

OCTOBER REPORT, SOUTHWEST DISTRICT VICE COMMANDANT
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1. I ATTENDED THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOMERSET DETACHMENT #660. THERE WERE 5 OFFICERS PRESENT AND 2 MEMBERS PRESENT. THERE WERE SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS HELD INVOLVING THE DETACHMENT. THE DETACHMENT APPROACHED THE LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP TO OFFER A PRESENTATION OF THE "CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION" AND THE MEDAL TO NEW EAGLE SCOUTS BUT THE SCOUT LEADERS SHOWED NO INTEREST. THE DETACHMENT WILL VISIT TWO NURSING HOMES IN THEIR AREA AND WILL PRESENT ALL VETERANS WITH A "CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION". THE DETACHMENT PLANS ON ATTENDING A MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL IN THE JOHNSTOWN AREA AND THEY WILL ALSO HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THEIR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS DETACHMENT IS TRYING HARD TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE AREA AND IS WORKING HARD TO FIND NEW MEMBERS.

2. I CONDUCTED MY FIRST "SOUTHWEST DISTRICT" MEETING HELD AT "MARINE HALL", THE HOME OF ALLEGHENY VALLEY #827. THERE WERE 6 DETACHMENTS IN ATTENDANCE WITH PDC TONY DEGREGORIO AND DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN JOHNNY GILL IN ATTENDANCE. THE MEETING WENT WELL WITH SEVERAL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BUT AS A WHOLE, WE ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENHANCE THE ENTIRE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT. AFTER THE MEETING EVERYONE HAD A CHANCE TO PARTAKE OF "STUFFED CABBAGE, LASAGNA, FINGER SANDWICHES CAKE, COOKIES AND BROWNIES AND THEIR FAVORITE DRINKS. ONE NEW MEMBER JOINED AND A SECOND AGREED TO JOIN AT THE DETACHMENTS REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 19TH. THE NEXT DISTRICT WILL BE HELD AT CONEMAUGH VALLEY(JOHNSTOWN) ON FEBRUARY 21ST, 2010. MORE INFORMATION ON THAT WILL FOLLOW.

3. I ATTENDED THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BEDFORD COUNTY DETACHMENT #675. THERE WERE 7 OFFICERS PRESENT AND 3 MEMBERS PRESENT. THE DETACHMENT HAD ONE NEW MEMBER JOIN THAT NIGHT AND THE DETACHMENT ASKED ME TO SWEAR HIM IN. ANOTHER FIRST FOR ME AS VICE COMMANDANT. THE DETACHMENT DISCUSSED THEIR PICNIC, THE BIRTHDAY BALL DINNER AND THE SUBJECT OF THE "TAN" SHIRTS. THE DETACHMENT AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE BYLAWS. THE ENTIRE MEETING WAS WELL DONE AND THIS IS A NICE DETACHMENT AND A GREAT GROUP OF MARINES.

4. ON 10-14-09 I ATTENDED THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ROLLING ROCK DETACHMENT. THERE WERE 5 OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE. THE BIRTHDAY BALL DINNER, MEMBERSHIP AWARDS AND DETACHMENT NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS WERE ALL DISCUSSED A VERY GOOD MEETING FOR A SMALL DETACHMENT. GREAT GROUP OF MARINES.

5. ON 10-19-09 I ATTENDED THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ALLEGHENY VALLEY DETACHMENT #827. THE MEETING WAS WELL DONE AND A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. THE DETACHMENT TOYS-4-TOTS CAMPAIGN IS WELL UNDER WAY AND THEY ARE HOPING FOR A GOOD YEAR AS FAR AS TOY COLLECTION ARE CONCERNED. THE DETACHMENT HELD NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND WILL HOLD ELECTIONS AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING.

6. ON OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH MYSELF AND CAM KULICK (AIDE DE CAMP) ATTENDED THE FALL STAFF MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS, FORT INDIANTOWN GAP.