



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report June 2017

Many, many needy veterans are benefitting from our Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign. Volunteers helping out in this program put forth an unbelievable effort to collect funds to be distributed among the many organizations helping needy veterans. We thank all the volunteers helping out in this effort. Anyone who would like to participate in this program should contact Jack McLeod.

The tenth annual Walk for the Wounded event was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Rose Tree Park in Media, PA. A number of our members attended and we also had our Color Guard join with Color Guard units from other veteran organizations for the presentation of the Colors and the opening ceremonies. Roger Godfrey supplied his version of the memorial of a fallen soldier.

Our Detachment's Honor Guard is doing a great job, but we still need an Honor Guard Chairman, or a group of members acting as a chairman. Someone needs to lead this important responsibility. Please step up if you feel you are able to do so. Please contact me if you are interested.

One of this year's "Freedom Medal Award" recipients will be our own Bill Kinney. Congratulations Bill, you are well deserving of this award.

Due to the Fourth of July holiday falling on the first Tuesday in July, our July general meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bernie McGinley on the passing of his wife Regina (Jean).

We are hoping to see all of our newer members at our June Spring Scholarship Awards Dinner meeting.

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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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

John Burfete	Bud Davis
Russell Davis	Joe Direso
Tom Falgiatore	John Griffis
Beth & Jim Herbst	Jack Kelly
Dominick Mattioni	Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin	Jack McLeod
Florence & Bob Spano	Hank Velardi

Thank you boosters!

**Bob Spano**

Paymaster

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

**Birthday Greetings for June**

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

George Boyajian  
 John Burfete  
 Robert Cervino  
 Paul Ferguson  
 William Kinney  
 Dominick Mattioni  
 Thomas McGovern  
 Joseph Mealey  
 Robert Senior  
 William Williams



**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	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**

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
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	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>

## Memorial Day Activities

## 2017“Help Us Help Others”Store Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
0845	DELCO Veterans Memorial, Newtown Square
0930	MMP #805 Trailer to Malin Rd
1000	Parade start, down W. Chester Pk to #805 Post
1045	MMP #805 Post Ceremony
1130	VFW Ceremony, Lawrence Rd, Broomall

**\*Note: On Saturday, 27 May, Broomall Post #805 will have their annual placing of American Flags on Vet’s graves. Meet at Post #805 at 0830.**

### Jr. Vice Report

Our 2017 HUHO fund raising Campaign has been kicked-off, March 18 at the ACME Granite Run and Media Stores.

Our fundraising is to help others in need! **Among those are needy individuals and families from over 350,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their initial disability/compensation claims and over 450,000 awaiting results of claims that have been appealed!**

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

Scheduling of our individual HUHO Store Events has been completed by delivering confirmation letters to Store Managements confirming their prior verbal approvals. One thing we can be sure of is that the Schedule will change; affected Participants will be so notified. **Please keep our Schedule information confidential, within our Detachment Family!**

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

During our Campaign, active participants will be called during the early part of each week in order to staff that week’s scheduled events. **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!** An email will be sent by Thursday evening that contains the roster of those Members who have volunteered to participate in that week’s scheduled event.

**It’s never too late to express appreciation to our Participants, their spouses and friends for the outstanding HUHO results, +\$170,000, we achieved last year! Here’s to a similar, successful Campaign in 2017!**

*Jack McLeod*

Jr Vice

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
6/1(Thur)	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
6/2(Fri)	Boothwyn Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy
6/3	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	400 S. State Road Springfield, PA
6/4	Springfield Wal-Mart	400 S. State Road
6/8(Thur)	Wawa Store 8045 610-696-7523	1501 W. Chester Pike West Chester, PA
6/9(Fri)	Wawa Store 8045	1501 W. Chester Pike
6/10	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA
6/11	Lawrence Park Acme Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	567 Sproul Raod 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
6/17	Media Acme 610-565-5072 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
6/18	Media Acme Newtown Sq Acme	527 E Baltimore Pike 3390 W Chester Pike
6/24	Devon Acme 610-341-6073 Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
6/25	Devon Acme Paoli Acme	700 W Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road
7/1	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	503 S MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 1067 W Baltimore Pike Media, PA
7/2	Glenolden Acme Granite Run Acme	503 S MacDade Blvd 1067 W Baltimore Pike
7/3	Glenolden Acme Granite Run Acme	503 S MacDade Blvd 1067 W Baltimore Pike
7/8	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA
7/9	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Lawrence Park Acme	605 Conchester Hwy 567 Sproul Raod
7/15	Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018 Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
7/16	Newtown Sq Acme Ridley Acme	3390 W Chester Pike 124 Morton Ave
7/22	Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407 Media Acme 610-565-5072	1067 W Baltimore Pike Media, PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### May

- 27 Placing American Flags on Vet's graves, meet at Post #805 at 0830.
- 29 Memorial Day activities, *see page 3 for times and places.*
- 30 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, start at 1930.

### June

- 6 **Annual Scholarships/Spring Dinner** & General Meeting at KoC. Dinner starts at 1800.
- 7 Bingo, Coatesville Veterans Health Center. Contact Jim Herbst, 610-993-8353, for additional information.
- 14 Flag Day
- 21-24 Department Convention, Wyndham Garden – York, PA (717)-846-9500. \$92 + taxes (includes breakfast for attendee).
- 27 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, start at 1930.

### July

- 5 General Meeting at KoC. Meeting starts at 1930. **(this is a Wed., our regular meeting day fell on 4 July)**

## 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.

### DCVMA 2017 Casket Flag Ceremony Dates (all start times are 1700 unless otherwise noted):

- 3 Jun Remembering D-Day – 11 WWII casket flag raising
- 11 Jun 11 Greek American casket flag raising – Greek Newspaper, Churches, Groups and Individuals
- 9 Jul 2 Casket flag raising ceremony – US Army, Denis Daly, WWII & TBA
- 13 Aug 2 Casket flag raising ceremony – both TBA
- 10 Sep 11 African American casket flag raising – Churches, Groups, and Individuals

### SICK CALL

Joe Conigliaro  
Tom Falgiatore  
Sam Samsel  
Paul Donohue

Anthony Fusto  
Peg Curley  
Tom Kerrigan  
Rich Bortner

*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 – 2 May 2017

Commandant: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers who were present were 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, and Director Jim Flynn.

Annual Remembrance Ceremony: Each year the Detachment conducts a remembrance ceremony to remember and honor Detachment members who have passed away in the past twelve months. Members of the Auxiliary who have passed away in the past twelve months are also remembered and honored. The Auxiliary joined the meeting again this year for this portion of the meeting. As part of the ceremony, a candle was lit for each person who had passed away. As each late member's name was announced, a candle was extinguished and a bell was rung in honor of that person. The Detachment members who had passed away and were honored were Frank Greiser and Frank Mayer. The Auxiliary members who had passed away and were honored were Laura Del Rosario and Jeanne Falgiatore. A final candle was extinguished and the bell was rung for all service members who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 April 2017 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that a card of thanks had been received from Justine for the contribution made by the Detachment to Justine's Cuisines. The Detachment had contributed funds for her efforts in feeding the homeless in Delaware County, PA. In addition, letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA and from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD.

Sr. Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the District One meeting that had been held at the Knights of Columbus on 30 April 2017 had been a success. Forty-six people were in attendance and the Auxiliary was also present to assist with refreshments. Dominick Mattioni also mentioned that signup sheets were available for those interested in signing up for the June Scholarship Dinner and meeting.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that about \$2,800.00 had been collected in the latest weekend of collection activity in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign. There was a case at one store double booking two groups, including our Detachment, and we were not able to continue collection activities on that day at that location. Jack McLeod mentioned that in the coming week,

collection activities would be held at a Wawa store location and at an Acme store in Lawrence Park and at a Shop Rite store in West Chester, PA.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 30 April 2017, highlighting the income and disbursements of the month. He also suggested to the membership to review the list of organizations being suggested for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting. The list of organizations, listed on the back of the agenda, also reflected increasing the amount of donations from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 each. George Boyajian asked why the increase was so much, increasing the amount to \$5,000.00 for each organization. Bob Spano explained that we are a charitable organization and the Detachment presently has too much money on hand, so it is necessary to donate additional funds to bring down the amount of money that we have on hand. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jack Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Earle Drake mentioned that he did not have a report as Judge Advocate, but he did report on other activities in which he is involved. He mentioned that an Americanism program is scheduled for 5 May 2017 at the Loomis School in Broomall, PA. Another Americanism/Flag History program is scheduled for 26 May 2017 at the Stonehurst Hills Elementary School color day. Dan Fitzpatrick will play the bugle, and Earle Drake, Jim Mulhern and Dan Fitzpatrick will present the Flag history program with the school's fifth graders. Earle Drake mentioned that a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Southwest Dry Cleaners in Springfield for cleaning the Smedley D. Butler Detachment Flag.

Earle Drake also reported that a Spring pistol match had been conducted on 23 April 2017. Twenty-six MCL members from four detachments participated in the pistol shoot. A letter of thanks was sent to Mike Kerns, pistol chairman of the Delaware County Field and Stream for allowing the participants to shoot without charge. Earle Drake delivered two Distinguished Citizen Awards and medals to Sun Valley High School. The awards will be presented to two outstanding cadets at the school on 2 June 2017. Finally, Earle Drake reported that he has spoken to Colonel DeTreuX at Villanova University concerning the Department of Pennsylvania's award that was missing at the Villanova NROTC Spring Review. Earle Drake has contacted Department Commandant Brian Natali about ordering a Ka-bar for the deserving Midshipman 1/Class Hwang.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that two members, Paul Donohue and Tom Kerrigan, have both been hospitalized recently but both are now at home. Chris Bush also mentioned that Terry Jones would be having knee replacement surgery at the end of the week.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst reminded the membership of the monthly bingo games at the Coatesville Veterans Health Center. Members should contact Jim Herbst if interested in assisting with the bingo games for veterans. He also provided information on an open house for a District Meeting at the Center scheduled for 24 May 2017. Jim Herbst thanked Chris Bush for the sympathy card he received from Chris following the passing of his brother-in-law.

Director Flynn: Jim Flynn mentioned that the first Adopt-a-Highway event had been held on 30 April 2017 and six members had participated in the event. The group did a great job in cleaning up Bishop Hollow Road in about an hour. The next Adopt-a-Highway event will be held in June.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Several members had participated in the recent pistol match at Delaware County Field and Stream, and Jim Herbst awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Earle Drake and Bob Spano. It was reported that all shooters had done well.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams expressed his appreciation for those members who had recently served in the Color Guard for a local fund raising event. He asked for volunteers for the Walk for the Wounded event on 20 May 2017 at Rose Tree Park, as well as for the events on Memorial Day on 29 May 2017. He received enough volunteers for both of these events.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that there were eighteen funerals for deceased veterans during the month of April. The Honor Guard has now participated in fifty-six funerals for military veterans on a year-to-date basis in 2017.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that there was some Marine Corps memorabilia available on a table after the meeting. All of the items were available for free, although donations to the Detachment would be welcomed.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that scholarship applications for Detachment scholarships had been received from twelve applicants. Nine of the twelve applications are complete, but three are incomplete at the present time. Wayne Williams mentioned that Detachment By-laws call for only six scholarships are to be awarded, but that we have provided more scholarships in the past. Wayne Williams made a motion to provide scholarships for the nine applicants that have completed their applications, and to make scholarships available for the other three once their applications have been completed. Jack Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed. Wayne Williams also mentioned that he had the application forms for the MCL National Scholarship Program with him for anyone interested in applying for the National Scholarship Program.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of charitable organizations listed on the back of the agenda. Five organizations were listed, with donations of \$5,000.00 being suggested for each organization. The amounts were raised for each organization in order to reduce the amount of funds that the Detachment had on hand. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated for each shown in parentheses are:

(1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$5,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$5,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$5,000.00); (4) Operation Homefront, Doylestown, PA (\$5,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$5,000.00). Jack Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Earle Drake provided information on the awards to be given to two cadets in the Young Marine program at Sun Valley High School on 2 June 2017.

Bob Spano mentioned that Bernie McGinley's wife Jean is in need of prayer.

John Burfete asked the membership to send him pictures or articles of Detachment events so that he could post them in local media outlets.

Bob Spano reviewed some upcoming events, reporting for Director Bill Kinney who was not present:

- \* Monday 15 May - Flags at half staff from sunrise to sunset in honor of Peace Officers Memorial.
- \* Thursday 18 May from 0830 to 1030 - Behind the scenes briefing at the Memorial. Discussion about casket ceremonies and the Memorial itself. Also will discuss the Memorial Phase Two.
- \* Sunday 21 May - 1700 Flag ceremony honoring Women in the Military.
- \* 29 May - Memorial Day activities.
- \* 3 June - Remembering D-Day - 1100 to 1600. Casket flag raising and other events.

Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro mentioned the new schedule for annual dues. Dues for members that are renewing in June will pay \$10.00 to take them up to September. Then in September, the full annual dues will be due. After that, every member's dues (excluding Life Members) will be due on 1 September of each year.

George Boyajian 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 2015. George Boyajian won the 50/50. Twenty-five members signed the logbook.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Jack Kelly***

Adjutant



**Lieutenant Hwang receiving Semper Fi Award**



**Our Detachment hosting the District One Meeting on 30 April**



**Our Americanism Program Presentation at Loomis School**

# 23 April Pistol Match







## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

**Annual Spring Scholarship Dinner  
6 June, 2017 Dinner starts @  
1800, followed by Scholarships  
and Regular Meeting**

Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073