

Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report

April 2015

With the season of Spring now upon us, it seems hard to believe that at our March general meeting we only had eight members in attendance, due to the snowy weather that evening. We did proceed with a regular meeting, although we were missing our normal attendance of thirty members or more. At the end of the meeting, those present had an extra allotment of pizza for their enjoyment.

With spring now here, some of our regular activity returns. The Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign has started once again, and other Detachment events are on the calendar. In early May, the annual Walk for the Wounded Event will take place,

and the annual Spring Review at Villanova University's NROTC unit is scheduled for 21 April 2015. It will not be too long before Memorial Day is here, and the Detachment always has what seems like a full day of activity on that day.

Our regular April general meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 7 April 2015, beginning at the regular time of 1930. Since we had so few out for the March meeting, please make an extra special attempt to attend the April meeting, so that you can learn about what is going on in your Detachment. Remember, too, that in our May general meeting, we will be remembering those members who have passed away in the past year. In June, we will be having our annual scholarship awards dinner meeting.

There is a lot of activity with our Detachment and it takes many hands to make the Detachment's responsibilities take place. Every member who participates, whether it is in the HUHO campaign, the Adopt-a-Highway effort, or in the Honor Guard responsibilities, or elsewhere, everyone pitching in helps the Detachment in a big way.

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Semper Fi,

Paul Ferguson

Commandant

"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our award winning newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing. We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our **award-winning** newsletter!

APRIL BOOSTERS

Jack Kelly

Florence & Bob Spano

Joe Direso

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.

Birthday Greetings for April

The Detachment staff sends best wishes to the following members who are celebrating a birthday this month:

- Arthur Caldwell
- Joseph Direso
- George Edelmann
- George Hettenbach
- William Holloway
- Donna Moisiades
- Robert Morris
- Stanley Samsel
- Benjamin Sides
- Leslie Turner



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Paul Ferguson
Sr. Vice Commandant	Dominic D'Alessandro
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jack McLeod
Adjutant	Jack Kelly
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Bernie McGinley
Sergeant-At-Arms	Charles (Bud) Davis
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Con McGinley
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Ed Seidl
Director	Paul Donohue
Jr. Past Commandant	James Herbst

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	John Burfete
Americanism Team	J.Mulhern, E. Drake & L. Spangler
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	James Herbst
Ceremonies	Charles (Bud) Davis
Color Guard	Jim Donegan
Flag Collection	Dominic D'Alessandro
Historian	Jack Gallagher
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	Ben Sides
Honor Guard Assistant	Joe Bleece
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	Paul Drinkard
Membership	James Herbst
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Bill Kinney
Nominations	James Herbst
Property	Bob Spano
Communications	John Burfete
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras/Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Con McGinley
Young Marines	Dan Luty
Web Master	Dan Luty

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	877-222-8387
Education	888-442-4551
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	<u>www.va.gov</u>

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

April

- 7 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930 start time.
- 9 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center. Contact Con McGinley for information.
- 12 Adopt-a-Highway, meet at Wolff parking lot on Bishop Hollow Rd. by 0830.
- 17 American Legion Post #338, Annual Italian Dinner. Starts at 1830 and cost is \$20 at the door, \$15 if purchased at our next meeting.
- 21 Villanova Spring Review.
- 26 Detachment Postal Match, 0900-1200 at DELCO Field & Stream.
- 28 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805, Bromall, 1930 start time.

May

- 2 Annual Walk for the Wounded, Rose Tree Park.
- 5 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall 1930 start time.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' EVENTS

OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS'

REGULAR EVENTS

AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 1930.

American Legion: Broomall Post #805, 2340 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA. Meetings the second Wednesday of every month, at 1930.

American Legion Nunan-Slook Post #338, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM of every month at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues, Havertown, PA.

Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, Pa. 19018

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the corner of Ralston & Graslynn Avenues in Havertown, PA.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 67, AmVets, Harold P. Saks Post #118, 211 N. Morton Ave. in Morton, PA meeting is 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$8.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

M.O.D.D. "Devil Dogs" Triboro Pound #19, Pack of Penna., Growls (meetings) are the second Wednesday of the month at 1930. Growls are held at the Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Broomall Post #7390, Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1930. Meetings are held at the MarpleTwp.MunicipalBuilding, Sproul & Springfield Roads, Broomall, PA.

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Herbert W. Best Post # 928, Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except in September, it will be the day after Labor Day, the 2nd (Tuesday and the 3rd Monday) Meetings are held at Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW, MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

SICK CALL	
Frank Greiser Jack McLeod George Hettenbach	George Boyajian Ben Sides
<p><i>Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.</i></p>	

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 3 March 2015

Commandant: Commandant Paul Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1940. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, and Director Paul Donohue. Due to inclement weather, only a limited number of officers were present.

Minutes: Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 February 2015 as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Pete Patrucci seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Paul Ferguson passed along some general information that he had received from the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League. He mentioned two potential dates for the Department postal shoot. The information will be provided to Earle Drake, and the date will be finalized and communicated to those members involved in the shoot. There was an inquiry on the Detachment's donations made to the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, and Paul Ferguson addressed how the donations are put to use. He also provided additional information on the activities of the Liberty USO. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of interested members of the Detachment going on a tour of the Liberty USO facilities at some future date.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod provided a report on his activities for this year's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) campaign. He has been busy scheduling stores and dates and times for all stores for this year's campaign. He has received Corporate approval from the Corporate Headquarters of ACME Markets, and he has also been in contact with individual ACME stores. Other stores involved in the Help Us Help Others campaign have been contacted and a schedule for this year's activity was distributed. This schedule will be distributed to the membership and it will be published in the *Scuttlebutt* also. Jack McLeod mentioned that he would be sending confirmation letters to each individual store confirming the dates of the Detachment members being at the store sites. These letters of confirmation were to be mailed out in the next week or so.

Toys for Tots: Paul Ferguson mentioned that he had received a report from the Marines at the Folsom Reserve Center on the Toys for Tots drive for 2014.

It was reported that 17,480 toys were collected and these toys were distributed to 5,120 needy children in the area. The company that collected the most toys this year was TEVA, collecting more than 900 toys for the Toys for Tots program. It was also mentioned that in addition to the total number of toys collected, more than \$6,700.00 in cash was collected for the Toys for Tots program from a variety of donors.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that two notes of appreciation had been received from family members of deceased veterans who had been honored at their funeral by the Detachment's Honor Guard. Jack Kelly also mentioned that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund in Lakehurst, New Jersey, and from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD. It was mentioned that this year's Spring Review at Villanova's NROTC is scheduled for 21 April 2015. A reception is scheduled for 1400, and the ceremony is scheduled for 1500. More information will be provided at the next general meeting. Also, this year's Walk for the Wounded event is scheduled for 2 May 2015. More information will follow at a later date.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 28 February 2015. He also mentioned the organizations listed on the back of the meeting agenda which would be considered for donations later in the meeting. Jack Kelly made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Pete Patrucci seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: Pete Patrucci mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a history of the Detachment prepared. This could include the purposes of the Marine Corps League and the Detachment. This would include a listing of officers through the years, as well as listing some of the activities and accomplishments of the Detachment over the years. This process could be beneficial for the future of the Detachment. The "genealogy" of the Detachment could be determined by looking through the past program books of the Marine Corps Birthday Balls conducted over the years, as well as looking through past issues of the *Scuttlebutt* newsletter. This history would also be beneficial for new members coming into the Detachment. Peter Patrucci mentioned that he would try to prepare some thoughts and write them down for future consideration.

Roger Godfrey provided a brief report on his HUHO collection activities at Booth's Corner and other venues.

He indicated that he would be collecting for the Help Us Help Others campaign at Booth's Corner in a couple of weeks. He has also collected funds at an event in Oaks, PA, and is considering another event at that location.

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations that were being suggested for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being recommended to the membership for consideration. Nick Repino made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$1,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Pete Patrucci seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Although not at the meeting, Earle Drake provided a written report. Earle Drake reported that the Americanism team of Lloyd Spangler, Jim Mulhern and Earle Drake would be making an Americanism/Flag History presentation at the Loomis School in Broomall on 4 June 2015.

Earle Drake reported that the "Banana Wars" exhibit has been removed from the Neumann University Library. It will be moved to the Delaware County Historical Society Museum and Research Library in Chester, PA. It will be on display there from 15 March to the end of May. The exhibit will then be presented at the Springfield Library during the month of June. The Newtown Square Historical Preservation Society has agreed to present this exhibit during the month of August. The museum will be opened for four Saturday's in August.

The MCL National Postal Match will be held 26 April 2015 from 0900 to 1200. Earle Drake mentioned that he would be meeting with Paul Drinkard to finalize the match. The Detachment will have at least five members participating.

Lastly, Earle Drake reported that the McGuigan family has announced that the 90th birthday party for Jim McGuigan will proceed even though Jim McGuigan (a former Detachment Commandant) had passed away in the past week.

The party will be held on 18 April 2015 at 1400 at the Marple Presbyterian Church.

The event will be catered by Justine's.

Pete Patrucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Repino seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Due to inclement weather (snow and icy conditions), only eight members attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



On March 13, 1943 the first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts.



2015“Help Us Help Others”Store Schedule

Hi Members!

Our 2015 **HUHO fund raising Campaign** will have been kicked-off, March 21 at the Havertown Superfresh and Media ACME Stores.

Our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are needy individuals and families from over 450,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their disability/compensation claims!**

We regularly inquire of those organizations through which we send our financial support as to whether they are adequately funded. Invariably, we are told that **they have more requests for financial assistance than can be supplied!** Therefore, even though the amount of financial assistance that we individually and collectively give may seem modest, **it is not so to the person whom our support is given!**

With the exception of three dates, scheduling of our HUHO Store Events has been completed by delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. One thing we can be sure of is that the Schedule will change: corporate cancellations double booking by Store Management action and JR. Vice errors will take its toll. **Please keep our Schedule information confidential, within our Detachment Family!**

Our Schedule is contained in this month’s Scuttlebutt. Copies of the Schedule will have been emailed or USPS mailed to active HUHO participants and to new Members who have expressed interest in participating. **Other Members, who are interested in participating, please contact me at 610 356 8893.**

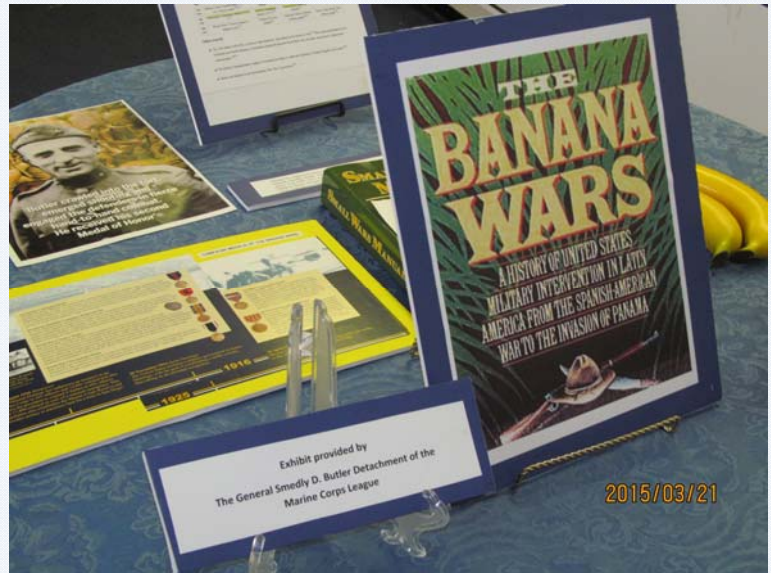
During our Campaign, active participants will be called during the early part of each week in order to staff that week’s scheduled event. We want to emphasize that this is not an obligation of our Members. Please feel free to opt out of a given week’s event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. An email will be sent by Thursday evening that contains the roster for to those Members who have volunteered to participate in that week’s scheduled event. **Please feel free to opt out of a given week’s event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. You will not be judged or questioned for declining to participate!**

It’s never too late to express appreciation to our participants, spouses and friends for the outstanding results achieved in our past Campaigns! Here’s to a similar, successful Campaign in 2015!

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
4/4	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq, PA
4/5	Ridley Acme Newtown Sq Acme	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
4/11	Havertown Superfresh 610-446-4516 Media Acme 610-565-5072	1305 W Chester Pike Havertown, PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
4/12	Havertown Superfresh Media Acme	1305 W Chester Pike 527 E Baltimore Pike
4/18	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 1067 W Baltimore Pike Media, PA
4/19	Lawrence Park Acme Granite Run Acme	567 Sproul Road 1067 W Baltimore Pike
4/25	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
4/26	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
5/2	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Bryn Mawr Acme 610-525-1950	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 801 W Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA
5/3	Ridley Acme Bryn Mawr Acme	124 Morton Ave 801 W Lancaster Ave
5/7 *Thur	Wawa Store #205 610-640-5322	5 Mathews Road Malvern, PA
5/9	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 ShopRite W. Chester 610-696-4066	567 Sproul Road Broomall, PA 115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
5/10	Lawrence Park Acme ShopRite W. Chester	567 Sproul Road 115 W Chester Pike
5/16	Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018 Media Acme 610-565-5072	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq, PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
5/17	Newtown Sq Acme Media Acme	3390 W Chester Pike 527 E Baltimore Pike



Banana Wars exhibit at the Delaware County Historical Society and Research Museum

National Museum of the Marine Corps



Expansion News

It's official! The National Museum of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation broke ground on the Final Phase expansion of the Museum on Friday, 27 March. The expansion will provide over 120,000 square feet of additional space where we will tell the history of the United States Marine Corps from 1975 to present day. The expansion will also include the addition of a combat art gallery, a Hall of Valor, a Marine Sports Hall of Fame gallery, an education suite and a large-screen movie theater.

Pennsylvania's 8th Annual

WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

& Warriors 5K Run

Rose Tree Park - Media, PA



The
Phanatic Says
**Mark Your
Calendar!**

SAT, MAY 2nd, 2015

Ceremonies - Military Vehicles - Thousands of Veterans - Celebrity Hosts - Music - Kid's Games - Food & More!

For more information visit www.WalkForTheWounded.org



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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*Honor-Courage-
Commitment*



Next Meeting
7 April, 2015 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073