



# Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Report January 2013

I hope everyone had a festive Holiday and hears wishing you all a healthy and Happy New Year.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the year to make this a great Detachment. From parade color guards, to rendering funeral honors, to Toys-for Tots and cleaning up at Adopt-a-Highway, we are active in our community. I personally have received many a "Thank You" from our generous neighbors while participating at HUHO fundraisers.

With all we accomplished last year, at times the Detachment had difficulty supporting some events.

During the Detachment January staff meeting we will be setting a course for the upcoming year. The meeting will start at 1900, Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup>. There might be some tough decisions made on what events we support in the upcoming year. I value every Detachment members input, that is what makes this a great Detachment, **TEAMWORK**.

January's general meeting will be the installation of officers (red blazers if you have them) and awards ceremony. Also bring your completed "Birthday Ball" surveys.

*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!

**JANUARY BOOSTERS**

- John Burfete, Jr.
- Dominic D'Alessandro
- Joe Direso
- Jean & Tom Falgiatore
- Paul Ferguson
- Richard Guyer
- Jack Kelly
- Con McGinley
- Jerry McGuckin
- Pat & Joe Mensack
- Florence & Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

**Bob Spano**

Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings for January**

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

- David Brimble
- James Cecchini
- Paul Drinkard
- Albert Gutierrez
- Richard Hudak
- Vincent Mangelli
- Edward Moore
- Barry Reese
- Nicholas Repino
- Alexander Rubin
- Walter Tallmadge
- Robert Wells



**Happy Birthday...and many, many more!**

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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**

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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              |

*DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

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

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### January

- 2 General Meeting, K of C Hall at 1900 \*(early start). This is a Wednesday and also please note the early start. Installation of Officers, Awards Program including Marine of the Year and Commandants Award.
- 6&7 2013 Department of Pennsylvania Staff Meeting, Holiday Inn, 604 Station Road, Grantville, room rate \$85. Commandant's Council is scheduled for Saturday.
- 9 VAVS Bingo at the Coatesville Health Center.
- 17 Budget & Audit Meeting, American Legion Post #805, Broomall at 1930.
- 29 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post #805, Broomall at 1930.

### February

- 5 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Newtown Square at 1930.

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## 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.

## Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

**Upper Darby Detachment #884 MCL**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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### SICK CALL

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| Dave Brimble<br>Matt Balfrey | John McHenry<br>Con McGinley |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|

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

## Delaware County Veterans free ID cards now available



*Displaying their new Delaware County Veterans ID cards are Delaware County American Legion Commander Marty Costello, County Council Vice Chairman Mario Civera, Jr. and Jerry Sweeley, 8th District Commander of the Pennsylvania American Legion. The cards are now being issued to veterans in the Recorder of Deeds Office.*

Delaware County veterans can now obtain a free Veterans Photo Identification card at the Government Center in Media, enabling them to access discounts offered to veterans by various businesses, restaurants and services. The new Veterans ID Program was launched recently by Delaware County Council, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Recorder of Deeds in a program also attended by several veterans. The Veterans ID card will be issued at no charge to all honorably discharged veterans from 9a.m. to 3p.m. weekdays at the Recorder of Deeds office, Room 108, at the Government Center.

The ID card enables veterans to access discounts offered by local businesses as a way of showing their appreciation to veterans for their service to the country. To receive a photo ID card, the veteran must present a DD-214 or equivalent military discharge issued under honorable conditions and a current photo ID card such as a driver's license.

“This is just one way that we can show our appreciation to veterans of all ages who bravely served our country in all branches of the military,” said County Council Vice Chair Mario Civera Jr., a U.S. Air Force veteran. “We have heard from our veterans that a photo ID card would be helpful to them, and we recognized that this was a service we could provide at the county level,” Civera said.

At the same time, the county is conducting outreach to businesses who offer veterans discounts in order to list them on the county website for Veterans Affairs. Businesses interested in participating in the veterans discount program can contact the County Veterans Affairs office at 610-891-4539. The discounts are at the discretion of the business and will be posted on the Veterans Affairs website. The site will be updated on a regular basis, so new businesses can be added. Each business will also receive a certificate of participation to display at their location.

“Whether they served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, other deployments or here in the United States, we owe a debt of gratitude to our veterans, and this is one way of showing our appreciation,” Civera said. Civera was the first veteran to be issued a Veterans ID Card. He also listed his business, Civera's Deli in Upper Darby, on the discount site. He explained that veterans who cannot locate their DD-214 or military discharge documents can apply for copies through the Veterans Affairs office, on the ground floor of the Government Center.

For more information about the Veterans ID Program, or other veterans' services, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 610-891-4645 or visit the website at [www.co.delaware.pa.us](http://www.co.delaware.pa.us).

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 4 December 2012**

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1800. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. This was the annual Christmas dinner meeting, so the meeting started earlier than normal, as the dinner would be held after the conclusion of the general meeting. Officers present were Commandant Jim Herbst, Sr. Vice Bob Cosgrove, Jr. Vice Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chis Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Bill Kinney, Director Bernie McGinley, Director Ed Seidl, and Junior Past Commandant Dan Luty.

**Minutes:** George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 November 2012 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Joe Mensack seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**New Member:** Commandant Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the Detachment. John Quinn had served in the Marine Corps, and was recruited to the Detachment by Paul Donohue. George Boyajian made a motion to accept John Quinn as a new regular member. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed. In order to move the meeting along, the formal swearing in ceremony was postponed until the January general meeting.

**Officer Reports:**

**Commandant:** Jim Herbst wished all members and their families a happy holiday season and a happy new year. He also explained that survey forms on the annual birthday ball were available. He explained the purpose of the survey form and encouraged all members to express their opinions on the birthday ball.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned that Jim McQuigan and Matt Balfrey had recently been hospitalized, but both are now improving.

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly mentioned that one letter of thanks for a donation made by the Detachment had been received. The letter of thanks had been received from the Wounded Warrior Regiment in Quantico, VA.

**Jr. Vice:** Jack McLeod reported that the Help Our Heroes campaign had seen contributions of \$19,000.00 this year, as compared to a budget objective of \$15,000.00. He also reported that the advertisements in the Birthday Ball Program had resulted in \$4,735.00 in revenue, compared to a budget objective of \$5,000.00. In the Help Us Help Others campaign, it was reported that donations from shoppers at area supermarkets had resulted in collections of roughly \$128,000.00, compared to a budget objective of \$75,000.00. Jack McLeod indicated that he would have a more detailed report and recognition of those members involved in this program at the January general meeting.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano reviewed the paymaster's report as of 30 November 2012. He also asked members to review the list of suggested organizations to be considered for contributions later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Dan Luty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Earle Drake mentioned that an Americanism program is planned for a Junior Naval ROTC group in New Jersey for Commander Eric Humphreys, USN, (ret.). Commander Humphreys has assisted our Detachment in the past with recognizing those members who were recognized as authorized funeral providers for deceased veterans.

**Auxiliary Liaison:** Tony Fusto did not have a report, but he reminded Detachment members of the up-coming seventy-first anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 7 December.

**Awards:** Bob Spano mentioned that only two committee chairmen had submitted names of members to be recognized at the annual awards meeting in January. Committee chairmen should get their reports in to Awards Chairman Harry Kaufman or Bob Spano as soon as possible so that the necessary certificates can be prepared.

**Color Guard:** Jim Donegan expressed his appreciation to those members who had participated in recent Color Guard events. He also mentioned that there is a need for participants for a Color Guard on 13 December 2012 in which the Newtown Square Business and Professional Association will be recognizing the Detachment. In addition, another event is scheduled for 20 December 2012 for Nicole Robinson at a company Christmas luncheon.

**Flag Collection:** Barry Reese mentioned that worn or tattered American flags had been collected from all collection boxes recently. A date will be determined to properly destroy these worn out flags.

**Honor Guard:** Ben Sides reported that 20 military funerals for deceased veterans had been conducted during the month of November. The year-to-date total is now at 179 military funerals, and three more have been scheduled for the current week. Ben Sides also complimented the riflemen in the Honor Guard for their excellent performance during events on Marine Sunday on 11 November 2012.

**Delaware County Veterans Park:** Bill Kinney mentioned that the progress made on the Park indicates that everything is progressing satisfactorily, and the dedication of the Park is set for 11 May 2013. Bill Kinney mentioned that the Park committee will be meeting twice a month and all are excited about the progress made to date. Bill Kinney also mentioned once again that members can purchase a brick if they desire to, and members should contact him for the necessary form.

**Property:** Bob Spano mentioned that several new name tags have been received for members who had ordered them, but several others had to be reordered because the supplier had made several spelling errors.

**Scholarships:** Wayne Williams mentioned that he anticipated to have forms available for the Detachment scholarship program for 2013 at the January general meeting.

**V.A.V.S.:** Con McGinley reported on the anticipated activity at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. A stocking stuffer party is scheduled for Friday, 7 December 2012 and then gifts are to be distributed on Saturday, 8 December 2012. A bingo game is scheduled for Thursday, 13 December 2012.

Other: Earle Drake briefly commented on the availability of obtaining new Veterans Photo Identification cards at the Government Services Building in Media, PA. To receive a photo ID card, the veteran must present a DD214 or equivalent military discharge issued under honorable conditions and a current photo ID card. The new program allows veterans to take advantage of discounts offered by local businesses in appreciation of the veteran's service.

Harry Kaufman reiterated what Bob Spano had mentioned earlier, that committee chairmen need to submit the names of members to him as soon as possible in order for members to be properly recognized at the January awards meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Officer Nominations for 2013: Jr. Past Commandant Dan Luty presided over the third and final round of nominations of officers for 2013. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by:

Commandant: Jim Herbst

Sr. Vice Commandant: Paul Ferguson

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod

Paymaster: Bob Spano

Adjutant: Jack Kelly

Judge Advocate: Charles Coombs

Chaplain: Chris Bush

Service Officer: Con McGinley

Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles (Bud) Davis

Directors (three needed): Bill Kinney and Ed Seidl. Roger Godfrey was nominated by Jim Herbst to be the third Director, and he accepted the nomination. As there were no contested positions with more than one person being nominated, Dan Luty requested that Adjutant Jack Kelly cast one vote for each person nominated and for the three members nominated for the Director position, per the Detachment's By-laws and Administrative Procedures. This was done and therefore the entire slate of officers was thereby elected for the 2013 year.

Marine of the Year: Bill Kinney presided over the election of the Marine of the Year for 2012. After nominations were previously received from the membership, three members were elected by secret ballot at a recent officers' staff meeting. The three finalists, listed alphabetically, were Paul Ferguson, Jim Herbst, and Jack Kelly. Bill Kinney provided a brief outline of each finalist's contribution to the Detachment in order for the membership to make an informed decision for voting. Paper ballots were distributed, and a secret vote was taken. The announcement of the Marine of the Year will be made at the Detachment's January 2013 general meeting.

New Business: George Boyajian mentioned that Jimmy Garrity and other representatives from the Carpenters Union would be here on 19 December at the Knights of Columbus building to deliver toys for the Toys for Tots program. George Boyajian requested that members be here to assist with the delivery to the Folsom Reserve Center.

Bob Cosgrove presented Staff Sergeant Rick Wilson, USMC, of the Folsom Reserve Center with a check of \$2,000.00 for the Toys for Tots program of the U.S. Marine Corps. In addition to the check, the toys that were collected this evening would also be turned over to Staff Sergeant Wilson.

Earle Drake reported on a recent meeting with Delaware County Council in which the Council recognized the three Marine Corps League Detachments in Delaware County upon the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps League. The Marine Corps League was established in 1937 by a U.S. Congressional charter. Representatives from each of the three Delaware County Detachments were given a copy of a resolution that had been read at the Council meeting by Mario Civera Jr., County Council Vice Chairman. Earle Drake read the resolution to the Detachment's membership and then presented the resolution to Commandant Jim Herbst.

Announcements: Harry Kaufman provided information on a Christmas party scheduled for 14 December 2012 at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post in Havertown, PA.

Wayne Williams mentioned that if any member knew of a sick child, the member should contact Wayne Williams to arrange for a visit from Santa Claus for the child.

Good of the League: Bob Spano reviewed the list of recommended organizations that had been approved recently at an officers' staff meeting. The list was suggested to the membership for consideration for approval. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined in the agenda. The following organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are: (1) American Gold Star Mothers, Washington, D.C. (\$2,000.00); (2) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA (\$2,000.00); (3) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (4) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (5) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA; (6) Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (7) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). The motion was seconded by several members and the motion passed.

Bob Cosgrove mentioned that there would be another meeting of "Smedley's Breakfast Club" this Saturday, 8 December, at the Country Squire Restaurant and Diner in Broomall, beginning at 0900.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Kaufman seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 1855. The meeting was followed by the annual Christmas dinner of the Detachment.

Tom Falgiatore won the 50/50. Fifty-three members signed the logbook.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant



**Resolution from Delaware County Council recognizing Marine Corps League 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Smedley Butler Detachment's Annual Holiday Dinner**



**Bob Cosgrove and Jim Herbst presenting Toys for Tots check**



**Paul Ferguson w/ lots of toys and \$500 from Tredyffrin Police Assoc.**



**Marine Corps League**  
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**Honor-Courage-  
Commitment**



Next Meeting  
**January 2, 2013 (Wednesday)**  
**1900 hours \*(early start)**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073