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Commandant's Report September 2017

The Combined Veterans Alliance picnic, held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Drexel Lodge Park, was enjoyed by many members and Auxiliary members of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment, the American Legion Post #805, and the V.F.W. and their families. There were games, contests with awards, and all the good food you could eat.

Although there were not as many participants at the picnic this year as in the past, everyone who was there had a great time. This was mainly due to the efforts and hard work of Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni who arranged and organized the picnic. Thank you Dominick for a job well done.

Congratulations go out to Ben Sides who was awarded the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains at our August 2017 general meeting.

This award is presented to a person who has shown "selfless service" to others and Ben Sides has more than shown that by his dedication in his position as chairman of the Detachment's Honor Guard for over eight years and his participation in over 2,000 military graveside funeral ceremonies. A hand salute and a thank you goes out to Ben Sides on this prestigious award.

The third of four "Adopt-a-Highway" events was held on Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Paxon Hollow Road. There was a nice showing of members and everything went smoothly. Our thanks go to Chairman Jim Flynn for organizing and conducting the event. We want to thank him mostly for supplying the coffee and donuts.

Everyone's dues (except Lifetime members) are due on September 1, 2017. There will not be a bill or a reminder sent through the mail. Please remit your dues of \$30.00 to Paymaster Bob Spano at our September general meeting or send it to General Smedley D. Butler Detachment address which can be found on the last page of this Scuttlebutt. If there are any questions, please call Bob Spano at 610-639-4464 or Dom D'Alessandro at 215-205-1713.

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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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

- Joe Direso
- Beth & Jim Herbst
- Jack Kelly
- Steve Kusner
- Con McGinley
- 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 September

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

- Joseph Blee
- 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	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

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

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>
8/26	Devon Acme 610-341-6073 Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
8/27	Devon Acme Paoli Acme	700 W Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road
9/2	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
9/3	Glenolden Acme	503 S. MacDade Blvd
9/4	Glenolden Acme Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	503 S. MacDade Blvd 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
9/9	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
9/10	Lawrence Park Acme Newtown Sq Acme	567 Sproul Raod 3390 W Chester Pike
9/16	Havertown Acme 610-446-1191 West Chester ShopRite 610-696-4066	1305 West Chester Pike Havertown, PA 115 West Chester Pike West Chester, PA
9/17	Havertown Acme West Chester ShopRite	1305 West Chester Pike 115 West Chester Pike
9/24	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
9/25	Paoli Acme	39 Leopard Road
9/29	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
9/30	Ridley Acme Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577	124 Morton Ave 503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA
10/1	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/7	Brookhaven ShopRite 610-499-3030 Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhave, PA 400 S. State Road Springfield, PA
10/8	Brookhaven ShopRite Springfield Wal-Mart	5005 Edgemont Ave 400 S. State Road
10/14	West Chester ShopRite 610-696-4066	115 West Chester Pike West Chester, PA
10/15	West Chester ShopRite	115 West Chester Pike



Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

5 General Meeting at KoC. Meeting starts at 1930.

26 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, start time 1930.

October

3 General Meeting at KoC. Meeting starts at 1930.

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.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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):

10 Sep 11 African American casket flag raising – Churches, Groups, and Individuals

8 Oct 11 Italian American casket flag raising – Italian Newspaper, Groups, and Individuals

SICK CALL

Tom Falgiatore
Tom Kerrigan
Sam Samsel
Rich Bortner
Peg Curly

Con McGinley
Gerry McGuckin
Anthony Fusto
Jack Mcleod

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 – 1 August 2017

Commandant: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers who were present were Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Junior 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 Jim Flynn, Director Bill Kinney, and Junior Past Commandant Paul Ferguson.

Minutes: Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 July 2017 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bob Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks had been received from three organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of thanks had been received from Operation Homefront, San Antonio, TX, from the Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA, and from the Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD. All three of these organizations were acknowledging donations of \$5,000.00 each. Jack Kelly also mentioned that cards of thanks were received from Anthony Paparo and Jessica Lane, acknowledging the scholarship funds that had been awarded to them in the Detachment's annual scholarship program.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic is scheduled for 19 August 2017, beginning at noon. The location is at the Drexel Lodge Park on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square, PA. Signup sheets were available during the meeting. Dominick Mattioni also mentioned that he has to provide the final count to the caterer on 11 August 2017. Dominick Mattioni also mentioned the recent change by Verizon regarding e-mail may have resulted in a change of e-mail addresses for some members. He indicated that most members who may have been affected by this change had decided to remain with their Verizon e-mail address. Any changes in the e-mail addresses that were found were reported to Bob Spano by Dominick Mattioni for a future membership listing.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the year-to-date collections in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign are at \$91,000.00 versus an amount of \$109,000.00 in 2016.

It has been suggested that the number of shoppers has decreased this year, and Jack McLeod's "inexact study" of one dollar bills seems to reflect this conclusion. Jack McLeod indicated that the volunteers in the HUHO Campaign are operating as well as they can, but right now, the results are not what they were in the prior year. Jack McLeod also touched on Detachment membership. He indicated that unless the Detachment grows with about ten new members each year for the next five years, the Detachment may no longer exist as it does today. He indicated that members should be asking veterans at HUHO locations to consider the type of fundraising we are involved in and to determine the level of interest. Membership applications are included in the HUHO material each weekend. Other sources of membership are also to be considered.

Judge Advocate: In his role as Americanism Chairman, Earle Drake mentioned that the Americanism team made three presentations during the month of July. Three more presentations are scheduled for 18 August at the Rocky Run YMCA. Earle Drake also had a final presentation to make as the Department's Chapel of Four Chaplains Chairman. After providing a brief history and reasons for the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Earle Drake asked Bill Kinney to read his nomination for the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award. The Chapel of Four Chaplains had reviewed and approved the nomination by Bill Kinney of Ben Sides to receive the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award. It was reported that the Chapel was pleased to add the name of Ben Sides to its Honor Roll. Bill Kinney read his nomination of Ben Sides for this award, and among other things, mentioned that Ben Sides had participated in more than 2,000 funerals for military veterans over the years as a member of the Detachment's Honor Guard. He also mentioned that Ben has always been generous with his time for others, and he was well deserving of this award. A letter was read from Christine Bee, Executive Director of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, congratulating Ben Sides on his award. Assisting with the presentation was Jim Herbst. Ben Sides received a round of applause upon receiving the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the highlights of the paymaster's report as of 31 July 2017. He also suggested that the membership should review the list of organizations on the back of the agenda that would be considered for donations later in the meeting. Ben Sides made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that associate member Denis Morsa had passed away in July. It was also mentioned that Helen Cook, wife of member John Cook, had also passed away in July.

Chris Bush also mentioned that Jerry McGuckin and Con McKinley had both been hospitalized recently, but both were now out of the hospital.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst reported that he and Con McKinley and Polly Bush had recently attended a quarterly meeting at the Coatesville Medical Center. The Center is still in need of drivers who can assist patients in getting to appointments. It was also mentioned that the Center may stop its twenty-four hour care, as on average, only one or two patients may stop in per night for medical attention. Jim Herbst mentioned the bingo games are still going on, and Con McGinley has been assisting with the bingo games. The Chester County MCL Detachment is also involved with the bingo games at the Center. Jim Herbst also mentioned that there will be a picnic at the Medical Center on 9 September 2017, and there will also be a day of events on Veterans Day in November. Jim Herbst mentioned that he has information on how to receive benefits from the Veterans Administration if anyone needs the information.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that the next Flag Raising ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for 13 August 2017. The Flag Raising ceremony in September will be on 10 September 2017, and there is an attempt to get eleven flags raised that day. If that many are to be raised, Bill Kinney mentioned that it would be beneficial to get some extra help to assist with raising and lowering the flags, as well as with folding the flags. In addition, the flags will be lowered to half-staff on Monday, 11 September 2017. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the Memorial is looking for sponsors to purchase new flags, perhaps on a semi-annual basis, since the flags become weathered very quickly. Bill Kinney also provided some general information on the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Freedom Medal Dinner in November. Bill Kinney then made a motion for the Detachment to purchase two tables at \$750.00 per table for members at the dinner and to purchase a full page color advertisement for \$350.00 in the program book for the dinner. Jack McLeod seconded the motion and the motion passed. Bill Kinney mentioned that the Detachment's Color Guard is expected to be included in the opening ceremonies again this year, but the Color Guard from the Valley Forge College will not be participating due to another commitment. State Representative Nick Miccarelli is a member of First Troop in Philadelphia and he may be able to provide some individuals for a Color Guard. On another matter, Bill Kinney mentioned that this year's "Blood, Sweat and Cheer" event is scheduled for 1 October 2017, and a Color Guard will be needed for this event. More details on this will be provided as the date draws closer. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the Hall of Prayer at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial may not be completed this year, but it should be completed in 2018.

In late June 2017 a Color Guard of Bob Spano, Bill Kinney, Jack Kelly, and Con McKinley participated in a fundraiser at Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square for a number of charitable organizations, including the Veterans Memorial. More than \$66,000.00 was raised, and the Memorial should receive about ten percent of the amount raised.

Director Flynn: Jim Flynn mentioned that the third Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 20 August 2017. An e-mail message will be sent out to the membership closer to the date, asking for volunteers.

Committee Reports: No committee reports were provided.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano went over the list of suggested organizations for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and they 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 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) Marines Helping Marines, Myrtle Beach, SC (\$5,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$5,000.00); and (5) The USO, Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, PA (\$5,000.00). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: No items were discussed under Good of the League.

Jim Herbst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Flynn seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies and a moment of silence for Dennis Morsa and Helen Cook, the meeting was adjourned at 2015. Jim Herbst won the 50/50. Twenty-eight members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

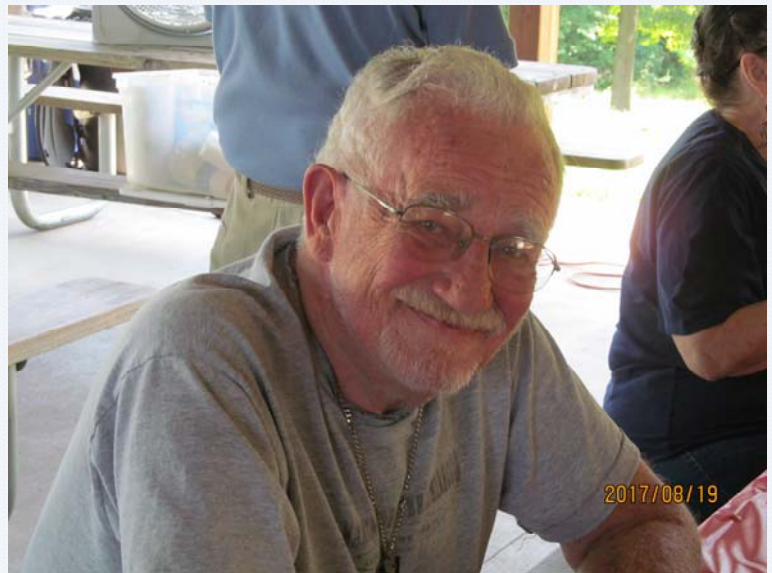
Jack Kelly

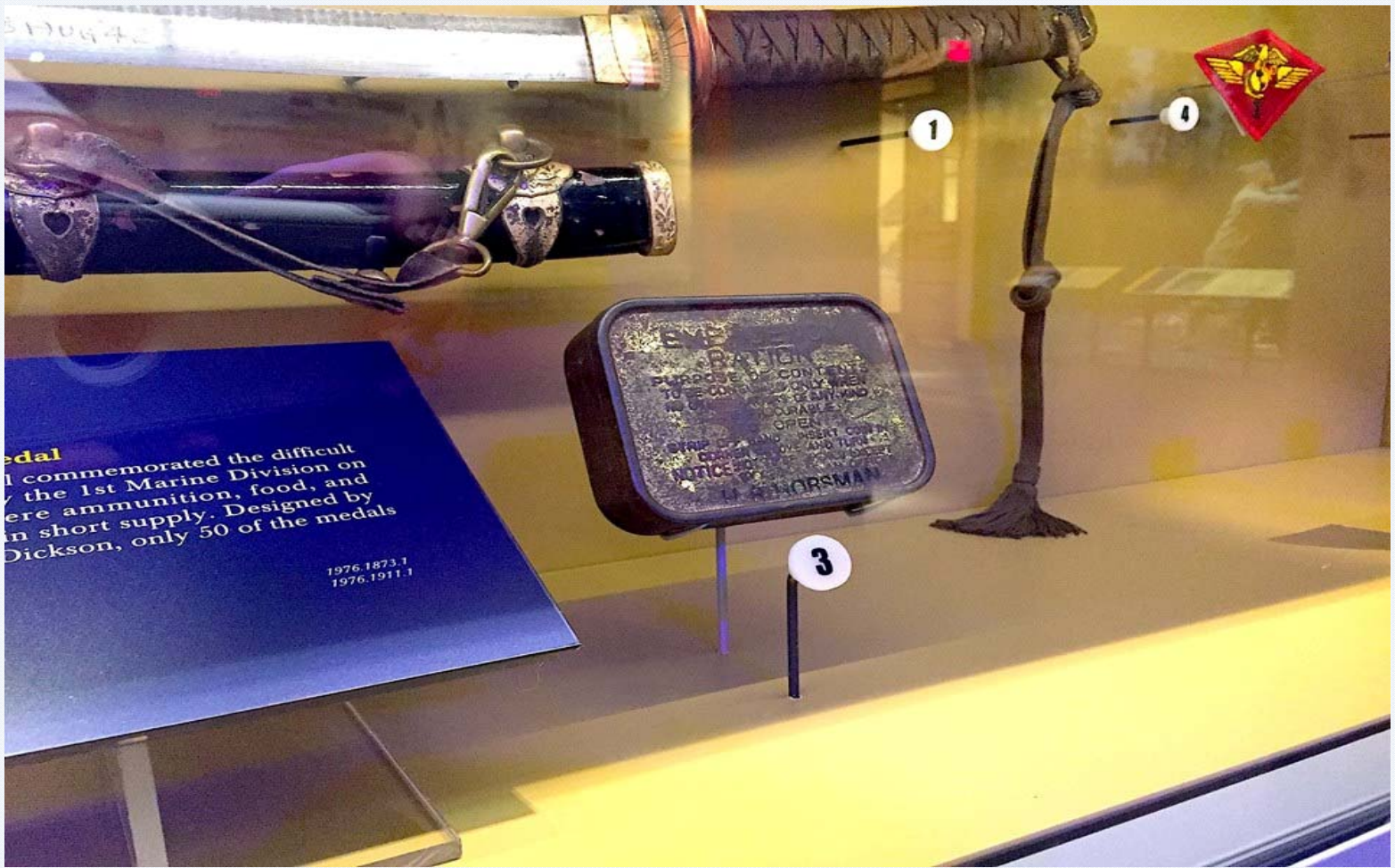
Adjutant



Ben Sides receiving The Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award







9 August 1942-Guadalcanal

The decision by the Navy to remove all transports and cargo vessels around Guadalcanal on 9 August 1942, left the Marines perilously short supplied. Marines subsisted on two meals a day to stretch out their meager stock. Guadalcanal would become known as "Starvation Island."

Pictured here is a ration tin carried by U.S. Marine Harry Horsman on Guadalcanal. Does anyone know what is inside this ration tin?

The Marines captured the primitive Japanese airfield on Guadalcanal and renamed it after Major Lofton Henderson, killed at Midway. Henderson Field became the focus of a prolonged battle for control of the air, the sea, and the island itself.

Ill-supplied, malnourished, malaria-ridden Marines clung to positions in dense jungle on "Starvation Island." Marine aviators challenged Japanese aerial might. Violent naval battles in surrounding waters sank dozens of warships.

The intense conflict gradually yielded decisive American success. Japanese Admiral Raizo Tanaka, a key combatant in the campaign, concluded, "Japan's doom was sealed with the closing of the struggle for Guadalcanal."

From the National Museum of the Marine Corps



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

5 September, 2017 @ 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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