



# Scuttlebutt



**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment**

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## Commandant's Report October 2016

Once again it has been my pleasure to swear in another new member to our Detachment. John D'Orta became our newest member at our September general meeting. John is a United States Marine Corps veteran who served honorably from 1956 to 1958. Welcome aboard John. I hope John and all our new members will choose to be active in some way to help our Detachment.

Our annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on November 12, 2016 at Paxon Hollow Country Club. The price of the Ball is \$50.00 per person. Anyone planning to attend the Ball should pay Paymaster Bob Spano. Please contact Sr. Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni with any questions.

Nominations for Detachment officers and directors will be held at our October, November, and December general meetings with elections held at the December general meeting. Also, during these same meetings, nominations and election for the Marine of the Year for 2016 will be conducted. Please plan to attend these meetings. Your voice at these nominations and elections is greatly needed.

The third annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Awards Dinner, which will be honoring our Paymaster Bob Spano and others, will be held on November 17, 2016. This is a wonderful affair which honors those who have done so much. Please contact Bill Kinney for details.

We are coming up on a new year, and with that we are counting on someone to "step up" and take over the Honor Guard Chairman position. Please consider this opportunity to serve and assist the Detachment.

*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!

OCTOBER BOOSTERS

Bud Davis	Joe Direso
Jean & Tom Falgiatore	Jack Kelly
Dominick Mattioni	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod
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 October**

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

Richard Bortner  
 Charles Coombs  
 Aaron Cabbage  
 James Flynn  
 James Herbst  
 Leon Huzzard  
 Lewis Neumann  
 Edgar Speer



**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**

<b>VA Hotline</b>	<b>800-827-1000</b>
<b>Veterans' Healthcare</b>	<b>877-222-8387</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>888-442-4551</b>
<b>Grave Markers</b>	<b>800-697-6947</b>
<b>Life Insurance</b>	<b>800-669-8477</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b>www.va.gov</b>

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### October

- 4 General Meeting at KoC, 1930 start time.
- 13 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center. Contact Jim Herbst for information.
- 23 Beirut bombing (BLT quarters 1/8 Barracks) Memorial Service. Time is 1000, place is Beirut Memorial at Penn's Landing. Place something on your dashboard identifying your at the service to prevent getting a ticket.

### November

- 1 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**, 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 7:30PM. 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  
Thomas Kerrigan

Rich Bortner  
Jack McLeod

*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

Our Marine Corps Ball will be held on Saturday, 12 November, 2016. The location is Paxon Hollow Country Club from 1800 to 2200.

The price is \$50 per person.  
Reservations can be made by calling Bob Spano at 610-639-4464.  
Payments are to be sent to our paymaster Bob Spano.  
Checks can be made payable to, and sent to:

MCL #741  
P.O. BOX 184  
NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA 19073-0184  
ATTN: BOB SPANO

All payments must be received by Friday, November 4th, 2016.  
This is a confirmed deadline.

*Dominick Mattioni*

Sr Vice

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## 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!**

## 2016 "Help Us Help Others" Store Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
10/01	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/02	Boothwyn Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy
	Eddystone Wal-Mart	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	400 S. State Rd Springfield, PA
	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
	Springfield Wal-Mart Boothwyn Wal-Mart	400 S. State Rd 605 Conchester Hwy
10/23	Springfield Wal-Mart Boothwyn Wal-Mart	400 S. State Rd 605 Conchester Hwy
10/29	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/30	Eddystone Wal-Mart	1570 Chester Pike
11/05	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-2682	50 N MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
11/06	Glenolden Wal-Mart	50 N MacDade Blvd
	Eddystone Wal-Mart	1570 Chester Pike

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 6 September 2016**

**Commandant:** Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Roger Godfrey, and Director Bill Kinney.

**New Member:** Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro introduced a potential new member. John D'Orta had served in the Marine Corps from 1956 to 1958. His paperwork and DD214 were in order. Paul Donohue made a motion to accept John D'Orta as a new member, and Ben Sides seconded the motion. The motion passed. Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro administered the oath of membership, and John D'Orta was sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment.

**Minutes:** Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 August 2016 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly mentioned that letters of thanks had been received from a number of organizations expressing appreciation for donations made by the Detachment. Letters of thanks were received from the Liberty USO at the Philadelphia International Airport, the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, Operation Home Front in San Antonio, TX, and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in Lakehurst, NJ. Each of these organizations had received donations of \$2,000.00. In addition, a letter was received from the Luzerne Foundation in Luzerne, PA, thanking the Detachment for a donation of \$1,000.00. This organization, through its Hunts for Healing project, provides for outdoor opportunities such as hunting safety, clay target shooting, fishing and camping for wounded warriors or veterans. Each participant has completed or are currently involved in the "Wounded Warrior Program" at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC or other such qualified medical facilities. A card of thanks was also received from one of the individual participants in this program.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Jack McLeod reported that the three day weekend over the Labor Day weekend had resulted in collections from area shoppers totaling \$6,900 in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign. This total was about the same as last year, but it was considered better because there were about ten hours that were understaffed this year. The amount collected so far this year is about \$135,000.00, compared to about \$124,000.00 for the same time period in 2015.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned that Dominick Mattioni had been in the hospital, but he was now at home recuperating after having by-pass surgery.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano reported on the paymaster's report as of 31 August 2016. Income for the month was provided, as well as information on disbursements. He reported on the funds on hand as well as expenses versus the annual budget. Bob Spano also suggested that the membership review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda, since these would be considered for donations later in the meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Service Officer:** Jim Herbst mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center would be held on 8 September 2016. He also mentioned that there would be a picnic there on Saturday 10 September 2016. Jim Herbst also mentioned that the Coatesville Medical Center is looking for volunteers, so interested members should contact Jim Herbst.

**Director Kinney:** Bill Kinney reported that the next flag ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for Sunday 11 September 2016. One or two flags will be honored. In addition, it was mentioned that in October, there will be an event where ten or eleven flags will be honored for a like number of veterans. Bill Kinney mentioned that on 14 September 2016, there would be a photo shoot for the Memorial Dinner, with this year's honorees and past year honorees included in the photo shoot at the Memorial. Bill Kinney also mentioned that there would be a meeting at the Court House in Media, PA on 26 October 2016, with a proclamation being read in honor of this year's honorees for the annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Dinner. Bill Kinney reminded the membership that the Detachment has purchased two tables at the dinner for interested members, and seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. It was also mentioned that on 24 September 2016, John Cook will be honored before the show at the Media Theatre.

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Sr Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni was not in attendance due to his recent surgery, but Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro provided a brief report. He mentioned that the Detachment's Marine Corps Ball would be held on 12 November 2016 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Thirty-eight members from the Echo Detachment in Utah will be joining our members at the Ball. The cost of the Ball is \$50.00 per person. Dominic D'Alessandro also congratulated Dominick Mattioni on a great Alliance Picnic that was held in August. The weather was hot, but the food was good and those attending had a great time. There was a round of applause provided for Dominick Mattioni, even though he was not able to attend this meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Earle Drake reported that an Americanism Program had been presented to the Y summer campers at the Brookhaven School. An Americanism Program is scheduled for the Saint Patrick's School in Malvern, PA. The Americanism team will be assisting the school with its flag raising on 11 November 2016. Earle Drake mentioned that the Detachment exhibit on the Chapel of Four Chaplains has been removed from the Springfield Library. He has scheduled next year's exhibit for the month of June.

It was mentioned that the Detachment will present Certificates of Appreciation to elderly veterans at High Gate at Paoli Pointe on 12 November 2016. John Cook and Jim Mulhern will participate in the presentation, and Bob Spano prepared the Certificates.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented several awards for 2015 activity to "world traveler" Ed Seidl. Jim Herbst presented Ed Seidl with a Meritorious Commendation for his efforts with the Scouting program, a Distinguished Service Award for serving as a Detachment Director, and a Certificate of Appreciation for fundraising. In addition, Jim Herbst presented a plaque from the Detachment to Con McGinley for his many years of exemplary service from 1994 to 2016 as the Detachment's V.A.V.S. Officer. A round of applause followed for Con McGinley.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams mentioned that Bob Wells, Jack Kelly, Wayne Williams, Jim Herbst, and Jim Donegan have volunteered to participate in the Color Guard for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Dinner, scheduled for 17 November 2106. He also asked for volunteers for the Color Guard for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides mentioned that the Honor Guard had participated in eleven funerals for deceased veterans in August. The year-to-date total is now at ninety-six funerals for deceased veterans. Ben Sides commended those members who participated in the Honor Guard in extremely hot weather conditions during August.

Marksmanship: Earle Drake mentioned that there is a rifle match scheduled for September but no one from our Detachment has signed up to participate.

Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned that the Detachment has added some new members recently, and he asked that members continue to look for new members. He distributed membership books to several new members.

Scouting: Ed Seidle mentioned that an Eagle Scout presentation had been accomplished over the past weekend. Ed Seidl expressed his appreciation to Bob Spano for handling this presentation, as Ed Seidl was not able to attend.

Toys for Tots: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro mentioned that Dan Luty will be coordinating the Toys for Tots drive again this year.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business: Jim Herbst mentioned that he would be overseeing the nomination of officers for the 2017 year. It was mentioned that the first round of three rounds of nominations could be made in October. Nominations can be made during the general meetings of October, November and December. After the final round of nominations in December, the election of officers will take place at the December general meeting. Jim Herbst provided an outline on the eligibility requirements to run for office. He also stressed that members should sign the logbook each month as part of the eligibility process is to attend a given number of meetings during the year.

Dominic D'Alessandro mentioned that nominations for the Marine of the Year for 2016 can be made at the October, November, and December meetings. The names of those nominated will be made known for an election by secret ballot and the Marine elected as the Marine of the Year will be announced in early 2017.

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration for donations this month. Bill Kinney 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) American Gold Star Mothers, Washington, DC (\$2,000.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) Homes for Our Troops, Taunton, MA (\$2,000.00); (4) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (5) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (6) The Philadelphian Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (7) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Jim Herbst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2020. Jerry McGuckin won the 50/50. Thirty-four members signed the logbook.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Jack Kelly*  
Adjutant





**Flag Retirement at the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) High School in Chester, PA**



**Swearing in new member John D'Orta**



**Veterans being welcomed home after Honor Flight trip to D.C. at Parx Casino, 26 September**



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

**4 October, 2016 @ 1930**

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073