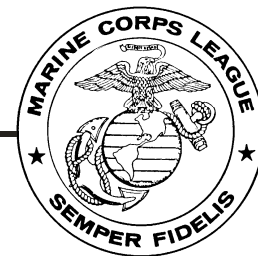




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## Commandant's Report August 2010

Is it hot enough for you? The weather has been very steamy so far this summer but we managed to survive another Independence Day Parade. It was great to once again be able to provide the Color Guard and lead the Parade and despite Bob Spano's crackling voice calling the cadence, I think we managed to stay in step for most of it. It was also great to see a full trailer with members of our Detachment and members of the American Legion and VFW, as well. Maybe one of these years we will win one of the huge trophies they give out!

Our Delaware County Young Marines were also in attendance and looking great. So good in fact, that they were on display, carrying our banner in the 21 July issue of the County Press.

On Saturday, 24 July, the gates of the Folsom USMC Reserve Unit were open wide to celebrate Family Day with the Reservists & Regular members of I & I staff. The event was hosted by the USO of PA & South NJ which served hoagies and pizza with snacks and beverages. Our Detachment was represented by our Paymaster and a visit from our Chaplain. The weather was hot but the food and drink were served in the comfort of the air-conditioned building.

Earle Drake has informed me that our General Smedley D. Butler display is currently at the Marple Township Library, located at 2599 Sproul Road in Broomall. If you get the chance, get on out to the library and see the display.

Finally, I would like to welcome aboard our newest Detachment members, all of whom were sworn in at the July meeting. Associate members Samuel Mayer and Emilio Latini and members Paul Turner, Mike Milliken and Gene Trautner. We look forward to seeing all of you at future events and please don't hesitate to ask questions.

Semper Fidelis,  
*Dan Luty*  
Commandant

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## Sr. Vice Report

Remember our summer picnic is August 14, Saturday from 11:00 to 3:00. Please let me know if you can make it by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. Justine's will be catering the picnic once again. Remember, per Newtown Township regulations, no alcohol.

I have been made aware of a trip that the detachment might be interested in. 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](http://www.middletowntownship.org) and follow the links for Departments.

**Semper FI**

*Jim Herbst*

Sr. Vice Commandant

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## Jr. Vice Report

### HUHO

As of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have completed fifteen HUHO fund raising weekends plus one Wawa date yielding donations considerably in excess of those achieved at that point in 2009.

These results were achieved by the dedicated efforts of the following member participants:

**Bob Balantine, Joe Blees, 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 blessed by the Lord for His bounty, our Hosts for their hospitality, and the generosity of our Shoppers!**

We will take a break upon completion of our **July 24/25** weekend and will resume operations the weekend of **August 28/29**. Our schedule of remaining HUHO events is included in this edition of Scuttlebutt.

Respectively submitted,

*Jack McLeod*

Jr. Vice Commandant

## 2010 "Help Us Help Others" Schedule

- |       |                         |                            |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8/28  | Super Fresh Havertown   | 1305 W Chest Pike          |
|       | 610-446-4516            | Havertown, PA              |
|       | Pathmark Broomall       | 50 Lawrence Rd             |
|       | 610-356-2845            | Broomall, PA               |
|       | <b>Acme Paoli</b>       | <b>39 Leopard Road</b>     |
|       | 610-240-0101            |                            |
| 8/29  | Super Fresh Havertown   | 1305 W Chest Pike          |
|       | Pathmark Broomall       | 50 Lawrence Rd             |
|       | <b>Acme Paoli</b>       | <b>39 Leopard Road</b>     |
| 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  | Wal-Mart Glenolden      | 50 N Mac Dade Blvd         |
|       | 610-583-2682            | Glenolden, PA              |
|       | Pathmark, Glenolden     | 140 MacDade Blvd           |
|       | 610-522-1213            | Glenolden, PA              |
| 9/12  | Wal-Mart Glenolden      | 50 N Mac Dade Blvd         |
|       | Pathmark, Glenolden     | 140 MacDade Blvd           |
| 9/17  | Wawa Store 8033         | 551 W Uwchlan Ave          |
|       | 610-363-4046            | Exton, PA                  |
| 9/18  | Pathmark Folsom         | 420 N MacDade Blvd         |
|       | 610-586-8660            | Folsom, PA                 |
|       | Shop Rite W Chester     | 115 W Chester Pk           |
|       | 610-696-4066            | West Chester, PA           |
| 9/19  | Pathmark Folsom         | 420 N MacDade Blvd         |
|       | Shop Rite W Chester     | W Chester PA               |
| 9/25  | Helicopter A. S.        | 1220 American Blvd         |
|       | 610-436-9600            | Brandywine Airport         |
|       | Pathmark Chichester     | 643 Conchester Hwy         |
|       | 610-859-8920            | Boothwyn, PA               |
| 9/26  | Helicopter A. S.        | 1220 American Blvd         |
|       | Pathmark Chichester     | 643 Conchester Hwy         |
| 10/02 | Acme Bala Cynwyd        | 121 E City Line Ave        |
|       | 610-667-7021            | Bala Cynwd, PA             |
|       | Pathmark, Brookhaven    | 5005 Edgemont Ave          |
|       | 610-872-8855            | Brookhaven, PA             |
|       | Kmart Brookhaven        | 5005 Edgemont, PA          |
|       | <b>Acme Granite Run</b> | <b>1067 W Baltimore Pk</b> |
|       | <b>610-891-0407</b>     | <b>Media, PA</b>           |
| 10/03 | ACME Bala Cynwyd        | 121 E City Line Ave        |
|       | Pathmark, Brookhaven    | 5005 Edgemont Ave          |
|       | Kmart Brookhaven        | 5005 Edgemont, PA          |
|       | <b>Acme Granite Run</b> | <b>1067 W Baltimore Pk</b> |

"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!

**AUGUST BOOSTERS**

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| John Burfete            | Jim Constien         |
| Bob Cosgrove            | Joe Direso           |
| Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore | Paul Ferguson        |
| Rosemarie & Tony Fusto  | Beth & Jim Herbst    |
| Jack Kelly              | Bob Matthews         |
| Bernie McGinley         | Con McGinley         |
| Jerry McGuckin          | Jack McLeod          |
| Pat & Joe Mensack       | 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 August**

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

- J. Edward Bailey, Jr.
- Bob Balentine
- Philip Bannan
- Wayne Barner
- Christopher Bush
- Paul Donohue
- Francis Greiser, Sr.
- Thomas Higgins
- William Inverso
- Ralph Lamarra
- Thomas Lynch
- Robert Matthews
- George McCaughan
- Jack McLeod
- Robert Paul
- James Robinson
- Henry Velardi
- D. 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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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>VA Hotline</b>           | <b>800-827-1000</b>                                      |
| <b>Veterans' Healthcare</b> | <b>800-222-8387</b>                                      |
| <b>Education</b>            | <b>888-442-4511</b>                                      |
| <b>Grave Markers</b>        | <b>800-697-6947</b>                                      |
| <b>Life Insurance</b>       | <b>800-669-8477</b>                                      |
| <b>Website</b>              | <b><u><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></u></b> |

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### July

27 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805 @ 1930.

### August

2 General Meeting at the KOC @ 1930.

8-14 Marine Corps League National Convention.  
The Convention will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Greensboro, NC.

This is the first time a Nat'l Convention will be held in North Carolina, the state with the largest population of Marines and past serving Marines.

Mention the Marine Corps League when making your reservation, 1-800-242-6556.

9 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center.

14 Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance free picnic at Drexel Lodge, starting at 1100.

31 Marple Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805 @ 1930.

## 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**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 | Tony Fusto   |
| Dave Brimble  | Matt Belfrey |
| Con McGinley  | Bob Bunce    |

*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 ...



*At the request of the President*, Butler served in the post of Philadelphia Director of Public Safety from January 1924 until December 1925. He began his new job by assembling all 4,000 of the city police into the Metropolitan Opera House in shifts to introduce himself and inform them that things would change while he was in charge. He replaced corrupt police officers and, in some cases, switched entire units from one part of the city to another, undermining local protection rackets and profiteering.

Within 48 hours of taking over, Butler organized raids on more than 900 speakeasies, ordering them padlocked and, in many cases, destroyed. In addition to raiding the speakeasies, he also attempted to eliminate other illegal activities: bootlegging, prostitution, gambling and police corruption. More zealous than he was political, he ordered crackdowns on the social elite's favorite hangouts, such as the Ritz Carlton and the Union League, as well as on drinking establishments that served the working class.

Although he was effective in reducing crime and police corruption, he was a controversial leader. In one instance he made a statement that he would promote the first officer to kill a bandit and stated, "I don't believe there is a single bandit notch on a policeman's gun in this city, go out and get some." Although many of the local citizens and police felt that the raids were just a show, the raids continued for several weeks.

He implemented programs to improve city safety and security. He established policies and guidelines of administration, and developed a Philadelphia police uniform that resembled that of the Marine Corps. Other changes included military-style checkpoints into the city, bandit chasing squads armed with sawed-off shotguns, and armored police cars. The press began reporting on the good and the bad aspects of Butler's personal war on crime.

The reports praised the new uniforms, the new programs and the reductions in crime but they also reflected the public's negative opinion of their new Public Safety Director. Many felt that he was being too aggressive in his tactics and resented the reductions in their civil rights, such as the stopping of citizens at the city checkpoints. Butler frequently swore in his radio addresses, causing many citizens to suggest his behavior, particularly his language, was inappropriate for someone of his rank and stature.

Some even suggested Butler acted like a military dictator, even claiming that he inappropriately used active-duty Marines in some of his raids. Major R. A. Haynes, the federal Prohibition commissioner, visited the city in 1924, six months after Butler was appointed. He announced that "great progress" had been made in the city and attributed that success to Butler.

Eventually Butler's leadership style and the directness of actions undermined his support within the community. His departure seemed imminent. Mayor Kendrick reported to the press, "I had the guts to bring General Butler to Philadelphia and I have the guts to fire him." Feeling that his duties in Philadelphia were coming to an end, Butler contacted General Lejeune to prepare for his return to the Marine Corps. Not all of the city felt he was doing a bad job though and when the news started to break that he would be leaving, people began to gather at the Academy of Music. A group of 4,000 supporters assembled and negotiated a truce between him and the mayor to keep him in Philadelphia for a while longer, and the President authorized a one year extension for him.

His second year focused on executing arrest warrants, cracking down on crooked police and enforcing prohibition. On January 1, 1926, his leave from the Marine Corps ended and the President declined a request for a third extension. Butler received orders to report to San Diego and he prepared his family and his belongings for the new assignment. In light of his pending departure, Butler began to defy the Mayor and other key city officials. On the eve of his departure, he had an article printed in the paper stating his intention to stay and "finish the job." The mayor was surprised and furious when he read the press release the next morning and demanded his resignation. After almost two years in office, Butler resigned under pressure, stating later that "cleaning up Philadelphia was worse than any battle I was ever in."

*Submitted by:*  
*J.J.V. Cook*

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 7 July 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 Bob Cosgrove, Director Bernie McGinley, and Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake.

Scholarships: Dan Luty introduced Wayne Williams, Scholarship Chairman. Wayne Williams presented \$500.00 scholarships to Ashley Browne and Julia Cutting, who were not able to attend the scholarship awards dinner and meeting in June.

New Members: Five individuals were presented as new members. Pete Patrucci introduced Samuel Mayer and Emilio Latini as associate members. Samuel Mayer was a civilian employee of both the Navy and the Marine Corps. Emilio Latini served in the Navy. Earle Drake made a motion to accept them as associate members and Jerry Leon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jim Herbst introduced Paul Turner, Mike Milliken, and Gene Trautner. Paul Turner and Mike Milliken served in the Marine Corps, and Gene Trautner served in the Navy as a corpsman to the Marines. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept them as regular members. Jim Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commandant Dan Luty administered the appropriate oaths of office to all five new members.

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

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that thank you notes had been received from scholarship recipients Alexa Bunce, Owen Kinney, Amelia Herbst, and Amanda Philipp. He also reported that a letter of appreciation for a donation had been received from The USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. In addition, a letter of thanks was received from the Residents' Council at Lima Estates in Middletown, PA, thanking those members who participated in the Memorial Day celebration there. Jack Kelly read a letter from Jerry Leon, representing the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association in Newtown Square, outlining an upcoming golf outing and a helicopter golf ball drop as fundraising endeavors for the veterans memorial.

Dan Luty asked Jerry Leon to provide additional information, and Jerry Leon outlined details on the golf outing as well as the helicopter golf ball drop. These events will take place on 11 September at the Edgmont Country Club.

Our Detachment as well as others in the area will be asked to sell tickets for the helicopter golf ball drop. One thousand tickets at \$20.00 per ticket will be sold. Bernie McGinley made a motion that the Detachment purchase five tickets for \$100.00. The tickets would be given to the winner in a drawing at the August general meeting. George Boyajian seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod provided some statistics concerning those killed and those wounded in the current conflicts overseas. He also provided information on veterans disability claims, both rated and non-rated, and how these claims have increased. Rated claims now exceed 125 days before approval is finally granted. In addition, an increase in claim activity is anticipated due to the recent expansion of diseases approved by the VA due to Agent Orange complications for those exposed to Agent Orange during the Viet Nam War. In the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign, the Detachment is ahead of where we were last year after twelve fund raising weekends. Jack McLeod presented discussion points on how our fundraising activities are making a difference in the lives of those who are receiving our donations.

Sr. Vice: Jim Herbst reminded everyone about the Veterans Alliance picnic to be held at Drexel Lodge on 14 August 2010. The event is free, but it is necessary to sign up beforehand. Sign-up sheets will be available after the meeting. The deadline for signing up for the picnic is 10 August 2010. Jim Herbst also reported that the Middletown Department of Parks and Recreation would be sponsoring a trip to the USMC Museum on 13 October 2010. The cost of the trip is \$73.00 per person. Additional information will be included in the next newsletter. Jim Herbst also encouraged the members to be involved in recruiting efforts of new members.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the Paymaster's report as of 30 June 2010. He also briefly commented on the organizations that the Detachment would consider for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report as received. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Bob Bunce was now in Broomall Presbyterian Village after being hospitalized recently.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Facility is scheduled for Monday, 12 July 2010.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake outlined some of his recent activities. AMERICANISM: He reported that he and Jim Mulhern had made their final Americanism presentation for this school year at the Russell Elementary School in Broomall. Letters have been sent to a number of elementary school principals requesting permission to give the Americanism presentation in the next school term. A presentation has already been scheduled for the Worrall Elementary School in Marple on 9 December 2010.

**SCHOLARSHIP AND RECOGNITION PROJECT:** Earle Drake also mentioned that a plaque of appreciation had been sent to Carol Grigson, the essay judge from Chester County, and to John Costello and his team of judges from the Delaware County Historical Society. Attempts are continuing to obtain a Smedley D. Butler historical marker. The Smedley D. Butler exhibit will be moved to the Marple Township Library in July.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** In the Public Relations arena, Vince Sullivan of the News of Delaware County had an excellent article with photos of the Detachment's June scholarship award meeting. The rules for flying the American flag appeared on the Marple TV station, channel 11. Earle Drake also reminded everyone that the Marine Corps League is always a non-political and non-partisan and non-sectarian organization.

**Commandant:** Dan Luty mentioned that Bob Spano and Con McGinley had attended the Department Convention in June, and several awards were presented to the Detachment and to several individuals. Certificates awarded to the Detachment were mentioned, including certificates for the newsletter, veterans administration volunteer services, membership, and for the Detachment's website. Certificates for individuals were awarded to John Cook, Tom McGovern, Lloyd Spangler, and Walt Tallmadge.

Committee Reports:

**Adopt-a-Highway:** John Burfete mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 8 August 2010.

**Auxiliary Liaison:** The Detachment gave a check for \$1,000.00 to Tony Fusto to present to the Detachment's Auxiliary. After presenting the Auxiliary's check in the Auxiliary's meeting, Tony Fusto returned and indicated the Auxiliary expressed their appreciation for the contribution to the Auxiliary.

**Flag Collection:** Barry Reese mentioned that unserviceable flags are still being collected, but there are no flag burning ceremonies scheduled at this time.

**Honor Guard:** Wayne Barner reported that 14 military funerals for deceased veterans had been conducted during June. The total for the year was 110 through June. Wayne Barner expressed his appreciation to Earle Drake for handling Wayne's e-mail duties while he was on vacation, and he also expressed his appreciation to Ben Sides for his work on repairing the rifles used in the ceremonies.

**Announcements:** Commandant Dan Luty mentioned that Bob Stanton had expressed his appreciation for the Detachment's contribution to the Young Marines in order that they could travel to a recent convention in Washington, DC. Bob Spano mentioned that members could see him after the meeting if they wanted to be a booster for the newsletter. Dan Luty mentioned that articles for the newsletter would be welcomed for publication. Bob Matthews mentioned that a USMC golf tourney is scheduled for 17 July at the Waynesboro Country Club.

**Unfinished Business:** No items of unfinished business were raised.

**New Business:** Bob Spano reviewed the organizations listed in the agenda that had been discussed and recommended at a recent officers' meeting for consideration for donations by the membership. George Boyajian made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 each to the following organizations: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; (3) The Marine Corps League Foundation, Merrifield, VA; (4) Operation First Response, Culpepper, VA; (5) Soldiers Angels, Pasadena, CA; (6) Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc, Washington, DC; (7) USA Together, Los Altos, CA; (8) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA; (9) Wounded Warrior Project, Topeka, KS; (10) The Wounded Warrior Regiment, Quantico, VA. Jim Robison seconded the motion and the motion passed. Two other organizations were also mentioned and briefly discussed. Jim Robinson made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 each to the United Methodist Neighborhood Services, Philadelphia, PA, and to the YMCA of the Upper Main Line in Berwyn, PA. George Boyajian seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Good of the League:** Paul Ferguson provided some information concerning a family day at the Folsom Reserve Center scheduled for 24 July 2010. Earle Drake mentioned that he recommended an excellent book to read, entitled My Pacific War, written by our own Captain Bob Matthews. It chronicles his life from a young high school graduate in New Jersey to his time as a young Naval officer in the Pacific during WWII. Bob Spano reported on a picnic that he and several others had attended after the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> activities. John Cook, Con McGinley, George Boyajian, and Bob Spano were guests of a family on Goshen Road who wanted to express their appreciation for veterans.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2105.

Tony Fusto won the 50/50. Thirty-six members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,



*Jack Kelly*  
Adjutant

## Women Marines

In secret, Lucy Brewer became the first woman to serve in the Marine Corps. Disguised as a gung-ho man, she served in the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Constitution during the War of 1812. Over a 100 years later on August 12, 1918, the Secretary of the Navy granted authority to enroll women for clerical duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. The next day, Opha M. Johnson enlisted and became the first official Woman Marine. During the remainder of World War I, women enlisted to “free a man to fight.”

The Marine Corps had very definite ideas as to the type of women it wanted as members of the Corps. Recruiting officers were instructed to enroll only women of excellent character, neat appearance, and with business or office experience. Recruiting orders also required that women be between 18 and 40 years of age and if an applicant was slightly under the age of eighteen she could be enrolled with the consent of her parents. In addition, each applicant was required to submit to a thorough physical examination. While today this seems to be a simple task, back then it presented unusual problems as the enlisted requirements established by Navy Medical regulations were designed for men only. Medical Officers, it seems, were as uneasy with the situation as were the women applicants when it came time for the examination. While the Medical Department realized the embarrassment caused by the examination, thoroughness was not to be sacrificed because of it. The applicant was instructed to arrange her clothing in a way that would insure, ease, facility and thoroughness during the examination. A loose gown of light material will not interfere with the examination or taking of the measurements. Corsets should invariably be removed.

The enthusiasm with which women across the country responded to the call for volunteer was amazing. In New York City alone, 2,000 hopeful applicants lined up at a recruiting office after a newspaper article announced that the Marines were looking for “intelligent young women”.

In keeping with Marine Corps policy, the women received the same pay as enlisted men of the same rank; private, \$15.00; private first class, \$18.00; corporal, \$21.00, etc. This was *per month*.

At the end of the war the urgent need for support from the Women Marines decreased and on July 15, 1919 orders were issued to transfer them to inactive status. Over 20 years later, during World War Two, 1000 officers and 18,000 enlisted women served.

During the last year of the war all available male Marines were battling the Japanese in the Pacific. In their absence, Women Marines represented over half the personnel at Marine Corps bases in the continental United States.

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# NEW GRAVESITE VETERAN MEDALLIONS

Week of July 12, 2010

The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a veteran. The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Next of kin will receive the medallion along with a kit. For more information on VA-furnished headstones, markers and medallions, visit the [VA website](#). Instructions on how to apply for a medallion are on the VA website at [www.cem.va.gov/hm\\_hm.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp). Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from the VA website at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov) or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.



# THE MEDAL OF HONOR

The first U.S. Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor was Corporal John Freeman Mackie for his action on 15 May 1862 during the American Civil War.

Mackie, 1835-1910, enlisted in April 1861 and was promoted to Corporal in March 1862.

G.O. Navy Department, No. 17

10 July 1862

Citation:

On board the U.S.S. Galena in the attack on Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff, James River, on 15 May 1862. As enemy shellfire raked the deck of the ship, Corporal Mackie fearlessly maintained his musket fire against the rifle pits along the shore and, when ordered to fill vacancies at guns caused by men wounded or killed in action, manned the weapon with skill and courage.

Post Note:

Corporal John Freeman Mackie is buried in a local Delaware County Cemetery: Arlington Cemetery, Melrose Section, Drexel Hill. His gravesite is very close to Lansdowne Avenue and easily located. It is directly opposite the Upper Darby High School building that houses the school's swimming pool.

Our Detachment has rendered Memorial Ceremonies at his gravesite on numerous occasions.



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