adjutant: Conducted the Roll Call of Officers, all-present except Directors Bishop and Donohue.

Commandant: Introduced a new regular member who is a transfer from the At Large Rolls, Col. George J. Edelman was welcomed by the membership. The Commandant also introduced David Green who is the son of former member Ray Green who spoke about an up coming Bicycle Ride to raise money for Children with Brain Tumors. Dave asked for donations to be made in memory of his father.

Minutes: A motion by Joe Mensack and seconded by Ben Sides was approved to accept the minutes as published in the *Scuttlebutt*.

Officers Reports:

Adjutant: Read the correspondence.

Paymaster: Gave a detailed report on detachment finances, copies are available. He reported that he has changed our Certificate of Deposit from Beneficial Savings Bank to Franklin Mint Credit Union for a much higher rate of interest to be paid to the detachment. This was approved at the Staff meeting. A motion by Bernie McGinley and seconded by Rick VanLuvender to accept the Paymasters report was passed.

Chaplain: Chris reported that Bob Matthews is in U of P Hospital recovering from surgery, Jay Joseph is recovering from surgery for a Brain Tumor and Don Walz is still in Delaware County Hospital, Stan Short was to have surgery for Carpal Tunnel on his right hand. Chris reminded the membership that if you know of a member who is ill or in distress or of a member passing away to call him immediately.

Sr. Vice: MEMBERSHIP: We are doing ok so far in recruitment, but just as important is keeping what we have. Even though we cannot please all of the people all of the time everyone up here is always ready to listen to what you have to say. Again PLEASE check your membership to see if it is up for renewal, if so see our paymaster, it is easy for all concerned to pay here and not send your dues to national, we will take care of that. I have cover strips with the detachment name being made, they will be available by next meeting, and you will be able to purchase them at a cost of approx. \$ 2.50. You will be responsible to have them sewn on your cover. I would encourage everyone who does not have the detachment name on your cover to buy one and have it sewn on.

BALL: Everything is in place, orders have been made, and all we need now is to have it. Again see John Cook for reservations and seating. He is the only one handling this. Our cost will be \$35.00 per person, I have a menu up here with me, and you can come up after the meeting if you want. The price will include a five-hour open bar of beer, wine, soda; mixed drinks will be very reasonable. An hour of Hors D'oeuvres, birthday wine toast, Birthday cake, and other deserts, music from a DJ, and of course our Guest Speaker Maj. Alex Chotkowski USMCR who recently returned from operation Iraqi Freedom II, also professional pictures if you so desire. Please help support our Ball program ad book as it will help off set the cost of the ball.

PICNIC: its coming up soon, on 18 September, 2005 we will start around 1230 till, we still need some items, I have a sign up sheet here with me and at the sign up desk, its important to let us know if you are coming and what you are bringing. The AL & VFW will also be taking part in this. We had a good time last year and hoping for better one this time. But again please don't wait until the last minute, we need a head count ASAP.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: at the end of this year this Detachment will be 15 yrs old, its something to be proud of. Because of this our Christmas party will also be our annual Party, if anybody has any ideas please let me know.

Jr. Vice: JUNIOR TROOP HANDLER WAGON: Thirteen locations have been covered to date. Thirteen more locations are left. Sales of raffle tickets year -to-date are slightly above last year's level. Last week's sales at the Acme in Drexel Hill were lower than normal due the heavy rain for most of the afternoon. George Van Dusen and Jim Alleva towed last week.

We need volunteers for the HERO SCHOLARSHIP FLEA MARKET at the Delaware County Community College Campus this Sunday September 11th. We need people to blow up balloons, sell Marine products and sell tickets. Report time is 0700 to set up the tent 0900 report time to sell tickets.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL PROGRAM BOOK: On each table are ad forms, please reach into your pockets and buy a booster ad, they are \$10.00. Please turn in your forms and your money for the ads to me at the end of the meeting.

Commercial ads are starting to come in for the book. We have about 20 ads so far but need many more to have a successful book. It is now September and the deadline is October 1st, PLEASE contact your past advertisers, supporters and any new ones. YOUR support is needed to make this a success.

Sgt-at-Arms: No Report

Judge Advocate: No Report

Service Officer: reported that the Director of Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center Ron Pennypacker will be available on Friday, September 9th at Clifton Heights Boro Hall, 30 S. Springfield Avenue, Clifton Heights between 10am-2pm. He will provide assistance with disability claims, records/medals replacement, and assistance with job searches. For more information call 610/473-3003.

Director VanLuvender: No Report.

Jr. Past Commandant: Steve reported on the plans for the Grand Opening of the PA Veterans Museum in Media, PA on Veterans Day, also on the Veterans Day Parade. Steve also, reported on the Ground Breaking ceremony planned at the Newtown Township Veterans Memorial Park, which is scheduled for 3pm on Veterans Day at the park.

COMMITTEES:

Adopt –a-Highway: No Report.

Auxiliary Liaison: Please continue to bring in Acme receipt slips.

Ceremonies: George reported we have done over 180 funerals so far this year. He stated that our Color & Honor Guard have participated in the VJ Day Ceremony at Rose Tree Park, Opening Day ceremony at the Upper Darby High School. Coming up is a VJ Day ceremony at Ridley High School, Veterans Monument Dedication in Berwyn, PA and POW/MIA Day ceremony here in Broomall.

Historian: No Report.

Home Association: Tom reported that the driveway at the K of C was just recoated.

Legislative: No Report.

Toys-for-Tots: Dan gave an update on the Golf outing also on the Beef & Beer and Raffle.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Spano gave the report for Bob Matthews. He reminded everyone of the annual picnic & cookout we give the patients at the Coatesville VA Hospital. We do this jointly with the Chester County Detachment. Report Time is 0900 on Saturday, 9/10/05. Also there will be a monthly Bingo Party for the patients on Monday, 9/12/05.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Upper Darby Det. MCL Women's Auxiliary the money will be used to help pay postage for packages for troops in Iraq, seconded by Bernie McGinley. Motion passed.

Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in the name of former member Ray Green, seconded by Dan Luty. Motion passed.

Jim Alleva made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the MCL Foundation for the Marine victims of Hurricane Katrina, seconded by Bernie McGinley. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gerry Zell reported that the Delco Det. MCL is having a Pig Roast this Saturday at their Det. Home.

Jerry Leon announced he is looking for former members of VMA-221.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

Steve Neri reminded everyone of the importance of their support for the upcoming POW/MIA Day ceremony and that we will be participating in the Beirut Memorial ceremony on Sunday October 23rd at 1000 in Phila., PA.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Van Luvender and seconded by Bernie McGinley. Motion passed.

Appropriate closing ceremonies were conducted and meeting adjourned at 2100.

George Van Dusen won the 50/50, 41 members signed the log.

Guidelines for Submission of Articles & Photos for inclusion in "Scuttlebutt"

- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th 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

Adopt –a-Highway

Next cleanup is scheduled for October 9. Report time is 0900 hours at Bishop Hollow Road. Contact Dave Brimble at 610.356.0851 if you have any questions.

An Important Check List for Veterans to Have In The Case of Death or Incapacitation

- Contact your Funeral Director for your choice of Interment.
- Contact your Clergy, to maker arrangements for services you desire.
- Provide the Funeral Director with a copy of the Veterans Discharge, VA Claim number if known, and Veteran's Social Security Number.
- The Funeral Director will apply to the Department of Military Affairs for the amount allowable toward the burial expenses and also the amount allowable from Social Security for burial.
- The Funeral Director will apply to the Department of Military Affairs for the American Flag to Drape over the casket or urn.
- If the Veteran is a member of a Veteran's Organization, contact the Post Commander to inquire about the post providing Military Services, Firing Squad, or Pall Bearers if needed.
- If the Veteran had GI Insurance, contact the county Veteran Service Officer for assistance in completing the insurance forms. If the Veteran had Commercial Insurance, contact the agent for that particular company which insured the Veteran.
- The spouse should contact the Social Security office (SSA) to file for benefits that maybe available to her or him and for any dependent children.
- The County Veterans Service Officer will assist the spouse and children in obtaining any benefits to which they maybe entitled, such as: Survivor's Death benefits from the VA, or a Headstone if burial is in a Private Cemetery. Provide the County Veterans Service Officer with the following when applying for Benefits.
 - A copy of the Veterans Discharge record .
 - The Veteran's VA claim number if there is one.
 - Social Security number(s) of the Veteran, Spouse and Dependent Children.
 - GI Insurance policies
 - Have information regarding marriage, birth dates of children, and if any prior marriages existed, the information regarding them
 - Copy of the Death Certificate of the Veteran.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE VETERAN TO HAVE ON HAND.

(Complete the following information and keep it in a safe place where your next of kin or Executor will be able to access it.)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Enlistment: _____

Place: _____

Date of Discharge _____ :

Place: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Service: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place: _____
(City, County)

Government Life Insurance: _____

Policy #: _____

VA Claim #: _____

SSN#: _____

Records Located: _____

Received Compensation: _____

Pension: _____

VA Office Where Veteran's Records Are Maintained: _____

~~submitted by Lloyd Spangler

**Next Regular Meeting is:
October 4, 2005
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"