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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES
WE SALUTE THE CORPS ON THIS 227th ANNIVERSARY OF UNWAVERING SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

WE SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW SERVING, AND TO ALL OF THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW IN THIS UNIQUE "BROTHERHOOD"

SEMPER FIDELIS

To all the members of this detachment and to all the many friends of the detachment, I extend a most cordial invitation to join us in celebrating the 227th Birthday of our beloved Corps at our Annual Marine Corps Ball.

We will celebrate our birthday on Saturday, November 9th, 2002.

The location is the Paxon Hollow Country Club in Broomall, PA. The festivities will start at 6:30 pm with cocktails, followed by the traditional ceremonies, dinner and dancing.

Semper Fi,
Stephen D. Neri
Commandant

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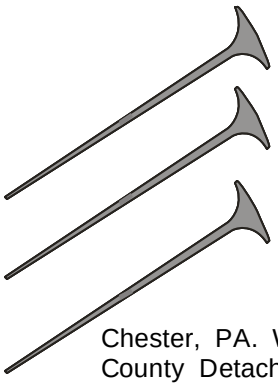

ANNOUNCEMENT

Marine Sunday
November 10th, 2002
Activities

The detachment color guard, officers and members will assemble at the "Oakland" Cemetery, Rt. 100, West Chester, PA. We will join with the Chester County Detachment in honoring Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler. Remember leaguers, we are privileged to carry his name. I will expect a good turnout from the members of this detachment. Assembly time at the cemetery is 10:15.

Veterans' Day, November 11th, 2002 Activities

The detachment color guard, officers, and members will assemble at the American Legion Post #805 on West Chester Pike in Broomall. We will conduct a traditional service, including laying a wreath at the monument. We will then proceed to Media, PA to be part of the annual County Veterans' Day Parade. Assembly time at the Legion Post is 10:30. Assembly time at the parade is 11:45.

All members are urged to attend these events.

JR. VICE REPORT

As we know, by the time you receive this newsletter our AD book is done. As it appears, we are right on target with last year. I want to give many thanks to all members for their participation.

The wagon is doing very well. We have until the end of November to get this wrapped up. I know many were on vacation during the summer, and I know we have some new members on board, so as we Marines (and with the help of our loyal associates; Army, Navy and Air Force members) say, let's kick some butt and make this a grand ending! We can well surpass last year! So give me a call and come out - not for the whole day - whatever you can give - a couple of hours - WE CAN USE THE HELP!

Again to all, thanks for your support and have a wonderful 227th birthday! You deserve it.

Jim Alleva
Jr. Vice
610-789-3755
merc4652@comcast.net

From The Sr. Vice

—Final Notice—
When you receive this, the ball will be almost upon us. If you haven't made your reservations, please call John Cook (610-853-3932) to see if there are any spaces left. Those of you who have booked reservations can expect a great time at our 227th Birthday Ball.

—Membership—
We swore in four new members at our October meeting. Their names are shown below. This will bring our membership up to 178. I know we can get close to our goal of 2 in 2002, so please try to recruit some new members. Marines always come through! I know that the ones from the Butler Detachment can do it with just a little effort.

Semper Fi
Dave Brimble

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE DETACHMENT SAY,
"Welcome to our new members!"

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Please add their names to your membership list.
Dave Brimble

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

OCTOBER

26 Multi - Detachment Officers Meeting 1300 - 1500
26 Wagon ticket sales
29 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930

NOVEMBER

02 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
05 Detachment General Meeting - 1930
08 Veterans' Day Parade, Coatesville VA Hospital 0900-MEET K-of-c parking lot, parade starts 1000
09 Detachment Marine Corps Ball, Paxon Hollow Country Club - 1830-1930 cocktails, 1930 ceremony & dinner
10 Marine Corps Birthday - Cookie's - Daddy Wags - All Day
10 Memorial Service Gen. Butler's gravesite - Oaklands Cemetery, West Chester, PA - 1015
10 BACA Bike Run - Toys for Tots – Darby, PA - 1000
10 MCL Dept. PA - Veterans' Day Ceremony – Ft. Indiantown Gap
11 Memorial Service, Wreath Laying, AL Post 805, 1030
11 Delaware County Veterans' Day Parade - Media, PA 1200
16 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
23 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600
26 Detachment Staff Meeting - 1930
30 Wagon ticket sales - 0900 - 1600

DECEMBER

03 Detachment General Meeting, Elections & Christmas Party 1900
07 Christmas Party Coatesville VA Hospital,VAVS Committee & Aux.

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

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' SCHEDULES (CONTINUED)

American Legion: Broomall Post # 805
2340 W. Chester Pike, Broomall, PA
Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930

Disabled American Veterans: Delaware County Chapter # 113
Meetings are held at the AmVets Post in Morton, PA on the second Monday of every month at 2000

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67,
2nd Thursday every month-1930-Catholic War Veterans Post 731, 920 West Chester Pk. Havertown, PA.

Delaware County Detachment
Breakfast, 3rd Sunday every month
Det. Home, Upland, PA.

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 & Kendron Avenue in Folsom, PA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post # 7390
Meetings the second Thursday of the month 1930. Meetings are held at the Marple Twp. Municipal Bldg. Sproul & Springfield Rds. Broomall, 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.

FROM THE JR. PAST COMMANDANT

Our SECOND READING for officer nominations will be held at the upcoming meeting.

If you would like to be an active partner in the Detachment affairs, this is the time to step forward. Leadership can be an exciting and rewarding experience. There is always a strong support group to assist you in any position you wish to achieve.

Good Luck!

Semper Fi,

Harry Kaufman, P.C.

Junior Past

"OUR FLAG"

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21 gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times?

You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are upper most reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

From the Highway Cleanup Chairman

Thanks to all of our members who helped with our highway cleanup detail. As you know, it was the final one for this year. I will look forward to your help again next Spring.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOMS

THE ORIGINS OF VETERANS DAY

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

An answer to the question of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas: Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make it an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

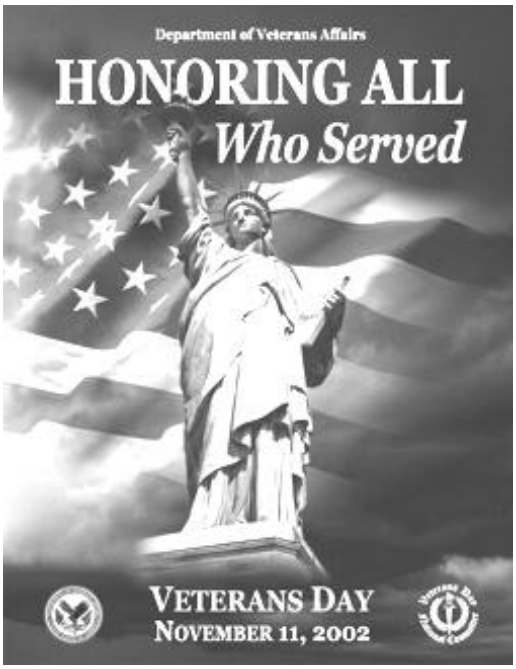
A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies Held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans' organizations.

Governors of states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.



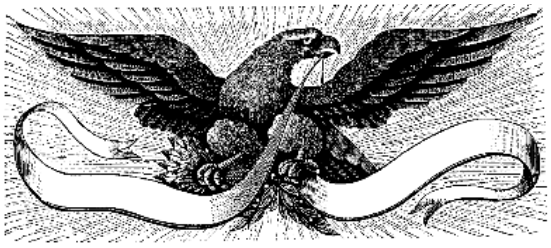
The Legend Continues...

General Butler began a lecture tour after his retirement. He once spoke in twenty towns in twenty-one days. The core of his speeches centered on the hope of improving society and Americans' moral obligation in the fight against crime. He also became an advocate for peace and stated that he was a pacifist and that Americans should look after themselves. In 1935, his book, "War is a Racket", was published in which he stated, "In war, huge fortunes are made and used by few, and soldiers must pay for war with their lives. It would be cheaper for the United States to remain isolationist and stay out of war. The soldiers receive low pay to leave home, eat rations, sleep in trenches, kill and get killed. In the old days the soldiers received war spoils, but now the politicians receive the spoils."

It was also during this time that he became embroiled in a plot to take over the power of the government. Rich and powerful people sent their agents to see if Butler would take part in a move to seize power in Washington. He kept a record of the affair and it was duly investigated by Congress but nothing ever developed from the investigation.

The plan was based on the political situation in Italy and Germany. Benito Mussolini had taken control of Italy in 1922 via the Fascist Party (Black Shirts) even though King Vittorio Emanuele III was the titular head of government. Adolf Hitler took control of government in Germany via the National Socialist Party (Nazi Brown Shirts) on 30 January 1933 by being appointed Chancellor even though Fieldmarshal Paul Von Hindenburg was President of the Republic. The American plan was for the new Liberty Party (Khaki Shirts), composed mostly of veterans, to seize the power in Washington with Smedley Butler as Director and President Franklin Roosevelt as titular head of government.

submitted by John Cook



SICK CALL

Jim "Daddy Wags" Wagner is at home and resting. He certainly needs our prayers!

Gerald F. Gavaghan is at home after having stomach surgery. He'd appreciate a note or card.

Henry & Emma Mummah are both recovering from illnesses.

Thomas "Sailor" Doyle is home recuperating from serious surgery.

Give Tom Weiman a call or drop him a line at Fair Acres. He would appreciate it. His address is: 341 N. Middletown Road, Room 5A, Lima, PA 19063. His phone number is 610.892.0788.

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THE BONUS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Thursday, 28th July 1932

Shortly after 11:00 a.m., General Glassford arrived and announced that he had orders to clear the buildings and the area of the B.E.F. people. Slow at first, with little resistance, by noon the first building was cleared. Meantime word of what was happening reached the B.E.F. main camp on Anacostia Flats and reinforcements were on their way. The arriving reinforcements started to engage the police and a melee ensued with fragments of bricks being hurled and Glassford, himself, was struck and knocked down and was horrified to see his police draw weapons and open fire into the crowd. One vet was shot dead, another mortally wounded and another shot before Glassford could order a cease-fire. Word of the melee and the shootings went to the White House and Attorney General Mitchell ordered the evacuation of all veterans from government property and when President Hoover learned of the shootings, he ordered the Secretary of War, Patrick Hurley, to use troops to carry out that order and General MacArthur was notified.

There was an embarrassing lull because MacArthur was not in full uniform. He dispatched an orderly to fetch his tunic, service decorations, sharpshooter medal and English whipcord breeches. Eisenhower didn't think that the Chief of Staff should become involved in "this street-corner brawl" but MacArthur was determined to take command because of this revolution at hand. MacArthur, then, ordered Eisenhower into uniform with the announcement, "We're going to break the back of the B.E.F."

When they arrived near the action in the staff car, there was another wait. "What's holding us up?" "The tanks," MacArthur replied. He intended to use tanks! A few moments later, people were watching a display of military force, which was arriving down Pennsylvania Avenue. Troopers of the 3rd Cavalry, led by Major Patton, pranced along brandishing naked sabers. Behind the horses marched a machine gun detachment and men of the 12th Infantry, 13th Engineers and 34th Infantry, the sun shining on their bayonets attached to their rifles and behind these were six tanks.

It was now 4:45 p.m. The operation had become the worst time in MacArthur's career. Fifteen minutes earlier, the District's civil service workers had finished work and were pouring into the streets; twenty thousand of them were massed on the sidewalks across from the bewildered, disorganized veterans. The veterans assuming that this display was a dress parade for their benefit, applauded. The spectators clapped, too, though they were the first to be disillusioned. Abruptly Patton's troops wheeled and charged into the crowd.

At first this was thought to be a mistake but this later was proven to be an ordered charge without warning into thousands of unoffending people; men and women were ridden down indiscriminately. Reforming ranks, they then charged the stunned vets and dispersed them the same way.

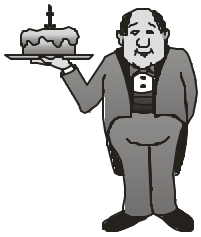
submitted by John Cook

Birthday Greetings for November

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

William O. Barnard, Albert F. Brennecke,
David K. Cleary, Joseph F. Constantino,
John J.V. Cook, Joseph Conigliaro,
Joseph Dodds, James A. Donahue,
Karl F. Heinzelmann, Michael Levitsky,
Daniel E. Luty, H. Chambers McDaniel,
Rudolph Musetti, James M. Sandusky,
John Q. Thomas, Russell S. Williamson,
Frederick W. Winterling, Laura DiLiello,
and Bernard, McGinley

Happy Birthday…and many, many more!



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
General Smedley D. Butler Detachment
1 October 2002
Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 1935. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: present were: Commandant Neri, Sr. Vice Brimble, Jr. Vice Alleva, Adjutant Horne, Paymaster Spano, Judge Advocate Mayer, Chaplain Bush, Sgt-At-Arms Stanton, Service Officer McGinley, Director Tallmadge, Director Repino, Director Powlus, Jr. Past Commandant Kaufman.

Commandant Neri acknowledged George Curley from the Upland Detachment Marine Corps League and Al Harper, Commandant of the Chester County Marine Corps League.

NEW MEMBERS: A motion was made by Sr. Vice Brimble to accept Marcus Lingenfelter as a regular member, Bernard A. McGinley, Jr. as a regular member, Thomas D. Bishop as a regular member, and Stephen J. Mills as a transfer. Motion was seconded by Joe Mensack. Motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Frank Mayer and seconded by Bob Stanton to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Horne distributed a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attend the Jekyll and Hyde musical on Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 PM at the Media Theater. Tickets are $25.00 each. At 7:00 PM, there will be a private reception with complimentary beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Please see Adjutant Horne if you need tickets. Mike also read a letter from the West Laurel Hill Cemetery thanking our Detachment for participating in the dedication of a 9/11 Memorial at the cemetery. He also read a letter from the Marple Newtown Youth Recreation Center asking our Detachment to cosponsor an event on November 15 at 7:00 PM at the Gauntlet Center along with the VFW and the American Legion. Each group would contribute 1/3 of $500.00. Adjutant Horne also read a letter of thanks from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center thanking us for sponsoring their fall picnic on September 14, 2002. He read a letter from the Chester County Detachment Marine Corps League asking us to attend their Marine Corps Ball on Saturday, November 16, 2002 at 6:00 PM at the Italian Social Club in West Chester, PA. Please see Mike if interested in attending.

OFFICER REPORTS:
SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Dave Brimble stated that as of September, we had one new member, 155 regular members, and 19 associate members, for a total of 174. Dave stated that all preparations for the Marine Corps Ball are done and thanked Barbara Kaufman for her help. Please see John Cook for tickets and seating arrangements.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: Jim Alleva thanked all members who have been helping with the Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales. He also thanked Gerry Zell for helping the Detachment participate in the Franklin Mint antique car/military vehicle show. Jim also asked all members to please participate in the fundraising events for the Detachment. Anyone who still has ads to be placed in the program book, please see him before the October 15th deadline.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Frank Mayer read all the revised and administrative procedures and passed out copies to membership so that all procedures can be reviewed and voted on at next meeting. Frank also thanked the staff and Barbara Kaufman for all their help in this project.

PAYMASTER: Bob Spano gave a detailed financial report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by Jim Alleva and seconded by Frank Mayer to approve the monthly report. Motion passed. Bob asked all members who are entitled to life membership pins to please see him to pick them up. Any member who needs an MCL pin, please see Bob also.

CHAPLAIN: Chris Bush asked all members to please say prayers and call or visit any of our sick members: Jimmy Wags, Bill Charlton who is in the hospital, Joe Mensack who also is in the hospital, Gerald Gavaghan, and Lawrence Doyle.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Bob Stanton now has an assistant Sgt.-at-Arms, Jim Ross.

SERVICE OFFICER: Connie McGinley - no report.

DIRECTOR: Walt Tallmadge - no report.

DIRECTOR: Gerry Powlus - no report.

DIRECTOR: Nick Repino stated that the Locker Box audit was done on October 1 and report will be given at the next meeting.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Harry Kaufman - no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble reported that the next cleanup for Bishop Hollow Road would be Sunday, October 6 at 0900 hrs.

Americanism: Bill Lessig stated that with the help of Bob Matthews, the Americanism program will start in October through May. He stated that he can always use more help and asked for a volunteer with a camera to take pictures at these events. Phil Baglivo volunteered to help out.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen asked any members of the funeral detail who signed up for shirts to please pick them up. George also thanked Ray Green for doing a good job with the funeral detail and also thanked bugler Lloyd Spangler for his participation.

Historian: Ray Green stated that he is working on the history book and anyone wishing to have a picture placed in the book, please give the picture along with a brief description of the event to him so it can be placed in the history book.

Toy-for-Tots: Tom Kerrigan stated that the Toys for Tots bike run will be on November 10. More information about this will be given at the next meeting.

V.A.V.S. Chairman Bob Matthews announced that there will be no bingo in October or November at the V.A. Medical Center in Coatesville. Bingo will resume the second Monday of December. The V.A. Hospital will be hosting a Veterans Day parade on Friday November 8 and would like our Color

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Guard to attend. The Christmas party for the V.A. Medical Center will be on December 7. More details to follow at the next meeting.

Quartermaster (Locker Box): Tom Lynch stated that all new members should pick up their name tags. He also stated that he has Detachment license plates for sale at $5.00 each. Tom also asked members to look over the consignment table and please make offers on any items on display because these proceeds are donated to the Young Marine program. Tom stated that all new members can purchase their uniforms or any items they need on a payment plan. He asked that members needing items for the Marine Corps Ball to please call him and place orders as soon as possible so that items can be picked up at the next meeting.

Awards: Harry Kaufman - no report.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported that the Young Marines plan on doing the Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales one week in November. He stated that the Young Marines enjoyed helping out at the Franklin Mint car expo. He also stated that the Young Marines will help out with the Toys for Tots bike run. Bob invited anyone to attend the Young Marines meetings which meet every other Wednesday at the Reserve Center in Folsom.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto stated that Genuardi's will no longer accept receipts. Kay Greiser is looking into Genuardi's giving us an ID number which would be used with a Genuardi's club card. More information will be given at the next meeting. Please bring in your Acme receipts and give them to Tony.

Scouting: Commandant Steve Neri reporting for Jack Gingras stated that Jack has three requests for MCL Eagle Scout Awards. They are: Kannan Mutharasen, Michael Farias, and Frank Vacaro.

Brother to Brother: Commandant Neri stated that some members have family members on active duty overseas. If addresses or e-mail addresses can be obtained, members of the detachment can either e-mail or write to these individuals.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT: Commandant Neri displayed to the membership the new Detachment banner and thanked Bob Matthews for purchasing it for the Detachment. The Upland Detachment has resumed their breakfasts on the third Sunday of every month. Cost is $5.00 per person. Steve stated that our Jr. Vice is doing a great job with the Jr. Troop Handler Wagon ticket sales and also thanked all who have helped out. He also announced that the staff will be attending a special multi-detachment officers meeting on Saturday, October 26 at the Delaware County Detachment. After the meeting, all are invited to attend the Devil Dogs annual spaghetti dinner. On Saturday, October 12, the Color Guard will be presenting colors at the Media Theater for a special award event honoring Media Mayor, Bob McMahon, who is the founder of the Veterans' Legacy. Steve announced that on November 8, there will be a Veterans' Day parade at the Coatesville V.A. Hospital. On Sunday, November 10, our members will be involved with two events: the memorial service at General Butler's gravesite and the Toys for Tots Bike Run. Steve also saluted the military funeral honor detail for conducting over 160 services so far this year. Steve also reminded members that our Marine Corps Ball will be on Saturday, November 9 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club and all members and their guests are invited. Commandant Neri is pleased that our membership is still growing and would like all members to please help to recruit new members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: First nominations for officers were held and the membership nominated as follows: Commandant – Steve Neri, accepted; Sr. Vice – Dave Brimble, declined; Jr. Vice – Jim Alleva, accepted; Adjutant – Mike Horne, accepted; Paymaster – Bob Spano, accepted; Judge Advocate – Frank Mayer, accepted; Directors - Walt Tallmadge, accepted; Gerry Powlus, accepted; Jim Ross, accepted. Harry Kaufman asked all nominees if they understood their duties and responsibilities for which they were nominated. Each replied, "Yes."

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by Bob Stanton for the Detachment to pay for the membership dues of Ian Lichterman since he is now on active duty in Bosnia. Motion was seconded by George Boyajian. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Frank McNulty announced that he has helped raise over $68,000.00 in Alabama for a flagpole, flag, and memorial for Veterans. Bob Matthews has been asked by the Director of Veterans' Administration to represent the Navy on October 8 in uniform to help with ceremonies in raising the flag at the Media Courthouse. Gerry Zell stated that there will be a military memorabilia flea market in Pottstown on Sunday, October 20. Frank Mayer stated that the Lu Lu Shriners Legion of Honor will be making their annual pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, November 10. Cost is $50.00 per person. Please see Frank Mayer if interested.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Lloyd Spangler stated that the Swarthmore Clinic will be giving free flu shots to Veterans on Thursday afternoon October 10.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 21:25.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

The 50/50 winner was Dan Luty.
Locker Box certificate winner was Harry Kaufman.
53 members signed the log book on 10/1/02.

Next Regular Meeting is:
November 5, 2002
1930 hrs.
Knights of Columbus
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