



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report March 2013

At the February Detachment meeting we were honored to have Joe Brooks of the Liberty USO speak. Mr. Brooks is the President and COO of the Liberty USO. Mr. Brooks was thanking the Detachment for its generous support.

Mr. Brooks also presented the Detachment with a banner that was hanging at the USO in the Philadelphia airport. This banner had over 300 signatures and messages from service members and their families. I would like to thank Paul Ferguson, Bob Spano and Jack Gallagher for their volunteer work at the Liberty USO.

Three new members were sworn in at the February meeting - John Quinn, Dominick Mattioni and Vicenc Feliu. Welcome aboard!

I had the pleasure of handing out the following awards: the Detachment's 2012 Commandant's Award to John Burfete, a Certificate of Appreciation to Don Walz and a Meritorious Commendation award to Barry Reese.

I would like to remind members to read the minutes of the Scuttlebutt. Jack Kelly does a great job in summarizing the General Meetings. Please pay particular attention to the scholarship administrative changes and the new proposal in the "Good of the League".

*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!

MARCH BOOSTERS

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Bud Davis     | John Burfete         |
| Jack Kelly    | Charlie Coombs       |
| Paul Ferguson | Con McGinley         |
| Richard Guyer | Beth & Jim Herbst    |
| Joe Direso    | 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 March**

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

James Donegan  
Richard Guyer  
Albert Harper  
Anthony Terence Jones  
Henry Kaufman  
Raymond Keesey  
Jaques Mauch  
Samuel Mayer  
John McHenry  
Thomas Potter  
Gerald Powlus  
Edward Seidl  
Charles Sexton  
Lloyd Spangler  
Robert Stanton  
Paul Turner  
Paul Vergalla



*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              |

*DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS*

**General & Healthcare Benefits**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <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><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></b> |

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### March

- 5 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall at 1930.
- 13 Color Guard for Program at the Media Courthouse.
- 14 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville Health Center, see Con McGinley for information.
- 15-16 PA Department Spring Staff Meeting. Meetings are held at MCL Headquarters Bldg. and stay over arrangements can be made at the Lickdale Days Inn.
- 16 Springfield Township St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day.
- 26 Staff Meeting, American Legion Post #805, Broomall at 1930.

**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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## 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.

| <b>SICK CALL</b>   |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Dave Brimble<br>Matt Balfrey<br>Marino DeFrancesco   | Phil Bannan<br>Con McGinley |
| <i>Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.</i> |                             |

# Veteran's Weekend



**Sat, March 2 & Sun March 3**

Four charismatic young men sing the best hits of the 1950's when they finally have the chance to give the concert of their lives. Hear those great songs like *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* & *3 Coins in the Fountain!*

Sat March 2—2pm Performance; Reception 3:30-4:30pm

Sat March 2—8pm Performance; Reception at 7pm\*

\*Saturday's performance includes Presentation of the Color Guard, Award Ceremony, and Beer, Food, & Wine Included

Sun March 3—3pm; Reception 2pm

\$29 Tickets Available—Call 610-891-0100

The Media Theatre

Jesse Cline, Artistic Director

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 5 February 2013**

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1930, and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present 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 Davis, Director Roger Godfrey, Director Bill Kinney, and Junior Past Commandant Dan Luty.

**Minutes:** Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 January 2013 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Guest Speaker:** Jim Herbst introduced Sr. Vice Commandant Paul Ferguson, who provided some brief remarks on the activities of the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. Our Detachment had contributed \$26,000.00 to the Liberty USO during 2012 and Paul also listed other non-financial contributions that were made to the USO. Paul Ferguson introduced Mr. Joe Brooks, President and COO of the Liberty USO, which in total serves the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. Mr. Brooks mentioned that no other organization has been as generous as the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment in donating funds to the USO. Our Detachment “has been the single largest supporter of the Liberty USO”, and “this is something to be embraced.” Mr. Brooks mentioned that during 2012, 179,000 service members or families of service members passed through the Liberty USO service centers. The USO receives no funds from any government agency, and since it is a non-profit entity, all of its income is through donations. Mr. Brooks presented a large banner thanking the USO and the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment for all that has been done for service men and women and their families. More than 300 messages had been written on the banner and Mr. Brooks encouraged the membership to read many of them. Mr. Brooks concluded his remarks by saying “On behalf of the Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey USO, I want to thank you for your support.” He received a hearty round of applause for his remarks. Commandant Jim Herbst thanked Paul Ferguson, Jack Gallagher, and Bob Spano for their many hours of service at the Liberty USO.

**New Members:** Commandant Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the membership. Vicenc Feliu served as a Captain in the Marine Corps, in both the intelligence and communications areas. Dan Luty made a motion to accept him as a member, and Wes Tomlinson seconded the motion. The motion passed and he was accepted as a regular member. Two other recent members, John Quinn and Dominick Mattioni, were then sworn in with Vicenc Feliu as regular members of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League by Commandant Jim Herbst.

**Officer Reports:**

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Paul Ferguson mentioned that he would be responsible for coordinating the different dinners throughout the year, and that he was open to suggestions for the various dinners. The first one would be the annual scholarship dinner in June. He is looking forward to a good year in his new area of responsibility.

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly reported that letters of appreciation for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the following organizations: The USMC Wounded Warrior Regiment, The Fisher House Foundation (this letter listed our donations during 2012 totaling \$24,500.00), The Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia, The Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, American Gold Stars Mothers, and the Marine Corps League’s Chester County Detachment. A card of thanks was received thanking the members of the Honor Guard for services performed at the gravesite of a deceased veteran.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano presented the paymaster’s report as of 31 January 2013. He also briefly reviewed the proposed budget for 2013, which would be considered for adoption under New Business later in the meeting. Jim Donegan made a motion to accept the paymaster’s report as received. The motion was seconded by Bernie McGinley and the motion passed.

**Director Bill Kinney:** Bill Kinney read a report from the three Directors indicating that the Detachment’s 2012 financial records were audited on 17 January 2013 by Directors Roger Godfrey, Bill Kinney and Ed Seidl. All income and expenditures were found to be documented and in order with no discrepancies noted. All three Directors were in agreement with these findings. Paul Donohue made a motion to accept this report. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Service Officer:** Con McGinley mentioned that there would be a Valentine’s Day party at the Coatesville Medical Center on 13 February 2013, beginning at 1830. He also mentioned that a bingo game is scheduled there for 14 February, beginning at 1400.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt-a-Highway:** John Burfete mentioned that he has not established a schedule yet for the Adopt-a-Highway program, but it will follow the pattern of last year, with events held on the second Sunday of the selected months. The first event will most likely take place in April 2013.

**Communications:** John Burfete also mentioned that a good number of articles that he has submitted to the local press outlets have been printed, resulting in good coverage of the Detachment’s activities. He mentioned that he has a good contact person at the *Daily Times* newspaper, and an internet outlet, the *Marple Newtown Patch* has published a number of press releases. Bernie McGinley mentioned that he has seen a number of items published in the *Wayne Times*.

**Americanism:** Earle Drake reported that he, Jim Mulhern and Lloyd Spangler had made an Americanism presentation on 16 January 2013 for Cub Scout Pack #581 in Bryn Mawr, PA. He also reported that there are upcoming events at the Concord Elementary School, Bethel Springs Elementary School, the Seniors group at Trinity Church in Broomall, PA, and at Stonehurst Elementary School in Upper Darby, PA. Earle Drake also reported on several upcoming events. On 17 February, 2013, a luncheon is scheduled honoring Iwo Jima veterans. This event is being hosted by the Delaware County MCL Detachment, and Iwo Jima veterans and members from the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment are invited to attend. Earle Drake also mentioned the World War II program scheduled for 23 February 2013 sponsored by Andy Miller at the Middletown Municipal Building. He also mentioned the District One pistol match is scheduled for 7 April 2013 at Delaware County Field and Stream.

He presented a marksmanship badge to Bob Spano for his results in last year's pistol match.

Color Guard: Jim Donegan mentioned that the next Color Guard event is the World War II program scheduled for 23 February 2013 at the Municipal Building in Middletown. He also mentioned future events of 13 March 2013, a citizenship ceremony at the Media Courthouse, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield, PA, scheduled for 16 March 2013, and the grand opening of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park on 11 May 2013. Jim Donegan requested volunteers for all of these events.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that there had been 23 funerals for deceased veterans during January, and two more so far in February. Three more have been scheduled for this week. He also mentioned that in addition to the Color Guard being involved in the opening of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park, an Honor Guard of seven riflemen will also be needed on 11 May 2013.

Marksmanship: Earle Drake reported that there is a Department (state) MCL pistol match scheduled for 1 June 2013. There is also a Department MCL rifle match scheduled for September.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that it was good to see three new members installed this evening. He asked the members to continue to look for new members for the Detachment.

Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park: Bill Kinney mentioned that the opening of the Park is scheduled for 1100 on 11 May 2013. He mentioned that parking will be at a premium, and participants in the opening of the Park should report by 0930. Parking may be assisted by having buses transport attendees to the Park.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he should have the application forms for the MCL National and Department scholarship programs available at next month's general meeting. Wayne Williams also briefly described the need for several changes in the Detachment's scholarship program. Wayne Williams then made a motion to make the following changes to section B-3 in the Detachment's Administrative Procedures. One, under Item 6, the eligibility should be changed from "members" to "members in good standing." Secondly, scholarship awardees, attending the general meeting to accept their scholarships, should have a dress code of business casual for the awards dinner. Thirdly, the cut-off date for the submission of scholarship application forms each year is 15 April of each year. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Property: Bob Spano reported that the Detachment plaques have been updated with the names of the recipients of the Commandant's Award for 2012 and the Marine of the Year for 2012. The names of those members who passed away during 2012 have been added to the appropriate plaque.

Unfinished Business: Jim Herbst presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Don Walz for his many contributions to the Detachment over the years. Don's wife Peg was there to share in the presentation. Don Walz is a survivor of Iwo Jima, where all but six of his platoon were casualties.

A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to Gene Trautner for his participation in ceremonies during 2012. A Meritorious Commendation was presented to Barry Reese for his involvement in the flag collection program during 2012. The medallion for the Marine of the Year, not available at the January meeting, was presented to Jack Kelly. The Commandant's Award, the Detachment's second highest award, was announced as presented to John Burfete. The actual award was not available, but it will be awarded to John at a later date.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the proposed budget for 2013. Dan Luty made a motion to adopt the proposed budget as the Detachment's budget for 2013. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations to be considered for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration. Bernie McGinley made a motion to donate the funds as outlined in 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) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); (5) Society of St. Vincent Depaul, Havertown, PA (\$2,000.00); and The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Dan Luty seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: A large plaque has been proposed at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Park, in which emblems of the three local members of the Combined Veterans Alliance would have their emblems established on the memorial. The three organizations are the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post #805, and the General Smedley D. Butler MCL Detachment. Total cost of the memorial would be approximately \$5,100.00, and the Detachment's share would be approximately \$1,750.00. Paul Donohue made a motion to spend the necessary funds for the Detachment's share of this memorial. Bob Cosgrove seconded the motion. There was considerable discussion on this concerning the funding for this project. Some felt that the funds that were specifically earmarked from the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign should not be used for this project. Others felt that we have ample funds from other resources to fund such a project. After reviewing the proposed budget for 2013, and after discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion to contribute the Detachment's share of the memorial passed.

Dan Luty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by many, and the motion passed. After the normal closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Vicenc Feliu, our newest member, won the 50/50. Forty members signed the logbook.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Jack Kelly*  
Adjutant



Annual ceremony honoring our local Iwo Vets



As this year's oldest Iwo Vet, Lou Camilli gets to cut the cake



Chesty XIV has arrived in Quantico & will replace Sgt. Chesty XIII



P. Donohue presents check to G. Roache of the Phila Vets Comfort House



Joe Brooks, COO of Liberty USO, addressing the Detachment



Banner from Phila International is presented to Detachment

Chaplain Chris Bush and another Smedley Butler Detachment member visited, 90 year old WWII Veteran, Jim Mickis at Fair Acres. Marine Veteran Mickis joined the Marine Corps in 1941 and fought his way across the Pacific. Jim fought on Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Iwo Jima. Jim remained on active duty until 1950. After his active duty, Mickis continued to serve in the Marine Corps Reserve.



Chris presenting Jim Mickis w/ pin & watch cap

There will be two Photo Shoots for the Benefit of the Veterans Memorial's major contributors. With their generosity in mind they (Donators and Memorial Committee) would like members of Smedley D. Butler to be present and wearing the uniform with red satin jacket. Please try and attend so that these Major contributors know they are appreciated.

The dates and times are:

- **Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 AM – PECO
  - 9:45 AM – GMH (GMH Mortgage Company)
- **Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - 10:00 AM – DCCF (Delaware County Community Foundation)
  - 11:15 AM – SAP

Thanks in advance for your participation,

**Bill Kinney**

## Attention

*Adopt-a-Highway dates  
for 2013 are as follows:*

Sunday 14 April

Sunday 9 June

Sunday 11 August

Sunday 13 October

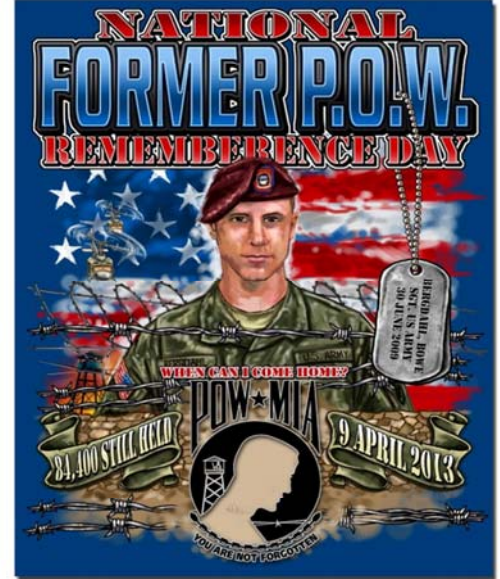




# **BRING US** **HOME!**



**9**  
**APRIL**  
**2013**



Join us at the

"After Vietnam We said Never Again  
*Did We Mean It?"*

## National Mall Washington, D.C. for the **POW/MIA FREEDOM MARCH**

**WORLD WAR I - 3,349 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**  
**WORLD WAR II - 73,677 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**  
**KOREAN WAR - 7,926 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**  
**COLD WAR - 126 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**  
**VIETNAM WAR - 1,654 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**  
**WAR on TERROR - 6 Americans STILL wait to come HOME!**

**It's time to march for those who cannot march for themselves!**

When: Tuesday 9 April 2013    Where: Lincoln Memorial, National Mall

Time: 1000 hrs. March begins

Route: Vietnam, Korean, World War II, Constitution Ave to the Capitol

Time: 1130 hrs. DEMONSTRATION begins at Capitol Building



**Marine Corps League**  
Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
P.O. Box 184  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184

**Honor-Courage-  
Commitment**



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