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Commandant's Message December 2003

As we approach the end of the year let us reflect on the achievements and activities of this past year.

Our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures have been updated and revised to more closely reflect the progressive nature of this detachment. The officers have transferred all records of the past two years onto computer disc, such as Membership, Mailing, Birthdays, and four years of Photo Albums. The Editor of the Scuttlebutt newsletter has each monthly edition for the past two years posted on our web site, which anyone can view or print out. Our detachment web site is now a stand-alone site listed on the World Wide Web and many Marine Corps associated links. We have a recruiting poster running on a number of community cable channels and also posted in quite a few Post Offices.

We have been invited to participate in a goodly number of ceremonies, which has brought new and expanded recognition of this detachment. Once again we've had a most successful and outstanding Marine Corps Ball, the Program Book was a real winner. The detachment Color and Honor Guards continue to bring praise for their performance whenever and wherever they participate. Membership has increased and more are involved in a variety of programs. Last but not least, we are financially solid and able to continue all programs. For this and so much more let us be thankful and also remember those that need our assistance.

With so much strife and confusion in the world, and controversy in our own country it is more important than ever for organizations like us to be strong in our resolve and supportive of our military. We must never give them the impression that America is not behind them 100%, rather we must become more visible, vocal and supportive of them and their families.

May you all enjoy health, happiness and family through out this holiday season and the New Year.

May God Bless America and All of Our Military

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Stephen D. Neri



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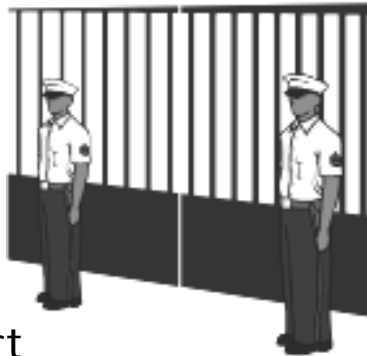
Jr. Vice Report

I want to thank all for the help in making the ad book a great success. It took much work, but well worth the effort. If anyone still owes for his or her ad, please contact our paymaster or me.

The wagon has done very well this year; we put up with the heat, the cold, and the rain, but because of YOU we will have a very good year. We had good member participation, but we can always use more. I hope all members appreciate the work of these volunteers, because I can say for the Detachment and for me this would not have been as successful without your help.

I will join in to support our next Jr. Vice in hopes in making 2004 a very good year. God bless all.

Semper Fi
Jim Alleva



Sr. Vice Report

This will be one of my last reports as Senior Vice. I have been honored to serve the detachment over the past year, which passed far too quickly. With changes in my employment, I no longer have a great deal of time to donate to the detachment. I will, however, remain an active member for a very long time.

This month saw our annual Marine Corps Birthday ball at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Aside from some confusion with the seating (which I must apologize for) overall, the ball went well. Col. Hulick was an outstanding guest speaker, and I believe that by the end of the night, a good time was had by all.

After our general meeting on December 2nd, we will have our annual Christmas party. The ticket price is a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.

I look forward to many years of service to the General Smedley D. Butler detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Semper Fi.
Rick VanLuvender

SICK CALL



<u>Members:</u> Paul Hathaway Larry Hart – Saunders House Anthony Medaglia – recovering from knee surgery	<u>Friends & Family Of Detachment:</u> Jody Hathaway George Curley – hospital Barbara Kaufman – knee replacement
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Our prayers go out to the family of Gerry Powlus for the loss of his dear wife of 58 years. Mary's friendly smile and devotion to the auxiliary will always be remembered.

Please keep these members & family members in your prayers

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

Quotes In History

"It's a funny thing, but, as years go by, I think you appreciate more and more what a great thing it was to be a United States Marine. I am a U.S. Marine, and I'll be one till I die."

~~Ted Williams, Baseball Hall-of-Famer

---Submitted by Mike Home

Today, we understand that peace through strength is more than a slogan. In a world such as ours, it's a moral necessity, and in the tough job of preserving the peace and defending our nation's independence and freedom, the U.S. Marines have always been there, ready to do their duty.

~~President Ronald Reagan

---Submitted by Steve Neri

COMMANDANT'S REPORT

November, 2003

October was a very busy month - there were quite a few social events, such as the "Welcome Home" picnic at Delaware County Detachment for the Folsom, Marines, the annual chicken dinner at Chester County Detachment, an Oktoberfest Party at Upper Darby Detachment and the Devil Dogs annual Spaghetti Dinner. Well, at least we all ate well this month.

There were also a number of more somber events such as the memorial graveside service for James "Wags" Wagner, the 20th anniversary of Memorial of the Beirut Barracks bombing and a considerable number of Military Funeral Honors rendered by our Honor Guard. Now while all of the afore mentioned activities were going on our Americanism Chairman, Bill Lessig, and assistant, Bob Matthews, launched this school year's program in a number of schools. John Cook and his helpers were setting up a new window display at the Springfield Public Library. Please stop over to see John's display. Also, Jim Alleva, Bob Spano, Harry Kaufman and I were battling time to once again put together a Marine Corps Ball Program book this detachment can be proud of; I believe we achieved our objective. Jack Gingras our Eagle Scout Award Chairman had a number of Certificates to present this month on behalf of the detachment.

Our Jr. Past Commandant Harry Kaufman has been busy, not only with the elections of new officers, but as the Awards Chairman, has to make sure this program is on schedule. Tom Kerrigan the Toys-for-Tots Chairman and I have been to two regional planning meetings for this year's campaign, which is going to be huge and will kick off this week. And not to forget the biggest social event, our fabulous Marine Corps Ball, which Sr. Vice Rick VanLuvender has planned down to the last detail with the help of Barbara & Harry Kaufman, and Bob Spano. BELIEVE ME YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS THE BALL.

The Jr. Troop Handler wagon fund raising efforts have continued through this all and have three more outings to go; lets all help make this a record year. *I remind everyone of the activities of this coming weekend*, Friday the parade at Coatesville VA Hospital, Saturday our Marine Corps Ball, Sunday the graveside ceremony for Gen. Smedley D. Butler at 1030, Monday's Birthday Bash at Cookies, Tuesday is Veterans Day the first ceremony is at the Legion Post at 1100, the second ceremony is at Marple Veterans Memorial Park at 1145 and then at 1200 is the County Parade in Media, PA. Next Friday Night is the TEEN NIGHT we sponsor at the Gauntlett Community Center at 1930.

Semper Fi,
Stephen D. Neri

Delaware County Young Marines,
reporting as ordered, SIR!



Here is the latest update on the Delco. Young Marines.

Our next drill is 26 November at 18:30 hours at the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Folsom.

On December 67, 13-14 and 20-21, we will be helping the Folsom Reserve unit sort their toys for the annual Toys for Tots. We were able to get Springfield School District involved once again and expect an outstanding turnout. Get those toys in!

A cold weather encampment is in the works for January, more information to follow as it develops.

21 December, the annual Christmas Party will be taking place at the VFW Post #928. Bring some toys in for our annual drive and enjoy a nice time.

The Delco. Young Marines would like to wish all Marines a happy 228th birthday. SEMPER FI!

At the Veterans Day Parade in Media, we had groups of children thanking all those in uniform for their service to our nation. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who have served our nation.

OOH-RAH!

Words of motivation

"Pain is weakness leaving the body; it lets you know you are still alive."

We will post future deployments and events as they appear. Semper Fi and Carry on.

First Sergeant Williams

Delco. Young Marines
SEMPER FI

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 25 Staff Meeting - AL Post 805 - 1930
29 Jr. Troop Handler Wagon detail - Last Outing

DECEMBER

- 02 General Meeting/Elections/Christmas Party
1900 (7:00 PM)
16 Staff Meeting & Dinner – Charlottes - 1830

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.

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 Pike, Havertown, PA.

Delaware County Detachment

Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130,
\$5.00/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 & Kendron 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.

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council # 4129

327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA.
Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 29th

This will be last detail for the wagon. **Let's go!**

Thursday, December 4th, VAVS detail assemble at K-of-C parking lot 0800 proceed to Coatesville VA for stocking stuffing duty.

Saturday, December 6th, VAVS detail assemble at K-of-C parking lot 0800. Proceed to Coatesville VA Hospital for patients' Christmas party.

Wednesday, December 17, 2003 American Legion Post # 805 Christmas party at Springfield Country Club.

Please contact Dennis Morsa for tickets 610.353.8168



*Merry Christmas &
Healthy, Happy New Year*

Remember our annual Christmas Party

This is for all members & spouses.

*Both the auxiliary and league meetings will
start promptly at 7 pm.*

*The only cost is that you bring a brand new,
unwrapped toy for the toy barrel.*

The party should start about 8 pm.

*Please join us in celebrating another great
year of our combined organizations and the
holiday season.*



Colonel Paige, Medal of Honor Recipient, dies

By Gunnery Sgt. Mark Oliva, Press Chief

Col. Mitchell Paige, recipient of the Medal of Honor for actions while fighting on Guadalcanal in 1942, died at his home Nov. 15. He was 85.

Paige died of congestive heart failure, according to Holly Schwartz, Paige's granddaughter. He was the last of the Medal of Honor recipients from the Battle of Guadalcanal. The news of his death brought an outpouring of support for his family from around the world.

Marilyn Paige said her husband was "quiet and unassuming, but would stand up for what he believed."

It's a trait that Paige summoned during the battle for which he was decorated with the nation's highest honor. Paige, then a platoon sergeant, held a hilltop Oct. 26, 1942, with just 33 Marines. He directed fire into oncoming enemy assaults of two battalions until all his men were killed or wounded. His Medal of Honor citation noted his actions.

"Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he fought his gun and when it was destroyed, took another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire against the advancing hordes until reinforcements finally arrived," it stated.

Paige was wounded on his hand fending off bayonet charges, received grazing bullet wounds to his hip and shrapnel wounds to his back. He never revealed his wounds during the battle.

"He never told anybody," Marilyn explained. "He was afraid he would be sent to the hospital and lose his platoon."

Marilyn added Paige credited his Marines for his Medal of Honor, saying, "part of that medal belonged to 33 men of his platoon. He was the 'old man.' He was 25."

Paige received a battlefield commission to second lieutenant and retired as a colonel in 1964. Still, his service to the Marine Corps didn't end. He developed miniature rocket weapons systems and invented The Universal Paige Inflatable Tent, later used in Vietnam.

Paige's love for the Corps spanned most of the 20th Century. Born Aug. 31, 1918 in Charleroi, Pa., he tried to enlist in the Marine Corps when he was seventeen, but was turned back because he was underweight, according to Schwartz.

"He walked 200 miles to enlist and was refused," she said... "He went back again and this time ate bananas and drank water to make sure he'd make weight."

Paige enlisted Sept. 1, 1936 and graduated boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.

His storied career is the sorts on which legends are built. His trip to Parris Island was in the back of stake-bed truck, with \$4 for food.

Later, while serving on embassy duty in China, he was locked inside boxcars to protect American goods while Japanese and Chinese forces battled in the opening days of World War II.



The Marine Corps infused nearly every bit of Paige's life. His field service included tours in the Philippines, China, Cuba, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, Pavuvu, Russell Islands, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. He even penned a book about his life, titled, "A Marine Named Mitch," published in 1975.

"It was the biggest thing in his life," Schwartz recalled. "Love of God, country, Corps and family... they were huge." Schwartz said that love was passed down even to the youngest of Paige great-grandchildren. "My three-year-old knows how to march because of him," she said. "He'd play the Marines Hymn and they'd march around the house together."

Still, Paige and nearly all close to him knew his days were coming to a close. He spent most of the last year in and out of the hospital.

Col. John Bates, a close friend of the Paige family, invited him to attend a ball on Camp Pendleton, just last week. [week of November 10] His attendance at the ball was a last-minute decision. He was weak and frail. He lost so much weight he chose not to wear his uniform, no longer fitting him. Instead, he wore a simple tuxedo. His arthritic hands prevented him from pinning his Medal of Honor around his neck.

"I was pinning the medal on him and I thought 'this may very well be the last time he wears it,'" said Bates, assistant chief of staff for operations and training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton...

Paige's stature as a Marine legend was known even outside of the Corps' ranks. Hasbro Toy Company released the Mitchell Paige Medal of Honor GI Joe in 1998 as part of the Classic Collection of GI Joe figures. In March, Paige received the Eagle Scout badge - 67 years after he earned it. He enlisted before he could receive the award.

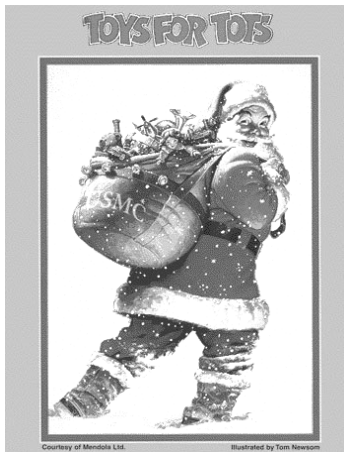
A steady stream of well-wishers was a constant at the Paige home, Marilyn said. Marines stopped by just to chat with Paige. The calls of final respects are still steady now that news of his death is spreading. "It does not surprise a bit," Marilyn said. "None of us will know how many lives he touched through the years." "Colonel Paige is the epitome of the title Marine," Bates added. "If you don't believe it, read, A Marine Named Mitch."

Paige is survived by his wife, Marilyn; six children, 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He will be laid to rest Nov. 23 at the Riverside National Cemetery. The family asks that donations be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation or the World War II Museum in Eldred, Pa.

Source: www.usmc.mil

Save for pictures

A Brief History of Toys for Tots



Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which

would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children."

From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys.

From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys. Three factors dictated this change. First, the Secretary of Defense's Total Force Program assigned Reserves a greater role in America's defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists had to dedicate every minute of weekend drill time to honing and polishing combat skills. No time was available to refurbish toys. Second, public awareness of the health and safety aspects of toys that developed during the 70s made distribution of used toys legally inadvisable. Third, distributing "hand me down" toys does not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In 2003, the DMA Nonprofit Federation named the Foundation the "Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of the Year" for 2003. The Chronicle of Philanthropy ranked the Foundation #341 in the "Philanthropy 400". Starburst ranked the Foundation website #9 of the "Top 100 Toy Websites". Reader's Digest, in the November 2003 edition, named "America's Best Charities". The Foundation was named "Best Children's Charity".

For more information on Toys For Tots, visit their website at www.toysfortots.org.

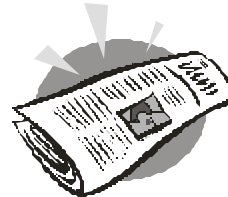
Did you know?...

Walt Disney himself designed the Toys for Tots' logo, which is still used today.



Source: <http://www.toysfortots.org>

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!

Your \$10.00 contribution helps offset the cost of publication and postage.

We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our award-winning newsletter!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

Joe Mealey, Dot & Craig Allen, Frank Ent, Pat & Joe Mensack, Ed Bailey, and Tony Delgrippe.

Thank you boosters!

Semper Fi

Bob Spano

Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for December



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

John V. Artz, Shannon Cassidy, Frank D'Amico, Thomas J. Doyle, Joseph E. Hudson, Charles Kerrigan, Stephen D. Neri, William Nolan, John Schaffhauser, Walter L. Scott, and Gerald W. Zell

Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler
Detachment Marine Corps League
4 November 2003
Regular Meeting

Commandant Steve Neri called the meeting to order at 1930. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the opening prayer was read.

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

Commandant Steve Neri recognized Dick Phillips, Commander of American Legion Post #805, and David Pawlewicz originator and guardian of the "Old Glory" flag program.

Commandant Neri presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Earl Pensyl, the Assistant Postmaster of Broomall for his help in obtaining 5 mailboxes for our unserviceable flag collection program.

Commandant Neri swore in Marine Shannon Cassidy as a regular member. He had not been sworn in before due the fact that he was serving in Iraq.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Walt Tallmadge and seconded by Joe Mensack to approve the minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Adjutant Mike Horne reported that the Delaware County Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 11. The parade's theme this year is honoring all those who served with a special tribute to Korean War veterans. Also in the month of November, the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the MCL will be presenting a display at the Springfield Township Library entitled "Twentieth Century Marines" which will highlight the career of General Smedley D. Butler. Also, Mike announced that the Media Theater will be holding their "Veterans' Night Out" on December 13 with a performance of "Peter Pan" at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00, which includes a reception at 7:00 PM with complimentary beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Also, Mike distributed forms for members' signatures petitioning the U.S. Postal Service to have Medal of Honor recipient John Basilone honored on a U.S. postage stamp.

OFFICER REPORTS:

SR. VICE COMMANDANT: Rick VanLuvender stated that final reservations for the Marine Corps Ball have been made. There will be a photographer for those wishing to have their pictures taken. Also, Rick has a sign-up sheet for a date to be made in the future for a visit to Colonel Waterhouse's Historical Museum in

Tom's River, NJ.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT: Jim Alleva reported that there are still three more stores for the Jr. Troop Handler wagon ticket sales. The Young Marines will be helping out at our final store at Super Fresh. Jim thanked all those who tirelessly come out to help each weekend. This year's ad book has over 100 pages and Jim thanked all those who got ads and helped make this book a success.

ADJUTANT: Mike Horne thanked Bob Spano, who has been the key to the success of the detachment for the last two years. The detachment could not have done it without his help behind the scenes in so many areas.

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Frank Mayer mentioned that he would be getting updated information from State and National on the current bylaws.

PAYMASTER: Bob Spano read a comprehensive monthly financial report. Copies can be obtained. A motion was made by George Boyajian and seconded by Joe Conigliario to approve the monthly report. Motion passed. Bob reported that the grant money of \$1000.00 from Lockheed Martin ECSF was turned over to the USMC Reserve Unit at Folsom for the Toys for Tots program. Boosters are always needed for the newsletter. Cost is \$10.00 per month.

CHAPLAIN: Chris Bush asked for a moment of silence to pray for Mary Powlus, who recently passed away. He also asked that we keep the following people in our prayers: Paul Hathaway, Tom Tanner, George Curley, and Tony Medaglia.

SGT-AT-ARMS: Bob Stanton - no report.

DIRECTOR: Walt Tallmadge-no report.

DIRECTOR: Jerry Powlus-no report.

DIRECTOR: Jim Ross - no report.

JR. PAST COMMANDANT: Harry Kaufman - no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble announced that the next cleanup would be held on November 16. Report time is 0900 at Bishop Hollow Road.

Americanism: Bill Lessig stated that two schools were visited in the month of October and four more are scheduled for the program in November.

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary thanked all who donated baked goods and helped out at their annual bake sale.

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Awards: Harry Kaufman asked all who are responsible for submitting names for awards to give him those names after the meeting.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen announced that the Honor Guard has performed over 200 funerals so far this year.

V.A.V.S.: There will be no bingo for the month of November. The Veterans Day Parade at Coatesville will be held on November 7. Upcoming events at the VA Hospital at Coatesville include stocking stuffing and sock wrapping on December 4, and the distribution and party on December 6. Volunteers are needed.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton introduced Cpl. Shannon Cassidy a former graduate of the Young Marine program as their new Commander, and asked him to give the Young Marine report. Shannon announced that the Young Marines will be helping at the Marine Corps Ball. They also will be present at the Cookies celebration and the Media Day Parade.

Legislative Chairman Bernie McGinley gave members some information on the Concurrent Receipt Deal. This proposal will benefit as many as 200,000 disabled veterans. He also gave information on tax-deductible long-term care insurance premiums. He also talked about Col. Allen B. West of the Army's Fourth Infantry Division, who has been asked to resign early or be court-martialed on outrageous charges while serving in Iraq. A Motion was made by Rick VanLuvender that legislative chairman be allowed to write letters to appropriate authorities stating our support on issues on behalf of the detachment. Motion was seconded by membership. Motion passed.

Toys for Tots: Tom Kerrigan said that the kickoff for the Toys for Tots program has begun. Volunteers are needed to pick up barrels when filled with toys. Tom also reminded members who are coming to the December meeting/Christmas party to make sure to bring a toy. Also, the check from Lockheed Martin for \$1000.00 was from funds donated by employees of that company.

Historian: Ray Green stated that the history book would be available for review at the Marine Corps Ball. He also would like everyone to pay particular attention to the history of the detachment.

Marksmanship: Mike Bodle reported that our detachment came in ninth out of 25 in the half pistol match held at Fort Indiantown Gap. There were over 165 shooters.

COMMANDANT'S REPORT: Commandant Neri passed out copies of the meeting agenda and the

Commandant's report to the membership. Copies are available. Please see Commandant's report in Scuttlebutt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jr. Past Commandant Harry Kaufman conducted second nominations for election of officers. Nominations were: Bob Spano for Commandant; Jim Alleva for Sr. Vice; Jr. Vice – Earl Drake; Adjutant – Mike Horne; Paymaster – Harry Kaufman; Judge Advocate – Dan Luty; Sgt.-at-Arms – Jim Ross; Chaplain – Chris Bush; Service Officer - Connie McGinley; Directors – Jerry Powlus and Rick VanLuvender, one other director position is open.

Harry also stated that voting for the Marine of the Year would be conducted at the next regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob Stanton stated that VFW Post #928 will be taking a bus to Washington, DC next May for the dedication of the WWII monument. He also announced that the Maritime Museum at Penn's Landing does not want the new Beirut Memorial in front of the museum. It may be moved in the future near the Korean and Vietnam memorials. Veterans groups may be asked to provide financial support at that time. Commander Dick Philips of Marple Memorial Post #805 invited members to their Christmas party on December 17th at the Springfield Country Club. Tickets are \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for all others. Deadline for reservations is December 6. Dave Pawlewicz thanked our detachment for being the first to help sponsor the world flag tour "Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road." Dave gave us information on some of the places the flag has been, such as the World Trade Center, WWII Groundbreaking Ceremony, and the USS Iwo Jima, among many others.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Commandant Neri discussed the memorial bricks that can be purchased at Marple Veterans Memorial Park. A motion was made by Bob Bunce and seconded by membership that the detachment purchase a brick for \$50.00 in the Detachment's name to be placed in Veterans Park in Broomall. John Cook, in honor of General Smedley D. Butler, gave a short biography of his military career, stating that General Butler won two Medals of Honor for two separate feats of valor.

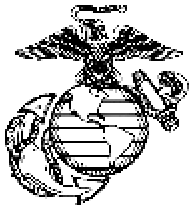
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:45.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Horne, Adjutant.

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The 50/50 winner was Bernie McGinley.  
Locker Box certificate winner was Dave Pawlewicz.  
51 members signed in the logbook on 11/4/03.

**Goodnight Chesty,  
wherever you are.**

**Next Regular Meeting is:  
December 2, 2003  
1900 hrs.  
(Note: special time - 7:00 PM)  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA**



**Marine Corps League**  
Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
P.O. Box 184  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184

**"I Pledge Allegiance"**