



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report October 2009

Our September General Meeting was very well attended, considering that it was a Wednesday after a holiday Monday. We had a new member sworn in, Mr. Thomas Falgiatore, sponsored by Gerry McGuckin. In attendance was Marine Albert Harper, Assistant Southeast District Vice Commandant, Department of Pennsylvania. With him were several members of the Chester County Detachment, including their Commandant, Pat Powell.

A reminder, our Detachment will have our Color Guard and Ceremonial Buglers present for the Beirut Memorial ceremonies which will take place at 1000 on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It will take place at Foglietta Plaza, Columbus Blvd. and Dock Street. This is the site of the Vietnam and Korean War monuments. Detachments of the Marine Corps League from far and wide will be present for the ceremonies.

We will car pool from Eldorado Carpets and depart at 0915. I urge you to come and participate or to observe. This ceremony commemorates the single worst day of Marine losses since Iwo Jima.

After the general meeting, at 2000 Wednesday night, 12 members of the Detachment proceeded to Ft Dix, NJ to welcome home the 56<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade from Iraq. Director Paul Ferguson spearheaded the entire effort. He made the contacts with the USO, recruited the volunteers, followed up with the USO and the base. Paul even helped prepare the meal. We met and greeted our troops, and served them breakfast, their first meal back in the USA. The troops (a total of 600 at two locations) were very happy to see people turning out to help them re-enter the world. The volunteers worked throughout the night, and were back at the starting point at 0600, Thursday morning.

For the second year running, the Detachment along with the Marple/Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance, participated in a Patriots Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. It was a rainy night and, frankly, I thought there would be about three people in the audience. There were closer to 100 people in the audience. We provided our Color Guard, buglers and the rifle squad. We were proud to participate in this Township/Boys Scout sponsored program.

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 December election meeting.

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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.

There will be a combined Marine Corps League Pistol match on October 17, 2009. See Gene Kern, our marksmanship chairman to sign up. The match will take place at Delaware County Field & Stream in Brookhaven, PA. Cost to members of DCF&S is \$5.00. Non-members of DCF&S, cost is \$10.00 for shooting at the range and \$5.00 for other costs, including targets and certificates of participation.

**Make 2009 the year you became more involved with your League.**

Semper Fidelis,

*Earle Drake*

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## Sr. Vice Report

Our Marine Corps Ball will be held at the Paxon Hollow Country Club on Friday night November 6, 2009. Festivities will begin with an open bar cocktail reception at 6:00pm. The cost per person will be \$45.

As you may recall, we subsidize the remainder of the cost through the sale of advertisements in our **Ball Program Ad Book**. The successful sale of ad's keeps the price of admission to our Ball very affordable compared to other Detachments that may charge \$75 to \$100. Please see the **Jr. Vice Report** for more information on our Program Ad Book.

**John Cook** has graciously volunteered to handle the reservations and money. Please, **do not hesitate...** November is just around the corner! John will be taking reservations and collecting money at the October general meeting or you can contact John at:

**John Cook**

**300 Earlington Rd.  
Havertown Pa. 19083-2906  
610 853 3932**

*See You at The Ball,*

*Big Coz*



## Jr. Vice Report

### Help Our Heroes Campaign

With the exception of the super activity achieved by John Burfete and Pete Patrucci, we have had very little results!

As a reminder, our Members are asked to present Help Our Heroes Contribution Kits to persons selected among relatives, friends or acquaintances. The Campaign will run throughout 2009.

**Please contact me at 610-356-8893 if you have not received a kit or need additional solicitation letters.**

### "Help Us Help Others (HUHO)" Campaign

Our Campaign resumed the weekend of August 29/30 and achieved great success during the past three weekends. **By the time our Members receive this edition of Scuttlebutt, we will have exceeded the donations received for the entire year of 2008!** Our Detachment has been blessed by our Lord, honored by our donors, graciously hosted by our store managers and staff, and the beneficiaries of outstanding performance by our participating Members!

**Participating Members, please review the adjoining schedule of Store Events on page 3.** Our remaining schedule has been revised to strengthen our activity in terms of the number of store visits. **The number of weekends scheduled has not been changed!**

If you have not been an active participant in the past, please consider serving a two to three hour shift on weekends convenient for your circumstances. I promise that you will enjoy yourselves! Please contact me at 610-356-8893 if you wish to participate.

### Birthday Ball Program Ad Solicitation 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 2009 Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Ad Applications are 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!

### Ad Applications are due by October 5th

Respectively submitted,

*Jack McLeod*

**“Help Us Help Others” Upcoming Schedule.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
10/03	Helicopter A. S. 610-436-9600 ACME Wayne 610-341-6073	1220 American Blvd Brandywine Airport 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
10/04*	Helicopter A. S. ACME Wayne	1220 American Blvd 700 W Lancaster Ave
10/10	ACME Paoli 610-240-0101 ACME Granite Run 610-891-0407	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 1067 W Baltimore Pk Media, PA
10/11*	ACME Paoli ACME Granite Run	39 Leopard Road 1067 W Baltimore Pk
10/17	ACME West Goshen 670-431-4726 ACME Media 610-565-5072	907 Paoli Pike West Chester, PA 527 E Baltimore Pk Media, PA
10/18*	ACME West Goshen	907 Paoli Pike
10/24	ACME Newtown Sq 610-353-8018 ACME Lawrence Pk 610-325-2880	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA 567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA
10/25	ACME Newtown Sq ACME Lawrence Pk	3390 W Chester Pike 563 Sproul Road
10/31	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800 ACME Concordville 610-459-2759	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 101 Byers Drive Glen Mills, PA
11/01*	ACME Ridley 610-237-3800 ACME Concordville	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 101 Byers Drive
11/07	Wal-Mart Eddystone 610-447-1860 Wal-Mart Boothwyn 610-494-2535	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
11/08	Wal-Mart Eddystone <u>Wal-Mart Boothwyn</u>	1570 Chester Pike <u>605 Conchester Hwy*</u>
11/14	Super Fresh Havertwn 610-446-4516 Pathmark Broomall 610-356-2845	1305 W Chest Pike Havertown, PA 50 Lawrence Rd Broomall, PA
11/15	Super Fresh Havertown Pathmark Broomall	1305 W Chest Pik 50 Lawrence Rd
11/21	Wal-Mart Glenolden 610-583-2682 Shop Rite W Chester 610-696-4066	50 N Mac Dade Blvd Glenolden, PA 115 W Chester Pk West Chester, PA
11/22	Wal-Mart Glenolden Shop Rite W Chester	50 N Mac Dade Blvd 115 W Chester Pk
12/18 (Fri)	Wawa Store 205 610-640-5322	5 Mathews Road Malvern, PA

\* Denotes Sundays

Underlined Store Dates are subject to Municipal Government approval

***General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers***

Commandant	Earle E. Drake
Sr. Vice Commandant	Robert Cosgrove
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dan Luty
Sergeant-At-Arms	James D. Ross
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Connie McGinley
Director	James Herbst
Director	Paul Ferguson
Director	Bernie McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Leon

***General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen***

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism	Jim Mulhern
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	Harry Kaufman
Ceremonies	Jim Ross
Color Guard	Joe Conigliaro
Flag Collection	Barry Reese
Historian	Bob (Coz) Cosgrove
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Wayne Barner
“ Assistant	John J. V. Cook
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	Gene Kern
Membership	Robert Cosgrove
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Earle Drake
Nominations	Jerry Leon
Property	Bob Spano
Public Relations	
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Connie McGinley
Young Marines	Robert Stanton
Web Master	Dan Luty

*DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

<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>www.va.gov</u></b>

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### Events – October, 2009

- October 5**      **General Meeting @ 1930**, Knights of Columbus. 1<sup>st</sup> round of nominations.
- October 12**    **VAVS Coatesville Medical Center**
- October 15**    **Commanders Meeting @ 1930, American Legion Post 805**
- October 17**    **Walk for the Wounded** (Operation first Response), Ocean City, New Jersey.
- October 17**    Combined Marine Corps League Pistol Match @ 0830  
Delaware County Field & Stream, Brookhaven, PA.
- October 18**    Adopt a highway, Bishop Hollow Road @ 0830.  
Meet at Wolf Springs Parking Lot.
- October 23-24**    Department Staff Meeting. Dept. Hdqts. Indiantown Gap, PA.
- October 24**    Roast & Toast of PDC Dick Brown. 1800 at Bldg. 8-80 Ft Indiantown Gap. Cost of buffet, \$10.00.
- October 25**    Beirut Memorial Ceremony @ 1000 at Foglietta Plaza, Columbus Blvd & Dock St.
- October 27**    Staff Mtg. American Legion Post 805 @ 1930.
- November 2**    General Mtg. KOC @ 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 2000.

**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.

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

## Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

**Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113**, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at 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**, 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

Ralph LaMarra	Matt Balfrey
Dave Brimble	Tom and Bernice Kerrigan
Mel Delgrippo	

*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 ...



In July 1915, Admiral William Caperton aboard the Armored Cruiser, Washington, was offshore the capitol city of Port-au-Prince, awaiting orders in case of any emergency that would occur and stability was needed.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, the President of Haiti, Vilburn Guillaume Sam, ordered the guards at the local prison to execute about 200 political prisoners that just happened to be members of the country's most elite families. The next day, relatives of the massacred prisoners surrounded the French Consulate, where Sam had taken refuge and was hiding, stormed the Consulate and dragged him out onto the street and tore him to pieces. The French citizens in Haiti asked the U.S. to intervene in order to stabilize the country.

At that time, a standard Landing Force from the warship was composed of Marines and also Sailors that were used as infantry. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 330 Marines and Sailors were loaded into boats and sent ashore to restore order. Soon a buildup of more Marines was arriving from other stations. Major Smedley Butler sailed from Philadelphia with a battalion aboard the Battleship Tennessee and landed at the Port City of Cap Haitian. Gradually, the military force grew to over 2500 troops.

Once ashore what the Marines first noted was that, in the land Christopher Columbus had called Paradise, everything was in shambles. In the streets were piles of stinking offal, very poor roads, telephone and telegraph lines that had been inoperable since 1911, a railroad system that was sporadic and unsafe, lighthouses that were lit with kerosene lanterns, bridges down, holes gaped in prison walls and chunks of iron and designated rocks served as weights in the custom houses. More immediate and distressing was the fact that bandits had cut off the mountain roads and no food was coming into the coastal towns and food markets and most of the 1.5 million people were hungry.

The source of many of Haiti's headaches was a species of political bandits known as CACOS, who were most active in the mountains of the North. Their title came from the bird of prey with a red plume which lives off weaker birds and emitted a cry like "KAAA-KO". Since the human CACOS lived off the weak, the name came naturally. Every CACOS wore red somewhere on his ragged clothes as a badge of identification and warning.

Submitted by,  
*John Cook*

## "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!

### OCTOBER BOOSTERS

Tony Coladonato	Jim Constien
Jim Herbst	Joe & Sissy Hudson
Paul Donohue	Florence & Bob Spano
Pat & Joe Mensack	Jerry McGuckin
Gene Kern	Jack & Pauline Kelly
Bob & Barbara Cosgrove	Jack Lister

Thank you boosters!

*Bob Spano*  
Paymaster

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

## Birthday Greetings for October

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

G. Craig Allen  
Robert Bunce  
Aaron Cabbage  
Marino DeFrancesco  
William DiIenno, Sr.  
James Friel  
James Herbst  
Frank Mayer, Jr.  
James Procopio  
Edgar Speer  
Donald Walz



***Happy Birthday...and many, many more!***

*If your birthday was omitted,  
please contact Adjutant Jack Kelly.  
We apologize for any omissions.*

# SYMBOL of a NATION'S CONCERN

## The POW/MIA Flag and Newton Heisley



By Marc Leepson

**Newton Heisley** died May 14 at his home in Colorado Springs. He was 88 years old. The Williamsport, Pennsylvania native flew C-46 transports for the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, then went on to a long career as a commercial artist and graphic designer for advertising agencies in New York, New Jersey, and Colorado.

Newt Heisley created countless images during his long, fruitful career. One of those images, which he sketched in pencil in 1971, has made an indelible mark on American culture and society. That year the agency Heisley was working for received a contract from Annin & Co., the nation's oldest and largest flag manufacturer, to design a flag for the National League of Families of American Prisoners Missing in Southeast Asia. The idea for such a flag came from League member Mary Hoff, the wife of Navy Lt. Cmdr. Michael Hoff. An A-7 Sidewinder pilot, Hoff had been listed as missing in action since January 7, 1970, after he did not return from an armed reconnaissance mission over Laos.

Heisley sat at his drawing table and sketched three different designs. He chose the one with a black-and-white image of a gaunt man in profile with a guard tower and a strand of barbed wire in the background—an image that now blankets the nation.

Historians and vexillologists (flag experts) believe that Heisley's POW/MIA flag is the only non-national flag that any federal government in history has mandated to be flown regularly. Two laws put that practice in place. The first went into effect on August 10, 1990, when President George H.W. Bush signed Public Law 101-355. That measure designated the third Friday of September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and also officially recognized the POW/MIA flag. The law designated the flag as "the symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing, and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia."

In 1998, Congress passed and President Clinton signed into law that year's Defense Authorization Act. Section 1082 of that law mandated that the POW/MIA flag be flown over the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials, the offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, of the Selective Service System, and in the grounds or in the lobbies of every major military installation, every post office, and all VA Medical Centers and national cemeteries on six days: POW/MIA Recognition Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, the Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

Heisley had no idea his flag would turn into such a ubiquitous symbol when he drew it up in 1971. In fact, he was still working on the design, planning to add color to the black and white image, when Annin & Co. began production. He based the silhouette on his son, Jeffrey, then 24, who was home on leave from Marine Corps training and getting over a bout of hepatitis. Heisley chose the words "You are not forgotten" thinking back to his long, solo flights over the South Pacific during World War II when he pondered his fate if he were to be taken prisoner.

The flag "was intended for a small group," Heisley told the Colorado Springs *Gazette* in 1997. "No one realized it was going to get national attention." That attention includes several firsts. The POW/MIA flag is the only flag, other than the Stars and Stripes, ever to fly over the White House. It was first displayed there on POW/MIA Recognition Day 1982. The flag was installed in 1989 in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, where it remains on permanent display.

In addition to the federal government, many states mandate flying the flag. Oregon, for example, requires the POW flag be flown on or near the state capitol on the same holidays as the national law. In Vermont, state law requires the flag to be flown on all state-owned flagpoles. In Washington, every state agency, every state institution of higher education, and every county, city, and town must display the flag on the same six holidays. In Ohio, the General Assembly "encourages" the display of the flag during normal business hours at all public buildings. Nearly all American veterans' groups have adopted the flag enthusiastically. Every official VVA ceremony on the local, state, and national levels includes the display of the POW/MIA flag. VVA's national POW/MIA Committee operates under a continuing Resolution to "sustain and spread the use of the flag and to educate the public on its meaning."

As for Nate Heisley, he was initially taken aback by the flag's popularity. "At first he was almost embarrassed, but he got kind of used to it," his son James told the *Gazette* after his father's death. Nate Heisley wore the image on his hat, his lapel, and his license plate. "It defined his life," James Heisley said.

***VVA Veteran Arts Editor Marc Leepson's books include Flag: An American Biography, a history of the American flag from its beginnings.***

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741  
Marine Corps League  
General Meeting Minutes – 9 September 2009**

Commandant: Commandant Earle Drake opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Earle Drake, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Dan Luty, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim, Ross, Service Officer Connie McGinley, Director Paul Ferguson, Director Jim Herbst, Director Bernie McGinley, and Jr. Past Commandant Jerry Leon. Past Commandants were recognized, and five members from the Chester County Detachment were also recognized – Al Harper, Pat Powell, Philip Murray, Fred LeClair, and Dave Mundy.

Minutes: Harry Kaufman made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 August 2009 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

New Member: Thomas Falgiatore, who previously served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, was introduced as a new member. He was sworn in by Commandant Earle Drake as a regular member of the Detachment. He was sponsored by Gerry McGuckin.

Commandant's Report: Earle Drake mentioned that Spence Goldsborough had been called home to be with the Lord. Spence had served in the Pacific during World War II on Okinawa and had also served in China. He had served with the Detachment's Honor Guard, and he was also a member of The Gideons International. Earle Drake reported that August had been another busy month. The Combined Veterans Alliance picnic on 23 August 2009 had been a success with excellent food and about 130 in attendance.

Officer Reports:

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 August 2009. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Joe Conigliaro seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported on the Help Our Heroes Campaign, indicating that John Burfete has recently been involved with arranging for some donations to the Detachment. Jack McLeod also indicated that the Help Us Help Others Campaign has been progressing very successfully. Donation activity has resumed after taking several weeks off, and two recent store locations proved to be very successful. Solicitation of ads for the November Birthday Ball program booklet has begun.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove reported on the successful Combined Veterans Alliance picnic that was held on 23 August 2009. Approximately 130 people attended and it was a successful event, with excellent food and excellent weather. The next event on the social calendar is the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball, scheduled for 6 November 2009.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly indicated that a number of letters of appreciation had been received from those organizations to which the Detachment had recently donated funds. A few of those mentioned were the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Hope for the Warriors, and The Department of Veterans Affairs at Coatesville, PA. Letters of appreciation were also received from two more of the Detachment's June scholarship recipients, Ashley Brown and John Steele (Villanova NROTC).

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Spence Goldsborough had passed away in early August. In addition, he mentioned that the daughter of Craig and Dottie Allen had recently passed away. He also reported that Charley Kerrigan had also lost his daughter recently. The father of Joe Sestak had passed away also.

Director Paul Ferguson: Paul Ferguson provided information for those who were planning to travel to Fort Dix after the meeting in order to meet troops from the 56<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade returning from Iraq. Those members who were going would leave at approximately 2200 and would wait for two planes to arrive at approximately 0130 on 10 September. The members would then be assisting with serving a hot meal to the returning troops once they had landed and had had a chance to meet their families. Any member who wanted to join in this meeting of the returning troops was invited to go along.

Service Officer: Connie McGinley mentioned that the annual VA picnic at Coatesville would be held on 12 September 2009, beginning at 1100. The Chester County Detachment will also be involved in this endeavor. The monthly bingo party will be conducted there on Monday, 14 September 2009.

Jr. Past Commandant: Jerry Leon provided information on a golf outing scheduled for 11 September 2009 at the Edgmont Country Club in Edgmont, PA.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Jim Mulhern provided information on his plans for the Americanism program for the upcoming school year. The program's purpose is to provide school age children with information on the meaning and strength and understanding of the American flag. Letters have been sent to a number of schools, and activity will begin with the first presentation being made to the Young Marines at Folsom.

Color Guard: Joe Conigliaro indicated that the Color Guard and Honor Guard would be attending the Patriot Day ceremonies this Friday evening, 11 September 2009, at Marple Veterans Park. This event, in conjunction with local Boy Scout troops, will recognize those who gave their lives on 11 September 2001.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 163 military funerals for deceased veterans have been conducted so far this year. Five more are scheduled for the remainder of this week. In addition, Wayne Barner made a motion to spend \$262.00 for the purchase of four dozen pairs of winter gloves for the Honor Guard. George Boyajian seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Miscellaneous: Earle Drake mentioned that at our last Detachment meeting a motion had been made to donate funds to the Chester County MCL Detachment. Earle Drake presented the check at this meeting to Pat Powell, Commandant of the Chester County Detachment. Pat Powell extended his appreciation to the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern reported on a recent rifle match in which he participated along with Jim Cecchini, Jim Herbst, and Earle Drake. The weather was not the best, but everyone did their best and had some good results. Earle Drake presented certificates to the shooters.

New Business: George Boyajian provided information on his thoughts on providing a one-time scholarship for a student in the West Chester School District and a student in the Marple-Newtown School District. Then Jack McLeod mentioned that the purpose would be to honor General Smedley D. Butler, to create an awareness in the West Chester and Marple-Newtown School Districts, and to assist deserving students. Jack McLeod made a motion for the Detachment to establish a one time scholarship grant of \$5,000.00 for a graduate in the West Chester School District and \$5,000.00 for a graduate in the Marple-Newtown School District. As part of this motion, the Commandant shall appoint a committee to create an implementation plan for awarding of the scholarships; to define the criteria upon which the grants are awarded; and to determine who shall be the final judges for the awards, and address any other issues necessary to achieve the purpose of the scholarships. Jim Herbst seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Pete Patrucci made a suggestion that instead of giving the scholarships in one amount of \$5,000.00, that the Detachment should pay the funds out by making payments of \$1,250.00 for four years, in order to make certain the student stays in college. Jerry Leon suggested that the students should have to do something to receive the grant, such as writing an essay on the life of General Butler. Other suggestions were also made, and these suggestions should be considered by the scholarship committee that is to be established. A voice vote on the motion was inconclusive, but a vote by a show of hands indicated that the motion passed by 36 ayes to 5 nays, with some not voting. Earle Drake appointed Wayne Williams as chairman the committee, with Gene Kern, Jerry Leon and Dan Luty as members of the committee.

Good of the League: A member of the Chester County Detachment extended an invitation to the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment to provide a Color Guard at a wreath laying ceremony in recognition of the Battle of Fort Mifflin,

which occurred on 10 November 1775. This Color Guard event would be conducted on 4 July 2010. It was mentioned that the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment marches in a parade every July 4<sup>th</sup>, so we would have to honor our commitment there first.

Jeff Elliott, representing the AmVets, invited everyone to its installation of officers on 18 September 2009 at the post in Morton, PA. There is also a crab fest on Sunday, 20 September for anyone interested.

Bob Spano made individual motions for the Detachment to donate \$1,000.00 each to the following organizations: (1) The 328<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion; (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; (4) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA; (5) Salvation Army, West Chester, PA; (6) Soldiers Angels, Pasadena, CA. The motions were seconded individually and voted on individually. All of these motions were passed by the membership. These organizations had been discussed at the August staff meeting, and had been recommended by the officers for consideration by the members.

Commandant Earle Drake announced that the next general meeting would be the first of three nomination meetings for officers for the 2010 year. Nominations can be made in the October, November, and December general meetings, and voting will take place in the December general meeting. Earle Drake also outlined what the requirements are in order to be nominated for an officer position.

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 2105.

Philip Murray of the Chester County Detachment won the 50/50. Fifty members signed the logbook.

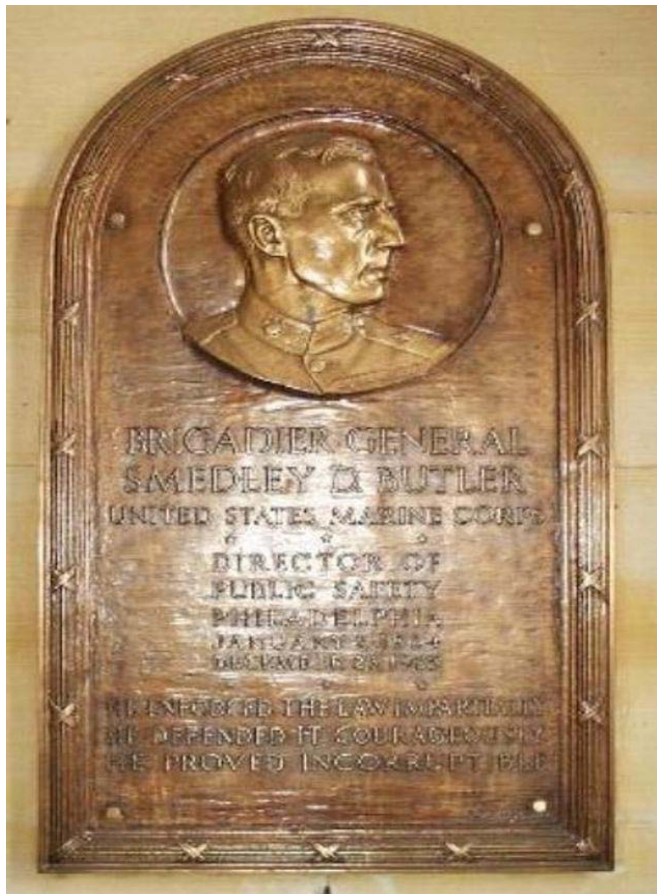
Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant



SMEDLEY D. BUTLER  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
City Hall (North Side) Philadelphia, PA  
2 PM, JULY 30, 1952



In 1927, the citizens of Philadelphia had this 5 foot bronze tablet placed in the Navy Building in Washington, D.C. next to the Secretary of the Navy's office. This tribute to General Smedley D. Butler, who would soon be court-martialled for his "Hit and Run" accusation against Italy's Premier Benito Mussolini, was the only tablet ever set up in the Navy Department to a living officer. This tablet would later be moved to Quantico, VA.

In 1952, twelve years after the General's death, (21 June 1940), the tablet was moved to City Hall in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Dedication and Memorial Ceremony was held on 30 July 1952 on the North side of City Hall. The tablet can be viewed near the Northwest alcove.

It was a belated recognition of his efforts toward peace in the World and a clean Government for his city and his State.

The Tablet Reads...

-HE ENFORCED THE LAW IMPARTIALLY  
-HE DEFENDED IT COURAGEOUSLY  
-HE PROVED INCORRUPTIBLE

"Saluting Our Veterans"

Hi,

My name is *Vince Sullivan* and I'm an editor with the *NEWS of Delaware County*. Every week we run a feature called "*Saluting Our Veterans*" where we interview a veteran and they can talk about their experiences in the service. I am writing to you because it is becoming increasingly difficult to find willing veterans who will share their stories.

We have featured several members of your Detachment in the past, and we would like to know if there is anybody else who would like to talk with one of our writers and maybe have their picture taken. The interview is not geared toward getting bloody war stories, but just about whatever aspect of service the veteran wishes to speak. The feature has been well received by veterans and readers alike over the last several years, and for the last three years we have compiled some of the stories into a magazine, which I'm sure many in your Detachment have seen. The magazine itself has won several awards in both the Philadelphia region and the state, and it is something we at the NEWS are very proud to assemble as a tribute to the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans.

I ask that you please get in touch with me with any contact information for anybody interested in being interviewed. Many of the vets interviewed in the past view it as a cathartic experience or just as a chance to get their story out there. I appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you and have a nice day.

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