



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report November 2016

Nominations of officers for the following positions can be made at the November and December general meetings: Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Paymaster, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Service Officer, and three Directors. After the nominations have been closed at the December meeting, the election of officers will take place. Any regular members who would like to serve can be nominated by another member, or they can contact me. The post of Judge Advocate did not have any nominations at the October general meeting.

Nominations for the Detachment's Marine of the Year award will take place at the November general meeting and a secret ballot election will be held at the December general meeting. Your participation in the nomination process for officers and for the Marine of the Year and the election for both is important to our Detachment.

The annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Please see Bob Spano for reservations and payments.

Once again I had the privilege of swearing in a new member. Russell Davis was sworn in as a regular member at our October meeting. Welcome aboard Russell.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 I attended the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Fall Staff Meeting at the Department of Pennsylvania Headquarters in Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. Along with Department and National officers, twenty-seven Marine Corps League Detachments were represented at this meeting. The meeting was very informative. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Department of Pennsylvania MCL website.

November 11, 2016 is Veterans Day. The Detachment functions for Veterans Day are as follows:  
0800 - Veterans breakfast at Paxon Hollow  
0900 - Delaware County Veterans Memorial, Newtown Square  
1000 - VFW Veterans Memorial on Lawrence Road in Broomall  
1100 - Your choice, either the American Legion Post 805 or the parade in Media

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*Semper Fi,*

*Dominic D'Alessandro*  
Commandant

"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!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

John Burfete	Joe Direso
Jean & Tom Falgiatore	Dan Luty
Dominick Mattioni	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod
Florence & Bob Spano	Gene Trautner
Hank Velardi	

Thank you boosters!

**Bob Spano**

Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings for November**

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

Kim Babcock  
 Louis Camilli  
 Joseph Conigliaro  
 John Cook  
 James Donahue  
 Daniel Fitzpatrick  
 Aleta Krauss  
 Daniel Luty  
 Bernard McGinley  
 Jesus Melendrez  
 John Pino  
 James Sandusky



**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

### November

- 1 General Meeting at KoC, 1930 start time. Second round of Officer Nominations will take place.
- 10 VAVS Bingo at Coatesville VA Medical Center. Contact Jim Herbst for information.
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday.
- 29 Staff Meeting at Broomall American Legion, 1930 start time.

### December

- 1 General Meeting at KoC, **1800** start time. This will be the last round of nominations and the elections will take place. This brief meeting will be followed by our **Annual Toys 4 Tots Holiday Dinner**. Cost of the dinner is 1 unwrapped toy for the T4T campaign.

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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 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	
Ben Sides Tom Falgiatore	Rich Bortner
<i>Please remember to notify Chaplain Chris Bush (610.353.5569) of an illness, or of a member or family member passing away.</i>	



## Sr. Vice Report

Our Detachment Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, 12 November. The location is the same as years past, Paxon Hollow Country Club in Broomall, PA from 1800 to 2200. The cost is \$50 per person. All payments must be received by Friday, 4 November. This is a confirmed deadline.

Reservations can be made by calling Paymaster Spano at 610-639-4464. Payments are to be sent to Paymaster Spano, checks payable to MCL #741. Checks can be sent to:

MCL #741  
P.O. Box 184  
Newtown Square, PA 19073-0184  
Attn: Bob Spano

Prior to 1921, Marines celebrated the recreation of the Corps on 11 July with little pomp or pageantry. On 21 October 1921, Major Edwin North McClellan, in charge of the Corps's fledgling historical section, sent a memorandum to Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting the Marines' original birthday of 10 November be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Lejeune so ordered in Marine Corps Order 47:

### MARINE CORPS ORDERS

No. 47 (Series 1921)

HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS

Washington, November 1, 1921

759. The following will be read to the command on the 10th of November, 1921, and hereafter on the 10th of November of every year. Should the order not be received by the 10th of November, 1921, it will be read upon receipt.

1. On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name "Marine" in memory of them it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.
2. The record of our corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world's history. During 90 of the 146 years of its existence the Marine Corps has been in action against the Nation's foes. From the Battle of Trenton to the Argonne, Marines have won foremost honors in war, and in the long eras of tranquility at home, generation after generation of Marines have grown gray in war in both hemispheres and in every corner of the seven seas, that our country and its citizens might enjoy peace and security.
3. In every battle and skirmish since the birth of our corps, Marines have acquitted themselves with the greatest distinction, winning new honors on each occasion until the term "Marine" has come to signify all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue.
4. This high name of distinction and soldierly repute we who are Marines today have received from those who preceded us in the corps. With it we have also received from them the eternal spirit which has animated our corps from generation to generation and has been the distinguishing mark of the Marines in every age. So long as that spirit continues to flourish Marines will be found equal to every emergency in the future as they have been in the past, and the men of our Nation will regard us as worthy successors to the long line of illustrious men who have served as "Soldiers of the Sea" since the founding of the Corps.

JOHNA. LEJEUNE,

Major General Commandant 75705—21

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 4 October 2016**

**Commandant:** Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1930. 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, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Roger Godfrey, and Director Bill Kinney.

**New Member:** Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the membership. Russell Davis served in the United States Marine Corps in the 1980's, and his DD214 and application form were in order. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Russell Davis into the Detachment as a regular member. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Russell Davis was sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment by Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

**Minutes:** George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 September 2016 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly reported that instead of a thank you letter for a donation made by the Detachment, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mid-Atlantic, sent a Certificate of Appreciation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation, Mid-Atlantic, is located in Bethesda, MD. Jack Kelly also reported that a letter of appreciation had been received from members of the Robert D. Bell, Sr. family, expressing the family's appreciation for the services rendered by the Detachment's Honor Guard at the funeral for Robert D. Bell, Sr.

**Sr Vice Commandant:** Dominick Mattioni expressed his appreciation to the membership for the cards and prayers after his recent hospitalization. Dominick Mattioni mentioned that sign-up sheets were in the back of the room for the Toys for Tots dinner in December. The price of the dinner is a new unwrapped toy. He also reminded the membership of the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November, to be held at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Payments of \$50.00 per person can be sent to Paymaster Bob Spano. Additional reminders will be sent out by Dominick Mattioni.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Jack McLeod reported that the results of the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign amounted to collections of \$4,243.00 in the past weekend. The year-to-date total now stands at \$153,000.00 compared to a year-to-date total of \$139,000.00 in 2015 at a similar time period. He mentioned the stores that would be visited for collections in the coming weekend. He also mentioned that the annual Ball program book will soon be coming together and members who have contacted advertisers in the past will be called upon again to see if the advertisers would be willing to participate again this year.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 30 September 2016. Disbursements and income received were reviewed. He suggested that members should review the organizations listed on the back of the agenda that will be considered for donations later in the evening. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned that Ben Sides had been hospitalized recently, but he was now at home recuperating. It was also reported that Bernie McGinley had also been hospitalized recently, but he was now feeling better and was attending tonight's meeting.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Bud Davis reminded the membership of the sign-up sheets for the Toys for Tots dinner in December. He also mentioned that nomination forms for the Detachment's Marine of the Year for 2016 were at each table.

**Service Officer:** Jim Herbst reported that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 13 October 2016 at 1400. Jim Herbst also reminded the membership of the importance of advising family members where the member's DD214 Form and Honorable Discharge papers are located.

**Director Kinney:** Bill Kinney provided information on the flag ceremony scheduled for the next Sunday at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial In Newtown Square, PA. Eleven members of one family are to be honored. Bill Kinney asked for members to show up for this ceremony to provide support for the flag ceremony. There is a threat of inclement weather, but the decision to hold the event or not would be made as the date draws closer. Bill Kinney also mentioned that there would be a photo shoot on 26 October 2016 in Delaware County Council Chambers in Media, PA in which this year's honorees and past year honorees of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association are invited. Bill Kinney also provided information on this year's DCVMA dinner to be held on 17 November 2016. The Detachment's Color Guard will be involved in the presentation of the Colors, along with two other Color Guard units. Bob Spano will be one of the honorees that evening.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 30 October 2016. Volunteers are needed, and a communication will be sent out later by e-mail as a reminder. He mentioned that at least eight volunteers are needed to make this an effective program.

**Americanism:** Earle Drake was not in attendance, but Jack Kelly read a written report that Earle Drake had provided. It was mentioned that an Americanism program presentation had been made at St. Patrick's School in Malvern, PA on 15 September 2016. It was necessary to cancel a presentation at the Worrall School in Broomall, PA that had been scheduled for 4 October 2016. At the request of Bob McMann, Mayor of Media, PA, the Americanism team performed a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the STEM High School in Chester, PA. The Vice President of the school had served in the Marine Corps. While in the Marines, this individual had been a radio technician, and he now has his PHD degree. Melissa Clark, who now owns the house that General Smedley Butler once lived in, has invited the Detachment members to visit the house on 11 November 2016 at 1700. General Butler's last remaining grandchild has agreed to come down from New York for this occasion.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams mentioned that the month of November would be a busy time for the Color Guard. Events are scheduled for Veteran's Day (11 November), the Detachment's Birthday Ball (12 November), the DCVMA Dinner (17 November), and a PTSD event (20 November). In addition, the Beirut Memorial recognition is scheduled for 23 October 2016. Wayne Williams mentioned that he has some members lined up for most of these responsibilities, but there are still some volunteers needed for certain dates. Wayne Williams asked for interested members to contact him. Bernie McGinley asked about Marine Sunday, and it was mentioned that Marine Sunday would probably be on 13 November. The Chester County Detachment coordinates this event.

**Honor Guard:** Mike Milliken mentioned that six or seven funerals for deceased veterans were conducted during the month of September. This brings the year-to-date total to either 103 or 104 funerals for deceased veterans. Paul Donohue mentioned that Tom McGovern fell while on one of the Honor Guard events and had been injured.

It was mentioned that Tom McGovern may be out of commission for Honor Guard duties for awhile.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty reported that he had brought a supply of boxes for this year's Toys for Tots program and some had already been distributed. A few more were available, but more will be needed. He asked members who needed boxes to contact him, or they could also get boxes at the Folsom Reserve Center. Dan Luty mentioned that he will contact those members involved in the program by e-mail, and those that do not have e-mail will be contacted by Bob Spano. Dan Luty mentioned that new boxes have been created this year to recognize the one hundred year anniversary of the Toys for Tots program, so it is important that older boxes not be used this year. Other details of the program were also reviewed. Dan Luty mentioned that the December general meeting is the annual dinner meeting, and the cost of the dinner is one new unwrapped toy.

Membership: Jim Herbst thanked the members for bringing in new members. In the past five months, four new members have joined the Detachment. In addition, Jim Herbst presented a Life Membership pin to Sr. Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni.

#### New Business:

Marine of the Year: Jim Herbst mentioned that nomination forms for the Detachment's Marine of the Year for 2016 were on each table. He mentioned that only regular members are eligible for the Award, but associate members can nominate and vote for the Marine of the Year.

Election of Officers for 2017: Past Commandant Jim Herbst conducted the first round of three rounds of nomination of Detachment officers for the 2017 year. He reviewed the qualification of officers from the Detachment By-laws, Article Eight. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

Commandant - Dominic D'Alessandro  
Sr. Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni  
Jr. Vice Commandant - Jack McLeod  
Adjutant - Jack Kelly  
Paymaster - Bob Spano  
Judge Advocate - Open (Bernie McGinley was nominated, but respectfully declined.)  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Charles (Bud) Davis  
Chaplain - Chris Bush  
Service Officer - Jim Herbst  
Directors (three needed) - Paul Donohue, Bill Kinney, Jim Flynn (Roger Godfrey was also nominated, but respectfully declined.)

Nominations for all positions can be made at the November and December general meetings. The election of officers for 2017 will take place at the December general meeting, after the nominations have been closed at that meeting.

Charitable Donations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda to be considered for donations this month. These organizations had been reviewed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration. 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) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) MCL Tun Tavern Christmas Fund, Folcroft, PA (\$2,000.00); (4) National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, Arlington, VA (\$2,000.00); (5) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (6) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (7) The Wounded Warrior Regiment, Charitable Giving Office, Quantico, VA (\$2,000.00). Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Dominic D'Alessandro provided some general details on the MCL Department's upcoming Fall Meeting and the winter Department Staff Meeting. Members interested in attending either or both meetings should contact Dominic D'Alessandro for additional details.

Dominic D'Alessandro introduced Duke Snyder from the Upper Darby MCL Detachment. Duke Snyder expressed his appreciation to the Detachment for providing funds to assist the Upper Darby Detachment in meeting expenses for its Youth Physical Fitness Program. He explained the program and again this year they were able to send a number of youth out to the finals at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego, CA. The Upper Darby MCL team came in fifth among all national participants and two individuals were awarded silver medals for individual performance. Duke Snyder thanked the General Smedley Butler Detachment for its financial assistance to the Upper Darby MCL Detachment in meeting its goal for the youth involved in this program.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bernie McGinley seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2045. Dan Luty won the 50/50. Thirty-six members signed the logbook.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Jack Kelly***

Adjutant





# Fizzano Veteran Casket Flag Raising Ceremony

Public Invited to Attend the  
Inaugural Flying of 11 American Casket Flags

Delaware County Veterans Memorial in  
Newtown Square  
2nd Sunday Casket Flag Raising Ceremony

Saluting 11 Italian American Veterans of FIZZANO Family  
Honoring \*Service to Country \*Family \*Culture \*Traditions

Sunday October 9, 2016 6pm Ceremony

4599 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073 [www.DelcoVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.DelcoVeteransMemorial.org)

Thomas W Fizzano US Army Air Corps WWII Staff Sergeant Pacific Theatre New Guinea  
John T Fizzano Sr US Army Air Corps WWII Staff Sergeant European Theatre  
Nicky Fizzano US Army Air Corps WWII POW Sergeant European Theatre  
Rocky Fizzano US Army WWII Corporal Pacific Theatre  
Pete Fizzano US Army Corporal Korean War era served in U.S.  
Joseph "Champ" Fizzano US Army Sergeant Korean War era served in Germany  
Tony Fizzano Jr US Army Vietnam War 1LT Vietnam  
Pete Black US Army Air Corps WWII + Korean War Sergeant married to a Fizzano  
Jim Duffy US Army Vietnam era Spec 4 served in U.S. Mother was a Fizzano  
Jim Butler US Navy Vietnam era E4 Petty Officer Southeast Pacific Mother-in-law Fizzano  
Mike Iannelli US Navy Vietnam War Seaman Married to a Fizzano








## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Next Meeting  
**1 November, 2016 @ 1930**  
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327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073