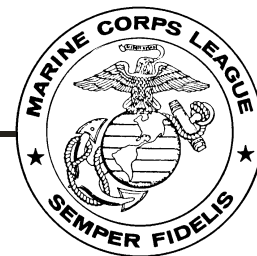




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Commandant's Report June 2006

- Over the last month we saw our wagon go out for the first time at Marple Pride Day.
- Over all we had a pretty good day. Our Color Guard performed at the 165th PA. District WWII Veterans Honor ceremony.
- Earlier in the month the Color Guard with other members from the A.L. and VFW took part in the opening and closing ceremony at the National Day of Prayer in Rose Tree Park. Our Jr. Past Commandant, Paymaster, Historian

and I were on hand to give out our Police and Fireman award to Marple Township.

- On the 12th Our State Commandant, Chaplain, Paymaster, Jr. Vice Commandant, Historian and I attended the Delaware County Young Marine Graduation at the Herbert Best VFW Post in Folsom. We presented Bob Stanton, a member and commander of the Young Marines, with a check for five hundred dollars to assist them with their needs. Bob has done a wonderful job, seeing these young adults perform was really a credit to Bob.
- Military Appreciation Day/POW/MIA Plaque Dedication on the 13th started out great with many in attendance, including Maj. Gen. Ron Coleman, Brig. Gen John Paxton, Congressman Curt Weldon, many POWs from around the area plus many local politicians. The one thing that came, which was uninvited, was the rain...and it did rain...but the new POW/MIA plaque looks great among the service branches.
- Our Honor Guard is going strong with many multiple burial days. They are closing in on one hundred twenty. Our county should be proud of what they do day in and day out.
- By the time you read this our Color Guard will have performed at Beverly Hills Middle School, in which Ed Spears, the principal and member of the detachment, has a wonderful program he does with the children to teach them what Memorial Day is about. Our Detachment will have done our Memorial Day Ceremonies with our friends from the VFW 7390 and A.L Post 805.

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God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

Sr. Vice Report

Congratulations to new Life Members Jeremy Leon, Mark Hines and Tom Higgins. Jeremy was in attendance and was presented with his Life Member Gold Card and Pin.

For the Harrisburg trip there are currently 30 people signed up thus leaving 14 spots available. The tentative agenda is to arrive at the Capitol Building at 1020. Photos with State Rep. Ron Raymond at 1030 followed by the Capitol tour from 1045 to 1145. Lunch from 1145 to 1245. Tour of Gov.'s Mansion from 1300 to 1400. We'll then head to the Civil War Museum and we should arrive there around 1430, that tour will also be approximately one hour. Stop for dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord on the way home. As of now the cost per person breaks down like this: \$25 bus, \$5.50 civil war museum and \$20.95 for Miller's Smorgasbord for a rounded off total of \$51.

Our Spring Dinner will be before the June regular meeting. It is important that you sign up for the dinner if you plan on attending. An accurate count will insure that there will be plenty of food. Cost of the dinner is \$10. Dinner is served before the general meeting and will start at 1800.

The officers at the Delaware County Detachment and I have come up with a date for a combined Detachment cookout. The date is Saturday August 19th from 1300 to 1600 and will be held at Delco's home in Upland. I will be inviting the Upper Darby Detachment as well. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Anyone interested in attending must sign up so the appropriate amount of food and beverages can be purchased. This is a great opportunity to meet the members of the other two detachments in Delaware County.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

I would like to thank **BOB SPANO, JOE DIRESO, EARLE DRAKE, PAUL DONAHUE and BERNIE MCGINLEY** for showing up and helping raise funds for the **MARCH OF DIMES** walk-a-thon. We turned in \$858.

Dan Luty



Jr. Vice Report

We kicked off the Wagon Fund raiser with a bang on Saturday May 6th. As usual, the old war horses turned out in support of the program. That is meant to be complimentary in every way. Our program would not be successful if it were not for the members who have been here the longest. I took a poll and found the average age of great Marines participating in the Marple Day event to be 68 years of age. Fellow Marines, that has to change. We absolutely need our young members to begin to take hold by working the wagon fund raiser as regular supporters.

Being a member, means supporting the organization we are all proud to say we belong to with the understanding that we do have a responsibility to support our detachment. The turn out of young members was not what we could call exciting, especially when one considers that Bernie McGinley was probably the youngest member in attendance. Bob Bunce, Gerry Powlus, John Cook, Dave Brimble, Tony Fusto, Joe Hudson, George VanDusen, Super seller George Boyajian lead the pack in age as hard workers, while Jack Kelly, Earle Drake, Tom Lynch and Jim Alleva will have to fight for who's the youngest against Bernie McGinley. We had a great turn out, but never before has the need for our younger members to jump in and take the helm. It's our major fund raiser, and nothing gets done if we don't succeed in raising the monies to cover our budget and do the great work of the League. I will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting for those under the age of 50 to sign up as a supporting member of the Wagon Sales Team. That doesn't mean that if you're over 50 you are exempt. We need everybody we can to help the drive succeed. Show up, meet the guys, create great camaraderie, have a little

nourishment and sell tickets for the wagon. It's fun and not hard if everyone pitches in to build our wagon sales. I personally thank those of you who showed up on the 6th. Great job, great day and thanks so much for your support.

Don't forget to send in your June Lottery ticket stubs with the money to my attention at the League's P.O. Box, 184, Newtown Square, PA. 19073.

Jeremy Leon

Commandant's Message June 2006

We look back with another Memorial Day behind us and everyone one of us has reflected on a lost loved one. Now we prepare for the summer, and with this Detachment there is no vacation. We look forward to the start of our Wagon Sales and the State Convention. Our June Dinner is always great because we get to give out Scholarships to our winners and enjoy some good food. We have a nice trip planned to Harrisburg. Also, both of our trailers have been painted and are ready to go. I wish all members and their families a safe and fun summer.

By now most of you have received a membership roster. Look it over. Maybe you can call another member and find a new friend. Look on the front and you'll see our list of committees. Call one of the chairmen and see what you can do to help; we can always use it. Coming out for the wagon you get to know others better. This is where I have met many of my friends. When we know each other, we work better together. We all have different personalities and have many ways of doing things. The thing that leads to the success of any organization is using these differences positively and by listening and understanding one another.

God Bless & Semper Fi,

Jim Alleva

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant: Jim Alleva
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dan Luty
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jeremy Leon
Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Paymaster: Ben Sides
Judge Advocate: Rick Van Luvender
Chaplain: Christopher D. Bush
Sergeant At Arms: James D. Ross
Service Officer: Connie McGinley
Director: Paul Donohue
Director: Earle Drake
Director: Bernard McGinley
Jr. Past Commandant: Bob Spano

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway: Dave Brimble
Americanism: William Lessig
Auxiliary Liaison: Anthony Fusto
Awards: Bob Spano
Ceremonies & Color Guard: George Van Dusen
Ceremonies Assistant: John J. V. Cook
Flag Collection - Barry Reese
Historian: John J. V. Cook
Home Association & Meetings: Tom Kerrigan
Legislative: Bernie McGinley
Locker Box: Tom Lynch
Marksmanship: Mike Bodle
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt): Sandi Mauer
Property: Dave Brimble
Public Relations: Steve Neri
Scholarships: Dave Williams
Scouting: John Gingras
Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty
Uniforms: Tom Bishop
VAVS: Robert Matthews
Young Marines Chairman: Bob Stanton

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VA Hotline 800-827-1000
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Life Insurance 800-669-8477
Website www.va.gov

*******REMINDER*******

**Due to the Holiday,
The JULY MEETING will be
WEDNESDAY, July 5th**

*******REMINDER*******

THE SAGA OF THE "WILLIE D" The U.S.S. William D. Porter...DD-579

From November 1943, until her demise in June 1945, the American destroyer, William D. Porter was often hailed, whenever she entered port or joined other naval ships, with the greeting; "Don't shoot, we're Republicans!" For half a century, the U.S. Navy kept a lid on the details of that incident that prompted this salutation. A Miami news reporter made the first public disclosure in 1958 after he stumbled upon the truth while covering a reunion of the destroyer's crew. The Pentagon reluctantly and tersely confirmed his story, but only a smattering of newspapers took notice.

Fifty years ago, the Willie D as the Porter was nicknamed, accidentally fired a live torpedo at the battleship Iowa during a practice exercise. As if this weren't bad enough, the Iowa was carrying President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the time, along with Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, and all the country's W.W.II military brass. They were headed for the Big Three Conference in Tehran, where Roosevelt was to meet Stalin and Churchill. Had Porter's torpedo struck the Iowa at the aiming point, the last fifty years of world history might have been quite different.

This ship was built in Orange, Texas and commissioned on July 6, 1943 and commanded by Lt. Cdr. Wilifred A. Walker, a man on the Navy's fast track career. The ship had several heavy and light guns, but the main armament was 10 fast-running torpedoes that carried 500 lb. warheads.

In the months before she was detailed to accompany the Iowa across the Atlantic in November 1943, the Porter and her crew learned their trade, experiencing the normal problems that always beset a new ship and a novice crew. The mishaps grew more serious when she became an escort for the pride of the fleet, the big new battleship Iowa.

The night before they left Norfolk, bound for North Africa, the Porter accidentally damaged a nearby sister ship when she backed down along the other ship's side and her anchor tore down her railing, life rafts, ship's boat and various valuable pieces of equipment. The Willie D merely had a scraped anchor, but her career of mayhem and mishaps had just begun.

Just twenty-four hours later, the four ship convoy consisting of the Iowa and her secret passengers and two other destroyers was under strict instructions to maintain complete radio silence. As they were going through a know U-Boat feeding

ground, speed and silence were the best defense. Suddenly, a tremendous explosion rocked the convoy. All the ships commenced anti-submarine maneuvers. This continued until the Porter sheepishly admitted that one of her depth chargers had fallen off her stern and exploded. The "safety" had not been set as instructed. Captain Walker was watching his fast track career become side-tracked.

Shortly thereafter, a freak wave inundated the ship, stripping away everything that wasn't lashed down. A man was washed overboard and never found. Next, the boiler room lost fire in one of its boilers. The Captain, by this time, was making reports almost hourly to the Iowa about the Willie D's difficulties. It would have been merciful if the force commander had detached the hard luck ship and sent her back to Norfolk. But, no, she sailed on!

To be continued....

Based on "Amusing Naval History" by Kit Bonner.....John J.V. Cook
Published with his consent.

News from the Front...

Below are photographs of SgtMaj Kasal, about whom there was an article in the last *Scuttlebutt* edition.



SgtMaj Kasal shown wearing the Navy Cross.

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

June

- 6th General Meeting-June Dinner-K o C-1800 ****
7th Del Co. Naturalization Ceremony- Del Co.
Court House-1900
10th Flag Retirement Ceremony- Vets Park-
Broomall-1100
12th Coatesville Bingo Party-meet-K o C-1830
12th Newtown Twp. Municipal Build. -Police &
Fireman Award-1900
14th Daughters of American Revolution-Lansdowne
Borough Green-1830
20th Detachment Bus trip- Harrisburg- K o C-Meet-
0830
21-25 Dept. of PA State Convention-Wilkes-Barre
27th- Staff Meeting-A.L.#805-1930

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' MEETING SCHEDULES

Regular Events

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 8 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, 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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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

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.

It Happened This Month In Marine Corps History

- June 6 1944 - Allies land at Normandy, France for Europe invasion
- June 10 1871 - A Marine Battalion made the first landing against Korean forts
- June 14 1898 - Two Companies of Marines defeated the Spanish Near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- June 30 - Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy Jurisdiction

The 27th Annual Department of Pennsylvania MCL Rifle Match is scheduled for September 29, 30 and 1st of October at Fort Indiantown Gap. This will be a two day match. Be prepared to shoot Saturday, September 30 and Sunday October 1. No guarantee which day you will be scheduled.

For more information and entry forms, call Earle Drake at: 610-325-9065.

We are proud to acknowledge two new Life Members so far, in the last two months.

If you're not already a Life Member, please consider the savings and become one! See Paymaster for details.

Delaware County Detachment
Marine Corps League
4th Annual Summer Golf Classic
("Better Than Ever")
at

"The Beautiful" Linfield National Golf Club
Saturday, June 24, 2006

Cost: \$80.00 per golfer (\$ due by 6/03/2006)

Includes:

Greens Fees and Cart,

Hot Dog & Beer or Soda at the "turn" &

Steak Dinner

(with baked potato, corn on the cob, salads, dessert, beer
& soda back at the detachment)

Non golfers cost for dinner: \$16.00 per person
children 13 and under: \$6.00 per child

Gifts for all golfers, Cash Prizes & Door Prizes
Format: Scramble @ 8:30 A.M.

For reservations call:

Ray Patterson @ (610) 874-3903
Bill Rulli @ (610) 457-0683
Dan Luty @ (610) 461-0582
Dick Delgrego @ (610) 534-7637
Bob Borgstrom @ (610) 565-1848
Marine Corps League @ (610) 774-6601

Quick Entry Form

**Make checks payable to: Delco. Detachment Marine
Corps League**

Golfer #1 _____
Phone # _____

Golfer #2 _____
Phone # _____

Golfer #3 _____
Phone # _____

Golfer #4 _____
Phone # _____

Enter a foursome and receive a \$10.00 Gas Gift Card

**(For directions to the Golf Club,
call Steve Neri @ 610-356-4982.)**

**Greetings from the Delaware County
Young Marines!**

We would like you to join us in welcoming LCpl. Ryan Klawansky as our newest Adult Staff Member. LCpl. Klawansky is a former Young Marine himself (also under Bob Stanton's command) and brings a wealth of knowledge of the Program to our Unit. He served a tour in Iraq and was stationed at Camp Lejeune prior to his honorable discharge in March '06. We know LCpl. Klawanski will be an asset to helping our Unit become the best!

Our 18th Young Marine Recruit Graduation was held on Friday, 12 May 2006 at the Folsom VFW Post 928. Four Recruits earned the title Young Marine. Congratulations to our Honor Graduate, PCF Gregory Manfre. We also said goodbye to MGSgt Christine Porter who was honorably discharged after nine years with our Unit. Thank you to all Detachment members who came out and showed their support!

The Delaware County Young Marines will be busy this month with various Memorial Day remembrance activities. We will be planting flags at Glenwood Cemetery, crosses and flowers at the Folsom VFW and participating in Broomall's Parade. It is a privilege for our Unit to participate in any activity that honors the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

On behalf of our Unit, I would also like to thank you for your very generous contribution which was presented to Commander Stanton. Your continuous support of the Delaware County Young Marines is greatly appreciated!

God Bless America ... God Bless the Corps!

Semper Fi

1stSgt. Timothy Dunton

We have received several proposed by-law changes from the Department of Pennsylvania, and National. Details of these proposed changes will be discussed at the June general meeting.

Rick Van Luvender

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



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

With the recent increase in postage and printing costs, we encourage your continued support. 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!

MAY BOOSTERS

Joe Direso, Florence & Bob Spano, Dan Fitzpatrick, Jim Clark, Ben Sides, George VanDusen, Elena & Jim Alleva, Joe & Pat Mensack.

Thank you boosters!

Ben Sides

Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Ben Sides.

Quotes in History...

"Never in the history of the world has any soldier sacrificed more for the freedom and liberty of total strangers than the American soldier."

...Senator Zell Miller, USMC

"God grants liberty to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it."

...Daniel Webster

"They summed up and perfected, by one supreme act the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

Gen. James A. Garfield at the first National Memorial observance in May 1868.

SICK CALL



Members:

Matt Balfrey & Tom Kerrigan

Please keep these members and family members in your prayers and make an effort to contact them and let them know you care.

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

Birthday Greetings for June

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

Michael Anastasi
George Boyajian
John Burfete, Jr.
Robert Cervino
Anthony Delgrippe
Frank DiBonaventuro
Jeremy Leon
Norman Lynch
Thomas McGovern
Joseph Mealey
Anthony Medaglia
Aloysius O'Connell
Robert Senior
Lawrence Stevenson
Tom Tanner
William Williams, Sr.
Gerald Zell

Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741
Marine Corps League
General Meeting Minutes
2 May 2006

Commandant: Jim Alleva called the meeting to order at 1930, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. All officers were present.

Minutes: Steve Neri made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt, and Joe Hudson seconded this. The motion passed.

The Commandant recognized the guests who were in attendance, as well as all past commandants.

Remembrance: As an annual tribute, the League honored those members who had passed away during the past year. Those recognized were James Howley, Joseph Dodds, and honorary member Sgt. James Fordyce, USMC. Also recognized were all those who gave their lives in the defense of our country.

Paymaster: Ben Sides gave the paymaster's report, and copies were provided. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. This was seconded by Jeremy Leon, and the motion passed.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read the incoming correspondence, including a thank you note from Peg Fordyce, mother of Sgt. James Fordyce, USMC, for recognizing her son at a recent League meeting. An announcement was made concerning the upcoming state convention in June, and discussion followed on placing an advertisement in the state's commemorative book. Earle Drake made a motion to place a full-page ad in the book at a cost of \$75.00. This was seconded by Bernie McGinley, and the motion passed.

Commandant Jim Alleva announced that paper copies of the detachment's roster are available for those who wanted one. Those receiving the Scuttlebutt by e-mail will receive a copy of the roster by e-mail.

Sr. Vice: Dan Luty presented Jeremy Leon with his Life Membership card and pin. Dan also provided up to date information on the trip to Harrisburg on 20 June 2006. The trip will consist of a tour of the capitol building, a tour of the governor's mansion, and a visit to the Civil War Museum. Lunch will be provided, and dinner will be at Miller's Smorgasbord on the way home. Total cost is \$51.00 per person. The spring dinner will be before the regular June meeting. It is necessary to sign up for the dinner. Cost is \$10.00 per person. A combined detachment cookout is being planned for 19 August 2006, for the Delaware County Detachment, Upper Darby Detachment, and our detachment. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for

children. Dan Luty also thanked Bob Spano, Joe Deriso, Earle Drake, Paul Donohue, and Bernie McGinley for participating in the March of Dimes Walk on 30 April.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that several were experiencing health issues, including Jack McHenry, Tom Kerrigan (broken arm), and Bud Bruce. Steve Neri mentioned that Bob Senior was also ill.

Pennsylvania State Commandant: Tom Tanner indicated that there would be rifle matches again this year in September. Previously it was feared that repairs to the range would not be completed in time. Tom Tanner reviewed activity for events in November for the national celebration for the birthday ball for the Marine Corps. Additional information is available on the website for the Heritage Foundation. Tom Tanner also provided information on a number of proposed By-laws changes. Some of these are administrative in nature, while others will need to be reviewed and decided upon.

Jr. Vice: Earle Drake reported that there are still unpaid ads from the 2005 program book. Efforts to recover payments should be made by the sellers. In the Department of PA raffle, ticket sales are now underway. In the June Pennsylvania lottery, ticket sales are also underway and sales appear to be going well. On the Junior Troop Handler wagon, Marple Pride Day (6 May) is the first site scheduled for the wagon this year. Volunteers are needed. Since Earle Drake was appointed as Jr. Vice for just a short time period, this was his last official report as Jr. Vice. Commandant Jim Alleva expressed his appreciation for the excellent work that Earle performed. Members of the League expressed their appreciation with a round of applause for Earle. At this time, Commandant Jim Alleva asked PA State Commandant Tom Tanner to swear in the new Jr. Vice, Jeremy Leon. This was done, and Jeremy Leon is now serving as the Jr. Vice for the detachment.

Commandant: Jim Alleva reviewed the calendar activity for the month of May, emphasizing those events where the Color Guard will be needed.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Bob Spano distributed several awards to those individuals who had not been at the annual award ceremony in January. Certificates were awarded to Jack Gingras and Tom Kerrigan.

Ceremonies: George VanDusen reported that 102 funerals have been served this year by the Honor Guard.

Flag Collection: Barry Reese reported that he has made some contacts and progress is being made.

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Home Association: Tom Kerrigan reported that a new sound system had been installed for the detachment's activities.

Marksmanship: Earl Drake reported that there had been practice earlier today, and another practice is scheduled for Saturday, 6 May.

Newtown Township Veterans Park: Steve Neri reported that a beef and beer fundraiser had recently been held. He also indicated that the new sign is going up shortly.

Public Relations: Steve Neri reported on his activity in reference to May being recognized as National Military Appreciation Month. He provided a copy of his letter to Major General John M. Paxton, Jr., Commanding General, Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA, inviting him to speak at the National Military Appreciation Recognition Ceremony on 13 May 2006. Steve Neri also provided a copy of the fact sheet for this event, as well as a copy of the resolution from Delaware County Council declaring the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month.

Scouting: Jack Gingras indicated that four presentations had been given recently.

Young Marines: Bob Stanton reported that graduation ceremonies are scheduled for the Young Marines on 12 May 2006. This will be held at the Folsom VFW starting at 1930. Everyone was invited to attend.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams provided information on the scholarship program, indicating that 15 applications had been received. Six scholarships will be awarded, along with another to a Young Marine. After Wayne explained the process, and with the assistance of George Boyajian, six names were drawn and two alternates were drawn. The names of the six qualifiers are Leah McGinley, Brandon Kaufman, Wayne Williams Jr., Erica Bianco, Joseph Meyer, and Stephanie Bunce. The two alternates are Katrina Phillips and Kevin Delgrippe.

Unfinished Business: George Boyajian reported that the WWII recognition dinner for the 164th district would be at the Drexelbrook Inn.

New Business: None

Good of the League: It was announced that Bob Stanton has been elected as the new Commander of the VFW in Folsom, PA.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by George Boyajian, and the motion was passed. Closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 2105.

John Kratzinger won the 50/50. 49 members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly, Adjutant

REMINDER

This reminder is for those members with an e-mail address.

If you desire to receive the Scuttlebutt by e-mail, and *if you have not already done so*, please send your name and e-mail address to Jack Kelly, Adjutant, at jkktqbtg@comcast.net. Advantages of receiving the newsletter by e-mail include receiving the newsletter sooner, and in some cases, pictures can be seen in color. For the detachment, it reduces the cost of printing the newsletter, and it saves on postal costs.

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- All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 15th of the month for the upcoming issue.
- The preferred format for written articles is a computer file (such as MS Word, or an email). Non-computer files will be considered and included in Scuttlebutt only if the editor is able to transcribe the article in a timely matter for publication.
- The preferred format for photos is digital in a high resolution JPG file (other file formats will also be considered). Traditional photos may be submitted as well, and will be included only if the editor is able to scan the photo in a timely matter for publication.
- All submissions must be the original work of the person submitting the piece. If the submitter is not the author of the work, the submitter should obtain permission from the author and submit that as well. No copyrighted materials can be used without permission from the appropriate parties.
- The editor reserves the right to include or exclude submissions as necessary according to these guidelines and as space in the publication dictates.
- Items may be submitted to the editor via email to sandi@lancasterpa.net



Marine Corps League

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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"I Pledge Allegiance"

**Next Regular Meeting is:
June 6, 2006
Dinner begins at 1800 hrs.
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA**

