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NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, January 16, 2012 – 1900 hours

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Well we survived the Toys for Tots season! I don't know how, but we made it. It was a lot of work, but I would like to think that we did something good along the way. A big thank you goes out to all of our Detachment members and our volunteers who made this happen. Also, a big thanks should go out to members of the Valley Forge Detachment for all of their help this year. We made a lot of children happy this year, and that is the goal of the program. I hope that we will continue the Toys for Tots program, but without a lot of help next year this won't happen. We have a few months to work this out and organize. This is when we will be actively recruiting your help for the 2012 season.

We have a lot of events and programs coming up that can use your help. Without getting additional help from detachment members, these programs will not happen. Please ask about these at the next meeting.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Semper Fi Marines!

Steve Phillips , Commandant



ALL AAR'S MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

Commandant, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Commandants, Adjutant, Historian, Newsletter Editor.

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Your Detachment Needs Your Help

Read the names of members whose membership has expired or about to expire. If you know them, contact them and let them know we still need and want them in our Detachment.

Expired Membership:

Joey Bianchimano	Stephen Carver	Marshall Murray
Todd Burton	Romeo Gaines	Ray Hall
John Attiani	Michael Evangelista	Cheryl Jordan
Brian McCarthy	John Scanlon	Mychal Watts
Jon Fox	Christine House	Fred Smith

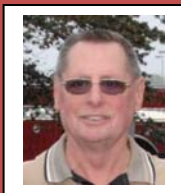
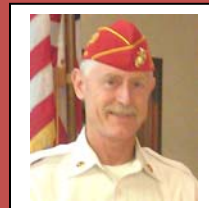
Membership to expire soon:

You can also give their contact information to me and I will contact them.

Semper Fi
Sr. Vice Commandant
Angelo Mercado

2012 ELECTED OFFICERS....

COMMANDANT STEVE PHILLIPS



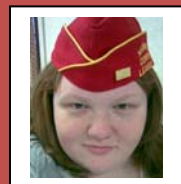
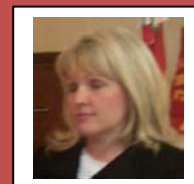
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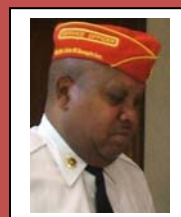
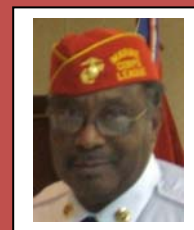
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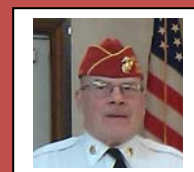
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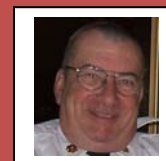
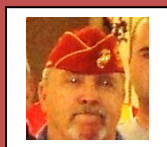


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***** UNIFORMS *****

Winter Uniform

WINTER: October 15 through April 30. Red covers with appropriate Ornament (Reg. Members – EGA; Assoc. Members - Sunburst); Black Ties; Long Sleeve Shirt; Blue Trousers (Reg. Members - NCO Stripe); Assoc. Members (**NO** Stripe); Khaki Web Belt and Brass Buckle; or Black Trousers with black belt; black plain toed shoes and black socks.

Per Direction from National Headquarters: White Gloves May be Worn under very specific circumstances. Consult your Commandant or Judge Advocate for clarification. Additionally, consult your Commandant or JA regarding the new 'Duty Belt' protocol.

Anyone requiring uniform items should contact Jim Fay, Sr. (215-887-9738) w/your order.

Veterans' Matters

Use your Service Officer!!!

If you know or know of a vet, whether they are a member of the League or our Detachment or not, but who could use assistance in wading through the forms required by various VA sections for medical benefits, housing assistance, scholarships for the vet or immediate family members, life insurance, etc., please give them the name of our Service Officer, Leroy Clark: (215-343-3865) or

Leroy.M.Clark@comcast.net.

FOR SHORT TERM LOAN:

One (1) Electric Power Lift Recliner and One (1) Electric Wheel Chair. Any member of the Marine Corp League or the North Penn VFW may borrow these items to be used by them or their family members by contacting : Angelo Mercado – 215-206-2640; Jim Fay, Sr. - 215-887-9738; or, Walt Zamorski - 215-368-5186.

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Richard Vettrano	William Volz, Jr.
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VA Information

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VA Life Insurance 800 669 8477
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Atlanta, GA 30329-2303 404 235 1257 or 800 929 8387
CHAMPVA 800 733 8387
Gulf War / Agent Orange
Help Line 800 749 8387
Headstones & Markers 800 697 6947
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Military Medical records, DD214
<http://vetrecs.archive.gov>
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TRAIN SHOW

March 3, 2012

Sponsored by: MGySgt. John W. Zaengle Detachment #1023, Marine Corps League

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: VFW Post #676

2519 Jenkintown Rd. (Edge Hill & Jenkintown Rd.)
Glenside, PA 19038

Admission: \$3.00 Adults / Kids under 12 FREE

Vendor's space: \$14.00 per table

Set-up time: 7:00-9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3rd



Operating Train Layouts • Door Prizes • Food

Please contact Mark Carver at (215) 264-2869 if you are interested in being a vendor, or fill out the form below. Make checks payable to John Zaengle Det #1023.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Tables: _____ x \$14.00 = TOTAL _____

Larger aisles, better lighting. Please do not start packing up until 2:00 p.m.

Space is limited... 2 floors of trains. First floor is first come, first serve.

Make checks payable to John Zaengle Det #1023.

VFW Post #676 and the Marine Corps League are not responsible for any stolen or damaged items.

Please mail to: Mark Carver

Train Show

2140 Myrtlewood Ave.

Abington, PA 19001

For those Members unable to attend the monthly Detachment General Meetings, copies of the meeting minutes are available upon request. Contact Newsletter Editor Liz McCleaster (267.736.5066) or at lmccleaster@ltk.com and a copy of the minutes will be inserted in your monthly copy of the "Bulldog Gazette".

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To get your name on the list, you must sign up at a member meeting!!!

MEMBERSHIP

ROLL CALL!

28 - MEMBERS ATTENDED THE DECEMBER 2011 MEETING

2 - GUEST(S) ATTENDED THE DECEMBER 2011 MEETING

If you contact a PROSPECTIVE MEMBER, PLEASE let [Steve Phillips](#) know that you have, so we can follow up.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Sign up with Senior Vice Commandant **Angelo Mercado**. Life rates:

	<u>01/01/2009</u>
Up to 35 years of age	\$500.00
Age 36 to 40	\$400.00
Age 41 to 50	\$400.00
Age 51 to 60	\$300.00
Over 60	\$150.00

DD214's or certificates of discharge are required to assure honorable service.

DETACHMENT STATISTICS

- New Members in FY12 06
- Honorary Members 04
- Associate Members 20
- Regular Members 64
- Active Duty Members 00
- Life Members 41
- Total Membership 84

WELCOME ABOARD



From L to R: Commandant Steve Phillips Swears in New Members Ramon McCrimmon and Vice Hagan.

Marines Ramon McCrimmon and Vice Hagan were sworn in as Regular Members at the December 2011 Detachment Meeting. Vince is also a member of the Central Bucks Detachment

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MGySgt John W. Zaengle Detachment

“Booster Brigade”

January 2012

The “Booster Brigade” is officially launched for 2012. All members who choose to can support the Detachment Newsletter’s postage expense by your donation of \$5.00 or \$10.00 per year. Those donating \$5.00 will have their name listed in this spot for a period of 6 months commencing the month after their donation; and, those donating \$10.00 will have their name listed in this spot for a period of 12 months commencing the month after their donation. We Thank You For Your Support!!

Inaugural Booster Brigade Members:

- Cyndi Love – Exp. December 2012**
- Ed Baker – Exp. December 2012**

NEWS FOR WOMEN VETERANS....

From: www.fayobserver.com

Published: 12:00 AM, Tue Dec 20, 2011

Editorial: **One Stop - New VA clinic is devoted to women's care**

What is the fastest-growing component of our fast-growing veterans population? As our troops come streaming home from Iraq, we can't afford not to know.

This should require no guesswork: It's women.

Fortunately, the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville didn't need to guess and has already moved to meet the need. A major renovation at the hospital has turned almost 3,000 square feet on the second floor into a one-stop women's clinic. One effect will be shorter waits. The women's pavilion has a waiting room and six exam rooms, as well as work rooms. The additional area also accommodates newer, more specialized equipment, so that veterans no longer have to leave the center to have the procedures they need.

It's easier to shrug this off if (A) you're not female or (B) you haven't seen the numbers yet. Ten thousand women are already registered with the VA in Fayetteville. Of those, almost 6,500 require medical services on a regular basis. Our war in Iraq is over. In Afghanistan, another will begin winding down soon.

Daniel Hoffman, director of the VA's Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network, said it well: "While not always recognized for their contributions, America's mothers and daughters have always played a role in building this country and keeping this land safe and secure."

This clinic is their due.

Time to determine what, if anything, similar is in the Philadelphia metropolitan area, and if not....lobby for a similar program.

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 3, 2011

EVENT: Toys 4 Tots Event – HVCC Holiday Party (Jingle Ball)

LOCATION: Huntingdon Valley Country Club

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Sr. Vice Commandant Angelo Mercado. MEMBER(S): Harle Brooks, Jim Fay, Sr.

GUEST(S): MARINES from MAG49. Sgt. Kruse, Ryan, Cpl. Doyle, Ryan and PFC Ornelas, Bryan.

EVENT SUMMARY: Met at the Country Club at 1815 hrs. Guests started to arrive at 1830 hrs., each bringing a toy. This was one of (8) eight, Pre-Toys 4 Tots Parties. The other parties, started to arrive around 2100 hrs., again, each one bringing a toy or (2). The last few showed up a little after 2230. We loaded all the toys into two vans, to be delivered to our warehouse on Monday (12/05/2011). We received 245 toys, 1 book, 45 stocking stuffers, 2 wagons, a few bikes, both 2 wheelers and 3 wheelers. Collected: \$30.00 in donations. Secured at 2315 hrs.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: James Fay, Sr.

DATE: December 3, 2011

EVENT: Toys 4 Tots Toy Move

LOCATION: Old NAS Willow Grove to Hatboro Warehouse

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Sr. Vice Angelo Mercado. MEMBER(S): Cindy Love.

GUESTS: Tony Mercado and 3 members of the Horsham Volunteer Fire Company, Three members of the Leathernecks Motor Cycle Club and members' son

EVENT SUMMARY: Met at the warehouse at 0830. We waited till 0915 for security to unlock the building. We started to go through all the boxes removing any damaged toy/gift and loading all good condition toys to transport to the Hatboro location. We loaded the rental vehicle and Fire trucks with a total 4 loads. Detail finished at 1300.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Angelo Mercado

DATE: December 9, 2011

EVENT: Stocking Stuffer

LOCATION: Coatesville VAMC

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Tim Illingworth, Jim Fay, Sr.
FAMILY/GUEST(S): Senait Illingworth and Senait's sister, Rose Geberyes.

EVENT SUMMARY: Met at the VAMC at 0845 hrs. Senait dropped off donations – 144 toothbrushes, 96 tubes of toothpaste & 36 cans of shaving cream. Started to fill stockings for all the residents at the center. Boxes were filled and marked for each ward. Task completed at 1015 hrs.

ATTACHMENTS: WAITING FOR PHOTOS

SUBMITTED BY: James Fay, Sr.



Tim Illingworth, Jim Fay and Senait Illingworth are among the many volunteers preparing Christmas stockings for the Coatesville VAMC residents.

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 9, 2011

EVENT: Toy Pickup (Toys for Tots)

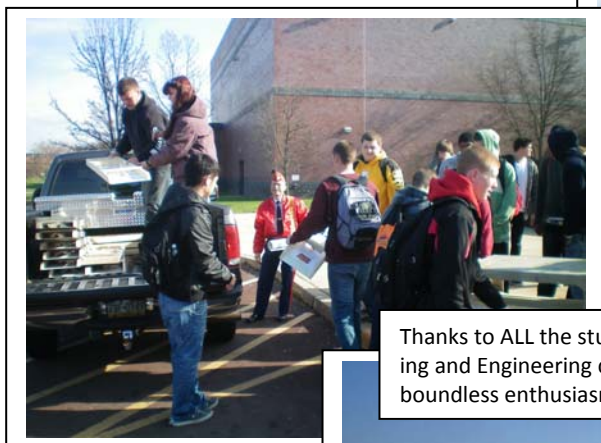
LOCATION: Hatboro-Horsham High School
899 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA 19044

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Commandant Steve Phillips. MEMBER(S): Steve Irwin

EVENT SUMMARY: This was toy pickup at Hatboro-Horsham High School. The High School makes toys for Toys for Tots every year. The toys are usually sent out with the after school programs and the PAL orders. The logo was designed, by the school. The workmanship was exceptional. The students were very enthusiastic. We collected 36 handmade toys. All of these toys are built by the Manufacturing & Engineering Technology class led by Nick Pompei. The detail started at 1145 hours and ended at 1215 hours.

ATTACHMENTS: PHOTO(S) (5)

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Phillips



Thanks to ALL the students of Hatboro-Horsham High School Manufacturing and Engineering classes for their hard work, excellent toy making and boundless enthusiasm...and the many toys donated to Toys for Tots.



DATE: December 09, 2011

EVENT: RETRO FITNESS Southampton, PA Toys for Tots "Event"

LOCATION: Retro Fitness Club, Southampton, PA

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Steve Irwin

EVENT SUMMARY: A photo op with Toy/Box pickup had been tentatively scheduled for Saturday the 10th. Because I was already in uniform from 2 previous events on Friday, and was passing by Retro, stopped in to see if they'd like to do a picture and then Saturday just pick up the clothes in civilian clothes. Point of Contact, chose to take the picture with staff then and her staff helped load the toys, so all was completed on Friday the 9th, with toys to be counted at the warehouse.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Irwin

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 9, 2011
EVENT: Toy Pickup (Toys for Tots)
LOCATION: Keith Valley Middle School
227 Meetinghouse Road, Horsham, PA 19044

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Commandant Steve Phillips, Service Officer Leroy Clark. MEMBER(S): Steve Irwin.

EVENT SUMMARY: This was toy pickup at Keith Valley Middle School. The classes have competitions to see who can bring in the most toys. It was amazing to see so many students take part in collecting toys. All of the students made two rows down the hallway and up the stairs to pass all of the toys to the lobby. This took over 200 students. It only took about 5 minutes to load all of the toys. The 26 ft box truck, that was used to transport the toys, was donated by Tonka Moving. This was in a big part to Dennis Halaburda..Allen Canty was the crew chief. Paul Booth was driving the truck. It was great to see so many students so excited about donating toys. After the toys were loaded they were transported to New Age Technologies, were they were off loaded into the trailer, provided by New Age. The school donated 2366 toys, in all. 914 toys, 180 books, and 1272 stocking stuffers. Charles (Cholly) Farrel (Keith Valley Middle School) organizes this event every year. A big thanks goes out to all of the students and staff of Keith Valley Middle School, New Age Technologies, and Tonka Moving.

The detail started at 0845 hours and ended at 1030 hours.

ATTACHMENTS: PHOTO(S) (8)

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Phillips



Thanks to the many students of Keith Valley Middle School for their huge collection and donation efforts on behalf of Toys for Tots!

DATE: December 10, 2011
EVENT: Mistletoe Party
LOCATION: Coatesville VAMC

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Sr. Vice Angelo Mercado. MEMBER(S): Liz & Ashley McCleaster, Walt & Rose Zamorski, Tim Illingworth & Jim Fay, Sr. FAMILY: Lisa Mercado, Senait Illingworth & Senait's sister, Rose Geberyes.

EVENT SUMMARY: Picked up Liz and Ashley at 0745 hrs., arrived at VAMC at 0840 hrs. Dropped off 3 large bags of women's clothing. Met up with rest of the volunteers in the Great Hall. At 1000 hrs., we proceeded to the wards to give out Christmas items to the residents. All residents were appreciative of our company and the gifts. Returned to the Great Hall at 1100 hrs., had lunch and departed VAMC 1200 hrs. arrived home 1300 hrs.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE
SUBMITTED BY: James Fay, Sr.

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 11, 2011
EVENT: Toys for Tots Bowling with Girl Scouts and Dads
LOCATION: Facenda Whitaker Bowling Center
2912 Swede Road
Norristown, PA 19401

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Service Officer Leroy Clark. MEMBER(S): John Nalence

EVENT SUMMARY: Arrived at Bowling Center at 1155 hrs. where we met our contact, Lee Halper. First session of event was already in progress. Ms. Halper's daughter, Paige, assisted as part of her senior project. Paige took many pictures of the event and helped with guest check-in and toy packing. Detachment members present mingled with guests and were invited to bowl but graciously declined. Ms. Halper kindly provided sodas and french fries for us. In attendance was Ralph Neelman of the Vietnam Veterans of America Valley Forge Chapter 349. He complimented us on our work. The second session started at approximately 1330 hrs. The Girl Scouts were an enthusiastic group and their donations were generous and thoughtful. A good time was had by all. Donations were counted on site. We received 110 Toys, 1 book, and \$70 in gift card donations. Also received was a note from 5th grader Vikki which read as follows, "Dear Military Guys, Thank you for everything you do. I really look up to you. You Rock!" Departed and loaded toys in Leroy's van at 1515 hrs. To be dropped at warehouse on 12/12/11.

ATTACHMENTS: PICTURE TO FOLLOW

SUBMITTED BY: John Nalence

DATE: December 11, 2011
EVENT: Toy Pickup (Toys for Tots)
LOCATION: WAWA Christmas Party
Trevose Fire Company
Trevose, PA 19044

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Commandant Steve Phillips, Sr. Vice Commandant Angelo Mercado.
MEMBER(S): Harle Brooks, Rich Duncan.

GUEST(S): Lisa Mercado

EVENT SUMMARY: This was toy pickup at the WAWA Christmas Party. The Christmas party was being held at the Trevose Fire Company, on Street Road. Toys for Tots was picking up the toys that we donated by the WAWA employees. The detail arrived at 1445 hours. Angelo Mercado thanked everyone for the toys and all of the toys were loaded into our trucks. We collected 141 toys, 67 stocking stuffers, and 1 book. The detail unloaded at the warehouse and secured. This ended at 1600 hours.

ATTACHMENTS: PHOTO(S) (1)

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Phillips



**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 21, 2011

EVENT: Delivery

LOCATION: Coatesville VA Medical Center

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Transported Veterans to Delaware VA for doctors appointments. (8.00 hrs)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

DATE: December 14, 2011

EVENT: Delivery

LOCATION: Coatesville VAMC

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Walt Zamorski transported Veterans to Delaware VA for doctor's appointments. (8.00 hrs total)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

DATE: December 14, 2011

EVENT: MONTGOMERY CORPORATE CENTER Toys for Tots "Event"

LOCATION: Montgomery Corporate Center
Dresher, PA

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Steve Irwin

EVENT SUMMARY: Detail began at 1015. I chatted with Lee Perez and Chas Wargo as well as some passersby, had a photo op with Lee and Chas, counted 33 toys and a few stocking stuffers, loaded the boxes and toys and departed at 1100.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Irwin

DATE: December 14, 2011

EVENT: GOP - Toys For Toys Christmas event

LOCATION: Willow Grove VFW 3612, Willow Grove, PA

PARTICIPATING: OFFICER(S): Jr. Vice Commandant Al DePue, Chaplain Art Thompson.

EVENT SUMMARY: The detail arrived at 1730 hours. The event started at 1800 hours. The event was held in the main room of the Willow Grove VFW. Our Detachment collected toys & donations as attendee's entered the event. We were assisted by VFW management personnel. The event ended at 2000 hours. Toys were picked up the next day.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Al DePue

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2011

EVENT: BRYN ATHYN CHURCH SCHOOL Toys for Tots "Event"

LOCATION: Montgomery Corporate Center, Dresher PA

PARTICIPATING: GUEST(S)/FRIEND(S): MGySgt Ret. Joe Blinebury, Bob Martz

EVENT SUMMARY: Joe Blinebury (Retired Marine in Uniform) and Bob Martz (T4T Driver and grandfather of children participating) attended the BACS Elementary Christmas Program, which began at 10:30 and ended at 12:00. Joe has been a T4T rep for this event for many years. He received a representative toy on stage and thanked the audience. Bob and his son transported 30 bags of toys to the Hatboro warehouse immediately following.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Steve Irwin

DATE: December 18, 2011

EVENT: Toys for Tots Open House

LOCATION: Elkins Park Volunteer Fire Co.

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Harle Brooks, Jim Fay, Sr.

EVENT SUMMARY: Met at Fire House 0945 hrs. Guests began arriving at 0950 hrs. and placed toys under the Christmas Tree. The kids were given a tour of the fire house and the fire trucks. Food was served downstairs. Packed up the toys and left for warehouse at 1415 hrs. Unloaded - 179 toys, 36 stocking stuffers and 4 books. Left warehouse at 1440 hrs.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: James Fay, Sr.

DATE: December 18, 2011

EVENT: Toys 4 Tots Toy Event – Colonial Democratic Party Holiday Party

LOCATION: Great American Pub
123 Fayette Street
Conshohocken, PA

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt and Rose Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Arrived at the Great American Pub at approx 1530 hrs for the Colonial Democratic Party's annual holiday party. Attendees were requested to bring a new, un-wrapped toy for donation to the Glenside Area Toys for Tots 2011 campaign. Departed the event at approx 17:30 with a number of toys that were transported to the T4T warehouse in Hatboro.

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Rose Zamorski

**MGySgt JOHN W. ZAENGLE DETACHMENT
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

DATE: December 21, 2011

EVENT: Delivery

LOCATION: Coatesville VA Medical Center

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Transported Veterans to Delaware VA for doctors' appointments. (8.00 hrs)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

DATE: December 22, 2011

EVENT: Funeral Detail

LOCATION: Washington Crossing National Cemetery

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt Zamorski and Rose Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Participated in ceremony for those who did not have a formal Honor Guard for the month of December. 5 deceased Veterans were honored. Total for the Team: 4:00 hrs

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

DATE: December 27, 2011

EVENT: Funeral Detail

LOCATION: Washington Crossing National Cemetery

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walter Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Funeral Details - 0900 to 1600 hrs - 6 Burials - Total 7.00 hrs

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

DATE: December 28, 2011

EVENT: Delivery

LOCATION: Coatesville VA Medical Center

PARTICIPATING: MEMBER(S): Walt and Rose Zamorski

EVENT SUMMARY: Walt Zamorski - Transported Veterans to Philadelphia VA for doctor's appointments. (8.00 hrs.). Rose Zamorski - Transported Veterans to Delaware VA for doctor's appointments. (8.00 hrs). (Total for the Team: 16.00 hrs)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

SUBMITTED BY: Walter J. Zamorski

NEWS FOR MARINE VETERANS.....

SANGIN, Afghanistan-Petty Officer 2nd Class Kimberly Ryan, a hospital corpsman and team leader for Female Engagement Team 8, demonstrates how to clear the airway of an Afghan Uniformed Policeman during the combat lifesaver course at Forward Operating Base Jackson, Sangin district, Helmand province, Dec 4. Ryan, who is 25 years old and a native of Norwich, Conn., has served in the Navy for seven years and conducts counterinsurgency operations in support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment., **Cpl. Meredith Brown, 1/12/2012 7:00 PM**



Norwich, Conn., native accepts new challenge with Female Engagement Team

1/13/2012 **By Cpl. Meredith Brown , 2nd Marine Division**

SANGIN, Afghanistan — When Kimberly Ryan stepped into the Navy recruiter's office at age 18, she had no idea what she wanted to do. All she knew was she wanted to get out of Connecticut and broaden her horizon.

"The recruiter said, 'Do you want to be a corpsman like me?' and I said, 'Sure!' recalled Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan. "I ended up loving it, and so that's my story."

Seven years later, after serving overseas in Sasebo, Japan, Ryan now finds herself in Sangin district, Helmand province, serving as the team leader for Female Engagement Team 8.

When she stepped up and accepted the challenge of FET, Ryan thought she was going to be the equivalent of a female infantryman for her first deployment, but that couldn't be further from the truth.

"(FET) is actually completely different," said Ryan, who is 25 years old. "The female engagement team is all about counterinsurgency, and I actually like what it ended up not being."

Ryan's day-to-day activities vary depending on the mission and the support 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, needs from the team. Each week, Ryan and her fellow team member, Cpl. Brandy Bates, work together with Afghan National Security Forces to plan and host a children's meeting for local children in the Sangin district in southwestern Afghanistan.

Ryan said the last three months while deployed with the FET has given her experience and confidence for interacting with ANSF and local residents.

Ryan, who explained she was naturally shy and naïve before her time in the Navy, has started opening up and seeing things differently because of her experiences. Her determined, can-do attitude helps her with her everyday affairs and contributes directly to her successes with FET and as a team leader.

"She definitely keeps me informed on everything that is going on," said Bates, a native of Ann Arbor, Mich. "She definitely takes charge of everything that needs to be taken care of."

With just a few months left in her deployment, Ryan is continuing her work to make progress with the women in Sangin and to impact as many lives as possible.

Editor's note: Female Engagement Team 8 is working in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, which is currently assigned to Regimental Combat Team 8 in 2nd Marine Division (Forward). The division heads Task Force Leatherneck, serving as the ground combat element of Regional Command (Southwest) and working in partnership with the Afghan National Security Force and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to conduct counterinsurgency operations. The unit is dedicated to securing the Afghan people, defeating insurgent forces, and enabling ANSF assumption of security responsibilities within its area of operations in order to support the expansion of stability, development and legitimate governance.

NEWS FOR ALL VETERANS.....

Subject: DD 214 Increased Social Security Benefits For Vets

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DD FORM 214 -- EXTRA SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT for those with active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001

See the web site & notes below to possibly increase your Social Security Benefits.

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001, and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Soc Sec website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road.. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001.

FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has.

Passing on good information for all you military folks when you apply for social security. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there.

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The from the Marine Corps League's National Website.....

[Marine Corps League files Brief in U.S. Supreme Court](#)



Posted by : Admin on Friday, December 09, 2011 - 12:02 PM EST

In support of the Stolen Valor Act, the Marine Corps League and 24 other military and veterans service organizations filed a brief in the United States Supreme Court seeking to overturn an appellate court decision finding the Stolen Valor Act unconstitutional. *United States v. Alvarez*, U.S. Sup. Ct. No. 11-210. The Stolen Valor Act, 18 U.S.C. §704, makes it a crime for individuals to falsely claim they have been awarded any military decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the Armed Forces.

In this case, Xavier Alvarez falsely declared on several occasions he had been awarded the Medal of Honor. He was convicted on two counts of violating the Stolen Valor Act and was sentenced to three years probation, a fine, and 416 hours of community service. He appealed his conviction to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Court ruled the Stolen Valor Act was “facially invalid” because the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution generally protects false speech, including lying about having earned military decorations and honors.

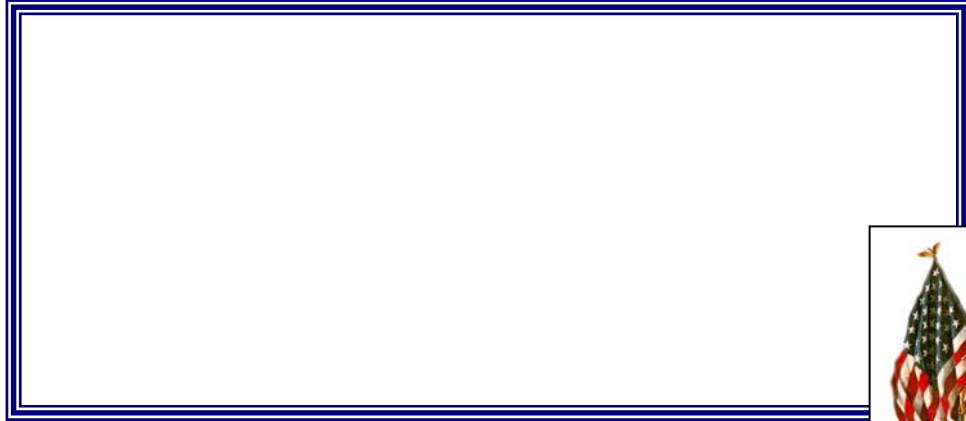
The Marine Corps League's brief argues the case is not about free speech, but about individuals like Alvarez stealing the goodwill and prestige associated with American military awards for their own benefit. Military veterans earn awards through service, sacrifice, and valor. The Marine Corps League believes it is well within Congress' power to prevent individuals from falsely claiming for themselves the goodwill and acclaim associated with hard-earned military awards and honors.

The Marine Corps League is represented by Michael T. Morley, of the Washington D.C. office of Winston & Strawn LLP, which is generously providing representation to the military and veterans service organizations on a pro bono basis. A decision is expected in the spring of 2012.

Veterans' Views is a new column that appears monthly in this Newsletter. It is meant to serve the information needs of our Vets and perhaps be a guide to them in how to maximize the use of any and all benefits that they may be entitled to. Information provided herein is not necessarily endorsed by the Marine Corps League or the MGySgt John W. Zaengle Detachment of the Marine Corps League, nor are editorial opinions those of the Marine Corps League or the MGySgt John W. Zaengle Detachment of the Marine Corps League but are those solely of this Editor.

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JANUARY	11	OFFICERS' MEETING
	15	EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR Contact: Jim Fay, Sr. (215 - 887 - 9738) or jsfay@msn.com
	16	DETACHMENT MONTHLY MEETING (Installation of new Officers & MOY/AOY Awards)
	28	SPRING TRAIN SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY	4	TOYS FOR TOTS COMMITTEE MEETING
	15	OFFICERS' MEETING
	20	DETACHMENT MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH	3	SPRING TRAIN SHOW Contact: Mark Carver (215 - 264 - 2869) or dcharger73se@verizon.net
	14	OFFICERS' MEETING
	19	DETACHMENT MONTHLY MEETING