June 2013

The Sitrep

Next Detachment Meeting:
Emmaus VFW #7088
316 Main St.
Emmaus, PA
June 26th @ 1930

Current Elected/Appointed Officers

- **Commandant- Jason Smith**
- **Sr. Vice Commandant- Fred Babcock**
- **Jr. Vice Commandant- Howard Cooper**
- **Judge Advocate- Joseph Malia**
- **Paymaster- Terry Keiser**
- **Chaplain- Charles Helfrich**
- **Sgt. at Arms- Michael Donatacci**

Emmaus Memorial Day Parade Color Guard with Detachment Marines Ron Thompson and Commandant Jason Smith leading the way and Dale Seidel calling cadence.

Message from the CP

I trust everybody enjoyed their holiday. With the numerous amount of events going on throughout the valley there were ample opportunities to reflect on the true meaning of memorial day. One thing that I am very proud of was the turnout we had for the Emmaus Memorial Day Parade. The detachment had 11 members involved the parade. This is the largest amount of members I have ever seen at an event. This is an occurrence I would like to see continue.

We have one more meeting, on June 26th, before our annual summer break. It is very important that our members show up to this meeting. There will be a vote held to decide what location we will use as our permanent home. According to our bylaws we need a minimum of (3) elected or appointed officers and a minimum of 10% of the paid up membership to constitute a quorum. I hope to see at least that turn-out if not more. Also I have a special ceremony involving the future of the detachment planned.

The annual meet raffle was a success with us selling a total of 912 tickets. With the economy in the shape it is in I am proud of the effort our members put out to sell tickets. The results of the raffle can be seen on page 2.

With our summer break coming up I want everyone to remain vigilant for new membership. If you find someone that is interested get their contact information to me and I will send them our newsletter and we can vote on their initiation at the September meeting. I will be continuing the newsletter through the summer to keep everyone up to date on community events and the overall status of the detachment.

This Month's Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Bob Hoffman joined the MCL in June of '03

- Shirley Keller joined the MCL in June of '11

- Randy Schueck joined the MCL in June of '11

- Jack Rupell Jr. turns 47 on June 13th

		2013 Meat Raffle Results	
Prize #	Ticket #	Award Winner	Ticket Seller
1	470	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
2	231	Bob Miller	Joe Malia
3	1519	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
4	1307	Ron Thompson (Donated to Mission)	Ron Thompson
5	538	Paul Johnson	Jason Smith
6	1271	Ronald Stoudt	Richard Stoudt
7	266	Joanne Uhnak	
8	1279	Eileen Stoudt	Richard Stoudt
9	533	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
10	1473	Scott Stuber	Charlie Kresge
11	370	Robert Funk	Fred Babcock
12	1347	Raphael Geiger	Terry Keiser
13	1442	Robert Funk	Fred Babcock
14	484	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
15	1401	Randy Schueck III	Randy Schueck
16	435	Larry Lutseo	Bob Hoffman
17	421	Brian Padilla	Bob Hoffman
18	1326	Michael Velk	Michael Velk
19	376	Jim Harell	
20	422	Jim Whitakel	Bob Hoffman
21	556	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
22	1039	Jim Neidert	John Kresge
23	373	Pam	Fred Babcock
24	524	Evelyn Cotton	Jason Smith
25	1412	Mike Hoffman	Bob Hoffman
26	388	Jesse Dillon	Howard Cooper
27	1185	Marlene Anderson	Donald Rumble
28	222	Scott Mohr	Joe Malia
29	1443	Robert Funk	Fred Babcock
30	1361	Betsy Mertz	Terry Keiser
31	118	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
32	001	Randy Schueck	Randy Schueck
33	915	Helen Cuth	Richard Cuth Sr
34	350	Howard Babcock	Fred Babcock
35	965	Brian Horwell	Shirley Keller
36	572	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
37	494	Allentown Rescue Mission	Jason Smith
38	1359	Betsy Mertz	Terry Keiser
39	897	Delby + Mike	Henry Brokate
40	1264	Walter Hallowell	

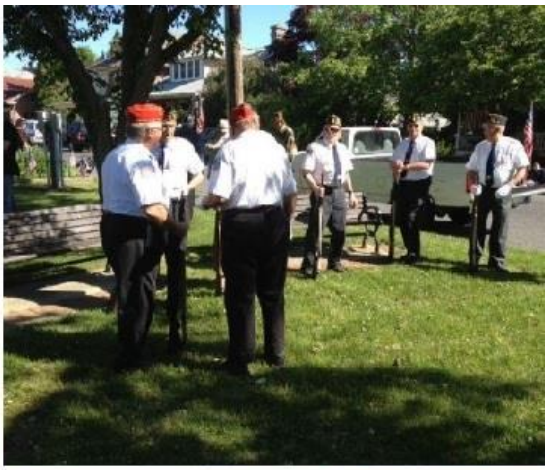
All together we sold 912 tickets for a total of $1,532.00
Our top five sellers were: Jason Smith (115), John Reppert (112), Joe Malia (102), Henry Brokate (69), and Charlie Kresge (56)

Paymaster's Report

- As of 06/11/13 the money market account has a balance of $3,164.53
- As of 06/11/13 the checking account has an available balance of $3,953.72

Emmaus Memorial Day Parade and Vigil

Memorial Day is a special occasion for all Americans, veterans especially. The parade started at the Emmaus High School and ended at the Memorial Triangle. The ceremony after was touching as every veteran who passed away this year was remembered by having their name called out followed by the ringing of a bell. Also, every living veteran in attendance was asked to stand in front of a large gathering of Emmaus civilians and be recognized for their service. It was a wonderful experience and I hope to see more of you out there next year.



Phila. gravestone now honors father of Marine Corps

On June 1st, 2013 a grave marker was finally put on the grave of the first Commandant of the Marine Corps. The following is an excerpt from an article that can be found at this link: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20130602_Phila__gravestone_now_honors_father_of_Marine_Corps.html

Marines and Quakers alike remembered him during an event that included a wreath-laying, a color guard without weapons, and the playing of the national anthem, the "Marines' Hymn," and Taps.

The grave has drawn Marines over the years, especially at dawn every Nov. 10, the date celebrated as the Marine Corps' birthday, when a wreath is laid there.

"The motto of the Marine Corps is 'Semper Fidelis,' 'always faithful,' " said Fred LeClair, commandant of the Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League, a veterans organization that promotes the traditions and interests of the Marines.

"Nothing could be more important than remembering our first commandant," he said. "It was unconscionable to bury him without a marker."

Upcoming Events

- Emmaus Community Day July 20th. The detachment will set up a table for recruitment.

- Keystone Wounded Warriors Annual Golf Charity will be held on Aug 30th more information to come

Memories from our past

Sgt. At Arms Michael Donatacci
aboard ship

"WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF BROTHERS. FOR HE TODAY THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME, SHALL BE MY BROTHER "

- ***WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, "HENRY V"***

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