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General Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Commandant's Report December 2011

I would like to start by sharing a pleasant encounter I recently had, that ended very sadly. Last week I stopped in a small sporting goods store that's owned by an older couple, in Tunkhannock, on my way home from bear hunting.

The wife noticed my Marine hat and had asked if I was a Marine, I said yes and she had replied that she had served in the Navy as a dental hygienist. She had remarked that Marines were very courageous except when they sat in her dental chair and that she believes that Marines would much rather face bombs and bullets than needles. She had also proudly told me of her daughter who is currently serving in the Army National Guard.

As I was leaving I noticed a picture of a young Marine in his blues, probably a boot camp picture, hanging near the door. I had asked who the Marine was she had told me that is their grandson.

Curious as to why she hadn't mention him I asked more about him and she told me that he was a sniper and served two tours in action but was killed a couple of months ago. I offered condolences and asked if he was KIA. He was not.

After returning from his last tour, he had made corporal and was in Leadership school. He and his classmates, about 40 Marines, were running in formation on base at around 0630 when a car collided with the formation killing her grandson and injuring several others. Very sad and hard to imagine!

Unfortunately, I've been spending a lot of time on the road lately and will be away for the next few weeks. I will miss the next Staff and General Meetings. Sr. Vice Cosgrove will be filling in for me.

I hope you all have a great time at the Christmas dinner and I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Holidays!

Semper Fi,
Dan Luty
Commandant

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Help support our award winning 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!

DECEMBER BOOSTERS

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| Joe Direso | Tom Kerrigan |
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| Emil Latini | Bob Matthews |
| Bernie McGinley | Jerry McGuckin |
| Bob Senior | Florence/Bob Spano |
| Bud Davis | Con McGinley |
| Beth/Jim Herbst | John Kelly |
| Bill Nolan | Bob Cervino |
| Rosemarie/Tony Fusto | |

Thank you boosters!

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 Artz
- Joseph Daly
- John Meyer
- Michael Milliken
- William Nolan
- John Schaffhauser
- Walter Scott



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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| Commandant | Dan Luty |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Bob Cosgrove |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod |
| Adjutant | Jack Kelly |
| Paymaster | Bob Spano |
| Judge Advocate | Paul Ferguson |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | James D. Ross |
| Chaplain | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer | Con McGinley |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Ed Seidl |
| Director | Bernie McGinley |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Earle Drake |

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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

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General & Healthcare Benefits

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| Veterans' Healthcare | 800-222-8387 |
| Education | 888-442-4511 |
| Grave Markers | 800-697-6947 |
| Life Insurance | 800-669-8477 |
| Website | www.va.gov |

Looking Ahead

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

DETACHMENT EVENTS

December

- 4 St. Albans Circle, Newt Sq Tree Lighting – Toys For Tots collection – 1900.
- 5 General meeting at Knights of Columbus & Annual Christmas Celebration Dinner. **General Meeting starts at 6PM with dinner to follow.** The price of admission is one unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots program. Please contact Bob Cosgrove for reservations, 610-896-8559. He needs this information for the caterer. This meeting will be the final round of nominations and elections for your 2012 officers. Active members *only* are eligible to vote for officers. After the officer's election, the vote for Marine of the Year will be held. All members are eligible to vote. Three candidates will be on the ballot, vote for one only.
- 9 Nunan Slook Post #338 Christmas Party, bring toy, 1830.
- 10 Media Theatre Vets Night, Sound of Music, 1900.
- 21 Memorial Post #805 Christmas Party, Springfield Golf Club, 1200.
- 21 Carpenters Union Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus, toy collection, 1900.
- 27 **Staff Meeting Dinner** to be held at Valentino's Italian Restaurant, West Chester Pike, Broomall. **All** members are invited. Cost per person is \$25.00. Start time is 7:30PM.

January

- 2 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus. Installation of Officers and award program.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

Regular Events

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 1930.

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

American Legion Nunan-Slook Post #338, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM of every month at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues, Havertown, PA.

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67, AmVets, Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave. in Morton, PA meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$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

Jack McHenry Matthew (Gene) Balfrey	Tom Lynch Ben Cope
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Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.

MARINE SUNDAY, 2011

7 November was Marine Memorial Sunday at Oaklands Cemetery, West Chester, PA. We joined together with the Chester County Detachment to honor three Marines buried at OakLands.

Our Namesake General Smedley D. Butler was one of those memorialized.

Each year we take part in this ceremony. It is required by **administrative procedure A-8**, which states: As long as the Detachment exists, an Honor Guard (consisting of firing squad and Colors) will be made available on Marine Sunday in honor of the Detachment namesake, General Smedley D. Butler. Participating was: Wayne Williams, Chris Bush, Dan Luty, Bob Spano, Bernie McGinley and Earle Drake. We salute our brothers and sisters of the Chester County Detachment.

Submitted by:

Earle Drake



Selected December Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

4 December 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

15 December 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS *Ticonderoga* provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

26 December 1957: Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS *Princeton* where Marines participated in the rescue and evacuation of flood victims.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes – 7 November 2011

Commandant: Commandant Dan Luty opened the meeting at 1930. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dan Luty, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake.

New Member: A potential new member was introduced to the membership. Joseph Tier served in the Marine Corps, and he was sponsored for membership by Chris Bush. Bob Spano made a motion to accept Joseph Tier into the Detachment as a regular member. Jim Herbst seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Commandant Dan Luty administered the oath of membership to Joseph Tier, and he was officially sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 October 2011 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for contributions made by the Detachment had been received from the Upper Main Line YMCA, Operation First Response, the Fisher House Foundation, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Upper Darby, PA Detachment of the Marine Corps League, the Semper Fi Fund, and the USO of the Philadelphia International Airport. There were also two notes of appreciation for donations from needy family recipients.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that there were no new names of illnesses reported to him. He mentioned that it was good to see Dave Brimble and Walt Tallmadge in attendance at the tonight's meeting.

Sr. Vice: Bob Cosgrove reported that the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball had been held on 4 November 2011, and that those who attended had a good time. The dinner was delicious and everyone enjoyed the music. Bob Cosgrove encouraged those who did not attend this year's Ball to consider attending the Ball next year. Bob Cosgrove also reported that the next general meeting scheduled for 5 December 2011 is the annual Christmas dinner meeting. The price of admission is one unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting for members to sign up for the dinner on 5 December 2011.

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported that in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign, the thirtieth event had been completed in the past weekend, along with two others at Wawa locations. A total of \$2,738.00 had been collected in the past weekend, bringing the year-to-date total collected to \$111,291.00.

Jack McLeod also provided some information on the Ball program book, indicating that the ninety-six pages and money from ticket sales should result in a break-even point on the cost of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Jack McLeod read the names of those members who were responsible for multiple ads in the program book, and he also read the names of those members who contributed individual ads.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 October 2011. He also suggested to the members that they should review the list of organizations to be considered for donations later during the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Ross mentioned that a gentleman who he had been talking to had indicated that he wanted to convey a personal "thank you" to all who served in the Detachment.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that he had placed informational flyers on the back table containing information for obtaining flu shots at the Coatesville Hospital and at the Springfield Hospital.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake reported that he and Jim Mulhern had made an Americanism/Flag presentation to a group of seniors at Presbyterian Village in Broomall. Another presentation was made to a fifth grade class at St. Norbert's School in Paoli, PA. In the Public Relations arena, Earle Drake mentioned that a symposium had been conducted at Neumann University on 1 November 2011. The program was entitled "Marines in Combat and the Cold War in the Twentieth Century." Those involved were George Boyajian, Jim McGuigan, John Cook, Jerry Leon, Bernie McGinley, Bob Spano, Bob Cosgrove, Wayne Barner, and Earle Drake. As a reminder, Earle Drake also mentioned that the second round of nominations for officers for 2012 would take place later in the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Auxiliary Liaison: Tony Fusto indicated that the Auxiliary appreciated of the funds donated by the Detachment during the year.

Awards: Harry Kaufman was not in attendance, but Bob Spano indicated that officers and committee chairmen should send the names of members that assisted in the Detachment's endeavors during the year to Harry Kaufman by the December meeting. Those members to be honored will be recognized at the January 2012 general meeting.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan reported that the Color Guard had been involved in Marine Sunday, an annual recognition at a cemetery in the West Chester area, honoring the remains of three deceased Marines, including General Smedley D. Butler. The Chester County Detachment was also involved in this ceremony. In addition, Bob Spano outlined the activities scheduled for Veterans Day on 11 November. The day begins with the Color Guard being involved with opening ceremonies for a veterans breakfast hosted by Representative Bill Adolph

and later ends with the annual Veterans Day Parade in Media, PA.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese indicated that the collection of old and tattered flags is ongoing. No date has been established as to when the collected flags would be properly burned.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that 21 military funerals for deceased veterans had been conducted during October. The year-to date total is 183. Five military funerals have already been conducted in the first week of November.

Membership: Jim Herbst emphasized that in order to bring a new member on board it is necessary to have the application form, the first year's membership dues, and the proper documentation. Jim Herbst also stressed the need to continually seek and add new members, especially younger members.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he expected to have application forms for the Detachment scholarship program at the January 2012 general meeting. He also expected to have application forms for the Department (state) and National programs by the February 2012 general meeting.

Scouting: Ed Seidl reported that two Eagle Scout presentations had been conducted during October.

Toys for Tots: Bob Cosgrove reported that about 12 members are assisting in this year's Toys for Tots program. Each member is handling between 10 to 13 locations for distributing boxes for the collection of toys. George Boyajian indicated that Jim McGarrity of the Carpenters Union would be dropping off toys in the week before Christmas.

Young Marines: Dan Luty reported that he, Bob Spano, and Jim Donegan had recently donated a check of \$3,000.00 to the Young Marines program.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were discussed.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the suggested organizations to receive donations. These suggested organizations had been discussed and approved for consideration by the membership at a recent officers' staff meeting. Al Harper made a motion to donate the funds as outlined by Bob Spano. The following organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are: (1) The Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$3,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$3,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$3,000.00); (4) Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center (\$220.00); (5) Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA (\$2,000.00); (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$3,000.00); (7) Veterans Administration Community Living Center of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA (\$1,000.00). Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Nominations for 2012: Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake presided over the second round of nominations of officers for 2012. Nominations for Judge Advocate and Sergeant-at-Arms were accepted by Paul Ferguson and Charles (Bud) Davis respectively. So far, nominations for the following positions have been accepted by:

Commandant: Jim Herbst
Sr. Vice Commandant: Bob Cosgrove
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod
Paymaster: Bob Spano
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson
Chaplain: Chris Bush
Service Officer: Con McGinley
Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles (Bud) Davis
Directors (three needed): Bernie McGinley, Ed Seidl, and Bill Kinney.

There is one final opportunity to nominate officers for 2012 at the December general meeting. The election of officers will be held at the December general meeting.

Earle Drake also mentioned that the Marine of the Year election would be conducted at the December general meeting. Nominations for the Marine of the Year can still be submitted.

Good of the League: Barry Reese reminded everyone that the annual Veterans Day parade will be held on 11 November 2011. Vice President Joe Biden will be in attendance. Bob Spano reported that A.J. Burn of the Delaware County MCL Detachment had donated an iron to our Detachment. The iron is to be used for the purpose of ironing the streamers on our Detachment flag.

Announcements: Announcements of upcoming events were reviewed, including Election Day on 8 November, the 236th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps on 10 November, and a number of events scheduled for Veterans Day on 11 November 2011.

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 2040.

Jim Constien won the 50/50. Forty members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

GREETINGS:

I am honored to recognize the 236th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps and to pay tribute to the dedicated service of the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Each of our military personnel, past and present, has been inspired by the very same call of duty and possesses a rare caliber of character and courage. Through exceptional dedication to our country and its citizens, our servicemen and women have been willing to give the greatest sacrifice to ensure the fundamental principles of liberty, security, and justice for future generations.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor the United States Marine Corps for courageously defending our country from the Revolutionary War to the present. It is my distinct honor to recognize the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its commitment to upholding your admirable mission, which includes preserving the traditions, promoting the interests, and perpetuating the history of the United States Marine Corps; enhancing the fellowship among those who are now serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged; assisting its members in fulfilling the duties of citizenship; holding sacred the memory and history of those who have given their lives for our nation; fostering love for the principles that the Marine Corps has supported by blood and valor; maintaining true allegiance to American institutions; and voluntarily aiding all Marines as well as their widows and children.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the 236th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps and to commend the Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League and all of our military personnel, past and present, for your countless contributions to our nation's citizens.



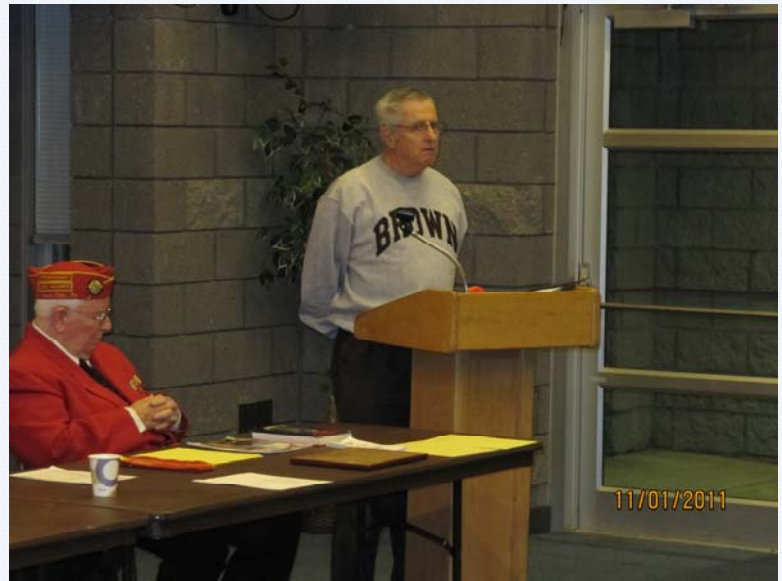
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TOM CORBETT
Governor
November 10, 2011

Marines in Combat and the Cold War

Our Detachment Marines made a presentation to the students and staff of Neumann University in Aston, PA on 11 November. It was a great showing. World War II was handled by George Boyajian and Jim McGuigan. Korea was handled by John Cook and Jerry Leon. The presenters for Vietnam were Wayne Barner, Bob Spano and Bernie McGinley. Bob Cosgrove handled the Cold War and Earle Drake was the moderator.

Here are some pictures...





11/04/2011



11/04/2011

Smedley Butler Detachment Birthday Ball. Pictured above left is Bernie McGinley and above right is Jim Herbst



11/04/2011



11/11/2011

Birthday Cake

Veterans Day visit to Highgate Assisted Living



11/11/2011



11/11/2011

Earle Drake presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Veterans at Highgate Assisted Living



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Commitment*



TOYS FOR TOTS



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Next Meeting
December 5, 2011
1800 hours
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