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Commandant's Report September 2015

I want to thank everyone who made it out to our annual picnic. A big thanks to Dominic D'Alessandro for putting it all together.

Some more reminders, our Sr. Vice has asked that I mention our Birthday Ball. I know it's only September issue, but November will be here before you know it. The Ball will be on the 6th this year. It will be at Paxon Hollow Golf Club, again.

The summer months will soon be over and activity in the Detachment will increase as we head into the fall and winter months. The Honor Guard serves all year, of course, regardless of the weather and additional help is always needed. If you are interested in serving in the Honor Guard, contact Ben Sides.

Other activity that continues for much of the year is the Help Us Help Others Campaign (HUHO). If you are not yet involved, but would like to serve in this effort, contact Jack McLeod.

Some of the other opportunities to serve are in the Color Guard, Adopt-a-Highway program, and during the time leading up to Christmas, in the Toys for Tots program. There is room to serve in a number of different programs, so choose where you would like to serve and join the fun.

As Nominations Chairman Jim Herbst has reminded us recently, we will soon be nominating officers for the next calendar year. Any regular member is eligible to serve, and Jim Herbst will be mentioning the few eligibility requirements at our upcoming meetings. Nominations of officers can be made at the October, November and December general meetings, and the election of officers will be held at the December general meeting. There are some officers who have served for a number of years, and possibly they are anxious to pass the baton to a new officer. If you would like to serve in an officer position, by all means, contact Jim Herbst. Serving as an officer is one of the best ways to learn about this great organization that we have, so consider running for one of the officer positions for 2016.

Semper Fi,

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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Dom D'Alessandro
Jeanne & Tom Falgiatore
Jim Flynn
Steve Kusner
Jerry McGuckin
Florence & Bob Spano

Bud Davis
Joe Direso
Jack Kelly
Con McGinley
Stan Samsel

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano
Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for September

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

Joseph Blees
Leo Carlin
John Church
Robert Cosgrove
Dominic D'Alessandro
Earle Drake
John Gallagher
Michael Horne
Emil Latini
Richard VanLuvender



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 Americanism Team	John Burfete J.Mulhern, E. Drake, D. Fitzpatrick and L. Spangler
Auxiliary Liaison Awards Ceremonies Color Guard Flag Collection Historian Home Association Honor Guard Honor Guard Assistant Locker Box Marksmanship Membership Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) Newtown Twp Vets Park Nominations Property Communications Scholarships Scouting Toys-For-Tots V.A.V.S. Young Marines	Tony Fusto James Herbst Charles (Bud) Davis Wayne Williams Dominic D'Alessandro Jack Gallagher Tom Kerrigan Ben Sides Joe Blees Paul Ferguson Paul Drinkard James Herbst Dan Luty Bill Kinney James Herbst Bob Spano John Burfete Wayne Williams John Gingras/Ed Seidl Dan Luty Con McGinley GySgt Melendrez and Dan Luty Dan Luty
Web Master	Dan Luty

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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	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 1 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Start time is 1930.
- 10 VAVS Bingo @ Coatesville, VA Center. Contact Con McGinley for information.
- 12-13 PA Dept Rifle Match, Reades Range in Allmans, PA. Dept website has all of the info.
- 12 Picnic, Coatesville VA Medical Center. See Con McGinley for more info.
- 20 Walk for Babies, start time 0900 at Front & Monroe in Media.
- 29 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post 805 on West Chester Pike. Start time is 1930.

October

- 6 General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Start time is 1930.

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

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. 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, \$8.00/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.

SICK CALL	
Joe Mensack Joe Tier Ollie McGraw	Joe Conigliaro Frank Grisier
<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 – 4 August 2015

Commandant: Commandant Paul Ferguson called the meeting to order at 1930, and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Paul Ferguson, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Con McGinley, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, and Junior past Commandant Jim Herbst.

Scholarship Presentation: Commandant Paul Ferguson introduced Scholarship Chairman Wayne Williams. Wayne Williams introduced Grace Connolly, a student at Drexel University, and presented her with her scholarship check. She was not able to be present at the June scholarship awards dinner. She is majoring in business, and she is the granddaughter of Pete Patrucci.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 July 2015 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Presentation of PA National Guard Military Funeral Honors Ribbons: Commandant Ferguson introduced James Simmons, Military Funeral State Coordinator, for a special presentation of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Funeral Honors Ribbon. Members of the Marple-Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance Honor Guard were honored. In order to be recognized, a member had to participate in 200 or more military funerals from between 25 October 2007 and 26 September 2014. James Simmons provided information on the program and then presented the ribbons. Marine Corps League members who were recognized were Wayne Barner, Joseph Bles, John Cook, Paul Donohue, Thomas Kerrigan, William Kinney, Charles Krauthem, Cornelius McGinley, Michael Miliken, Benjamin Sides, Lloyd Spangler, Robert Spano, and Gene Trautner. American Legion Post #805 members who were recognized were Dennis Morsa, Richard Phillips, and John McComb. VFW Post #7390 members who were recognized were Sten Dalstrum, Samuel Malandra, Larry Mariano, and Thomas McGovern. Although not all were present, the vast majority of those eligible were there to receive their awards. It was mentioned that the National Guard Military Honors Ribbon could be worn with either the Department of Defense ribbons or with the Marine Corps League, American Legion, or VFW ribbons. Commandant Ferguson thanked James Simmons for making the presentation, and he also thanked Ben Sides for his research in determining the eligibility of those receiving the recognition.

Officer Reports:

Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominic D'Alessandro reminded everyone of the annual picnic of the Combined Veterans Alliance, scheduled for Saturday, 8 August 2015. The time of the picnic was 1000 to 1500, with food being served at 1200.

All were welcome to attend, and if some wanted to bring dessert dishes, that would be appreciated.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the most recent Help Us Help Others (HUHO) weekend resulted in a collection of \$3,800.00. This was down a little from the prior year, but overall, on a year-to-date basis, the amount collected is ahead of last year's result. So far this year, we have collected about \$108,000.00, and in 2014, about \$95,000.00 had been collected in the same time frame. Jack McLeod also mentioned that some closing of stores has been reported with certain PathMark and Super Fresh stores closing, possibly as soon as later this year. It is known that the stores in Folsom and Glenolden will be closing, but it is also known that Acme Markets will be purchasing the stores in Havertown and Boothwyn. Future dates for any HUHO activity at these affected locations will be announced as we draw closer to the time involved.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Joe Conigliaro was back in the hospital. He also mentioned that Ollie McGraw was experiencing some health issues, so he Chris Bush asked the members to remember both of these individuals in thoughts and prayers. Chris Bush also mentioned several others who were ill.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of appreciation for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, PA, from the Veterans Multi-Service Center in Philadelphia, PA, from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, and from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA. In addition, a note of thanks for a scholarship was received from Caitlin Donohue. She has been out of the area, so she was not able to attend the June scholarship awards dinner, so her scholarship check had been mailed to her. She will be entering her junior year at George Mason University in Virginia, majoring in graphic design. Jack Kelly also mentioned that there would be a welcoming home parade in Brookhaven, PA honoring those who served in the Korean War or the Vietnam War. The parade is scheduled for 13 September 2015, beginning at 1200. Anyone interested should contact Jack Kelly, and he would provide further information.

Service Officer: Con McGinley mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 13 August 2015. Anyone interested in accompanying Con McGinley should meet him at the Knights of Columbus at 1300 for the trip to Coatesville. The bingo games begin at 1400.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that there would be another flag ceremony this Sunday, 8 August, 2015, at 1800. This would take place at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square. Those interested in participating should report at 1730. Bill Kinney also provided some general information on the ceremony to unveil a statue of William "Wild Bill" Guarnere at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial on Saturday, 19 September 2015. It is possible that a Color Guard and Honor Guard may be needed at this event. Further details will be made available as the date draws nearer. Bill Kinney also provided additional details for the DCVMA's second annual dinner, scheduled for 12 November 2015 at the Springfield Country Club.

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The cost of the dinner is \$75.00 for veterans and \$100.00 for non-veterans. A Color Guard is needed for this event. Bill Kinney made a motion to purchase two tables of ten seats each at a cost of \$1,500.00, plus taking an ad in the program book for a full page color ad for \$350.00 for the Detachment. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 July 2015, reviewing income and expenses for the month. He also suggested that the members review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda, to be considered for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant: Paul Ferguson provided a brief report on his volunteer activities at the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport. It continues to be very busy, and he mentioned that last year more than 80,000 troops had made use of the services at the USO. He also mentioned that the remains of the four Marines killed in Tennessee in the recent terrorist attack had come through the USO on the way to Dover, Delaware for processing.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: John Burfete was not present as he was on vacation, but Paul Ferguson mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 23 August 2015. Further information will be sent out to the membership by e-mail.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented Certificates of Appreciation or Meritorious Commendations to Terry Jones, Joe Blees, and Tom Kerrigan for their participation in various Detachment activities during 2014.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides mentioned that there had been 16 military funerals for deceased veterans during the month of July. The year-to-date total is at ninety-six. Ben Sides reported that there had been one more funeral earlier in the day, and another is scheduled for Friday. Ben Sides also provided some information on the Honor Guard, serving in all kinds of weather and many times on short notice. He mentioned that the ribbons that had been awarded earlier in the meeting were well deserved by those who received them. Ben Sides received a round of applause for all that he does with the Honor Guard and for his work in determining who was eligible to receive the PA National Guard Military Funeral Honors Ribbon.

Membership: Jim Herbst emphasized the need to recruit new members.

Americanism: Earle Drake was not present, but Jack Kelly read an e-mail report that Earle had submitted. The Americanism/Flag History Team will be making a presentation to the local Rotary Club on 27 August 2015 beginning at 1930. The presentation will be given to the Rotarians at the Aronimink Golf Club. The Banana Wars exhibit has been moved to the Paper Mill House Museum at St. Davids and Paper Mill Roads, Newtown Square, PA.

The exhibit will be on display every Saturday during August, from 1300 to 1600.

Young Marines: Dan Luty mentioned that a plaque has been prepared for presentation to Lorraine Porter, a woman who has been assisting in the Young Marines program for a number of years. She is stepping down from this responsibility and she will be recognized at an upcoming Young Marines meeting. Dan Luty also mentioned that a recent high school graduate and a graduate of the Young Marines program will be leaving for Parris Island and USMC boot camp in September.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: Commandant Ferguson introduced Jeff White, who provided details on a number of activities in which he is involved. Jeff White is the State Membership Chair and Past State President of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He provided information on suicide prevention measures among veterans and he displayed a number of items that are used to draw attention to suicide prevention efforts. He also provided brief comments on the Veterans Administration offices in Philadelphia, Coatesville, and also in Berks County. He distributed a credit card sized card with the number of a suicide prevention number (1-800-273-8255) on it. He also provided some information on upcoming activities that he is working on for veterans. Jeff White received a round of applause at the end of his presentation for the work that he is doing.

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations had recently been discussed at an officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration for donations. Jim Herbst made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated shown in parentheses are: (1) The 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) Operation Homefront, Doylestown, PA (\$1,000.00); (5) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$1,000.00); and (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: No items were raised in the Good of the League.

Jim Herbst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Jim Constein won the 50/50. Thirty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant

2015“Help Us Help Others”Store Schedule

Hi Members!

Our 2015 **HUHO fund raising Campaign** is now underway.

Our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are needy individuals and families from over 450,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their disability/compensation claims!**

We regularly inquire of those organizations through which we send our financial support as to whether they are adequately funded. Invariably, we are told that **they have more requests for financial assistance than can be supplied!** Therefore, even though the amount of financial assistance that we individually and collectively give may seem modest, **it is not so to the person whom our support is given!**

Scheduling of our HUHO Store Events has been completed by delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. One thing we can be sure of is that the Schedule will change: corporate cancellations double booking by Store Management action and JR. Vice errors will take its toll. **Please keep our Schedule information confidential, within our Detachment Family!**

Our Schedule is contained in this month’s *Scuttlebutt*. Copies of the Schedule will have been emailed or USPS mailed to active HUHO participants and to new Members who have expressed interest in participating. **Other Members, who are interested in participating, please contact me at 610 356 8893.**

During our Campaign, active participants will be called during the early part of each week in order to staff that week’s scheduled event. We want to emphasize that this is not an obligation of our Members. Please feel free to opt out of a given week’s event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. An email will be sent by Thursday evening that contains the roster for to those Members who have volunteered to participate in that week’s scheduled event. **Please feel free to opt out of a given week’s event because of weather, health, personal commitments, fatigue, etc. You will not be judged or questioned for declining to participate!**

It’s never too late to express appreciation to our participants, spouses and friends for the outstanding results achieved in our past Campaigns! Here’s to a similar, successful Campaign in 2015!

Respectively submitted,

Jack McLeod

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
8/29	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
8/30	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road Devon, PA
9/05	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
9/06	Lawrence Park Acme Ridley Acme	567 Sproul Raod 124 Morton Ave
9/07	Lawrence Park Acme Ridley Acme	567 Sproul Raod 124 Morton Ave
9/12	Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018 Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA 503 S MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA
9/13	Newtown Sq Acme	3390 W Chester Pike
9/18	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	531 W. Uwchlan Ave Exton, PA
9/19	Havertown SuperFresh 610-446-4516 Shoprite of W. Chester 610-696-4066	1305 W. Chester Pike Havertown, PA 115 W. Chester Pike W. Chester, PA
9/20	Havertown SuperFresh Shoprite of W. Chester	1305 W. Chester Pike 115 W. Chester Pike
9/26	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
9/27	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
10/3	Boothwyn Walmart 610-494-2535 Eddystone Walmart 610-447-1860	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/4	Boothwyn Walmart Eddystone Walmart 610-353-8018	605 Conchester Hwy 1570 Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
10/10	Brookhaven Pathmark 610-872-8855 Chichester Pathmark 610-859-8920	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA 643 Conchester Ave Boothwyn, PA
10/11	Brookhaven Pathmark Chichester Pathmark	5005 Edgemont Ave 643 Conchester Ave

Annual Picnic





...more Annual Picnic photos



...even more Annual Picnic photos



Paul Donohue (*dressed as rifleman*) and Earle Drake at our "Banana Wars" exhibit at the Paper Mill House in Newtown Square



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

1 September, 2015 @ 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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