



# Holcomb Gazette

## General Thomas Holcomb Detachment Marine Corps League



Commandant Ray Snyder

May 2010

There is not a whole lot of news to pass on this month. Most of the “news” comes under the heading of old business. The same parade schedule and Blue Rocks games that have been talked about for several months.

Basically what you see here will be what is on the “coming events” schedule on the last page.

May 8 in Harrington, DE is the Viet Nam Veterans parade and gathering.

May 10 will be membership meeting night, at Cranston Heights Fire Co. hall.

May 16 is the Newark Day parade. Assemble at 1300; parade steps off at 1400.

May 23 we will meet at the Holcomb Point flag pole in Battery Park, City of New Castle, at 1300 for a brief wreath laying ceremony in memory of General Holcomb’s death. The required permit has been applied for and granted; reserved parking will be available at the wharf, just a short walk to the flag pole. (Same as last year)

May 30 the Memorial Day at the Delaware Memorial Bridge ceremony will be held at 1030. This year the powers that be have scheduled this event on Sunday. Memorial Day is on Monday, May 31. Our Department and Detachment Chaplain, Rev. John Bailey, will be included in the ceremony and seated up front.

June 4 is our bus trip to a Friday evening parade at 8<sup>th</sup> & I. We are now going to open the bus seating to anyone who cares to attend. Between our Detachment and the I&I staff we have only 31 people paid. The Young Marines will be going and we will discuss their numbers at the staff meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you intend to go and have not paid your \$20 per person, you are standing on thin ice.

June 12 we are supposed to be included in the Separation Day parade in the City of New Castle. The Mayor’s Office is awaiting a reply and only three people have said they will be there. Unfortunately for me, my vacation begins on June 11 and I will be out of state. No reason for the Detachment not to participate.

Jim Ulrich is still in Forewood Manor and would appreciate greatly a visit or a call. Warner Jester, John Ricevuto, Dale Meyer and Dave Gryniewicz are all either on the sick list or about to have some procedure. Keep them in your prayers. Pray also for our Blue Rocks connection that it survives. We don’t staff the games, we don’t have money to operate. Thank you to those who do the work; be sure to get a shirt and wear it at games.

Semper Fi,  
Ray Snyder  
Commandant

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**VAVS REPORT OF LUNCHEON AT  
V.A. “Community Living Center”  
Elsmere, DE  
Friday – 23 April 2010**

**On Friday, 23 April 2010, members of the V.A.V.S. Committee, provided a Special Monthly Luncheon for the Veterans of the V.A. Community Living Center, Elsmere Delaware.**

**Noting special diet restrictions of particular Veterans thereat, as advised by Staff Members present, those able to be present in the Dining Room, as well as those restricted to their rooms, were served.**

**In addition, Medical Staff Members on duty, as well as V.A.V.S. Volunteers were also served.**

**The menu consisted of Chicken Sticks, potato wedges, and biscuits from KFC on Kirkwood Hwy; Macaroni Salad and Potato Salad, from ShopRite in Stanton. A variety of sodas was also available and served as per Veteran’s Choice.**

**VAVS Members present were: MARY SOWDEN; MARY ANN and BOB PALUTE; LEE and BILL TAYLOR LYNN and RAY SNYDER; PAUL SMITH; JOHN MURPHY and his Grandson, JASON BOWSER.**

**The Monthly “get-together” luncheon of VAVS Volunteers will be held 7 May 2010 at the Hunters Den.**

**Respectfull submitted**

**John Murphy**

**Special VAVS Report re:  
Special Evening “Concert” and  
Refreshments served at the  
Community Living Center.**

**Prior to Thursday, April 15, 2010, Mrs. Faye Lutz, of Maryland, contacted VAVS Member, John Murphy, requesting the Detachment’s assistance in providing a “Memorial Evening”, at the V.A. Community Living Center, to Honor ALL Veterans, in the name of her Deceased Husband, WAYNE LUTZ. He was an Army Veteran, and had “passed away” in October 2009.**

**After discussion, and approval of Detachment Commandant Raymond Snyder, Mrs. Lutz’s request was granted, and arrangements were discussed.**

**Starting at 1900, April 15<sup>th</sup>, music was provided by JOHN (“Bips”) Egnor, a Professional Organist and Guitar musician. “Bips” was a personal friend of the Deceased, Wayne Lutz, and he is also an Associate Member of the General Thomas Holcomb Detachment. “Bips” played a wide assortment of music, at times, singing along with the music, etc. It was enjoyed immensely by those present, and even brought clapping of hands, and “swaying” of a few wheelchairs, and dancing by some of the guests present, along with a couple of VAVS Members.**

**A menu of Pizza Pies and “Rita’s Ice” was served (and enjoyed very much), along with a variety of sodas. 18 Veterans were served in the Dining Room, and 10 Veterans were served in their rooms. In addition, 7 Guests and 6 VAVS Members were also served, along with Staff Members on duty.**

**All expenses (\$250) were paid by Mrs. Lutz, which included a small donation(\$30) to the Detachment.**

**Mrs. Lutz expressed her satisfaction with the “memorial”, and gratitude to the Detachment, for arranging it.**

**VAVS Members present and serving, were CMDT. SNYDER AND HIS WIFE, LYNN; MARY ANN AND BOB PALUTE; JOHN MURPHY AND BOB GLEBER.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**John Murphy**

## **May 2010**

- 7 Friday** 1130 hours. Member Get-together Luncheon, Hunter's Den Restaurant.
- 10 Monday** 1900 hours, Holcomb Detachment general membership meeting. Cranston Heights Firehouse, Kirkwood Hwy.
- 16 Sunday** 2PM - Newark Parade
- 23 Sunday** 1300 hours, Holcomb Point flag pole in Battery Park, City of New Castle
- 28 Friday** 1200 hours, Lunch at the VA Community Living Center (Nursing Home)
- 30 Sunday** Ceremony at Twin Bridges

## **June 2010**

- 4 Friday** 1430 hours. Trip t 8<sup>th</sup> & I
- 11 Friday** 1130 hours. Member Get-together Luncheon, Hunter's Den Restaurant.
- 12 Friday** 1800 hours. Separation Day parade in the City of New Castle

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