



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report October 2006

The last month saw us doing what we have always done, a great job. Talking with Bob Matthews on the Coatesville's picnic he said it went off great and wanted to give special thanks to the ladies Auxiliary for all of their help. Where would we be without the ladies! At this point our Honor Guard have over 210 funerals under their belt, as sad as it sounds we look like we will

beat last years mark of 266. A record we don't like to see. The County has come through with the plain Veterans marker, and I thank them. We had some rain that cancelled our wagon sales, but that did not stop the guys. We did the Flea Market at DCCC and it was great to see so many come out and help. Our Jr. Vice now needs your help in getting ads for our program ad book. All should at least be a booster. See Jerry and ask for forms and get your ads. Our Sr. Vice is working on our Ball, and as always I look forward to a great one. Tickets will still be at \$35.00 per person with a lot of good food. Appetizers, Italian meats and cheese, fresh fruit, salad served sit down, and a dinner buffet consisting of chicken, beef, fish, and pasta, with two vegetables, and of course our Birthday cake! Our Honor Guard and Color Guard participated in ceremonies at Rose Tree Park for 9-11, and for POW/MIA at Vet's Park in Marple. Our Marple-Newtown Alliance picnic was a good one. It great was great seeing and partying with our brothers from the VFW 7390 and the AL 805, sitting down and having fun together. We share so many sad times doing the funerals was nice to take part in something fun. Besides right next to where we have our picnic is a cemetery to make everyone feel comfy. It was truly a team effort with a wonderful turnout. There are too many to mention to thank, but you know who you are. The Department rifle match will be taking place at Fort Indiantown Gap on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Nothing like the smell of gunpowder in the morning. Good Luck guys!

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God Bless & Semper Fi,

*Jim Alleva*

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## Jr. Vice Report

My last report opened with, "The season is fast upon us,...", well it's still speeding full speed ahead. There is so much to be done before we close this year. That's the bad news. The good news is we have a great team making the Smedley D. Butler Detachment stay vigorous, healthy and "The Best of the Best". It has been somewhat frustrating with our Wagon sales, because schedules had to be changed, sites had to be changed, however; we pulled together to overcome those many obstacles; and for that I thank you all, one an all. I especially have to thank those that filled in for me, Jack McLeod, Joe Hudson as first string Wagon Masters. Then I have to thank Gerry Powlus, Jim Alleva, and Dave Brimble for all their efforts to keep us on track. I will be handling the next few Saturdays, but I'll also be turning over the duties of Wagon Master to my first string Jack & Joe while I'm away during late October and early November. I can't forget to thank Blue Berry Bunce for his reliable and faithful service along with George the mouth Boyajian, Paul Donohue, Tony Fusto, Lou DeSantis, Bernie McGinley, Bill Nolan, George VanDusen, Bob Spano, Harry Kaufman and Earle Drake. Thanks for pulling for the team and the detachment's fund raiser.

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> we'll be at the Pathmark in Broomall, so don't be bashful, everyone is welcome to pitch in and sell tickets. Along with that thought, I hope everyone is concentrating on collecting their ads for our Marine Ball Program. Remember, I'd like to have them all in by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October if at all possible. This is an all hands project, and if every other member brought in just one ad we would be overwhelmed. They are affordable, easy to sell, and rewarding for everyone. Let's make the effort to pull the extra mile this year.

Thanks for all the help this year so far. If I can be of any assistance to the membership, please don't hesitate to call and ask me for whatever helping hand one needs.

Semper Fi

*Jeremy Leon*

Jr. Vice Commandant.

## Sr. Vice Report

No Report

## Birthday Ball

November 4<sup>th</sup>,  
18:00 – 23:00

**Buffet dinner:** beef, chicken, fish  
One hour of **hors d'oeuvres**  
Five hours **open bar** (beer, wine, soda)  
at the Knights of Columbus

\$35.00 per person



Picnic September 17, 2006

## Commandant's Message October 2006

As the year comes to a close, I must say it was a good one as always. Being in the league for 12 years I have done a lot of things, serving as an officer for 11 of them. Being Commandant has really been an education. It is something I take very seriously and try my best to do. Over the last four years in this Detachment I have seen first hand what the purpose of the League really means. This detachment is involved in so many things it amazes me. You have honored me with Marine of the Year in '04 and I am very grateful. But one thing I have learned that it is impossible to try to win a personality contest while doing your job. There are times that if you follow your oath you must do things that are not popular, but they must be done. As Commandant, and the other officers we WORK for you, the membership. If you try to win a personality contest, you are not doing your job. We the officers work hard to ensure that what we do, what we give, always keeping in mind the benefit of the Detachment. It must be that way, there is no other. If you will have me, I do plan on serving next year. We have done so much, repairing our trailers that needed repair for years. E-mailing the newsletter, saving money on postage, by the time October comes around we will have saved enough postage to mail out our newsletter the rest of the year without buying any more stamps. Trying a different approach to the wagon sales with much success. Making sure that every member has a membership roster, giving every member that comes to the meeting a paymaster report.

The Marine of the Year is now in the membership hands, you will be able to see Bob Spano, George VanDusen, John Cook or myself and let us know who YOU think is deserving of this award. Write a letter to the above members, telling us why you think why a member deserves this award; we will then take the top three and ask the membership to vote on them.

Operation Stand Down took place earlier this month, and I tell you it was very sad to see these Veterans, many of them homeless, sick. The VA at Philadelphia does this every year in September. They try to get these Vets medical and legal help. Many of them deserving of a pension but for some reason or another they do not come forward. When taking them to the VA, they are told if they have any contraband to drop it off and nothing will be said, but passing that point they would be subject to the rules and regulations of the VA. Many of them choose not to enter, deciding to keep whatever they had on their person. It was very sad to see this. We as a Veterans group MUST let our politicians know how serious this is and take a more active role. We have it good here

in Newtown Square and the surrounding areas. Come down to the VA, come down to the next operation next year and you will get an education like nothing else you have seen. When it all comes down to it, it is the Veteran that helps the Veteran. It is up to us to see that these veterans have a place, and have medical and legal support!

God Bless & Semper Fi,

*Jim Alleva*

### **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

Commandant: Jim Alleva  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dan Luty  
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jeremy Leon  
Adjutant: Jack Kelly  
Paymaster: Ben Sides  
Judge Advocate: Rick Van Luvender  
Chaplain: Christopher D. Bush  
Sergeant At Arms: James D. Ross  
Service Officer: Connie McGinley  
Director: Paul Donohue  
Director: Earle Drake  
Director: Bernard McGinley  
Jr. Past Commandant: Bob Spano

### **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen**

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble  
Americanism: William Lessig  
Auxiliary Liaison: Anthony Fusto  
Awards: Bob Spano  
Ceremonies: George Van Dusen  
Ceremonies Assistant: Ben Sides  
Color Guard: Jim Alleva  
Flag Collection - Barry Reese  
Historian: John J. V. Cook  
Honor Guard: John J. V. Cook  
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan  
Legislative: Bernie McGinley  
Locker Box: Tom Lynch  
Marksmanship: Earle Drake  
Membership- Bob Spano  
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer  
Property: Dave Brimble  
Scholarships: Wayne Williams  
Scouting: John Gingras  
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty  
Uniforms: Bernie McGinley  
VAVS: Robert Matthews  
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

**\*\*\*MARINE of the YEAR 2006\*\*\***

All members, please forward you nomination for the MOY for 2006. You may write it down and submit it to Bob Spano, John Cook, George VanDusen, or myself. It must include why you believe this member should receive this award, and anything else you have to offer. The top three members from the letters will be put up for nomination by the members in December. We only have two meetings before the voting.

Thank You  
Jim Alleva  
Commandant

**Attention All Members!**

Come and help with the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.

We will be meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hours at Bishop Hollow Road.

We are grateful for all who can help, and would especially like to see some new faces!

If you have any questions, call Dave Brimble @ 610.356.0851.



**DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

**VA Hotline** 800-827-1000  
**Veterans' Healthcare** 800-222-8387  
**Education** 888-442-4511  
**Grave Markers** 800-697-6947  
**Life Insurance** 800-669-8477  
**Website** [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**It Happened This Month  
In Marine Corps History**

- 01- 1880- John Philip Sousa was named leader of the Marine Band
- 02- 1918- Marines participated in the Battle of Blanc Mont in France
- 06- 1945- Japanese Forces in North China surrendered to III Amphibious Corps
- 10- 1968- The 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Div and the 1<sup>st</sup> MAW received the PUC, Da Nang, Vietnam
- 14- 1950- MAG-12 Began operations of Wonsan Airfield in N.Korea
- 18- 1859- John Brown and his men were captured after Marines attacked the Fire engine House at Harpers Ferry, WV.
- 29- 1942- Maj. Joe Foss shot down 23 enemy aircraft. Later he shot three more and received The Medal of Honor
- 31- 1955- Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller, who earned FIVE Navy Crosses, retired as a LT. General

**DUES INCREASE**

Attention Members:

**ANNUAL DUES:** At the first of the year 2007, the yearly dues will increase to \$30.

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES** will increase, based on age groups as follows:

AGE GROUP	CURRENTLY	As of JAN. 1ST, 2007
0-35	\$325	\$400
36-40	300	350
41-50	275	350
51-60	200	250
61-over	100	125

You only have a short time left before the new Lifetime Membership costs go into effect. **REMEMBER:** The money has to be in by Dec. 20th, 2006 (so it can be in to Nat'l before year's end).

Take advantage of this year's lower costs and become a Lifetime Member today. See Paymaster for payment arrangements if you are interested in paying in installments.

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### October

- 01 Dept. Of PA Rifle Match-Last Day-Fort Indian Town Gap
- 02 General Meeting- Knights of Columbus-1930
- 03 NROTC-Villanova Univ.-Fall Review-1500
- 07 Wagon Sales
- 08 Adopt-A-Highway cleanup 0900
- 09 Columbus Day
- 14 Wagon Sales
- 21 Eagle Scout Award-1930-508 Milmont Ave.-Milmont Park. PA
- 21 Wagon Sales
- 22 Beirut Memorial Ceremony-Foglietta Plaza-Columbus Blvd.-Phila. 1000- Color Guard
- 28 Wagon Sales
- 31 Staff Meeting- AL POST#805-1930

**\*\*\*\* See the Jr. Vice for wagon locations\*\*\*\***

## 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 Avenue's, Havertown, PA.

**Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113**, meets the second Monday of the month at 8 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**, 2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA.

**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.

## Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

**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.

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

**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.

### Upcoming events;

**Amvets Post 118**, Morton, PA

- Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, Annual Golf Outing, \$60.00 fee  
Paxon Hollow Country Club, Broomall, PA. Shotgun start, buffet dinner.  
Information /tickets call Post—  
610/543-9551

## LIBRARY DISPLAY

The General Smedley D. Butler, Marine Corps League Detachment, will be presenting a display at the Springfield Township Library during the month of October 2006. Titled "U.S. Marine Uniforms of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century". It will present the different styles and accouterments used during the past century.

John Cook # 610-853-3932

### !!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

*The meeting day has been changed to the first Monday of each month, unless it is a holiday, then it would be on the first Wednesday. Please make this notation in your records and calendars.*

## Old Glory

How did the Stars and Stripes come to be the flag we now know? Who designed the first U.S. Flag and who made it? Was it, as is popularly believed and reported in the history books, a demure Philadelphia seamstress named Elizabeth (Betsy) Griscom Ross who stitched the first flag based on a pencil-sketches design by George Washington? Or, as many scholars believe, did the familiar pattern come from the mind of Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a New Jersey congressman, poet and artist who helped design the Great Seal of the United States? The debate rages on.

The first official statement about a national flag appeared in an act of the Continental Congress on June 13, 1777 – a day we now celebrate as Flag Day. That act read, "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." While this act established the basic elements of the flag's design there was no clear direction for its size, shape and configuration of the stars.

In recognition of the entrance of Vermont and Kentucky into the Union, Congress decreed that after May 1795 the flag should have 15 stars and 15 stripes. This was the "Star-Spangled Banner" that Francis Scott Key saw "by dawn's early light" still waving over Baltimore' Fort McHenry in the War of 1812.

As more territories became states, Congress again acted in April 1818. Perhaps fearing that a new stripe for each state would become unwieldy, but wanting to recognize the new admissions, it ordered a return to the original 13 stripes, but provided for a star for each new state. Although the number of stripes and rules for the number of stars were prescribed by this act, flags still varied tremendously in shape and star assembly.

This was changed on June 24, 1912, by an executive order of President William Howard Taft that officially established the proportions of the flag and the arrangement of stars. Since there were then 48 states, he ordered that the stars should appear in six horizontal rows of eight stars each and that one point of each star should point upward. His order also specified that the flag's length should be 1.9 times its height, and it set rules for the proportional size of the blue field.

This configuration remained in place until January 1959, when, recognizing the admission of Alaska, President Dwight D. Eisenhower decreed there should be seven rows of seven stars each. When Hawaii joined the Union the following December, Eisenhower called for nine rows alternating between six and five stars each, producing our 50-star flag.

For nearly 300 years, the U.S. Flag, regardless of the configuration of the basic design of stripes, stars and field in bright red, white and blue, has been a strong graphic symbol of our nation.

Jeff R. Bridgman & Philip Brandt George.....American History Magazine... August 2006  
John J. V. Cook

## Greetings from the Delaware County Young Marines!



The month of September is set aside for re-registration. If you have a friend or family member who might be interested in joining the Young Marines, tell them to stop by one of our drills to see our Unit in action first hand (our next

one is scheduled for 20 September 1830 at the Folsom Reserve Center). Our Staff, Young Marines and Recruits are always willing to talk about the program and answer any questions. Everyone is welcome!

Last weekend, the Folsom Marine Corps Reserve Center invited the DCYMs to their Family Day. Everyone in attendance had a great time. It was fun talking with the guys (and girls) about their service. We watched several teams play frisbee football and since we didn't want to be partial to any team in particular, we just cheered for the game official "Commander Bob Stanton." A highlight of the day was trying out the inflatable obstacle course the Recruiting Office had set up.

This weekend (16 September) we'll be out at the Folsom VFW's Clam Bake helping out wherever we're needed.

Upcoming events include another much anticipated camp out at Ridley Creek State Park the weekend of 22, 23, 24 September. Our Staff has many exciting and challenging activities planned. We'd like to invite all MCL members to stop by the Group Camping Area.

Going forward, we will be helping with Operation Care Package for our Marines overseas. As a Unit, we're collecting items from friends and family members. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, we'll meet and help pack them all up.

We welcome the opportunity to help the Detachment whenever we're needed. As always, thank you for your continued support of our Unit.

Semper Fi

*SgtMaj. Timothy Dunton*  
DCYM

## “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!

### SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Joe Direso - Florence & Bob Spano - June & Ben Cope - Ben Sides - Jerry Powlus - Pat & Joe Mensack - George Boyajian - Marino DeFrancesco- Elena & Jim Alleva - American Legion Post 805.

**Thank you boosters!**

*Ben Sides*

Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt”  
Booster, please see Ben Sides.*

The Knights of Columbus has a dumpster for the collection of newspapers that they are using as a fund raiser.



**Why not help them out by bringing your old newspapers to the next meeting???** You could also put them in the dumpster anytime during the month.

## SICK CALL



- Alfred Bruce Jr.
- Jay Joseph
- Lloyd Spangler
- Jack Lister

**Please call or visit any of the above people as they would enjoy hearing from us.**

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

## Birthday Greetings for October

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

G. Craig Allen  
Robert Bunce  
Edwin Burns  
Thomas Cleary  
Aaron Cabbage  
Marino DeFrancesco  
William Dilenno, Sr.  
Frank Mayer, Jr.  
James Procopio  
Donald Rugen  
Donald Walz



\* William Lessig should have been listed in last month's issue for September's birthdays. We apologize for the omission.

**Happy Birthday...and many, many more!**

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes  
6 September 2006

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1935, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. All officers were present. In addition, Southeast Division Commandant Bob Rup and Past Department Commandant Tom Tanner were present.

Installation of New Member: An application for membership was received from Paul Ferguson. He was sponsored by Earle Drake. After a vote of approval, he was accepted into membership, and sworn in by Commandant Jim Alleva.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Scuttlebutt, and this was seconded by Joe Mensack. The motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Sr. Vice: Dan Luty reviewed information on the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, scheduled for 4 November 2006. John Cook is handling reservations, and the deadline for reservations is 27 October 2006. Dan Luty reviewed the menu, and the speaker for the evening is Col. Wagner from the Villanova NROTC. Dan Luty also commented on the Toys for Tots campaign, indicating that he has to contact the Folsom Reserve Center for coordination of activities. A check for \$1,500.00 has been received from Lockheed Martin employees toward the Toys for Tots campaign.

Paymaster: Ben Sides presented a Life Membership card to Wes Tomlinson. He announced that the dues will be increasing for both annual and Life memberships. A motion was made by Earle Drake to increase the annual dues to \$30.00. This was seconded by George Boyajian, and the motion was passed. Ben Sides presented the monthly paymaster's report. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. This was seconded by Joe Mensack, and the motion was passed.

Jr. Vice: Jerry Leon reported that the next wagon sales would be held at the annual flea market at Delaware County Community College on Sunday, 10 September 2006. He also mentioned that ads for the ad book for the birthday ball should be submitted by 1 October 2006.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read incoming correspondence, including a note of appreciation from Brandon Bunce, one of the detachment's scholarship winners. Two donations were voted upon and approved. Paul Donohue made a motion to purchase a half page ad for \$25.00 in an ad book for a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for the Media VFW Post #3460. This was seconded

by Earle Drake and the motion passed. It was mentioned that a former state officer, Paul Yurgatis, had passed away. Tom Tanner made a motion to donate \$50.00 in memory of Mr. Yurgatis to the American Lung Association, as requested by the family. This was seconded by Bernie McGinley, and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Rick VanLuvender read a proposed By-laws change concerning a new method in which the detachment's Marine of the Year is selected. This proposed change will be read at two additional general meetings and it will also be printed in the Scuttlebutt before being voted on by the membership.

Chaplain: Chris Bush indicated that Matt Balfrey is ill, and he encouraged members to give him a call.

Director McGinley: Bernie McGinley reported that the semi-annual locker box audit had been completed this evening, prior to the meeting.

Jr. Past Department Commandant: Tom Tanner provided information on the Marine Expo at Quantico, scheduled for 12-14 September. He also reported on the National and State conventions, and presented streamers to the detachment earned in membership and attendance. It was announced that the detachment's history book took top honors in the state. In addition, an award was presented to Jim Alleva on behalf of the detachment for being the "Best of the Best" at the National level. This is an award that is based on all that the detachment accomplished throughout the year.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Bob Spano and Chris Bush presented a special award to Phil Baglivo, Jr. for his efforts in helping in the fight against cancer. Phil had ridden a bike for 50 miles in a bike-a-thon with the Lower Merion Police Department in July.

Historian: John Cook indicated that there would be a library display in the Springfield Library in October.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese indicated that some better locations are needed for the flag collection boxes. He also reported that a picnic for veterans is being planned for 30 September 2006 at the Gloucester County Fair Grounds.

Color Guard: Jim Alleva mentioned that the Color Guard is needed at a Remembrance Ceremony at Rose Tree Park on 11 September and at a POW-MIA Ceremony at Marple Veterans Park on 15 September.

Home Association: Tom Kerrigan indicated that he would be recommending to the K of C that walk-

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around microphones be purchased for better sound quality during meetings.

Locker Box: Tom Lynch also indicated that the locker box audit had been completed by the Directors. He also provided additional information on the Stand Down operation scheduled for this coming weekend.

Marksmanship: Earle Drake indicated that he had been in contact with the contact person at Delaware County Field and Stream. He also indicated that a Department rifle match would be held from 29 September through 1 October 2006.

V.A.V.S.: Bob Matthews reported that a picnic is scheduled for the veterans at Coatesville on 9 September. The Ladies' Auxiliary will be assisting on this. The monthly bingo party is scheduled for Monday, 11 September 2006.

Jim Alleva reminded the membership to sign up for the Veterans Alliance picnic on 17 September 2006. Other upcoming events on the calendar were also reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Tom Tanner mentioned the opportunity to purchase a brick with the detachment's name on it at the Heritage Foundation walk. The cost would be \$300.00. Paul Donohue made a motion to spend \$300.00 for the brick, with the detachment's name on the brick. Spencer Goldsborough seconded this. Discussion followed, with some voices for and against the motion. The motion passed. Bob Matthews indicated that he would contribute \$100.00 personally toward the cost of the brick.

Earle Drake made a motion that the procedures for the detachment's current limit on donations be reviewed. Rick VanLuvender seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Southeast Division Commandant Bob Rup presented a Meritorious Commendation award to Bernie McGinley for his activities during 2005-2006.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Powlus seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Walt Tallmadge won the 50/50. 48 people signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Kelly, Adjutant

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P.O. BOX 8079  
5000 Wissahickon Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19101

1-800-827-1000

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1-877-222-8387

E-Mailing specific-related questions to:

VA Privacy Service at: [privacyservice@va.gov](mailto:privacyservice@va.gov)

REMINDER:

Jim Alleva is a certified Veterans Service officer;  
any questions relating to anything about the VA  
PLEASE call me at 610-789-3755.

#### REMINDER

This reminder is for those members with an e-mail address.

If you desire to receive the Scuttlebutt by e-mail, and *if you have not already done so*, please send your name and e-mail address to Jack Kelly, Adjutant, at [jpktqbtg@comcast.net](mailto:jpktqbtg@comcast.net). Advantages of receiving the newsletter by e-mail include receiving the newsletter sooner, and in some cases, pictures can be seen in color. For the detachment, it reduces the cost of printing the newsletter, and it saves on postal costs.

#### 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](mailto:sandi@lancasterpa.net)



## **Marine Corps League**

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*"I Pledge Allegiance"*

**"SAEPE EXERTUS, SEMPER FIDELIS, FRATER INFINITAS."  
"OFTEN TESTED, ALWAYS FAITHFUL, BROTHERS FOREVER."**

**Next Regular Meeting is:**  
**October 2, 2006**  
**(MONDAY)**  
1930 hrs.  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA

