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Commandant's Report September 2016

During the past many weeks the temperature has been extremely high. I hope all our members, especially our older members, have been staying hydrated and are keeping as cool as possible.

The annual Combined Veterans Alliance picnic, which was held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Drexel Lodge Park, was a huge success. The company was great, the food was excellent, and the games were fun. Even though it was extremely hot that day (97 degrees), we had a good turnout. Our hats off and thanks go out to our Senior Vice Commandant, Dominick Mattioni, for a great job in organizing the picnic and for making sure everyone had a good time.

During our August 2, 2016 meeting, it was my pleasure to install another new associate member to our Detachment.

Our newest member, Philip Spinelli, is a United States Army veteran who had served honorably from 1958 to 1964. We welcome Philip Spinelli to our Detachment and hope that he will be an "active" member of our Detachment. Welcome aboard Phil.

Also at our August 2nd meeting we were honored by a visit from District One Vice Commandant Dan Murray. Dan Murray, representing the Department of Pennsylvania MCL, presented our Detachment with a certificate for our newsletter and also presented a certificate to Dan Luty for his outstanding work as editor of the *Scuttlebutt*. Dan Murray also presented our Detachment with a Certificate of Appreciation for its support of the Beirut Memorial. Dan also mentioned that the adjustments made at MCL National during the past year are showing favorable results.

In spite of the intense heat during the past few weekends our HUHO (Help Us Help Others) Campaign has been doing very well. A big thank you for doing a great job goes out to Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod and all those who have been participating in the HUHO Campaign. Please remember, Jack McLeod could always use more help.

Thanks to Bob Spano and Dan Luty, as our new website is up and running. Please look it up at www.genbutlerdet.org.

We are still looking for a chairman for the Honor Guard. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Semper Fi,

Dominic D'Alessandro
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

John Burfete, Jr.	Joe Direso
Jean & Tom Falgiatore	Jim Flynn
Jack Kelly	Dominick Mattioni
Con McGinley	Jerry McGuckin
Stan Samsel	Florence & Bob Spano
Rosemarie & Lloyd Spangler	Hank Velardi

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	Dominic D'Alessandro
Sr. Vice Commandant	Dominick Mattioni
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	Jim Herbst
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Roger Godfrey
Director	Paul Donohue
Jr. Past Commandant	Paul Ferguson

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	Jim Flynn
Americanism Team	J.Mulhern, E. Drake, D. Fitzpatrick
Auxiliary Liaison	Tony Fusto
Awards	James Herbst
Ceremonies	Charles (Bud) Davis
Color Guard	Wayne Williams
Flag Collection	Dominic D'Alessandro
Historian	Jack Gallagher
Home Association	Tom Kerrigan
Honor Guard	OPEN
Honor Guard Assistant	Mike Milliken
Locker Box	Paul Ferguson
Marksmanship	Gene Kern
Membership	James Herbst
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Bill Kinney
Nominations	Paul Ferguson
Property	Bob Spano
Communications	John Burfete
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	John Gingras/Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Dan Luty
V.A.V.S.	Con McGinley
Young Marines	Sgt Uwe Esser and Dan Luty
Web Master	Ilene Silvers

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	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 6 General Meeting at KoC, 1930 start time.
- 8 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center. Contact Jim Herbst for information.
- 11 Vietnam Monument Dedication in Aston at 1300 hours.
- 11 DCVMA Flag Raising at the Memorial in Newtown Square at 1800 hours.
- 16 National POW/MIA Day.
- 27 Staff Meeting at American Legion Post 805, Broomall, 1930 start time.
- 30 Gold Star Mothers Day.

October

- 4 General Meeting at KoC, 1930 start time.

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 1900.

American Legion Nunan-Slook Post #338, Meets the second Tuesday at 7:00 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

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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, \$10.00/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

Dominick Mattioni

Rich Bortner

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

Sr. Vice Report

Thank you everyone for coming out on the hottest day of the year for our Annual Picnic, as it was a brutal weather day. Of the 64 who signed up, 44 showed. We had 5 bingo winners, and they received Acme gift cards.

Hats off to the caterer, and as usual Justine's did a great job! Cooking in that heat couldn't have been easy.

Special thanks to my wife Barbara! I couldn't have done it without her.

Dominick Mattioni

Sr Vice

Jr. Vice Report

Our 2016 HUHO fund raising Campaign has been kicked-off!

The purpose of our fundraising is **to help others in need! Among those are individuals and families from over 500,000 Veterans waiting several months for VA action on their disability/compensation claims and appeals of decisions made on prior claims!**

Monthly, our Membership donates money to charitable organizations that help individuals facing financial emergencies with a particular emphasis on helping disabled Veterans. We regularly inquire of those organizations 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(s) to whom our support is given! Over the past nine years, we estimate that over 1000 individuals/families have benefited from our efforts!**

Copies of the Campaign Schedule will have been emailed, or USPS mailed, to active HUHO participants and to new Members who have expressed interest in participating in our Campaign. Our HUHO Schedule will also be published in future *Scuttlebutts*. **Other Members who are interested in participating, please contact me at 610 755 1143.**

During our Campaign, active participants will be called during the early part of each week in order to staff that week's scheduled event. **All levels of participation are welcomed and needed!** An email or phone call will be sent or made by Thursday evening that contains the roster for those persons 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 2016!

Jack McLeod

Jr Vice

2016 "Help Us Help Others" Store Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
9/03	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 503 S MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA
9/04	Ridley Acme Glenolden Acme	124 Morton Ave 503 S MacDade Blvd
9/05	Ridley Acme Glenolden Acme	124 Morton Ave 503 S MacDade Blvd
9/10	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
9/11	Lawrence Park Acme Newtown Sq Acme	567 Sproul Raod 3390 W Chester Pike
9/16	Wawa Store 8033 610-363-4046	531 W. Uwchlan Ave Exton, PA
9/17	Havertown Acme 610-446-4516 ShopRite of W Chester 610-696-4066	1305 W Chester Pike Havertown, PA 115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
9/18	Havertown Acme ShopRite of W Chester	1305 W Chester Pike 115 W Chester Pike
9/23	Booth's Corner FM 610-485-0775	1362 Naamans Creek Rd Garnet Valley, PA
9/24	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
9/25	Booth's Corner FM Paoli Acme Devon Acme	1362 Naamans Creek Rd 39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
10/01	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/02	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy 1570 Chester Pike
10/08	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	400 S. State Rd Springfield, PA
10/09	Springfield Wal-Mart	400 S. State Rd
10/15	ShopRite of W Chester 610-696-4066	115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
10/16	ShopRite of W Chester	115 W Chester Pike
10/21	Booth's Corner FM 610-485-0775	1362 Naamans Creek Rd Garnet Valley, PA
10/22	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154 Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	400 S. State Rd Springfield, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 2 August 2016

Commandant: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Bernie McGinley, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Roger Godfrey, and Director Bill Kinney. Jim Herbst served as the Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting in the absence of Charles (Bud) Davis.

New Associate Member: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro introduced a potential new associate member. Philip Spinelli had served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964 and he received an Honorable Discharge. His DD214 was in order. George Boyajian made a motion to accept Philip Spinelli as an associate member of the Detachment. Bob Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro administered the oath of membership, and Philip Spinelli was sworn in as an associate member.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 July 2016 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Donegan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from The Liberty USO in Philadelphia, PA, the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, Homes for Our Troops in Taunton, MA, and Operation First Response in Culpeper, VA. Other letters of thanks for donations were received from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Philadelphia, PA, the Make a Wish Foundation in Philadelphia, PA, The Philadelphia Veterans House in Philadelphia, PA, and from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA. Notes of appreciation were received from Kelly Bergh and Daniel Lane, both of whom had received scholarships from the Detachment. There were also two notes of thanks from families of two deceased veterans who had been honored at graveside ceremonies by the Detachment's Honor Guard. Lastly, Jack Kelly read a card of thanks from Tom McGovern, who thanked Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and the Detachment for the presentation of his Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains that Tom had received at the Detachment's July 2016 general meeting.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the picnic is scheduled for 13 August 2016, and members should contact him if they have not already done so and if they are planning to attend. Members of the Auxiliary are also planning to attend, and the American Legion Post #805 and the VFW are also invited.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the past weekend in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign had been a great weekend. Collections from area shoppers at the Devon and Paoli Acme stores resulted in \$5,200.00 being collected, versus \$3,800.00 at a similar point in 2015. The year-to date total is now at approximately \$109,000.00 collected as opposed to \$106,000.00 at a similar point in 2015.

Jack McLeod also mentioned that in the Detachment's new website, the Detachment can now accept credit card donations. He suggested that members distribute the red cards to shoppers who may not have cash on them, and the cards direct the shoppers to the website if they may wish to donate by credit card. Jack McLeod also mentioned that he was glad to see Philip Spinelli join the Detachment, as he has known Philip Spinelli for more than forty years.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 31 July 2016. He briefly reviewed the income for the month, as well as the funds that were disbursed in the month. He also reviewed the funds on hand in savings. He suggested that the members review the list of organizations on the back of the agenda, as these would be discussed later in the meeting for consideration for donations. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that member Tom Falgiatore had been in the hospital, but was now at home. Chris Bush reminded the membership to contact him if anyone heard of a member being hospitalized or if there was a need by anyone for a visit from the chaplain.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 11 August 2016. He also mentioned that he and Con McGinley had attended a quarterly meeting at the Coatesville Medical Center and it was mentioned that drivers are needed. Jim Herbst mentioned that if anyone was interested to contact him. He also mentioned that he had been going up to Coatesville twice a week for three weeks and he briefly outlined what is involved in being a volunteer at that location.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the next flag ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for 14 August 2016 and he encouraged the membership to come out and witness this event. He mentioned that the flag event in October would be one in which ten flags would be honored, so it would be different than the usual monthly ceremony. Bill Kinney also mentioned the third annual dinner for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association, scheduled for 17 November 2016. He mentioned that our Color Guard would be participating again this year, along with the Color Guard from the Valley Forge Military Academy and College and from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center in Folsom, PA. Bill Kinney mentioned that Paul Donohue will again be present with his Revolutionary War uniform. The Detachment has purchased two tables for members to attend, on a first come, first served basis. Interested members should contact Bill Kinney.

Committee Reports:

For the benefit of new member Philip Spinelli, each committee chairman provided a brief explanation of his duties and responsibilities along with his report.

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 28 August 2016. An e-mail will be sent out as the date draws closer to remind the membership and to request volunteers.

Americanism: Earle Drake, in his capacity of being on the Marple Newtown Fourth of July Parade Committee, provided a brief financial report for this year's Parade.

Total expenses were \$21,530.07 and savings and checking amounts amounted to \$31, 015.26. Parade collections were \$5,638.47 for 2016, versus \$4,715.00 in 2015. Parade book advertisements amounted to \$35,730.00. In the Americanism program, Earle Drake mentioned that one program is scheduled in September for the St. Patrick's School in Malvern, PA. In addition, letters have been sent to five other schools explaining the program and looking for possible dates for presentation. Earle Drake also mentioned that the Detachment exhibit on the Chapel of Four Chaplains will remain at the Springfield Library for the remainder of August.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jim Donegan for his participation in the Honor Guard in 2015. In addition, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dan Luty for his participation in the Toys for Tots program, and a Certificate of Meritorious Commendation was presented to Dan Luty for his webmaster duties and for his work with the Young Marines.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams mentioned that the Color Guard had marched in the annual Marple Newtown Fourth of July Parade. He also mentioned other events in which the Color Guard participates throughout the year.

Historian: Jack Gallagher explained his duties and that he collects copies of the minutes and other material to be placed in the Detachment's history books.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides mentioned that the Detachment works with the other members of the Combined Veterans Alliance, the VFW and the American Legion, in providing military recognition in graveside ceremonies for deceased veterans. He reported that there were ten funerals for military veterans in July, and the year-to-date total is now at eighty-five. He reminded the membership that help is always needed for this responsibility, and he emphasized that a chairman is still needed for the Honor Guard.

Newsletter (the Scuttlebutt): Dan Luty provided an explanation of his duties in editing the monthly newsletter.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned his responsibilities, and he also mentioned that he had some Marine Corps material available from a deceased member. This material would be available after the meeting, for anyone interested.

Communications: John Burfete mentioned that he sends out information to the membership that he receives from the Department of Pennsylvania MCL, as well as from other sources. He also submits material to local news outlets for consideration for publication.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams explained his duties in handling scholarship applications for the Detachment, the State, and National scholarship programs.

Toys for Tots, and Young Marines Program: Dan Luty provided information on his involvement in these programs.

Unfinished Business: There were no items raised in the Unfinished Business category.

Good of the League: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro introduced District One Vice Commandant Dan Murray. Dan Murray presented several certificates from the Department of Pennsylvania MCL for the *Scuttlebutt*, the Detachment's newsletter.

There was also a certificate presented to Dan Luty, editor of the *Scuttlebutt*.

There was also a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Detachment for its continued support of the Beirut Memorial. In other matters, Dan Murray mentioned that the MCL National website is now up and running and he mentioned that improvements at MCL National are coming along, after a period of correction and change. He covered a number of improvements at National Headquarters that have taken place over the past year or so. Some changes were necessary after a "failure of oversight" that had taken place. With new personnel in charge and with new checks and balances, the National Headquarters is now stronger than it had been. His report was a positive report concerning activities at MCL's National Headquarters. He also mentioned the National Convention is scheduled for August in Tulsa, OK. Dan Murray also mentioned that 23 October 2016 is the thirty-third anniversary of the bombing of the Beirut Barracks, and a ceremony will be held again at the Beirut Memorial in Philadelphia. He encouraged the membership to come out for this annual ceremony. Dan Murray received a round of applause for his report.

New Business:

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the organizations that were being suggested to the membership for consideration for donations. These organizations had been reviewed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration and approval. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the meeting agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated shown in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) Hunts for Healing of the Luzerne Foundation, Luzerne, PA (\$1,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (4) Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lakehurst, NJ (\$2,000.00); (5) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (6) Operation Home Front, Doylestown, PA (\$2,000.00); (7) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$2,000.00); and (8) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045. Roger Godfrey won the 50/50. Thirty-five members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



Annual Picnic



Need Help Navigating the VA Benefit System?

Veterans Service Officers are here to assist you.

You must have a scheduled appointment
(appointment time slots are available starting at 9am ending at 1:30pm)

To Schedule An Appointment

Inpatients - Please contact

your unit clerk to set up an appropriate time

Other Veterans - Please call

610-384-7711, extension 4239 or
800-290-6172, extension 4239

Locations for Scheduled Appointments (Monday - Friday)

Voluntary Service, Building 5 basement, room B07

Monday

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Tuesday & Wednesday

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Thursday & Friday

Disabled American Veterans

and

DAV Transportation Office, Building 2 Basement

Every 4th Saturday

American Legion

Meetings Are By Appointment Only

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Coatesville VA Medical Center

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
P.O. Box 184
Newtown Square, PA19073-0184



Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
6 September, 2016 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073