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Commandant's Report February 2012

As the new commandant, the first thing I would like to do is give a grateful thanks to Wayne Barner. Wayne & Helene's dedication and hard work has made the Honor Guard a true success. You both will be missed & good luck in your new home.

On the subject of the Honor Guard, one of our new members has stepped up to take the calls and do emails, thanks Joe Tier. Rounding out the Honor Guard committee is Joe Brees- weapons, Ben Sides our armorer, and Lloyd Spangler will contact members who do not have email.

Also a special thanks to the members who assist in conducting the Honor Guards including the American Legion and VFW.

My main goals this year are recruitment, retention and meetings that are efficient and timely. We can always use new members to help in all that we do. As for the meetings, the more efficient we are, the more time we have for fellowship afterwards.

Since our January meeting, the officers worked on the upcoming budget and the directors completed the annual audit of the detachment's financial records. More detail on the budget will be provided at the February 6th meeting. Look forward to seeing you there.

Semper Fi,

James Herbst

Commandant



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"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!

FEBRUARY BOOSTERS

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| Joe Direso | John Burfete |
| Jeanne/Tom Falgiatore | John V. Artz |
| Bob Cosgrove | Bob Matthews |
| Bud Davis | Jerry McGuckin |
| Bob Senior | Florence/Bob Spano |
| Roger Godfrey | Con McGinley |
| Jim Herbst | John Kelly |
| Bill Nolan | Bob Cervino |
| JR Robinson | Lloyd Spangler |
| Hank Velardi | |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for February

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

- Jonathan Barr
- Joseph Beal
- James Clark
- James Constien
- Harry Deaner III
- Lawrence Doyle, Sr.
- James Dunlap
- Jeffrey Elliot
- Roger Godfrey
- R. Stewart Hughes
- John Keevill
- John Kelly
- William McCoy
- Robert McLaughlin
- Thomas Ranaudo
- Bob Spano
- H. Weston Tomlinson



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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| Adopt-A-Highway | John Burfete |
| Americanism | Jim Mulhern/E. Drake |
| Auxiliary Liaison | Tony Fusto |
| Awards | Harry Kaufman |
| Ceremonies | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Color Guard | Jim Donegan |
| Flag Collection | Barry Reese |
| Historian | Jack Gallagher |
| Home Association | Tom Kerrigan |
| Honor Guard | Wayne Barner |
| Honor Guard Assistant | John J. V. Cook |
| Locker Box | Paul Ferguson |
| Marksmanship | Paul Drinkard |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Jerry Leon |
| Nominations | Dan Luty |
| Property | Bob Spano |
| Public Relations | Earle Drake |
| Scholarships | Wayne Williams |
| Scouting | John Gingras/Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Bob Cosgrove |
| V.A.V.S. | Con McGinley |
| Young Marines | Robert Stanton |
| Web Master | Dan Luty |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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| Website | <u>www.va.gov</u> |

DETACHMENT EVENTS

February

- 6** General meeting at the Knights of Columbus at 1930.

- 13** VAVS Bingo at the Coatesville Health Center. Contact Con McGinley.

- 15-19** 2012 National Mid-Winter Conference & Staff Meeting at the Tyson Corners Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike in Tyson Corners, VA.

- 19** Iwo Jima Veterans Luncheon at the DELCO Detachment home in Upland, PA at 1300.

- 19** Veterans Fair at the Plymouth Meeting-National Guard Armory. For more information go to <http://www.VietnamVeterans349.org> and click on the "Veterans Fair" link.

- 23** Iwo Jima Remembrance Ceremony-Neumann University Library in Aston, PA from 1700-1800.

- 28** Staff Meeting at the American Legion Post #805 in Broomall.

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

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. 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, \$7.00/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 Marple Twp. Municipal Building, 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.

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.

SICK CALL

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Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.

Bill Kinney honored as Marine of the year by General Smedley D. Butler Detachment

(This article ran in the Marple Newtown County Press on Wednesday, 11 January)

The membership of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League has selected Bill Kinney as their 2011 Marine Of the Year.

The Detachment Marine of the Year Award is given to the Marine who during the course of the year has demonstrated by leadership and performance an extraordinary contribution to the Detachment, Marine Corps League, Community and Nation. Whose personal conduct has reflected favorably on and brought credit to the Detachment, Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps.

Marine of the Year Bill Kinney is a regular participant in the Honor Guard. He is an active participant in the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Bill regularly volunteers at the Veterans Museum in Media. He regularly volunteers at Bingo for the disabled veterans at the Coatesville Medical Center. Bill participates in the Toys for Tots campaign. Bill volunteers for the Color Guard.

Kinney is a veteran of the Vietnam War.



Shown are Marine of the Year Bill Kinney and Bob Cosgrove, Senior Vice Commandant making presentation.

Young, female vets fight joblessness

By Gregg Zoroya
USA TODAY

Gregg Zoroya of *USA TODAY*, reports that despite an overall decline in unemployment and new federal programs to help veterans, there are growing numbers of young and female veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars remain jobless.

One of three veterans ages 18 to 24 were without work the last quarter of 2011, double the rate of civilian peers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. One in five young veterans were without work in the last quarter of 2010.

Nearly 22% of female veterans – or an estimated 50,000 women – who served during both wars were unemployed in December, according to the data. The jobless rates for Iraq and Afghanistan female veterans in the first through fourth quarters last year were 9.8%, 8.6%, 11.3% and 16.8%, respectively.

“In November and December, these (unemployment figures) really shot up,” says Adriana Kugler, chief economist for the Department of Labor. “Certainly something happened.”

Economists blame the high joblessness among young veterans on the lack of marketable civilian skills.

“These veterans are facing a labor market that is not as forgiving in what they may lack in job experience. They’ve got the military experience, but that doesn’t translate,” says Jim Borbely, an economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The issue for women is more complicated, Kugler says their joblessness could be merely a severe fluctuation.

Female veterans historically gravitate to work in areas now experiencing severe cutbacks, like education, this might account for their high unemployment.

Joblessness among all Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans remains higher than the U. S. average. December’s jobless rate among this veteran group was 13.1%, compared with the nations seasonally adjusted rate of 8.5%.

An estimated 248,000 of these veterans are without work, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says.

The persistent struggle to find them jobs triggered several federal initiatives, including a “Hire a Veteran” bill signed by President Obama in November, which provides job training to veterans and tax credits to businesses that hire them.

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 2 January 2012

Commandant: Senior Vice Commandant Bob Cosgrove opened the meeting at 1930, in the absence of Commandant Dan Luty who was away on personal business. The normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Ross, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Jr. Past Commandant Earle Drake. Sr. Vice Cosgrove reported that the recently concluded Toys for Tots drive was a great success, with the Detachment collecting more than 18,000 toys for delivery to needy children. This amount surpasses the estimated 15,000 toys collected the year before.

Minutes: Bob Spano made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 December 2011 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Jr. Vice: Jack McLeod reported on three fundraising endeavors for the 2011 year. The Help Our Heroes Campaign, in which members shared information with potential contributors on financial challenges of wounded troop and needy veterans, fell short of its budgeted objective. Jack McLeod did provide the names of the members involved in this campaign for 2011, and he mentioned that John Burfete would be heading up this campaign during 2012. Jack McLeod also reported that the Birthday Ball Program Ad Solicitation Campaign was positive, taking in more money than was budgeted. He also reported on the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign, in which members solicited contributions from shoppers at local supermarket stores. During the year, at thirty-two events, members collected \$116,000, distributed more than 17,000 miniature American flags, and served more than 1600 man-hours in this endeavor. Jack McLeod read the names of the members who had participated in this campaign. Jack McLeod finished his report with a prayer, thanking the Lord for His bounty, and for the hospitality of our store hosts and the generosity of the shoppers who donated.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that member Bill DiIenno was in the hospital. He also indicated that members should notify him if they hear of members or family members who are ill or hospitalized.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that a family had sent a thank you card, thanking the Honor Guard for the graveside service for their loved one. Another note of thanks was received from Colonel John Church, thanking those members who were present at his promotion ceremony back in November. Letters of thanks were received from the Semper Fi Fund and from the Fisher House Foundation, expressing thanks for donations made by the Detachment.

Donations of \$3,000.00 were recently given to both organizations.

Paymaster: Bob Spano gave the paymaster's report as of 31 December 2011. A general review of the activity for the year was provided. Bob Spano also briefly commented on the organizations that would be suggested for donations later in the meeting. Bernie McGinley made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that there would not be a 50/50 this evening. The next bingo game at the Coatesville VA Medical Center is scheduled for 9 January 2012.

Jr. Past Commandant: Earle Drake reported that he, Jim Mulhern, and Lloyd Spangler had recently presented an Americanism program at the Worrall Elementary School in Broomall. Earle Drake also mentioned that a number of news releases on Detachment activities had been sent to local newspapers. Earle Drake also mentioned that he had completed all his duties as Jr. Past Commandant in the past two years.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete mentioned that he is still working with PennDOT to have our Adopt-a-Highway sign on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square changed from a ten-year participant to that of a fifteen-year participant.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams indicated that application forms for Detachment scholarships would be available at the February general meeting.

Scouting: Ed Seidl reported that an Eagle Scout ceremony had been conducted in late December, and Detachment representation was present.

Honor Guard: Wayne Barner reported that the Honor Guard had participated in ten military funerals for deceased veterans during the month of December. The year-end total stood at 201 military funerals. Wayne Barner expressed his appreciation to those members who participated in the Honor Guard ceremonies during the year. Seven members participated in over 100 military funerals, and one member participated in 173 military funerals for deceased veterans. Wayne Barner also mentioned that he and his wife Helene would soon be moving to Lancaster County, so he would be stepping down as the contact person for the funeral homes. Someone else is needed to take the calls from the funeral homes and send out the e-mails with the proper information when a veteran's death occurs and the Honor Guard is called upon. It was mentioned that Wayne Barner has done a magnificent job in his time with the Honor Guard, and his service is to be commended. He received a round of applause from the membership.

Unfinished Business: There were no items of unfinished business discussed.

Awards: Harry Kaufman presided over the annual awards portion of the meeting. During this annual recognition of members for their contributions to Detachment activities for the preceding year, members are recognized for their individual efforts in the programs in which they participated. Harry Kaufman mentioned that the name of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment is well known in Marine Corps League circles throughout the state, as well as in our local community. Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to a number of members, including the chairmen of various committees. Certificates of Meritorious Commendation were awarded to a number of members who had been named by committee chairs. Distinguished Service Awards were also distributed. A special award was given from the Department of Pennsylvania. A Distinguished Citizen Award was presented to Jack McLeod for his many endeavors in the community on behalf of the Detachment. The Commandant's Award, the Detachment's second highest award, as chosen by the Commandant, was awarded to Paul Ferguson. The Detachment's highest award, the Marine of the Year Award, as elected by the membership at the December general meeting, was awarded to Bill Kinney. Past recipients of the Marine of the Year Award gathered to present the 2011 Marine of the Year Award to Bill Kinney for all of his endeavors in Detachment programs during 2011.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of suggested organizations that had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting for donations for consideration by the membership. Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) American Gold Star Mothers, Washington, D.C. (\$1,000.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (4) Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lakehurst, NJ (\$1,000.00); (5) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); and (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Installation of Officers for 2012: Earle Drake, in his capacity as Vice Commandant of District One, served as the installing officer for the elected officers of the Detachment for 2012. He was assisted by Dan Murray, Assistant Vice Commandant of District One, and by Tom McGovern, who served as chaplain for the installation ceremony. The officers who were installed were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, and Director Ed Seidl.

Announcements: Bob Spano mentioned that if anyone desired to make a contribution to the newsletter, members should see him after the meeting. Several upcoming events were also mentioned.

Newly installed Commandant Jim Herbst provided some brief remarks on what direction he would like to pursue as Commandant for the Detachment. He mentioned that his cell phone number and e-mail address would be included in the next issue of the *Scuttlebutt*.

Bernie McGinley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

There was no 50/50 event this evening. Thirty-nine members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant



37mm Gun fires against cave positions at Iwo Jima

VETERANS' FAIR

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Don't Miss this One Day Only Event
SUNDAY February 19th 2012
10:00am to 5:00pm

This is the largest collection of Vietnam & WWII Equipment you will ever see in one place. Veterans, bring your whole family. Take photos of the kids in military gear. Show them what you looked like and wore "back in the day."



See our amazing wartime artifacts, vintage military vehicles & live demonstrations by uniformed actors.

Handcrafted items for sale by Iraq & Afghanistan Vets. Memorabilia Vendors. See nostalgic items from the 60's & WWII. **All for a good cause.** Come inside from the cold to enjoy the day with other military history enthusiasts & veterans. \$5 Donation **WWII Vets FREE with ID**

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Commitment**



Next Meeting
February 6, 2012
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073