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Commandant's Report January 2015

Our Detachment recently lost two members, Walt Tallmadge and Craig Allen. Walt was an Iwo Jima veteran and a recipient of two Purple Hearts. Both Craig and Walt will be sorely missed.

The Newtown tree lighting was attended by Dominic, Earl and I. We collected one box of toys for the Toys for Tots program, which was another grand success this year.

Our election of officers has been completed and the installation of officers is scheduled for the 6 January 2015 general meeting. We are still waiting for a confirmation from the State Department for the installation. Thank You, once again to the staff for stepping up and volunteering.

Our annual Detachment Staff dinner is scheduled for 30 December at Valentino's Restaurant in Broomall beginning at 1900. All are welcome to attend. Earl Drake has graciously arranged to donate the wine.

My wife and I along with Pete Patucci visited Jack McLeod on Monday. He was in good spirits but seemed confused as to what has or will take place. He was at Dunwoody Village for re-hab, but he was scheduled to be released to go home on 24 December.

Normally we would have our awards presentation during the January general meeting. However, postponing the awards until the February meeting is being discussed. The reason for potentially moving the awards to February is to reduce the length of the normally very long January meeting.

Semper Fi & Happy Holidays,

Paul Ferguson

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

Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore
Rick Guyer
Jack Kelly
Con McGinley
Pat & Joe Mensack
Lew Neumann
Florence & Bob Spano

Paul Ferguson
Beth & Jim Herbst
Steve Kusner
Jerry McGuckin
Mike Milliken
Stan Samsel

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:

James Cecchini
Paul Drinkard
Anthony Fusto
Richard Hudak
Edward Moore
Nicholas Repino
Robert Wells
Michael West



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	Open
V.A.V.S.	Con McGinley
Young Marines	Open
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

January

- 6 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1930 start time.
- 8 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center. Contact Con McGinley for information.
- 9,10 Department of PA winter staff meeting in Grantville, PA.
- 27 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post 805, Broomall, 1930 start time.

February

- 6 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall 1930 start time.

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.

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

SICK CALL	
Marino DeFrancesco Dennis Morsa Jack McLeod	Joe Mensack Ollie McGraw
<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 – 2 December 2014

Commandant: Commandant Paul Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1800 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, 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, Director Ed Seidl, and Junior Past Commandant Jim Herbst. Paul Ferguson mentioned that Gunnery Sergeant Jesus Melendrez of the Folsom Reserve Center is joining the Detachment as a regular member, but since this meeting is the annual Christmas dinner meeting, his swearing in ceremony will be scheduled for the January 2015 general meeting.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 November 2014 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that he had visited Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod in the hospital after Jack McLeod had had heart surgery. Chris Bush mentioned that Jack was doing well and that he was improving each day. He was out of ICU and was expected to be sent to a re-habilitation facility in the near future.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that a number of letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received. Letters of thanks had been received from the Liberty USO in Philadelphia, PA, Operation Homefront in San Antonio, TX, the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, and from the Marine Corps League Foundation in Merrifield, VA. A letter was received from Guy Fizzano, Board President of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association, expressing his appreciation to Jim Donegan and the other members of the Detachment's Color Guard for serving as the Color Guard at the Association's Freedom Medals Awards Dinner on 13 November 2014. A note of thanks was received from the Martin's Run Retirement Community, thanking the Detachment's Color Guard for participating in Martin's Run walk against dementia. A letter was received from the St. Thomas More Alumni Association, thanking Detachment member Dan Fitzpatrick for participating as a bugler in a recent service. The Alumni Association also donated \$100.00 to the Detachment. A letter received from the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport invited Detachment members to a tour of the Center to meet some of their staff, volunteers, and military guests. This invitation will be discussed at the January 2015 general meeting, to determine if there is any interest.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the paymaster's report as of 30 November 2014. There were no questions raised on his report.

He also suggested that the members review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda that would be considered for donations later in the evening. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that an Americanism, Flag History and Armed Forces presentation was made on 10 November 2014 at the St. Augustine of Hippo's after school program in Norristown, PA. Twenty-five girls from eight to twelve years of age were present, along with their teachers. Jim McGuigan, Past Commandant, and Paul Donohue were the presenters. On Veterans Day, 11 November 2014, Jim McGuigan and Earle Drake presented Certificates of Appreciation to the older veterans at Highgate of Paoli Pointe of Paoli, PA. On Thursday evening, 20 November 2014, Jim Mulhern and Earle Drake presented an Americanism/Flag History program at the Chichester Middle School to twenty-five Cub Scouts and their parents.

Marine of the Year: Ben Sides had distributed ballots for voting for the Marine of the Year for 2014 earlier in the meeting. He asked the members to mark their vote on the ballot, and he would collect the ballots at this point in the meeting. The three finalists for the Marine of the Year were Paul Ferguson, Dominic D'Alessandro, and Jim Herbst. The announcement of the Marine of the Year will be made at the January 2015 general meeting.

Awards: Jim Herbst made one more request for all committee chairmen to submit names to him for those members to be recognized for their contributions to Detachment events during 2014. He also reminded the membership that the final round of nominations for officers for the 2015 year would take place this evening.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan was not present, but Commandant Paul Ferguson read an e-mail report from Jim Donegan in which he reported that an upcoming Color Guard event has been scheduled. This event is for the Christmas luncheon for the National Realty Company at the Trattoria Giuseppe on 19 December 2014. Jim Donegan also mentioned that he would need a Toys for Tots pickup by the Reserve that day, since the National Realty employees usually have collected a good number of toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Old Business:

Nomination of Officers for 2015: Commandant Paul Ferguson called on Jr. Past Commandant Jim Herbst to conduct the final round of nomination of officers for 2015. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

Commandant: Paul Ferguson
Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominic D'Alessandro
Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod
Judge Advocate: Bernie McGinley
Paymaster: Bob Spano (Bob Spano had previously respectfully declined the nomination, but he accepted the nomination at this time.)

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Adjutant: Jack Kelly
Chaplain: Chris Bush
Service Officer: Con McGinley
Sergeant-at-Arms: Charles (Bud) Davis
Directors (three needed): Bill Kinney, Ed Seidl, and Paul Donohue.

Since there were no contested positions with two or more candidates nominated, Jim Herbst requested that Adjutant Jack Kelly cast one vote for each person nominated, and for the three Directors nominated, as called for in the Detachment's By-laws and Administrative Procedures. This was done and the slate of officers was thereby elected for the 2015 year. Jim Herbst reminded the membership that the installation of officers would be conducted at the January 2015 general meeting. The January meeting is also the annual awards meeting where members are to be recognized for their participation in Detachment events for the past year.

Bob Spano mentioned an item that had been discussed briefly at the recent offices' staff meeting. This involved a company that would buy gold from a customer and the company would donate the funds to the Detachment. The customer would then be able to claim the funds as a tax write-off as a contribution to the Detachment. This item was tabled as more investigation is needed before committing to this.

New Business:

George Boyajian mentioned that Local #465 of the Carpenters Union would be having its annual Toys for Tots dinner on 17 December 2014, here at the Knights of Columbus, beginning at 1800. George Boyajian asked for volunteers to show up to help with the collection of the Toys for Tots and to also enjoy a free meal.

Bill Kinney provided a report on the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Freedom Medals Dinner, which was held on 13 November 2014. He reported that more than 600 people attended the dinner, and he commended the Detachment's Color Guard that presented the Colors, and Lloyd Spangler, who played the bugle at designated times. Bill also commended Tom McGovern and Con McGinley, our members who were among the individuals receiving the Freedom Medals. Con McGinley had brought his award in to the general meeting for those who desired to see the award. George Boyajian mentioned that he had attended the dinner and he mentioned that the entire evening was outstanding.

Bill Kinney also mentioned that he had talked to Jack McLeod that afternoon and he mentioned that Jack was feeling better and was improving following his surgery. Bill mentioned that Jack McLeod was due to be released shortly and he would be going to either Dunwoody or to Bryn Mawr Rehab before going home.

Bob Spano asked the members to review the list of organizations on the back of the agenda 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. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and the amount 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) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$1,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Jack Gallagher and several others seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Nothing was discussed under this category.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jim Herbst seconded the motion. The motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 1830. The membership then joined with members of the Auxiliary for the annual Christmas dinner.

John Burfete won the 50/50. Forty members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant



PICTURES FROM THE DETACHMENT'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER & other HOLIDAY EVENTS





National Realty Corp Holiday Party



T4T Dropoff at Videon Chrysler Jeep



NSB&PA Holiday Luncheon and T4T pickup



Jim Mulhern and Earle Drake visiting with Upper Chichester Cup Pack 495 and Cub Master Ken Murphy





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Commitment



Next Meeting
6 January, 2015 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
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Newtown Square, PA 19073