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Commandant's Report

February 2017

Our Honor Guard has done a fantastic job participating in the military graveside services for our deceased veterans. They served at 138 military graveside services during the 2016 year. Our thanks to everyone who participated in these services. We are still looking for someone to chair this program.

Our "Toys-for-Tots" Program was a huge success for 2016. Thousands of toys were distributed to needy children throughout the area to help make theirs a "Merry" Christmas. Thank you to Dan Luty and all those who participated in this program to make this possible.

Congratulations to George Boyajian on receiving the Detachment's "Marine of the Year" Award for 2016.

In addition, congratulations go out to Jim Flynn on receiving the Commandant's Award for 2016.

Both members are very well deserving of their respective awards, which were presented at the January 2017 general meeting. A special thanks goes out to Con McKinley for designing and fabricating the "Marine of the Year" award plaque which was awarded to George Boyajian.

Applications for Detachment scholarships are now available. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact Wayne Williams.

The 2017 Spring Pennsylvania Department Staff Meeting will be held on March 17th and 18th, 2017 at Indian Town Gap, PA. Overnight sleeping arrangements are available. The 2017 Pennsylvania Department Convention will be held on June 21 through June 24, 2017, at the Wyndham Gardens in York, PA. Please contact me if you are interested in attending with of these events.

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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!

FEBRUARY BOOSTERS

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|----------------------|---------------|
| George Boyajian | Joe Daly |
| Bud Davis | Paul Donohue |
| Tom Falgiatore | John Griffis |
| Beth & Jim Herbst | Jack Kelly |
| Tom Kerrigan | Dan Luty |
| Dominick Mattioni | Con McGinley |
| Jerry McGuckin | Jack McLeod |
| Florence & Bob Spano | Phil Spinelli |

Thank you boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for February

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

- Joseph Beal
- James Clark
- James Constien
- Russell Davis
- Harry Deaner
- James Dunlop
- Jeffrey Elliot
- Roger Godfrey
- R. Stewart Hughes
- John Keevill
- John Kelly
- Albina Lloyd
- William McCoy
- Robert McLaughlin
- Bob Spano
- H. Weston Tomlinson



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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| Commandant | Dominic D'Alessandro |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Dominick Mattioni |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jack McLeod |
| Adjutant | Jack Kelly |
| Paymaster | Bob Spano |
| Judge Advocate | Earle Drake |
| Sergeant-At-Arms | Charles (Bud) Davis |
| Chaplain | Christopher Bush |
| Service Officer | Jim Herbst |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Jim Flynn |
| Director | Paul Donohue |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Paul Ferguson |

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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|--------------------------|--|
| 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 | Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Dan Luty |
| V.A.V.S. | Jim Herbst |
| Young Marines | Dan Luty |
| Web Master | Ilene Silvers |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

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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

February

- 7 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square, 1930.
- 9 Bingo, Coatesville Veterans Health Center. Contact Jim Herbst for additional information.
- 28 Staff Meeting, Post #805, West Chester Pike, 1930.

March

- 7 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

Joe Conigliaro
Tom Falgiatore

Jack Mcleod
Wes Tomlinson

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

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741

Marine Corps League

General Meeting Minutes – 3 January 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, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Roger Godfrey, Director Bill Kinney, and Jr. Past Commandant Paul Ferguson. Also in attendance were Dan Murray, District One Vice Commandant and George Souder, District One Deputy Vice Commandant.

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

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly mentioned that letters of appreciation for donations made by the Detachment had been received from several organizations. Letters of appreciation were received from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Triangle, VA, from the Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD, and from the Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA. Letters of appreciation were also received from the Marple Newtown Youth Recreation Center in Newtown Square, PA, from the Veterans Multi-Service Center in Philadelphia, PA, and from the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House in Philadelphia, PA.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod provided an end of year report on three major fundraising activities. He reported that the Help Our Heroes Campaign, in which members solicit donations from friends or acquaintances, resulted in collections of about \$12,500, or less than an anticipated amount of \$15,000. He mentioned that the Birthday Ball Program Book was profitable, selling ads from local businesses to offset some expenses related to the Ball and other Detachment expenses. The third area of income was from collections in the Help Us Help Others Campaign (HUHO), in which donations were received from shoppers visiting area supermarkets. Detachment members, Auxiliary members, and friends of the Detachment participated in thirty-six weekend events, and after the final event, Jack McLeod reported that \$169,000 had been collected during the year. During the last eleven years, more than \$1,140,000 has been collected in this program. During 2016, more than 2400 hours of collection activity took place with thirty-five Detachment members, Auxiliary members or friends participating. In checking with the organizations that the Detachment contributes to, it is estimated that each one who is helped financially receives approximately \$500 to \$1,000 each, so our contributions have assisted more than 1100 active duty personnel or veterans. This number could possibly be as high as 2000 active duty personnel or veterans being assisted financially with our contributions. Jack McLeod read the names of the participants in this program, both past and present, and then he closed with a prayer, thanking the Lord for His bounty. Jack McLeod received a round of applause at the conclusion of his report.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the paymaster's report as of 31 December 2016. He also reminded the membership to review the list of organizations on the back of the agenda. The organizations listed would be considered for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Lou Camilli and Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Jeanne Falgiatore, the wife of Tom Falgiatore, had passed away recently. Chris Bush extended his condolences to Tom Falgiatore.

Chris Bush also emphasized the importance of prayer, mentioning that prayer is a powerful force in our daily lives.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bud Davis reminded everyone to sign the logbook and that extra copies of the *Scuttlebutt* were on the table in the back of the room, if anyone needed a copy.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that he and Con McGinley had visited the Coatesville Medical Center in December and had handed out gifts to the residents there. The residents were appreciative of the gifts that they received. Jim Herbst also reminded committee chairmen to submit names to him for those members who should be recognized for their participation in Detachment activities during 2016. Members will be recognized during the annual awards presentation during the February 2017 general meeting. Finally, in his role of membership chairman, Jim Herbst once again reminded the membership to "recruit, recruit, recruit."

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that no activity would be taking place in the Adopt-a-Highway program until April 2017. An e-mail concerning the date of the first event will be sent out once the date draws nearer.

Americanism: Earle Drake mentioned that he did not have an Americanism report, but he did report that he had a flag to display. The flag was the flag from the original Major General Smedley D. Butler MCL Detachment and it had recently been located in a garage in Perkasio, PA. Bob Spano and Earle Drake had driven to Perkasio, PA to pick up the flag from the man who had found it, and it was brought here and it had recently been cleaned by a man in Springfield, PA. The flag is in beautiful condition, with the exception of just some minor water damage.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that a Color Guard had recently participated in the annual Christmas luncheon for Claude de Botton and his National Realty Corporation. Employees had provided toys for the Toys for Tots program and after the luncheon, the toys were given to two Marines from the Folsom Reserve Center. The members in the Color Guard were Bob Wells, Bill Kinney, Earle Drake, Jack Kelly and Wayne Williams.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had participated in one hundred thirty-eight funerals for deceased veterans during 2016. One more had already been performed in the early days of 2017, and another had been scheduled for later in the current week. Ben Sides mentioned that the Honor Guard serves in all kinds of weather, providing a service to a deceased service member and to the veteran's family. The Detachment members who served in the Honor Guard during 2016 were Jim Donegan, Earle Drake, Dan Fitzpatrick, Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, Mike Milliken, Gene Trautner, Paul Donohue, Bob Wells and Tom McGovern. A round of applause was provided for those members of the Honor Guard.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that he had received the Detachment guidon from Wayne Williams. The guidon needs attention with the numbers on the guidon, and Bob Spano will have the numbers re-embroidered so that they will not look worn or tattered.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he had Detachment scholarship applications with him tonight for those members needing them. Those interested were asked to see Wayne Williams after the meeting. He also mentioned that he anticipated having the Department (State) scholarship application forms at the February general meeting, and he anticipated having the National scholarship application forms at the March general meeting.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business:

Installation of Officers for 2017: Commandant Dominic D’Alessandro introduced Dan Murray, District One Vice Commandant and George Souder, District One Deputy Vice Commandant, to conduct the installation of the Detachment’s officers for 2017. The officers for 2017 were sworn into office by Dan Murray. The officers are Commandant Dominic D’Alessandro, Sr. Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Jr. Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Earle Drake, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Jim Flynn, and Director Bill Kinney. District One Vice Commandant Dan Murray had a separate challenge for Commandant Dominic D’Alessandro, and then Deputy Commandant George Souder declared the officers duly sworn into office. Member Phil Spinelli served as chaplain for the installation ceremony and he closed the ceremony in prayer.

Marine of the Year for 2016: Dominic D’Alessandro presented the Marine of the Year Award for 2016. He mentioned that it was a very prestigious award, and many members have made valuable contributions to the Detachment over the years. But for 2016, one member stood out for his contributions to the Help Us Help Others Campaign and for the Toys for Tots Program. Assisted by Jim Herbst and Ben Sides, Dominic D’Alessandro presented the Marine of the Year Award to George Boyajian. A round of applause followed. George Boyajian provided six words of advice: “He who cannot help may hinder.” George was presented with a Marine of the Year ribbon and a plaque.

Commandant’s Award: Commandant Dominic D’Alessandro mentioned that the Commandant’s Award is presented to one who takes an aggressive interest in the matters of the Detachment, and one who has devotion to his duties above those required. Dominic D’Alessandro read the inscription on the Commandant’s Award, and he then presented the Commandant’s Award for 2016 to Jim Flynn. Jim Flynn was given a round of applause.

Administrative Procedure Change: Judge Advocate Earle Drake provided some introductory remarks on submitting proposed changes to the Detachment’s Administrative Procedures. Changes can be made as long as they do not violate National, State, or Detachment bylaws. A new procedure has been submitted by Past Commandant Jim Herbst. If adopted by the membership, it would be Administrative Procedure Number A-11, a. The proposed change would be as follows: A Marine Corps League member of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment may become eligible to receive an additional “Marine of the Year” Award provided that 10 years have passed from the date of their last Marine of the Year Award. All other General Smedley D. Butler Marine of the Year procedures will apply. Jim Herbst made a motion to adopt this change. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

District One Activity: Dan Murray mentioned the he would be concluding his two year term as District One Vice Commandant in June 2017. He asked the Detachment to consider voting for George Souder as the next District One Vice Commandant at the State Convention in June 2017.

Delaware County Veterans Memorial Proposal: Roger Godfrey mentioned that a picture was being circulated in the meeting of a proposed statue for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. It included a rifle with bayonet stuck in the ground with helmet and boots, representing a fallen serviceman. This would be constructed and possibly placed in front of the chapel at the Memorial. Both Bob Spano and Bill Kinney provided additional information on this proposal, and there are many details still to be considered before this suggestion comes into reality.

Pictures Available: Con McGinley mentioned that about sixteen pictures were available after the meeting, free for the asking. The pictures were of Marine life and were from Con’s cousin, who is now deceased. The pictures were given to the Detachment and members were free to choose from among them after the meeting.

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of charitable organizations that were suggested for donations this month. These had been reviewed at a recent officers’ staff meeting and were now being suggested to the membership for consideration. Dan Luty made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations, and the amounts to be donated in parentheses, are: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000); (3) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000) (4) Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Havertown, PA (\$2,000); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000). Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Dominic D’Alessandro provided information on the upcoming Department Winter Staff Meeting, scheduled for 6 and 7 January 2017 in Harrisburg, PA. He also mentioned the National Winter Meeting in March 2017. Interested members should contact Dominic D’Alessandro for additional information.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by several members. The motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies were conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 2030. Paul Donohue won the 50/50. Thirty-seven members signed the logbook. Dan Murray and George Souder were also in attendance, bringing the total attendance to thirty-nine.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant





Annual Smedley Butler Detachment Staff Holiday Dinner



Marine of the Year Award recipient George Boyajian



Commandant's Award recipient Jim Flynn



Installation of Smedley Butler Detachment's 2017 Officers



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Newtown Square, PA19073-0184



Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
7 February, 2017 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
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Newtown Square, PA 19073