

WHAT WE DO

- A – We participate in services for “The Unaccompanied” (those without family) on the last Thursday of every month at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, PA
- B – We place wreaths on the graves at the National Cemetery at Christmas time
- C – We provide Rifle Detail service at funerals
- D – We provide casket and urn watch at funerals
- E – We place flags on the graves of veterans at two cemeteries for Memorial Day
- F – We are the organizing detachment for the annual Beirut Remembrance Day ceremony at Penn’s Landing, providing Color Guard-Honor Guard & bugler, seating, sound system, flowers, guest speakers, bag pipers, bands & vocalists, etc. 40th Anniversary last year-had special Challenge Coins made.
- G – We participate in annual parades such as: (to which we take our Marine Corps 2 ½ ton truck)
 - a. Penndel/Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade (Penndel, PA)
 - b. Falls Township Memorial Day Parade (Levittown, PA)
 - c. Southampton Independence Day Parade – (2nd St. Pike, Southampton, PA)
 - d. Medal of Honor recipient John Basilone Parade – (Raritan, NJ)
 - e. Philadelphia Veterans Day Parade – (center city)
 - f. Lower Makefield Veterans Day Parade – (Yardley, PA)
 - g. Mayfair/Holmesburg Thanksgiving Day Parade – (Frankford & Rhawn Sts, Phila, PA)
- H – We provide Color Guard& rifle detail for flag raising @ The Arbors retirement community - Southampton Rd. Phila. & at several nursing homes for Veterans Day
- I - We help supply entertainment for the disabled veterans at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home on Southampton Rd in N.E. Philly
- J – We provide Color Guard for the Old Timers Bats & Balls Organization quarterly luncheons in N.E. Phila
- K- We provide color guard & rifle detail for Mission BBQ in NE Phila. on Armed Forces Day & Veterans Day
- L - We run annual fundraisers – Golf Outings – Night at the Races
- M – We attend the annual Veterans Day flag raising at Independence Hall followed by a wreath laying ceremony on Arch Street in Phila. for -Samuel Nicholas – 1st Commandant of the USMC
- N – We attend the annual Marine Corps birthday cake cutting ceremony at the Naval Supply Depot on Robbins Ave in Phila.
- O – We attend the annual ceremony at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains at the Phila Navy Yard
- P – We attend state MCL convention and national MCL conventions all over the country
- Q – We distribute and pick up Toys For Tots boxes throughout Phila and suburbs which we sort and count and package for non-profit organizations to pick up
- R– We speak at schools, businesses and other functions and events when invited & color guard when requested
- S – We support the Bensalem H.S. JROTC program headed by Col. John Church – USMC (Ret) & MSgt Shawn Worthen USMC (Ret) by awarding the cadets Certificates and Ribbons at their annual change of command ceremony
- T – We support the Young Marines Organization and the Eagle Scouts
- U – We send out Get Well and Condolence cards and packages to ailing Marines and/or their families
- V – We donate scholarship money to family members of the Marine Corps League
- W – We donate to other military charities and non-military disaster relief funds
- X - We assist other military organizations both physically and financially
- Y- Our members are active with the VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program) at the Phila VA hospital.
- Z- We serve as Guardians for WWII & Korean veterans Tour of Honor bus trips to the National Memorials in Washington D.C.
- AA – We attend other various special events that we’re invited to when possible, i.e., Bristol Borough Historical Day, Memorial Dedications, Bridge Dedications, Active duty Marines Homecomings, etc.

SO FAR THIS YEAR
(Jan – Mar 2024)

- Cemetery rifle detail for USMC Vietnam veteran James Reith
- Casket watch for USMC veteran James Britton Sr & cemetery attendance
- Casket watch for Mrs. Catherine Arnold – Gold Star mother of Beirut Marine
- Casket watch for USMC veteran Paul O’Neill & cemetery rifle detail
- 106th Birthday for WWII Army veteran Edna Sheeler

Coming soon.....

- We have 3 more casket/urn watches coming up in the next 2.5 weeks
- We have 2 more (possibly 3) bridge dedications in the next 3 weeks
- We have table reserved at Sen. Jimmy Dillon’s Senior Expo next week for recruitment
- Veterans & Youth Raffle ticket sales start next week
- Birthday celebration for another 100-year-old WWII Army Air Corps veteran

At this time we can always use help with some of these functions, specifically casket watch and rifle detail. We understand a lot of detachments are having trouble recruiting new members. So far we’re not struggling but as we age things become more difficult and we are always looking for new ideas for recruitment. So if anyone has any, we’re all ears.

Respectfully submitted,

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