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Commandant's Report September 2010

The end of another summer is fast approaching and I have some upcoming events to tell you about, but first I would like to thank our Sr. Vice Jim Herbst for putting together a great picnic. Everything was perfect and Jim was kind enough to arrange perfect weather as well. He has a lot of contacts in high places.

Our DELCO Detachment in Upland has scheduled a bus trip to the Marine Corps Heritage Museum in Quantico on 17 September. The cost is \$50 per person and that includes a mini-breakfast at their home, bus trip and a steak dinner. Also, their annual Pig Roast is on 11 September. For information about either event call Ed at 610-874-6601.

To mark the 65th anniversary to the end of World War II VFW District 7 and other veteran's organizations will hold a "Salute to the Greatest Generation, World War II Veterans' at the Springfield Knights of Columbus. The date is Sunday October 10th from 1PM till 5PM. This event is open to WWII Vets of Delaware County and friends. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will include a buffet, presentation ceremony (MC is WWII Veteran and noted author William Fili), awards from state and government officials, music and entertainment. Expect to see General Patton, General MacArthur and George Burns to be mingling with the guests.

Tickets are available by mailing a check to VFW Post 3460, PO Box 89, Media, PA 19063. Make your check payable to VFW Post 3460 WWII. Mail in orders can be picked up on day of event. Please include a contact phone number. Also, if you are WWII Vet include your branch of service, highest rank and where you served. Tickets will also be available at the Media VFW, 11 Hilltop Ave, and Folsom VFW, Mac Dade Blvd and Sutton Ave. For further information call Jake Knapp 610-345-1037.

Any WWII Vet that plans to attend may also call Jake to provide service information so he or she can receive his award and be recognized. Seating is limited. The cut off date is September 26th unless sold out by then.

Finally, I would like to welcome aboard our newest Detachment member. Kenneth Marx is a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army and he is physician who has recently returned from duty in Afghanistan.

Semper Fidelis,
Dan Luty
Commandant

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Sr. Vice Report

As I write this report, we just had our picnic. A great time was had by all. There was beautiful weather, a lot of camaraderie and a wonderful BBQ by Justine's. The Detachment's next big event is our birthday ball. The date is Friday November 5th. The time is 6:00-10:30, cost is \$45.00 (same as last year). It will be held at the Paxon Hollow C.C. Let's have a big turnout and celebrate the Marine Corps birthday.

A reminder that the Middletown Township Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Marine Corps Museum, the Iwo Jima Memorial, Marine Barracks and ends at the WWII Memorial. The date is Wednesday, 13 October. The bus leaves at 7:30am, returning around 7:30pm and the cost is \$73. For more information, you can contact the Middletown Township Department of Parks and Recreation at: 610-565-2700 or visit www.middletowntownship.org and follow the links for Departments.

Semper FI

Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant

Jr. Vice Report

HUHO

As of August 2nd, we have completed fifteen HUHO fund raising weekends plus one Wawa date yielding donations materially in excess of the results received at this point in time last year.

Our results were achieved by the splendid efforts of the following member participants:

Bob Balantine, Joe Blee, George Boyajian, Bob Bunce, John Burfete, Chris Bush, Jim Constien, Coz Cosgrove, Bud Davis, Earle Drake, Bud Davis, Paul Ferguson, Tony Fusto, Rick Guyer, Jim Herbst, Joe Hudson, Jack Kelly, Gene Kern, Bill Kinney, Aleta Kraus, Jerry Leon, Bernie McGinley, Tom McGovern, Jack Meyer, Bill Nolan, Pete Patrucci, Jerry Powlus, Tom Rodriguez, Stan Samsel, Ed Seidl, Bob Spano, Hank Velardi and Bob Wells.

To say the least, we were also blessed by the Lord for his bounty, our Hosts for their hospitality, and the generosity of our Shoppers!

Our Acme fundraising events scheduled for October have been cancelled because the Susan Komen Foundation was given the exclusive right to fund raise at Acme stores in October. A revised HUHO Schedule is printed elsewhere in this edition of Scuttlebutt. We have verbal approval from store managements for these changes and are in the process of securing written confirmation.

Birthday Ball Program Ad Campaign

The purpose of the Birthday Ball Program Book is in part to feature advertising that recognizes individuals and entities who wish to help us celebrate our 2010 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. It also helps to pay for the expense of our Ball.

Ad applications and copies of 2009 ads will be made available to those members who have participated in past campaigns. Please contact me for updated applications and copies of the ads that you placed in past years.

All members are encouraged to participate! Gene Kern has agreed to act as our Sales Manager for new ads. Please contact him if you have any prospects for new ads.

Ad Applications are due by October 5th.

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

Jr. Vice Commandant

2010 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

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|------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 8/28 | Super Fresh Havertown | 1305 W Chest Pike |
| | 610-446-4516 | Havertown, PA |
| | Pathmark Broomall | 50 Lawrence Rd |
| | 610-356-2845 | Broomall, PA |
| | Acme Paoli | 39 Leopard Road |
| | 610-240-0101 | |
| 8/29 | Super Fresh Havertown | 1305 W Chest Pike |
| | Pathmark Broomall | 50 Lawrence Rd |
| | Acme Paoli | 39 Leopard Road |
| 9/04 | Wal-Mart Eddystone | 1570 Chester Pike |
| | 610-447-1860 | Eddystone, PA |
| | Wal-Mart Boothwyn | 605 Conchester Hwy |
| | 610-494-2535 | Boothwyn, PA |
| 9/05 | Wal-Mart Eddystone | 1570 Chester Pike |
| | Wal-Mart Boothwyn | 605 Conchester Hwy |
| 9/06 | Wal-Mart Eddystone | 1570 Chester Pike |
| | Wal-Mart Boothwyn | 605 Conchester Hwy |
| 9/11 | Acme Ridley | 124 Morton Ave. |
| | 610-237-3800 | Folsom, PA |
| | Acme Lawrence Park | 567 Sproul Rd |
| | 610-325-2880 | Broomall, PA |
| 9/12 | Acme Ridley | 124 Morton Ave. |
| | Acme Lawrence Park | 567 Sproul Rd |
| 9/17 | Wawa Store 8033 | 551 W. Uwchlan Ave |
| | 610-363-4046 | Ext on, PA |
| 9/18 | Shop Rite W. Chester | 115 W. Chester Pk. |
| | 610-696-4066 | West Chester, PA |
| | Acme Media | 527 E. Baltimore Pk. |
| | 610-565-5072 | Media, PA |
| 9/19 | Shop Rite W. Chester | 115 W. Chester Pk |
| | Acme Media | 527 E. Baltimore 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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

John Burfete	Joe Blees
Bob Cosgrove	Joe Direso
Bud Davis	Paul Ferguson
Bea Lloyd	Jim Sandusky
Jack Kelly	Bob Matthews
Florence & Bob Spano	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod

Thank you boosters!
Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings
for September**

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

Thomas Bishop
Joseph Blees
Leo Carlin
Benjamin Cope
Robert Cosgrove
Dominic D'Alessandro
Earle Drake
John Gallagher
Timothy Gilligan
Michael Horne
Emil Latini
Michael McGinley
Richard VanLuvender



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

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**

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	Gene Kern
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
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
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	800-222-8387
Education	888-442-4511
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	<u>www.va.gov</u>

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 8 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930 **(Wed.)**.
- 10-12 Philadelphia Stand Down.
- 11 Delco Veterans Memorial Golf Outing and Ball Drop.
- 11 Coatesville VAMC Picnic.
- 13 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- 24-26 PA Dept. Rifle Match. Contact Gene Kern @ 610-578-0133.
- 28 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post 805 @ 1930.

October

- 4 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.
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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 Dave Brimble Joe Mensack	Matt Balfrey Bob Bunce
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Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.



In true honor to his struggle to uphold the laws of prohibition in Philadelphia, Butler had announced that he would hereafter be a teetotaler, little knowing what waited ahead for him on the West Coast.

Within the Corps there was hostility to Butler's fervor with enforcing the prohibition laws. Resentment hurt Butler personally, because he did not see alcohol as a moral issue, only the enforcement of the law was the issue. San Diego was a "wet" town and did not want any changes.

The spark that ignited the firestorm soon occurred!

The Butler family was guests of honor at a dinner party given by the previous Commanding Officer of the Base, Colonel Alexander S. Williams at his home off the Naval Reservation. Williams had served with Butler in Haiti and was his successor in the Gendarmerie. Williams met the family with a tray of cocktails and insisted that they partake of the offer. With this embarrassing situation, the Butler's departed immediately and went to the famous Hotel Coronado for the Saturday night dance. An hour later, Williams arrived at the hotel and created a scene which was witnessed by the Naval District Commanding Officer. Butler was ordered to press charges or the Admiral himself would press them. Butler recommended Courts Martial!

This made national news under the headline, "The Cocktail Trial". Butler was trapped between formal law and social etiquette and the publicity exposed a military subculture hidden in the seclusion of garrison life. Much publicity was given to the trial due to Butler's Philadelphia term as Safety Director. Captain Clifton B. Cates, later Commandant of the Marine Corps, was on the defense team. The trial was a farce, centering on the question of Williams actually being drunk or appearing to be drunk.

The verdict, Guilty as Charged, stated that Williams had broken the limits of Good Order and Discipline. Nothing was gained by the trial and later Williams drove his car off a pier and died. Time passed and the publicity died and it was back to commanding the Marine Base of General Butler.

Submitted by:
J.J.V. Cook

Decade after decade, a Milwaukee-made can opener served generations of soldiers.



Even with billions of dollars spent annually on defense technology, the most iconic piece of military equipment might be a 1.2-cent can opener.

Beginning in World War II, the P-38 was standard issue in every box of rations. Veterans carried it to Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East, and with its elegant simplicity, indestructibility and versatility, it was treasured by soldiers.

"I opened a lot of culinary delights with my P-38," says Fernando Rodriguez of Watertown, Wis., a Marine in Vietnam. But that's not all. "It was a screwdriver, a bottle opener, and you could cut things with it. I carried it on my key chain for years. I still have it."

In 1942, the U.S. Army Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago was presented with the challenge of creating an opener small enough to carry in the pocket. Moreover, it couldn't break, rust, need sharpening or polishing. It took the lab 30 days to invent what was originally dubbed "Opener, Can, Hand, Folding." U.S. Army Col. Renita Menyherth once called it "The Patron Saint of Army Inventions."

The J.W. Speaker Corp. of Germantown, Wis., was one of the first companies to manufacture the P-38, and it produced millions. The company's founder, J.W. Speaker, actually improved the design by adding tabs for the hinge, which held the blade securely open or closed as needed. J.W. passed away in 1960 and his son Jack Speaker took over.

"The first contract I bid on was a Department of Defense solicitation for 10 million P-38s, with a rider for 10 million more," Jack Speaker says. "The bid was about \$12 per thousand." He estimates that between 1960 and the late '80s, his company made around 50 million P-38s.

Luther Hanson, curator at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum in Fort Lee, Va., estimates that "750 million P-38s were produced for WWII" and "at least a billion" from Vietnam to the present.

Beginning with the first Gulf War, the P-38 was phased out. Today, the Speaker Corp. manufactures electrical lighting components for vehicles, but still has about 100,000 P-38s in stock. Or you can buy one at most Army surplus stores for about 50 cents.

By: Dick Dickinson

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 2 August 2010

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dan Luty, 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, Director Ed Seidl, and Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake.

New Member: A prospective new member was introduced. Earle Drake introduced and sponsored Kenneth Marx. Kenneth Marx is a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army and he is physician who has recently returned from duty in Afghanistan. Jim Cecchini made a motion to accept Kenneth Marx as an associate member. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Commandant Dan Luty administered the oath of membership to Kenneth Marx and he was accepted into membership as an associate member.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 July 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that thank you letters had been received from organizations to which the Detachment had recently donated funds. Letters of appreciation were received from Operation First Response, Homes For Our Troops, Hope For The Warriors, and the United Methodist Neighborhood Services, as well as several others. A card of thanks was also received from Julia Drake, one of the special scholarship winners in the one-time special scholarship program awarded by the Detachment in June 2010.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 July 2010. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that 15 weekend fundraising events and one event at a Wawa location had been completed. These efforts have resulted in our being more than \$12,000.00 ahead of last year's results for the same time period. Jack McLeod gave thanks to the Lord, our host markets, and the shoppers for their generosity. A word of caution was expressed due to Acme Market's decision to cancel our events scheduled for October at Acme locations. A corporate decision has given another organization exclusive rights to raise funds in October at Acme.

Jack McLeod also provided information on the Birthday Ball Program Book, and he mentioned that Gene Kern has agreed to act as the sales manager for advertisements in the program book this year.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst was not in attendance, so Earle Drake provided a brief report. Earle Drake reminded everyone that the Combined Alliance picnic is scheduled for 14 August at Drexel Lodge on West Chester Pike. Sign up sheets were distributed so members could sign up for this event.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that it was good to see Dave Brimble at the meeting. Chris Bush also mentioned that Bob Bunce is in Bryn Mawr Re-hab and is looking better.

Commandant: Dan Luty provided information on a homeless veterans stand down scheduled for 10, 11, and 12 September 2010, in Levittown, PA. This is an effort to feed and clothe homeless veterans and to offer job assistance if needed. Dan Luty also mentioned that the Detachment has purchased five tickets in the upcoming helicopter golf ball drop for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square, and these five tickets will be raffled off later in the meeting. Bob Matthews mentioned that there is an upcoming Marine Corps Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Waynesboro Country Club.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for Sunday, 8 August 2010, beginning at 0830. John Burfete will send out a reminder by e-mail, calling for volunteers.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that no date has been set yet for the burning of old American flags, but the collection of old flags is still on-going.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern mentioned that there is a Department of Pennsylvania rifle match scheduled for September at Indiantown Gap. Three members have expressed an interest in shooting, but a fourth shooter is needed. Members interested in shooting should contact Gene Kern.

Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Dan Luty mentioned that the printing company that has handled the printing of the newsletter may not remain in operation. A contingency plan is to have the newsletter printed at Dan Luty's place of employment, unless another printer can be found.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that approximately 1,000 American flag pins have been ordered for distribution during the Americanism program. Bob Spano also distributed a listing for members to sign up for a nametag. The approximate cost would be \$8.00 for each nametag.

Public Relations: Earle Drake reported on a number of items. He reported on the Independence Day Parade Meeting, and that the 5K run sponsored by the Rotary was a big success at this year's parade. The Smedley D. Butler exhibit had been in the Marple Library, and is scheduled to be in the Delaware County Historical Society's library and museum beginning in November.

Earle Drake has contacted the Newtown Square Historic Preservation Society for an opportunity to place the exhibit in its museum, possibly next summer. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Suzzane Swain, Program Coordinator of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in Media, PA, for the opportunity to present the exhibit during the month of July. Detachment members John Cook, Tony Coladonato, Con McGinley, Walt Tallmadge, and Earle Drake attended the birthday party for Art Mooney, who reached the age of 104. Refreshments were served, and family and friends also attended. Art Mooney is a U.S. Marine of many years ago. A press release was sent to the local press. In another item, press releases were sent to local papers on recent activities of the Young Marines.

V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Veterans Center is scheduled for 9 August 2010. Those participating should meet at the K of C parking lot at 1815.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams announced the names of those who had been selected to receive scholarships from the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania. Those selected were Alexa Bunce, Julia Drake, Jacquelyn Haynal, Amelia Herbst, and Owen Kinney.

Unfinished Business: There were no items of unfinished business discussed.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed a list of those organizations that had been discussed at a recent officers meeting and the organizations were being recommended to the membership for consideration to receive donations from the Detachment. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to each of the following organizations: (1) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA; (2) Homes For Our Troops, Taunton, MA; (3) Marines Helping Marines, Westminster, MD; (4) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA; (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA; (6) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Bob Cosgrove mentioned a new program that he would like to see the membership consider, and it is tentatively referred to as "Out and About." His thinking for this new endeavor is to assist those veterans who are not able to get out on their own, to places such as going to a movie, a ballgame or to a picnic. With a member's help, we could see that someone would pick the veteran up at his residence, and see that the veteran gets to enjoy a day out at an event, and then the member would return the veteran to his residence at the conclusion of the event.

Bob Cosgrove indicated that he could see that this endeavor would start slowly, and then it would be evaluated to see where it would lead. Volunteers would be needed, depending on the need and level of interest in the program.

Gene Kern mentioned that he has a nephew studying at Washburn University in Kansas, who is in the ROTC program at the university. Gene Kern mentioned that his nephew would like to correspond with any members in the Detachment who had served as officers in the military. Interested individuals should contact Gene Kern for additional information.

Good of the League: Ben Sides provided information on the .30 caliber machine gun that he had brought in for display during the meeting. The machine gun belongs to Ben's son, and Ben provided a brief history of that type of gun and how it was used. Ben Sides also provided information on a World War II re-enactment that takes place in June of each year at the Reading Airport.

Announcements: Dan Luty reviewed several upcoming events during the month of August.

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 2035.

John Burfete won the 50/50. Five tickets were also drawn for the upcoming helicopter golf ball drop in September for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Those members whose names will be included in the helicopter golf ball drop are Barry Reese, Ben Sides, John Burfete, Walt Tallmadge, and Jack Kelly.

Forty-two members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack Kelly
Adjutant

U.S. NAVY CORPSMEN

In 1798 John Wall enlisted as the first seaman to serve as a "Lob-Lolly Boy"- one that assisted the Surgeon and the Surgeon's Mate. He sailed with the Marines aboard the U.S.S. Constellation. Lob-Lolly Boys were a regular part of the Navy from then until 1842 when "Surgeon's Stewards" came into existence shortly after the establishment of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

The duties and the name of the medical assistants remained the same until 1866 when the official title was changed to "Apothecary" and in 1873 men attending the sick became "Baymen", a name that was made official in Navy Regulations of 1876.

The first organization of a Hospital Corps, as such, occurred in June 1898 during the Spanish-American War. The new organization fixed the name "Hospital Steward" and "Hospital Apprentice" for medical men and provided for a warrant grade of Pharmacist. In 1912, an Act of Congress authorized the commissioning of Chief Pharmacist. The first man to receive this rate was serving with the Marines in Haiti in 1915.

In 1916, a reorganization of the Medical Corps was effected in its present form. It specified that its activity should be part of the Navy Medical Department and its personnel should consist of Chief Pharmacists, Pharmacists Mates, First, Second and Third Class and Hospital Apprentices, First and Second Class.

WWI saw the first wartime operation under the new set-up; the men served with the Navy, afloat and ashore with expeditionary forces in foreign lands. Although the Hospital Corps is the only branch of the Navy which is subject to service with the Army by Presidential Order, it wasn't until WWI that Corpsmen with the 4th Marine Brigade were assigned to an Army outfit. The occasion marked the first time in military history where they served under three services: Navy, Marines and Army in a single combat command.

Throughout the years the Corpsmen served with Marines on every expedition, in combat and at shore stations. In no other organization does the Corpsman face such responsibility as he does in Marine Corps Combat Units. When the attack is made, he is on his own and is first to reach and treat combat casualties. His first aid may be the balance between life and death, and his endurance must know no limitations because of the long hours spent in the field awaiting evacuations.

So rightfully the Navy Hospital Corpsmen, who are famous for their courtesy, kindness and consideration, deserve every tribute paid them. They have done more than their fair share in setting the record of the Navy Medical Department in saving the lives of 97.8 percent of all Navy and Marine casualties.

It was said... "It was an hour of peril and an hour of despair, but the Hospital Corpsmen never wavered, with courage and determination they continued to perform their duties as medical men. While all around them others were engaged in deadly conflict, they were trying to keep alive the spark of human kindness and the flame of life".

Semper Fi, and Thanks "DOC"



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Alonzo Gonzales with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, walks through an alley looking for signs of sickness or disease during an operation to capture suspected Anti-Coalition Forces in the vicinity of Methar Lam, Afghanistan recently. The 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines is conducting security and stabilization operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. James L. Yarboro.

Pictures from 2010 Picnic





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*Honor-Courage-
Commitment*



Next Meeting
September 8, 2010 *(Wed.)
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073