



Scuttlebutt

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Commandant's Report February 2013

At the January General Detachment Meeting the installation of officers for 2013 took place. The installation was performed by District One Vice Commandant Earle Drake. Assisting in the installation were Dan Murray, District One Assistant Vice Commandant and Tom McGovern as Chaplin. A complete list of officers can be found in February's "Scuttlebutt".

The Detachment has two new officers, Charles Coombs as Judge Advocate and Rodger Godfrey as Director. Stepping down were Director, Bernie McGinley and Sr. Vice, Bob Cosgrove. I would like to thank Bernie and Bob for all their hard work and dedication as officers.

Also at our January meeting, multiple awards were given out by various committee chairmen. Two awards that I would like to highlight include - Jack Kelly, the 2012 Marine of the Year and John Burfete, the Commandant's Award recipient.

Both members are well deserving of these awards. Not only do they work hard for the detachment, both men are active in their community. I would like to thank Awards Chairmen, Harry Kaufman and Bob Spano, for all their hard work in getting the many awards together.

I would like to welcome the Detachment's newest members John Quinn and Dominick Mattioni, welcome aboard.

In closing it is an honor and privilege to serve as your Commandant. I am grateful for the support and help I have received this past year. With 2013 looking to be another busy year, I know with the great members we have, it will again be successful and rewarding.

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

Bud Davis	Pat & Joe Mensack
Jack Kelly	Jean & Tom Falgiatore
Paul Ferguson	Rosemarie & Tony Fusto
Richard Guyer	Beth & Jim Herbst
Emil Latini	Jerry McGuckin
Joe Direso	Florence & Bob Spano
Rosemarie & Lloyd Spangler	

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
James Dunlap
Jeffrey Elliot
Roger Godfrey
R. Stewart Hughes
John Kevill
John Kelly
William McCoy
Robert McLaughlin
Thomas Ranaudo
Bob Spano
H. Weston Tomlinson
John Williams



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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	Joe Tier
Honor Guard Assistants	Ben Sides/Joe Blee
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
Communications	John Burfete
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

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General & Healthcare Benefits

VA Hotline	800-827-1000
Veterans' Healthcare	800-222-8387
Education	888-442-4511
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	<u>www.va.gov</u>

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

February

- 5 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall at 1930.
- 14 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville Health Center, see Con McGinley for information.
- 16 Monte Carlo Casino Fund Raiser to benefit Walk for the Wounded. Barnaby's Heritage Ballroom on MacDade Blvd., Holmes, from 1900-2300. Tickets are \$35.
- 17 Luncheon honoring Iwo Jima Veterans. This event is being hosted by the DELCO Detachment at their home in Upland and starts at 1300.
- 18 Presidents Day.
- 23 WWII Program sponsored by Andy Miller and The Middletown Library at 1300. We will be providing the Color Guard.
- 26 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post #805, Broomall at 1930.

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

Dave Brimble
Matt Balfrey

Barry Reese
Con McGinley

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



MONTE CARLO CASINO NIGHT

Sponsored by Operation First Response & Walk for the Wounded
OFR is a 501C3 organization. Tax ID 20-1622436

Saturday, February 16, 2013
7 to 11 p.m.

The Heritage Ballroom at Barnaby's
2107 MacDade Boulevard
Holmes, PA 19043

Includes: Dinner Buffet, Beer, Wine, Dancing
Monte Carlo Casino Tables
Silent & Live Auction

\$35/person

To purchase tickets
email pegfteach@aol.com

or call 610-506-7649

www.operationfirstresponse.org



General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 2 January 2013

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1915, and the normal opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Jr. Past Commandant Dan Luty.

New Member: Commandant Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the membership. Dominick Mattioni served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1959 to 1967. Bill Kinney made a motion to accept Dominick Mattioni as a regular member. The motion was seconded by Bernie McGinley and Paul Donohue, and the motion passed. Due to anticipated time constraints, he was not sworn in at this meeting, but he will be sworn in at a future meeting.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 December 2012 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Commandant Jim Herbst wished everyone a Happy New Year, and he also commended the membership on a good turnout for the meeting. He mentioned that the Detachment had lost two members recently, Karl Heinzelmann and Conrad Sendlinger.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported on the three fund raising campaigns for the 2012 year. The Help Our Heroes campaign, involving members sharing information with potential contributors regarding the financial challenges faced by our wounded troops, needy veterans, and their families, received contributions of \$21,000.00 during 2012 versus a budget objective of \$15,000.00. In the annual Birthday Ball Program Ad Solicitation Campaign, the revenue collected from ads to help defray the cost of the Ball was a total of \$5,855.00 versus a budget objective of \$5,000.00. In the Help Us Help Others Campaign, donations from shoppers at thirty-five weekends, two Wawa events, and three Friday evening events, resulted in donations totaling \$132,000.00 versus a budget objective of \$75,000.00. Jack McLeod read the names of the members who participated in this endeavor, as well as mentioning the names of some Auxiliary members who also participated. Jack McLeod completed his report with a prayer, thanking the Lord for His goodness in this successful campaign.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly read a letter from Commander Eric Humphreys (USN, ret.) thanking Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern and Lloyd Spangler for their Americanism flag presentation class for the Sterling Regional High School Jr. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in Somerdale, New Jersey.

In addition, a card of thanks was read from a family member whose loved one had recently been presented with honors by the Honor Guard during graveside ceremonies.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that two members had passed away. Conrad Sendlinger was reported to have passed away in November, and Karl Heinzelmann was reported to have passed away in December. Chris Bush mentioned that Dave Brimble was improving, now at home. Matt Balfrey was reported to be in the VA hospital.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 December 2012. Highlights of the report were reviewed. Bob Spano also asked the members to review the suggested list of organizations on the back of the agenda that would be considered for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 10 January 2013 at 1400.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that there would be an Americanism program presented for a Cub Scout group in Bala Cynwyd on 16 January 2013. Earle Drake also commented on a World War II presentation scheduled for 23 February 2013 at the Middletown Free Library. The Detachment's Color Guard is scheduled to participate. In June, there is a special program scheduled to recognize the Montford Point Marines. More details will be provided on this event at a later date.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan expressed his deep appreciation to the officers and members of the Detachment who participated in Color Guard events during 2012. He also mentioned that the next Color Guard event is the World War II presentation that Earle Drake had mentioned, scheduled for 23 February at the Middletown Free Library.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that there had been 12 military funerals for deceased veterans during December. The final count for the year was 187 military funerals for military veterans serviced by the Honor Guard during 2012. Special recognition is due for Joe Bles, who participated in 181 military funerals, Ben Sides, who participated in 168 military funerals, and Bill Kinney, who participated in 101 military funerals. Ben Sides also mentioned that Bea Lloyd will be taking over the responsibility of receiving the telephone calls from funeral directors, but Joe Tier will continue to send out the e-mail notifications to Honor Guard participants.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that application forms for membership are being revised. Additional information will be forthcoming from National Headquarters.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he now has application forms for the Detachment scholarship program. Those in need of scholarship forms should contact Wayne Williams.

Scouting: Ed Seidl mentioned that there had been an Eagle Scout ceremony on 30 December 2012. Another is scheduled for early March.

Good of the League: Dan Fitzpatrick mentioned that he had received a DVD in the mail from the most recent Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. that he and his father attended. Dan had made ten additional copies (for both TV and/or PC use), and the extra copies were available for those interested. There was additional discussion concerning the change in membership applications. The changes became necessary due to recent changes made at National Headquarters, and new forms are to be available shortly.

Installation of Officers for 2013: Earle Drake, serving as Vice Commandant of District One, served as the installing officer for the Detachment's elected officers for 2013. Dan Murray, Assistant Vice Commandant of District One, assisted Earle Drake, and Tom McGovern served as chaplain for the installation ceremony. The officers who were sworn in and installed as officers for 2013 were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Ferguson, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Charles Coombs, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Roger Godfrey, Director Bill Kinney, and Director Ed Seidl. The officers were "duly installed into office" and Earle Drake then had some special encouraging words for Commandant Jim Herbst.

Awards for 2012: Jim Herbst relinquished control of the meeting to Harry Kaufman, who presided over the distribution of awards for recognition of contributions made during 2012. Harry Kaufman spoke of the pride that he has in this Detachment, and how it consistently ranks high among the other Detachments in the state. Harry Kaufman asked the chairmen of various committees to assist him with the distribution of awards. Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to a number of members for their contributions throughout the year. Certificates of Meritorious Commendation were awarded to those members who had been recommended by committee chairs for their contributions during the year. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to a number of members for their contributions to the Detachment during the past year. A special Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Commandant Jim Herbst to John Cook for his continued work on behalf of the Detachment. Two special Distinguished Service Awards were presented on behalf of Chris Bush to non-members Tim Kelly and Thomas Farrell for their work on behalf of veterans. An award given anonymously was given to Jack McLeod for all of his work as Jr. Vice Commandant, and the award was a copy of the book entitled *The Marines*. The Commandant's Award, the Detachment's second highest award, as chosen by the Commandant, was awarded to John Burfete. John Burfete was not able to attend this meeting, but he will receive his award at a later date. The Detachment's highest award, the Marine of the Year Award, as elected by the membership, was then awarded.

Past recipients of the Marine of the Year Award gathered to present the award, and Bill Kinney, the recipient of the award for 2011, presented the Marine of the Year Award for 2012 to Jack Kelly.

New Business: Bob Spano mentioned the list of organizations suggested to receive donations this month. This list of organizations had been approved at a recent officers' staff meeting, and the organizations were being suggested to the membership for consideration. Harry Kaufman made a motion to donate the funds as shown on the back of the meeting's 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) Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lakehurst, NJ (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (6) Upper Mainline YMCA, Bryn Mawr, PA (\$2,000.00). The motion was seconded by Bernie McGinley and the motion passed.

Commandant Jim Herbst expressed his appreciation to Bernie McGinley and Bob Cosgrove for their valuable service over the past several years to the Detachment as Director and Sr. Vice Commandant respectively. Both Bernie McGinley and Bob Cosgrove had chosen not to run for another term.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Emil Latini won the 50/50. Thirty-eight members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant

A personal note: Thank you to the Detachment members for awarding me the Marine of the Year Award for 2012. It is obviously a high honor, and I am humbled to be awarded this recognition. All I can say is - "To God be the Glory!"

Jack Kelly



Installation of Officers



Jim Mulhern being awarded Individual Merit Commendation



Bugler Lloyd Spangler with the Cub Scouts playing "To the Colors"



Pres. of Lower Merion Hist. Soc., Gerald Francis & Lisa Baskin



Earle w/ Den Leader, Scott Schwartz & Den Mother, Lisa Baskin



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Next Meeting
February 5, 2013
1930 hours
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073