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Commandant's Report September 2012

At the Detachment meeting in July, the membership voted to return our general meeting to Tuesday nights. This will take effect in October (Tuesday 10/12). September's meeting will be held on Wednesday the 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

At the July meeting we also had the Commandant of the Chester County Detachment join us.

Commandant Fred LeClair presented our Detachment with a Certificate of Appreciation for being a Gold Sponsor for the First Annual Golf Outing. The Chester County Detachment is holding the outing on October 8 at Applecross Country Club in Downingtown, PA. I have flyers and registration forms for this event, feel free to contact me at 610-993-8353 for the forms.

On August 11 the Marple-Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance had its annual picnic at the Drexel Lodge. It was well attended and the food was delicious. It was great to be in the company of American Legion Post #805 and VFW Post #7390. Thanks to Senior Vice Bob Cosgrove for putting it all together.

Semper Fi,

James Herbst
Commandant

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"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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

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| Joe Blees | John Burfete, Jr. |
| Charles Coombs | Bud Davis |
| Joe Direso | Jean & Tom Falgiatore |
| Paul Ferguson | Dan Fitzpatrick |
| Rose Marie & Tony Fusto | Richard Guyer |
| Jack Kelly | Tom Kerrigan |
| Bernie McGinley | Con McGinley |
| Jerry McGuckin | Jack McLeod |
| Pat & Joe Mensack | Bill Nolan |
| Lee Robinson | Florence & Bob Spano |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

Birthday Greetings for September

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

- Joseph Blees
- Leo Carlin
- John Church
- Benjamin Cope
- Robert Cosgrove
- Dominic D'Alessandro
- Earle Drake
- John Gallagher
- Michael Horne
- Emil Latini
- Richard VanLuvender



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adopt-A-Highway | John Burfete |
| Americanism | Jim Mulhern/E. Drake |
| Auxiliary Liaison | Tony Fusto |
| Awards | Harry Kaufman |
| Ceremonies | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Color Guard | Jim Donegan |
| Flag Collection | Barry Reese |
| Historian | Jack Gallagher |
| Home Association | Tom Kerrigan |
| Honor Guard | Joe Tier |
| Honor Guard Assistants | Ben Sides/Joe Blees |
| Locker Box | Paul Ferguson |
| Marksmanship | Paul Drinkard |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Jerry Leon |
| 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 |

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| Veterans' Healthcare | 800-222-8387 |
| Education | 888-442-4511 |
| Grave Markers | 800-697-6947 |
| Life Insurance | 800-669-8477 |
| Website | www.va.gov |

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 3 **Labor Day.** General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday** the 5th due to the holiday.
- 5 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930.
- 8 Coatesville VAMC Picnic, report time 1000.
- 8 DELCO Detachment Annual Pig Roast at Det. Home, 3602 6th Street, Upland. Starts at 1300, price is \$20 single, \$35 a couple.
- 9 Honor Flight for WWII & Korea vets leaving from St. Luke's on Malin Rd. in Broomall at 0630. Call Cathey Domozio @ 610-613-3865 for information.
- 13 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville Medical Center.
- 15 Marines land on Peleliu, Palau Islands-1944. Marines land at Inchon Korea-1950.
- 25 Staff Meeting at American Legion #805, Broomall @ 1930.
- 28-30 Department of PA Rifle Match, AR15 type weapon only. See Dept web site for details.

October

- 2 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930.
Back to Tuesday nights!!

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

Dave Brimble
Matt Balfrey

John McHenry
Henry Velardi

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

2012 "Help Us Help Others"

A Message from the Communications Chair

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
9/01	Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920	643 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/01	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/02	Chichester Pathmark Wal-Mart Boothwyn	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
9/03	Chichester Pathmark Boothwyn Wal-Mart	643 Conchester Hwy 605 Conchester Hwy
9/08	Ridley ACME 610-237-3800 Lawrence Pk ACME 610-325-2880	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
9/09	ACME Ridley Lawrence Pk ACME	124 Morton Ave 567 Sproul Road
9/15	Paoli ACME 610-240-0101 Devon ACME 610-341-6073 Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA
9/16	Paoli ACME Devon ACME Havertown SuperFresh	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave 1305 W Chest Pike
9/21 (Fri.)	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	551 W. Uwchlan Ave.
9/22	Granite Run ACME 610-891-0407 Newtown Sq. ACME 610-353-8018	1067W Baltimore Pk Media, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA
9/23	Granite Run ACME Newtown Sq. ACME	1067 W Baltimore Pk 3390 W Chester Pike
9/28*	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
9/29	Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855 Eddystone Wal-Mart	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 1570 Chester Pike
9/30	Brookhaven Pathmark Eddystone Wal-Mart	5005 Edgemont Ave 1570 Chester Pike
10/06	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-2682 Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 400 S. State Road Springfield, PA
10/07	Glenolden Wal-Mart Springfield Wal-Mart	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 400 S. State Road
10/13	Helicopter A. S. 610-436-9600 Boothwyn Wal-Mart	1220 American Blvd Brandywine Airport 605 Conchester Hwy
10/14	Helicopter A. S. Boothwyn Wal-M art	1220 American Blvd 605 Conchester Hwy

Leaguers, the Commandant and Earle Drake have asked me to take over the duties of this important committee from Earle due to his extremely heavy load. I am honored to have been asked, and I have accepted the appointment. And while this email is directed primarily to the Officers and committee chairmen of our detachment, it is equally addressed to all members.

The primary duty of the Publicity Committee is to report to our community on the activities of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment. As Earle has taught me, it is very important to our mission that what we do is published. Whether it is a Detachment social event or a Detachment exhibit celebrating the glorious history of the United States Marine Corps, we want our community to know about it and recognize our presence here as beneficial to the community.

So, I am requesting that Officers and Committee Chairs especially keep me informed of an activity of the Detachment as a whole or of a committee that they believe is noteworthy enough to be published. I will need this information as far in advance as possible so I can prepare a press release for publication as near to the time of the event as possible. If you will do this, and with Earle's guidance, my stint as chair will carry on in Earle's tradition.

Semper Fi,

John Burfete

Communications Chairman



General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 6 August 2012

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

Minutes: Joe Mensack made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 July 2012 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Jim Herbst reported that the Detachment had lost two members since the last meeting, George Curran and John Thomas. Jim Herbst mentioned that the family of George Curran appreciated all the Detachment members and the Veterans Alliance members who attended his funeral. The funeral for John Thomas is scheduled for Tuesday, 7 August 2012. Jim Herbst mentioned that the topic of possibly moving the meeting night from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of every month would be considered later in the meeting. He also mentioned that John Burfete would be taking over Communications as the new committee chairman. Jim Herbst also reviewed his personal vacation plans for early August.

Senior Vice: Bob Cosgrove reminded everyone that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic would be held on Saturday, 11 August 2012. Sign-up sheets would be distributed during the meeting for those who have not yet signed up. Justine's will be the caterer, and the picnic will begin at noon. Due to the picnic, there is no breakfast meeting this month.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations had been received from the Chester County Hero Fund, The Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and the Department of Veterans Affairs at Coatesville, PA. Letters of thanks were also received from The St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Wounded Warrior Regiment, and a Certificate of Appreciation was received from the Semper Fi Fund. Notes of thanks from four scholarship winners from the Detachment's June scholarship meeting were received from Peter Balzerit, Alex Guyer, Amelia Herbst, and Connor Kaufman.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that the year-to-date amount of funds collected in the Help Us Help Others campaign is at \$73,000. The result for the last weekend was \$2,350. Jack McLeod provided a brief explanation of the Help Us Help Others campaign for newer members or for those who have not yet been active in the program lately.

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson provided information on the activity that is provided by the USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. He mentioned that he and several other

Detachment members volunteer there. Last year, the USO had 80,000 active troops come through the facility, going to and from the war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. When a member of the military is killed in action, the body is brought to Dover, Delaware within twelve hours, and the family of the serviceman is brought through the USO in Philadelphia within six or seven hours. The government pays for only two travel tickets for the family. If other family members are also traveling, the Fisher House organization provides for additional tickets.

Chaplain: Chris Bush provided information on the passing of member John Thomas. He passed away on 2 August 2012, and the funeral is scheduled for 7 August 2012. Chris Bush mentioned that Jerry Leon would be operated on this same day.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 July 2012. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that there would be bingo at the Coatesville Medical Center on Thursday, 9 August. There was a discussion on the lack of printed canteen books for the residents there. George Boyajian made a motion to print forty books at five dollars each for this next meeting. Bob Spano seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for Sunday, 12 August 2012. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Americanism: Earle Drake mentioned that the Americanism program is not active during the summer months, but plans are underway for scheduling programs for the fall.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan reported on the activity of the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps League at Philadelphia's Independence Hall on 4 August 2012. He also reported on several upcoming events for the Color Guard, including another Honor Flight traveling to Washington, D.C. scheduled for 9 September, and an event at Martin's Run in Media on 28 September 2012. Additional events in November were also mentioned.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese mentioned that old flags were collected last week, but no date has been set to destroy these old flags.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides mentioned that 23 military funerals were conducted during the month of July, and the year-to-date total now stands at 117 military funerals for deceased veterans. Ben Sides mentioned that Joe Blees has participated in 110 of these military funerals as a member of the Honor Guard.

Membership: Jim Herbst again stressed the importance of finding new members.

Delaware County Memorial Veterans Park: Bill Kinney mentioned that the opening of the Delaware County Memorial

Veterans Park has been changed from November 2012 to May 2013. Some unavoidable delays have been encountered, leading to the change in plans.

Communications: Earle Drake reported that news releases have been submitted to the Philadelphia Inquirer and local newspapers on the 75th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Marine Corps League. This event was held on 4 August 2012 at Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Unfinished Business: Commandant Jim Herbst presented a plaque recognizing the Scuttlebutt for its second place award at the Department of Pennsylvania Convention to newsletter editor Dan Luty. Jim Herbst also presented a plaque to Dan Luty for his being awarded as the second place winner as the newsletter editor in the Department of Pennsylvania competition.

New Business:

Chester County MCL Detachment: Jim Herbst introduced Fred LeClaire, Commandant of the Chester County MCL Detachment. Fred LeClaire mentioned his appreciation to the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment for its recent contribution for the Chester County Detachment's upcoming golf tournament. He also expressed his appreciation for the relationship that both detachments enjoy and the sharing of ideas. Fred LeClaire provided information on their golf outing scheduled for 8 October 2012 at Applecross Country Club. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation mounted on a plaque to Commandant Jim Herbst. Harry Kaufman commented on how twenty years ago that the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment relied on the Chester County Detachment for guidance when the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment was being formed.

Honor Flight: Rudy Schaffhauser provided information on the Honor Flight bus trip to Washington, D.C. on 9 September 2012. This trip is free for World War II veterans, and buses will be leaving at 0630 from The Greek Orthodox Church on Malin Road. Rudy Schaffhauser also reported on a wreath laying ceremony this Sunday, 12 August, at 0830 at the World War II Memorial in Philadelphia.

Announcements: Members were asked to review upcoming events in the meeting's agenda as well as in the Scuttlebutt.

Good of the League: The matter of moving the general meeting night from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of every month was discussed. Several points of view were raised in discussion. A hand vote was taken and the result was that the meeting night will be changed to the first Tuesday of every month. Bob Spano made the motion to change the meeting night to Tuesday of every month. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Several arrangements are already in place to meet on the first Wednesday in September, so the change in meeting night will take place in October.

Wayne Williams mentioned that his son, Wayne P. Williams, USMC, has been promoted to the rank of Captain and he is now a company commander at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Earle Drake expressed the need to obtain ten flag pins for the

newer members of the Honor Guard who have earned recognition. Commander Humphries, USN, (ret.) will be at the September general meeting to award the flag pins. It was mentioned that Barry Reese has six available, but four more are needed. This will be looked into. Earle Drake also provided information on the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps League event at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. He mentioned that eleven Detachments were represented and 80 Marines were in attendance. Dan Fitzpatrick and Lloyd Spangler were the buglers, and National and State officers were present. Neil Corley gave greetings from the National Commandant. Col. John Church, a member of our Detachment, made some brief, inspiring remarks. Bob Spano was called upon to muster the 80 Marines into place. Earle Drake also presented a Distinguished Citizen Silver Award to Bob Spano, from the Pennsylvania Department Convention. This is his second award of the Distinguished Citizen Award.

Donations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations to receive donations this month. George Boyajian made a motion to donate funds as outlined in the meeting's agenda. Paul Ferguson pointed out that at the recent officers' staff meeting it had been agreed to increase the suggested amounts by \$500.00 for each organization. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,500.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,500.00); (3) Marines Helping Marines, Westminster, MD (\$1,500.00); (4) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,500.00); (5) Upper Main Line YMCA, Bryn Mawr, PA (\$1,500.00); and the USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,500.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

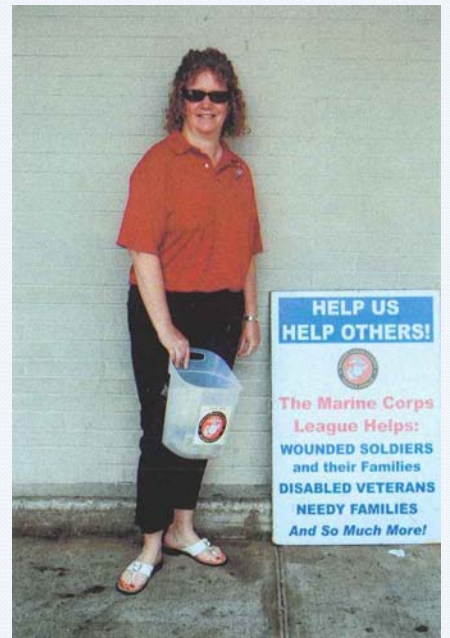
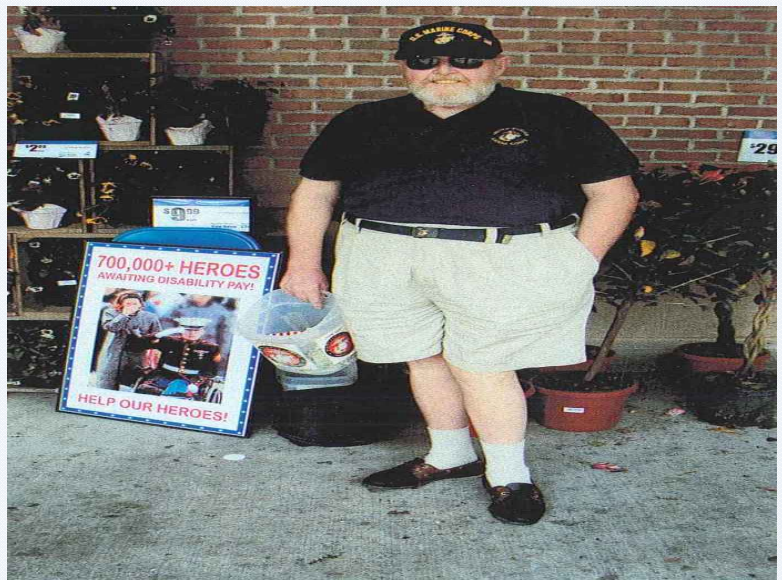
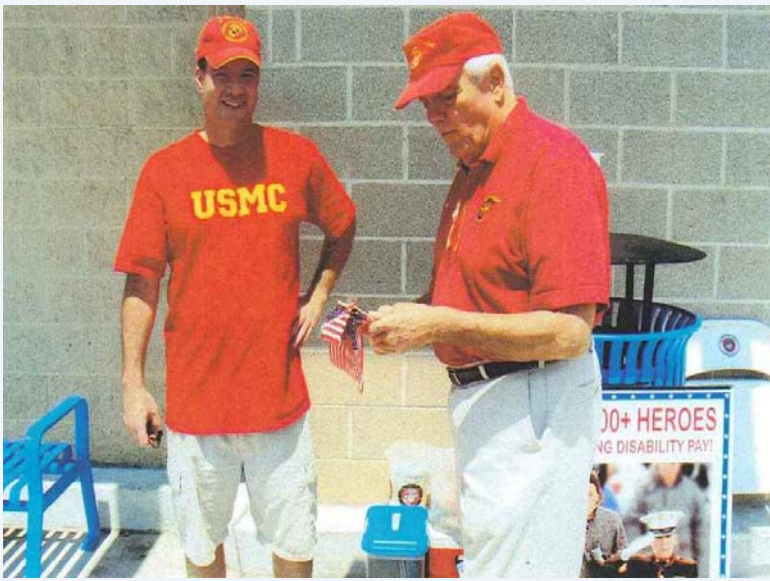
Al Harper won the 50/50. Forty-six members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant





Some of our "Help Us Help Others" volunteers raising funds for our Charitable Donations



11 Detachments and over 80 Marine Corps Leaguers participate in the 75th Anniversary of The Marine Corps League in Philadelphia

Nominations and Elections

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. Send or give your recommendations with a letter of the accomplishments of the recommended Marine to: Wayne Barner, Earle Drake, or Con McGinley. 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...

Wayne Barner, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Luty

Jr. Past Commandant



Marine Corps League
Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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**Honor-Courage-
Commitment**



Next Meeting
September 5, 2012 (Wednesday)
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
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(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073