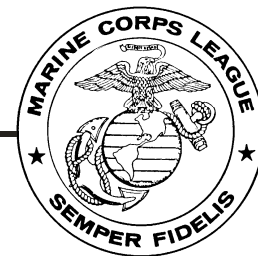




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Commandant's Report May 2010

It's been a busy start to the spring season and I'd like to start my report by thanking both, those who sponsored and those who helped raise money for the March of Dimes. I got my schedule mixed up and missed the walk, but Joe Direso, Bob Spano and Bud Davis & his family did participate in the five mile walk. Joe rose over \$600, and Bob and I rose over \$500, each.

Over the last couple of weekends in April, our Jr. Vice, Jack McLeod had his HUHO troops out and about and the early reports are that the donations were very good. This is our biggest fund raising campaign and has been a great success over the last several years.

"As the Commonwealth's political scene heats up", I've been asked to remind everyone of the Marine Corps League policy on politics:

"The Marine Corps League shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment".

As you all know, May is when we recognize Memorial Day! For many Veterans, this holiday means as much, if not more, than any other. Although it is a day that many Americans see as a time to picnic with family and friends, as Veterans, we know it is much more than that!

I didn't quite get it myself for a very long time! What really changed that for me was a trip I took to Arlington National Cemetery. As I walked through reading each marker, realizing how young they all were, sacrificing a whole lifetime. It was a very moving experience and since then Memorial Day has a very different meaning to me!!

We will have a Memorial Ceremony for our Detachment's deceased members at next week's general meeting, as we do every May. Also, please come out and participate in one of, some of, or even all of the Memorial Day events that the Detachment are involved in.

Semper Fidelis,

Dan Luty

Commandant

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Sr. Vice Report

Mark down these important upcoming events. Spring dinner (scholarships awarded) Monday June 7 at 1800, our annual summer picnic on Aug. 14 at the Drexel Lodge, our Birthday Ball on Friday Nov. 5 at Paxon Hollow CC, Christmas dinner Dec. 6. The Spring and Christmas dinners are on our meeting nights at the Knights of Columbus.

As for membership we have a few people we would like to get hold of, and they are Laura DiLiello, Wallace Lyall, Frank McGovern, Christopher Mouraviev, Craig Williams and John Williams. If anyone knows these members, please invite them to our next meeting. We will soon be busy with fund-raising, Adopt-a-Highway, dinners, summer picnic, pistol/rifle matches, color guard for parades and especially **OUR BIRTHDAY BALL**. These are all great events. See you there.

Semper FI

Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant

Jr. Vice Report

Help Our Heroes Campaign

75 Letters and Certificates of Appreciation were mailed to our 2009 Contributors. Although our letter specified that we were not soliciting contributions, two generous contributions have been received.

Our Campaign will continue throughout 2010; Members are encouraged to use the materials distributed last year. Updated kits will be created as needed.

Help Us to Help Others (HUHO) Campaign

On April 17, we kicked off our 2010 HUHO Campaign and as of this report; donations have been solicited over two weekends at eight locations. Please come out and join in the effort and camaraderie.

2010 HUHO Event Schedule

In the adjacent column of this page is the updated **HUHO** schedule. Please note, there have been changes to the original schedule that was posted in the April Scuttlebutt and you should refer to the May schedule.

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

Jr. Vice Commandant

2010 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

- 5/01 Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N MacDade Blvd
610-583-2682 Glenolden, PA
Pathmark Glenolden, 140 N MacDade Blvd
610-522-1213 Folsom, PA
- 5/02 Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N MacDade Blvd
Pathmark Glenolden, 140 N MacDade Blvd
- 5/08 Acme West Goshen, 907 Paoli Pike
670-431-4726 West Chester, PA
Acme Concordville, 101 Byers Drive
610-459-2759 Glen Mills, PA
- 5/09 Acme West Goshen, 907 Paoli Pike
Acme Concordville, 101 Byers Drive
- 5/13 Wawa Store 205, 5 Mathews Road
Thurs 610-640-5322 Malvern, PA
- 5/15 Acme Media, 527 E Baltimore Pike
610-565-5072 Media, PA
Acme Granite Run, 1067 W Baltimore Pk
610-891-0407 Media, PA
- 5/16 Acme Media, 527 E Baltimore Pike
Acme Granite Run, 1067 W Baltimore Pk
- 5/22 Acme Paoli, 39 Leopard Road
610-240-0101 Paoli, PA
Acme Wayne, 700 W Lancaster Ave
610-341-6073 Devon, PA
- 5/23 Acme Paoli, 39 Leopard Road
Acme Wayne, 700 W Lancaster Ave
- 5/29 Acme Ridley, 124 Morton Ave
610-237-3800 Folsom, PA
Acme Glenolden, 503 S MacDade Blvd
610-586-0557 Holmes, PA
- 5/30 Acme Ridley, 124 Morton Ave
Acme Glenolden, 503 S MacDade Blvd
- 5/31 Acme Ridley, 124 Morton Ave
Acme Glenolden, 503 S. MacDade Blvd
- 6/05 Acme Newtown Sq, 3390 W Chester Pike
610-353-8018 Newtown Square, PA
Acme Lawrence Pk, 567 Sproul Road
610-325-2880 Broomall, PA
- 6/06 Acme Newtown Sq, 3390 W Chester Pike
Acme Lawrence Pk, 567 Sproul Road
- 6/12 Shop Rite W Chester, 115 W Chester Pk
610-696-4066 West Chester, PA
Acme Wayne, 311 E Lancaster Pike
610-971-9074 Wayne, PA
- 6/13 Shop Rite W Chester, 115 W Chester Pk
Acme Wayne, 311 E Lancaster Pike
- 6/19 Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N Mac Dade Blvd
610-583-2682 Glenolden, PA
Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 605 Conchester Hwy
610-494-2535 Boothwyn, PA
- 6/20 Wal-Mart Glenolden, 50 N Mac Dade Blvd
Wal-Mart Boothwyn, 605 Conchester Hwy

"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!

MAY BOOSTERS

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| John Burfete, Jr. | Gene Kern |
| Florence & Bob Spano | Tom Falgiatore |
| Rosemarie & Lloyd Spangler | Jack Kelly |
| Beth & Jim Herbst | Bob Matthews |
| Jerry McGuckin | Bud Davis |
| Con McGinley | Paul Ferguson |

Thank you boosters!
Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings
for May**

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

- Anthony Coladonato
- Charles Davis
- John Davis
- John Gingras
- John Haynal
- Thomas Falgiatore
- Earl Eugene Kern
- Patrick Lavin
- Dominick Longhi
- Wallace Lyall
- Cornelius McGinley
- Joseph Mensack
- Richard Palena
- Joseph Rossetti
- Wayne Williams



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

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 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**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

May

- 03 General Meeting & Memorial Ceremony for our deceased members, KOC @ 1930.
- 06 National Day of Prayer, Rose Tree Park, 1130-1300.
- 10 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.
- 15 Marple Community Pride Day, Marple Community Center, 1100-1500.
- 16 Honoring Americas Heroes, West Laurel Hill Cemetery, 1400.
- 21 DELCO Detachment "Evening Parade" bus trip to 8th & I Streets, Washington, D.C.
- 22 Walk for the Wounded, Rose Tree Park.
- 25 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805 @ 1930.
- 28 Memorial Ceremony, Lima Estates, Media, 1100. Report time 1030.
- 31 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies, 1000 @ RETS Parking Lot.

June

- 4-6 Department of PA Pistol Match. Call Gene Kern for more information.
- 07 General Meeting, Spring Dinner & Scholarships KOC @ 1800 * (*special start time*).
- 13 Adopt a Highway, Bishop Hollow Rd. 0830.
- 23-26 Department Convention, New Cumberland, PA. Deadline for reservations, May 24. Let one of the officers know if you want to attend so you can become a delegate.

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

SICK CALL

Ralph LaMarra
Dave Brimble
Anthony Delgripo

Henry Mumma
Bob Cosgrove

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

The Legend Continues ...



One of the outstanding publicity coups was the reenactment of Civil War battles staged by B.G. Butler and the Marine Corps in the 1920's. The Battle of the Wilderness, 1921... Battle of Gettysburg, 1922... Battle of New Market, 1923... Battle of Antietam, 1924.

These reenactments were large scale affairs (that at Gettysburg included the 4th Marine Brigade, composed of the 5th and 6th Marines, plus a battalion from the 10th Marines for artillery support) attended by literally tens of thousands of onlookers.

Historical correctness was not particularly good. At Gettysburg, Marine aircraft gave a demonstration of air combat, accompanied by an attack that included tanks and mortars. While at the Wilderness, the Marines conducted an amphibious assault across the Rappahannock River. These a-historical elements were critical to the primary purpose of the reenactments, to gain a favorable press for the Marines Corps.

During the reenactment of the Wilderness Battle, Butler became involved in one of the oddities of the American Civil War: the missing arm of the Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

Going back in history, the saga of Jackson's arm began on the moonlit night of 2 May 1863. After a day of bloody fighting at Chancellorsville, Jackson and several aides journeyed beyond the front lines on reconnaissance and as they returned in the darkness, Southern troops opened point blank fire at these shadowy figures coming from the Union lines. Jackson was hit twice in the left arm and once in the right hand and was knocked from his horse. The General was carried several miles by stretcher to a field hospital where his left arm was sawed off, two inches below the shoulder. Jackson's personal chaplain, Rev. Beverly Lacy, snatched the severed arm from the ground outside the surgeon's tent and rode a mile to his brother's estate, "Ellwood" and buried it in the family cemetery on 3 May. A week later, Jackson died from pneumonia in Richmond where he had been taken and was later buried in Lexington, Virginia, the site of the Virginia Military Institute where he had been a teacher.

The estate, Ellwood, changed hands during the Civil War and Union forces often camped there.

It wasn't until 1903 that one of Jackson's aides marked the spot of burial with a granite block. Nealy two decades later, in 1921, the war games were held across the Spotsylvania and Orange Counties, exercises that President Warren Harding watched from Ellwood's front lawn.

Butler, hearing, but not believing, that Jackson's arm was buried nearby sent a platoon to dig in the cemetery and arm bones were found in a wooden box.

Butler reburied the arm in a metal case, adding a bronze plaque in tribute and Civil War devotees have come near and far to view the knee-high granite tombstone that marks the burial site.



Over the years there have been no official efforts to have the arm exhumed and placed with the rest of the body in Lexington and there lies an off historical attraction in a Virginia Park thanks to General Butler.

Submitted by:

John Cook



Former President of Acme Markets, Judy Spires, was presented with a Chrystal Angel for her support of our HUHO Campaign. Presenting the gift to Judy and pictured here are: Bob Spano, Jack Kelly and Jack McLeod.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 5 April 2010

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

Minutes George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 March 2010 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that a number of letters of thanks had been received from organizations that donations had been given to by the Detachment. Letters of appreciation were received from Soldiers' Angels, Operation First Response, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and the Gideons International, as well as several other organizations.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Joe Mensack had been in the hospital. He also mentioned that Bob Cosgrove was in the hospital for a knee operation.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst mentioned that the spring dinner is scheduled for 7 June 2010, beginning at 1800. This is the general meeting in which the Detachment's scholarships are awarded. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 per person, and the deadline for reservations is 1 June 2010. Other dates for upcoming events were recently published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Herbst also mentioned that he would appreciate assistance and feedback for upcoming trips or events. New membership kits are available by contacting Jim Herbst.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that the Help Our Heroes campaign will continue this year. He also reported that Bob Spano and Jack Kelly had joined him in presenting an "Angel of Appreciation" to Ms. Judy Spires of Acme Markets for her support of Detachment events at Acme Markets locations during 2009. The angel was a beveled glass representation created by Paul Ferguson. Jack McLeod also mentioned that the Help Us Help Others campaign will begin on 17 April 2010. Those members who have participated in the past will be contacted shortly, and others were invited to participate.

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

Service Officer: Con McGinley indicated that he had a handout with information pertaining to Desert Storm veterans.

Anyone interested in the information should contact Con McGinley.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake mentioned that three Americanism presentations are scheduled for local elementary schools. He also mentioned that two parades are drawing near, the Memorial Day parade and other events on Memorial Day, and the annual July 4th parade. He also mentioned that a petition is being made to the State of Pennsylvania to erect an historical marker on General Smedley D. Butler on West Chester Pike.

Commandant: Dan Luty mentioned that the Detachment had received an invitation from the Chester County Detachment to participate in a memorial event at Fort Mifflin at Hogg Island on 4 July 2010. The time of the event was not known, and it may conflict with the Detachment's participation in the annual July 4th parade. Further information will be determined. Dan Luty also reminded everyone of the March of Dimes walk on 24 April 2010. He also mentioned that an invitation had been received from a local resident for members to join him at a cookout following the July 4th parade. Harry Kaufman was then called upon, and he provided information on an upcoming event sponsored by the Walk for the Wounded. The event is scheduled for 22 May 2010, and planning for the event is progressing.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that the first adopt-a-highway event is scheduled for 11 April 2010, beginning at 0830. John Burfete mentioned that a reminder e-mail would be sent out later this week.

Awards: Harry Kaufman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Commandant Dan Luty that had been received from the Upper Darby Detachment for assisting their detachment with a recent golf tournament. In addition, Earle Drake recognized Aleta Krauss as another member who had recently completed the instruction course on the proper methods to conduct military funerals.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro was not in attendance, but Earle Drake mentioned that the Color Guard had participated in the opening ceremonies of the Marple Little League this past Saturday. Those present were Harry Kaufman, Jim Robinson, Bernie McGimley, Earle Drake, Joe Conigliaro, and Jack Kelly. Lloyd Spangler ably served as the bugler.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 18 military funerals were conducted during March, and the year- to-date total is 57.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern reported that two pistol matches are coming up, with the first one scheduled for 24 April 2010. Additional shooters are welcome. Gene Kern also mentioned that a Department of Pennsylvania match is scheduled for 4, 5, and 6 June 2010, at Indiantown Gap, PA. Release forms for this event need to be completed and returned by participants by 1 May 2010.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned the annual Villanova NROTC Spring Review, scheduled for 20 April 2010. He mentioned that the Detachment provides a K-bar and a case to a deserving mid-shipman, and the proper supplies have been ordered for this year's presentation and for several years in the future. He has also been in contact with the Knights of Columbus regarding access to a storage room here at the hall. Some items need to be removed from the storage room before our Detachment can begin using it.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams provided an update on the Detachment's scholarship programs. Eight scholarship applications have been received for the annual Detachment scholarships available. For the one time scholarship program for students in the Marple-Newtown and West Chester School Districts, only one application has been received so far, but others are anticipated.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that certificates had been received for those store locations where Toys for Tots boxes had been placed last year. The certificates will be printed and will be ready for distribution at the next general meeting. Those members who assisted with the distribution of boxes will be asked to assist with the distribution of the certificates.

V.A.V.S.: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo night at the Coatesville Veterans Hospital is scheduled for 12 April 2010.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business: Jim Ross mentioned that the spotlight was not properly aligned on the colors on the flagpole outside. This would be looked into with the Knights of Columbus.

Bob Spano reviewed those organizations that had been discussed and recommended at a recent officers meeting for consideration by the membership for donations. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to each of the following organizations: (1) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA; (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA; (5) Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA; (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jack McLeod provided information concerning a legal issue concerning the death of Lance Corporal Mathew Snyder. Protestors (from Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, KA) appeared at his military funeral several years ago, and his father later sued the protestors. Mr. Snyder won his case, but the verdict has since been overturned, and he has been ordered to pay the court costs of about \$16,000.00 to the protest group. These costs have since been taken care of by TV personality Bill O'Reilly. Other costs could arise. (Any funds collected over and above those needed will be donated to charity.) Jack McLeod made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the cause of

further court costs to assist Mr. Snyder in this matter. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Jim Herbst mentioned that the Delaware County Detachment is sponsoring a bus trip to Marine Corps Headquarters at 8th and I Streets in Washington, D.C. for the Evening Parade. The trip is scheduled for 20 May 2010 and the cost is \$50.00 per person.

Harry Kaufman provided information on a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the American Legion in Havertown. The event is scheduled for 24 April 2010, beginning at 1800.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Bush seconded the motion, and the emotion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Bob Spano won the 50/50. Forty-three members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant

Adopt a Highway



Gen. Smedley D. Butler Detachment's first of 4 Adopt-a-Highway programs of the year was held 11 April. We policed our PennDOT assigned Bishop Hollow Road from West Chester Pike to Gradyville Road, a distance of almost 2 miles.

We met at 0830 at the usual spot for coffee and doughnuts. There were eight participants: Jim Herbst, Jack McLeod and Carole McLeod, Earle Drake, Pete Patrucci, Bill Kinney, and Paul Donohue.

The clean up took approximately 45 minutes after which we returned to the starting point for more coffee and good conversation. In all, nine bags of litter were removed from Bishop Hollow Road.

John J. Burfete, Jr.
Adopt-a-Highway Committee Chairman

Villanova University Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Spring Review



Marines of The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League, at the Villanova University Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps Spring Review, 20 April 2010. Pictured here are left to right are Earle Drake, Harry Kaufman, John Cook, Midshipman 1/C John M. Steele, Paul Donohue, Midshipman 1/C Adam Quintanilla, Jack Kelly and George Boyajian.

Midshipmen Steele and Quintanilla were this years recipients of the awards presented by our Detachment, annually, for their outstanding scholastic and leadership roles in the Villanova NROTC. Midshipman 1/C John M. Steele was awarded the General Smedley D. Butler “Gung Ho” award. Midshipman Adam Quintanilla was awarded the Department of Pennsylvania’s SEMPER FI award. Each award consisted of a Marine fighting knife (KBar) in a beautiful walnut presentation case.

The General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League has a well established relationship with the Villanova University NROTC program. Last year the Detachment presented a “Greatest Generation” leadership lab with Marines and a sailor from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. The Commanding Officer, Colonel Brian Manthe, USMC, stated that “the Midshipmen learned from, and enjoyed the presentation”.

Submitted By:

Earle Drake



General S.D. Butler display at the Newtown Square Library. The display will run from April 20 to June 1, 2010. The Newtown Square library is located on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square. Pictured from L to R: George Boyajian, Earle Drake, Susan Knorr (Library Director), John Cook and Harry Kaufman.



Pictures of Mt. Suribachi taken by Sgt. Stuart Hardy (pictured, bottom right) and submitted by Peg Walz and Earle Drake.



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



Next Meeting
May 3, 2010
***1800 hours**
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073