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Commandant's Report October 2013

On August 28th, the Detachment lost charter member Dave Brimble. Dave had held various officer and committee chairs. A memorial service for Dave will be held on September 28th at the First Baptist Church of Newtown Square. Visitation starts at 1000 and service will begin at 1100.

At the September Detachment meeting there were three guest speakers, David Komioner from the Veterans Comfort House, Marple Newtown High School's Assistant Principal Tina Sweeley and Fred LeClair, Chester County Detachment Commandant. All speakers were thanking us for our support to their programs.

On September 11th the Detachment participated in a memorial service at the Delaware County Veterans Monument. The ceremony was coordinated by American Legion Post 805. Commander Larry Snyder did a great job. Our Detachment was well represented and the rifle detail and color guard were outstanding. Lloyd Spangler was in top form playing Taps and Call to The Colors. Thanks to Bob Spano who brought the wreath plus lowering and raising the colors by the entrance/exit by the Blue Route and West Chester Pike.

Just a reminder, please always review the Meeting Minutes in the Scuttlebutt. There is important information of upcoming events and what took place at the last meeting. On the subject of reminders, the Detachment Birthday Ball is November 9th, at the Paxon Hollow CC. The cost is \$45.00 per person. Bob Spano will collect the money and John Cook is handling seating.

Lastly, the November General Meeting will be **on Monday, not Tuesday!** The Knights of Columbus Hall is used as a polling location on Election Day and not available and so we will meet there on Monday.

Semper Fi,

James Herbst
Commandant

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Nominations and Elections

2013 Help Us Help Others Schedule

It is the responsibility of the Jr. Past Commandant to inform the membership, on a timely basis, that there will be three readings of nominations for elected offices.

The October meeting is the first of three nominating meetings with the December meeting being both the final nomination meeting and our elections. The Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Adjutant, Paymaster, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Chaplain and Sgt-at-Arms and the Three Directors- at - Large shall be elected annually for a term of one year. In order to qualify for office a member must have at least six months membership in the Detachment by December and must have attended at least four meetings prior to the meeting in which the election is to take place; that is the November meeting.

In order to qualify for the office of Commandant, a nominee must have held any other office for one full elected term. The Commandant may be elected for two consecutive terms and thereafter cannot succeed himself. The other officers may accept unlimited successive terms.

All Regular members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Marine of the Year Election Will take place at the December Meeting

Marine of the year nominations will be accepted in October, and November, 2010. Send or give your recommendations with a letter of the accomplishments of the recommended Marine to: Jack Kelly, Bill Kinney, or Wayne Barner. The Marine nominated should be one who has made a significant contribution to the Detachment, Marine Corps League or the community. This Marine's contributions will have reflected favorably on and has brought credit to the Detachment, Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps...

Jack Kelly, the Junior Marine of the year, will read the names of the three Marines put forward and nominated for Marine of the year. He will distribute the ballots with the three nominees printed on them. Only one name may be selected by the membership, both regular and associate.

The three most recent recipients of the Marine of the Year shall be responsible for counting the ballots cast. In the event of a tie, those members having the most votes will be resubmitted and a second vote taken.

The nominee selected will be kept secret until the presentation is made at the Awards and Ceremonies Meeting held in January.

Associate members are eligible to vote for Marine of the Year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
9/28	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Pathmark of Brookhaven 610-872-8855 Concordville ACME 610-459-2759	124 Morton Ave. Ridley, PA 5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA
9/29	Ridley ACME Pathmark of Brookhaven Concordville ACME	124 Morton Ave. 5005 Edgemont Ave 101 Byers Drive
10/05	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-2682	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA
10/06	Glenolden Wal-Mart	50 N Mac Dade Blvd
10/12	Helicopter A. S. 610-436-9600 Boothwyn Wal-Mart	1220 American Blvd Brandywine Airport 605 Conchester Hwy
10/13	Helicopter A. S. Boothwyn Wal-Mart*	1220 American Blvd 605 Conchester Hwy
10/19	Pathmark of Chichester 610-859-8920 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/20	Chichester of Pathmark Eddystone Wal-Mart	643 Conchester Hwy 1570 Chester Pike*
10/26	Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516 Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA 5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA
10/27	Havertown SuperFresh Brookhaven Pathmark	1305 W Chest Pike 5005 Edgemont Ave
11/02	Pathmark of Folsom 610-586-8660 Shop Rite W Chester 610 696 4066	420 N MacDade Blvd Folsom, PA 115 W. Chester Pk West Chester, PA
11/03	Pathmark of Folsom Shop Rite W Chester	420 N MacDade Blvd 115 W. Chester Pk
11/09	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
11/10	Boothwyn Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy
11/16	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-2682 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
11/17	Glenolden Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 1570 Chester Pike

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing. We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our **award-winning** newsletter!

OCTOBER BOOSTERS

- John Burfete
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore
- Beth & Jim Herbst
- Jack Kelly
- Con McGinley
- Jerry McGuckin
- Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!
Bob Spano
 Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.

Birthday Greetings for October

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

- G. Craig Allen
- Charles Coombs
- Aaron Cabbage
- Marino DeFrancesco
- William Dilenno
- James Friel
- James Herbst
- Kenneth Marx
- Frank Mayer
- Lewis Neumann
- James Procopio
- Edgar Speer
- Robin Tomlinson
- Donald Walz



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	James Herbst
Sr. Vice Commandant	Paul Ferguson
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Charles Coombs
Sergeant-At-Arms	Charles (Bud) Davis
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Con McGinley
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Ed Seidl
Director	Rodger Godfrey
Jr. Past Commandant	Dan Luty

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism Team	J. Mulhern, E. Drake & L. Spangler
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Charles (Bud) Davis
Color Guard	Jim Donegan
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Jack Gallagher
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Ben Sides
Honor Guard Assistant	Joe Bleece
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	Paul Drinkard
Membership	James Herbst
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Bill Kinney
Nominations	Dan Luty
Property	Bob Spano
Communications	John Burfete
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras/Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Bob Cosgrove
V.A.V.S.	Con McGinley
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Master	Dan Luty

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	877-222-8387
Education	888-442-4551
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

October

- 1 Villanova Fall Review, 1500 on Mandel Field, in front of John Barry Hall. All members are invited.
- 1 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930. First round of Officer nominations.
- 4 Color Guard Ceremony at Martin's Run Retirement. Report time is 1030, contact Jim Donegan..
- 19 American Legion Post #338 **Annual Octoberfest.** Start time is 1830 at #338 Post home in Havertown. The cost is \$15, all proceeds going to the **Walk for the Wounded.**
- 13 Adopt-a-Highway, Bishop Hollow Rd, 0830.
- 19 Fall PA Dept. Staff Meeting. Commandant's Council at 0830. MCL PA Headquarters, Fort Indiantown Gap.
- 20 Beirut Memorial Ceremony. Start time is 1000, meet time-0930 at Foglietta Plaza, Penn's Landing.
- 29 Staff Meeting, 1930 at American Legion Post #805 in Broomall. All members are welcome.

November

- 4 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930. ***This is a Monday, hall is unavailable for Tuesday due to Election Day.***

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' 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, \$7.00/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

Matt Balfrey	Rodger Godfrey
Marino DeFrancesco	Joe Mensack
John McHenry	Barry Reese
Tom Lynch	Walt Tallmadge

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 3 September 2013

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Ferguson, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Charles Coombs, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, and Director Bill Kinney.

Commandant Jim Herbst introduced David Komioner from the Veterans Comfort House organization. Mr. Komioner presented a brief introduction to the purposes and goals of the Veterans Comfort House, and he provided information on several upcoming events for that organization. He also thanked the Detachment members for their past support as well as for any future support. Then Commandant Herbst introduced Dr. Tina Sweeley, Assistant Principal at Marple-Newtown High School. Ms. Sweeley first thanked the members for their service to our country, and then she thanked the members for their past support of the school's LINK program. She provided an overview of the LINK (Leaders Involved in Networking Kids) program, in which fifty students are involved in a team building exercise over a weekend. Ten of the students are leaders chosen from a past exercise, and forty students attend for the first time working on team building activities. Dr. Tina Sweeley then introduced students Ian Whiteside and Nicole Smythe, both of whom thanked the membership for their contribution to the program, and both provided information on how the program developed their leadership skills and their personal growth. Commandant Herbst then introduced Fred LeClaire, Commandant of the Chester County MCL Detachment. He provided information on the Chester County Detachment's upcoming golf outing on 7 October 2013 at the Applecross Country Club in Downingtown, PA. The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment had contributed funds to the event last year and he expressed the hope that we would support the event this year as well. This would be taken up later in the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Commandant Herbst mentioned that the Detachment had recently lost one of its charter members, Dave Brimble. Dave had served the Detachment well in various officer positions and committee chairs over the years, and his wife Evelyn is very active in the Auxiliary. Jim Herbst asked the membership to keep the Brimble family in their thoughts and prayers. Jim Herbst also reminded the membership of several upcoming events, including the 9/11 ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. It will soon be time for the nomination of officers, beginning in October, so the membership was reminded to consider those positions that will be open. Jim Herbst also mentioned that the November general meeting would be held on Monday, 4 November 2013, as the Knights of Columbus Hall would not be available on Tuesday, due to local elections.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Fisher House Foundation, Operation First Response, the Semper Fi Fund, the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, and from the YMCA of the Upper Main Line. Two notes of thanks for scholarships were received from Caitlin Donohue and Kelly Balzereit.

Chaplain: As mentioned earlier by Commandant Herbst, Chaplain Chris Bush mentioned that charter member Dave Brimble had passed away on 28 August 2013. A memorial service for Dave Brimble is scheduled for 28 September 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Newtown Square, PA. A visitation is scheduled to begin at 1000 and the service will begin at 1100. Chris Bush also provided an update on members Matt Balfrey and Walt Tallmadge.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Paul Ferguson reported that the recent Combined Veterans Alliance picnic had been a success. The next event on the social calendar will be the annual USMC Birthday Ball, scheduled for 9 November 2013 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. The cost will be \$45.00 per person, and Paul Ferguson provided some general information on the Ball. The speaker is Joe Brooks, the Director of the USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. Paul Ferguson also provided some general information on the Liberty USO and its activities.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod mentioned that the past weekend had been very successful for the HUHO (Help US Help Others) Campaign. There had been solicitations made at three stores on Saturday, and then two stores on Sunday and Monday, Labor Day. Jack McLeod mentioned that a number of members had done some "heavy lifting" by doing double shifts in some instances, but the result was that more than \$6,100.00 had been collected over the weekend. More than \$91,000.00 has been collected so far this year, compared with a total of \$87,000.00 at a similar point last year.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 August 2013. He also mentioned that the list of suggested organizations for donations was listed on the back of the agenda. He reminded the members to review the list, and he also mentioned that if any member has any question or any reservations on any of the suggested organizations, the member should bring those concerns before the membership at the appropriate time in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Minutes: Commandant Herbst mentioned that due to the number of speakers earlier in the meeting, he had neglected to consider the minutes of the previous meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 August 2013 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is progressing very nicely, and he mentioned that it has even improved since the dedication ceremony last May. He invited the members to stop by and enjoy the Memorial. He also provided some information on the upcoming 9/11 ceremony.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 12 September 2013. He also mentioned that there is a picnic scheduled for 14 September 2013. Con McGinley mentioned that he would be traveling during this time, so he would not be able to participate in these events.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the recent Adopt-a-Highway event had the highest turnout in participants since he has been handling this event. He thanked those who had participated.

Communications: John Burfete also mentioned that he has submitted articles of Detachment activities to several news outlets and has seen several of these items published. He has also seen several pictures of Detachment activities published in the *Marple-Newtown Patch*.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan reported that two upcoming events will be involving the Color Guard. The remembrance ceremony for 11 September at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial will be held at 1100. The report time for the Color Guard is 1030. The next event is an event at the Martins Run Senior Living Community in Media, PA, scheduled for 4 October 2013. This event also starts at 1100, with a report time of between 1030 and 1045. Volunteers for both of these events should contact Jim Donegan.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had performed fourteen military funerals for deceased veterans during August. The year to date total is 132. Ben Sides also mentioned that several more volunteers for the Honor Guard are needed for the 9/11 event at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Those wishing to participate should contact Ben Sides.

Membership: Jim Herbst again emphasized the need to recruit new members.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that the Detachment had purchased new flag pins to be distributed during the Americanism programs.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported on a recent activity for the Young Marines, and their weekend trip to Quantico and the Washington, D.C. area. The Young Marines visited the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA, and spent the day there learning much of Marine Corps History. The following day they visited the Washington D.C. and the surrounding area, visiting the Marine Corps Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Viet Nam Memorial, as well as several other important sites. According to Bob Stanton, the Young Marines were exposed to a lot of history and they learned a lot. Bob Stanton also mentioned that the Young Marines have a camping trip scheduled at the end of September. Commandant Jim Herbst presented a check to Bob Stanton for the Young Marines to cover the cost of camping equipment that was lost during their last camping trip that ended during a hurricane.

Unfinished Business: Commandant Herbst presented certificates of Meritorious Commendation to Terry Jones and Tom Kerrigan. The certificate for Terry Jones was for his involvement in last year's Toys for Tots program, and the certificate for Tom Kerrigan was for his involvement in ceremonies.

New Business: Bob Spano mentioned the organizations suggested for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed and approved at a recent officers' staff meeting, and they were being brought before the membership for consideration.

Bob Spano provided information on the organizations, particularly the Chester County MCL Detachment's golf outing and the Veterans Administration Community Living Center of Philadelphia. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined in the agenda, with the amounts to be donated in parentheses: (1) The Chester County MCL Detachment - annual golf classic, silver sponsor (\$1,500.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (6) Veterans Administration Community Living Center of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Wayne Williams mentioned that his son, Captain Wayne Williams, USMC, is now the Company Commander of Hilo Company at Parris Island, SC.

Good of the League: Earle Drake mentioned that the October general meeting will be the first of three general meetings in which the members will be able to nominate candidates for the officer positions for the 2014 year. The election of officers will take place at the December general meeting.

Bill Kinney mentioned that the ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial on 11 September is open to the public, so he encouraged everyone to spread the word of the event.

Jim Herbst mentioned that an Apex Award had been awarded to *Semper Fi Magazine* for its article on the sculpture of Chesty Puller being installed at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA. Our member, Terry Jones, was the sculptor of the statue of Chesty Puller. Jim Herbst also mentioned that dues for members will be increasing by \$2.00 per year at the National level. Life memberships will also be increasing. Jim Herbst mentioned that Dennis Murphy of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial had spoken at the recent August staff meeting, concerning the possibility of Detachment members lowering the flag, possibly on a once a week basis at the Memorial. There are some logistical things to consider on this request, and some other issues were raised at the staff meeting as well, so further study will be needed on this topic. Wes Tomlinson mentioned that he had heard that the relative who was living in the General Smedley D. Butler house had passed away, and he wondered if there would be any memorabilia there from General Butler's time that might be of interest to the Detachment. No action was taken on this immediately.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

John Burfete won the 50/50. Thirty-six members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant



David Komioner, Director of Vet's Comfort House of Philadelphia



Dr. Tina Sweeley, Vice Principal of Marple/Newtown High School



Fred LeClair, Commandant of the Chester County Detachment



Tom Kerrigan and Terry Jones receiving awards from J. Herbst



E. Drake & J. Cook w/ Edith Wehle, Gen. Butler's Grand Daughter



One of many 9-11 Ceremonies in the Delaware County area

The Halls of Montezuma

On this day (September 13) in 1847, the Marines raised the flag over the Palacio Nacional, better known as the Halls of Montezuma, signaling the end of the Battle of Chapultepec. The fierce battle is forever memorialized in the Marines' Hymn.



American Legion Post #338 in Havertown will host their annual **Oktoberfest** on Friday, 11 October at 1830.

There will be the traditional **Oktoberfest** food plus beer, wine, soda, salad and desserts. The cost will be \$15.00, with all proceeds donated to the **"Walk For the Wounded"**. All members of the League, spouses, and friends are invited to attend.

Flag of the United States Marine Corps



Official battle color of the U.S. Marine Corps

The official flag is scarlet with the Corps emblem in gray and gold. It was adopted on January 18, 1939, although Marine Corps Order 4 had established scarlet and gold and the official colors of the Corps as early as 1925. The indoor/parade version is bordered by a gold fringe while the outdoor version is plain. It measures 55 inches (140 cm) on the hoist and 62 inches (160 cm) on the fly. In addition to the multi-colored battle streamers (measuring 3 feet (0.91 m) by 2³/₄ inches (7.0 cm) wide) affixed to the top of the staff, the staff itself is covered with sterling silver bands engraved with the names of conflicts in which the Corps has been engaged.

The flag of the United States Marine Corps (also known as the *standard* or *battle color*) is the flag used to represent the Marine Corps, as well as units and formations of the Corps.

History

Very little information is available regarding the flags carried by early American Marines, although indications are that the Grand Union Flag was carried ashore by the battalion led by Captain Samuel Nicholas on New Providence Island, 3 March 1776. It is quite possible that the Gadsden flag was also carried on this expedition.

The standard carried by the Marines during the 1830s and 1840s consisted of a white field with gold fringe, and bore an elaborate design of an anchor and eagle in the center. Prior to the Mexican-American War, this flag bore the legend "To the Shores of Tripoli" across the top. Shortly after the war, the legend was revised to read: "From Tripoli to the Halls of the Montezumas."

During the Mexican and Civil Wars, Marines in the field apparently carried a flag similar to the national flag, consisting of red and white stripes and a union. The union, however, contained an eagle perched on a shield of the United States and a half-wreath beneath the shield, with 29 stars encircling the entire design. Beginning in 1876, Marines carried the national colors (the Stars and Stripes) with "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered in yellow on the middle red stripe.

At the time of the Vera Cruz landing in 1914, a more distinctive standard was carried by Marines. The design consisted of a blue field with a laurel wreath encircling the Marine Corps emblem in the center. A scarlet ribbon above the emblem carried the words "U.S. Marine Corps," while another scarlet ribbon below the emblem carried the motto "Semper Fidelis."

Orders were issued on 2 April 1921 which directed all national colors be manufactured without the yellow fringe and without the words "U.S. Marine Corps" embroidered on the red stripe. This was followed by an order dated 14 March 1922, retiring from use all national colors still in use with yellow fringe or wording on the flag. Following World War I, the Army practice of attaching silver bands carrying inscriptions enumerating specific decorations and battles was adopted. This practice was discontinued on 23 January 1961.

Marine Corps Order No. 4 of 18 April 1925 designated gold and scarlet as the official colors of the U.S. Marine Corps. These colors, however, were not reflected in the official Marine Corps standard until 18 January 1939, when a new design incorporating the new colors was approved. The design was essentially that of today's Marine Corps standard.

For a brief time following World War I, the inscribing of battle honors directly on the colors of a unit was in practice, but realization that a multiplicity of honors and the limited space on the colors made the system impractical, and the procedure was discontinued. On 29 July 1936, a Marine Corps Board recommended that the Army system of attaching streamers to the staff of the organizational colors be adopted. Such a system was finally authorized by Marine Corps Order No. 157, dated 3 November 1939, and is currently in practice. Devices are embroidered onto the streamer to denote special recognition or repeat awards. Unlike the Army and Air Force flags, only a single streamer is utilized for a single campaign, with the exception of those streamers that require more than eight devices, the maximum any one streamer may hold. Devices are only authorized for campaigns participated in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Color Sergeant

The official battle color of the Corps is maintained by Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. ("8th and I"), and carried by the Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps. The position of the Color Sergeant was first officially designated in 1965 and was first held by Gunnery Sgt. Shelton L. Eakin. The billet is a two-year tour open to all Sergeants; the only caveat being that the applicant must be at least 6 feet 4 inches (1.93 m) tall and pass a rigorous White House security check. The Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps traditionally carries the Flag of the President of the United States at state dinners and other official functions, and leads the color guard at various parades and ceremonies.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Honor-Courage-
Commitment



Next Meeting
1 October, 2013 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073