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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report January 2018

Our Detachment's annual Christmas/Toys for Tots dinner went very well, thanks to the efforts of Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni. Many of our members, Auxiliary members, spouses and friends attended the dinner, each bringing a toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. Their contributions, along with the efforts of those who participated in the Toys for Tots program led by Dan Luty, will be greatly appreciated by many underprivileged children this Christmas.

The Help Us Help Others program, spearheaded by Junior Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, did extremely well this year. Thanks to Jack and his team, many veterans are receiving help that they otherwise would not have received.

The election of officers and Directors for the 2018 year took place at the December general meeting.

The installation of the officers and Directors for 2018 will take place at the January 2nd general meeting. In addition, the awarding of the Marine of the Year award for 2017 will take place at the January general meeting. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Committee chairmen are urged to submit the names of members who have participated in their programs to Awards Chairman Jim Herbst so that the members can be recognized for their contributions to the Detachment. The names should be submitted on a timely basis so that the award certificates can be prepared.

At this time I would like to say thank you to the membership for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve as Commandant of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League for the past two years. It has been an enlightening experience. Also I would like to welcome and congratulate our new Commandant, Jim Flynn. I am confident he will do a great job and I am sure he will receive all the help and respect he deserves.

Semper Fi,
Dominic D'Alessandro
Commandant



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"SCUTTLEBUTT" BOOSTER CLUB



Help support our award winning newsletter and become a member of the Booster Club!

Any monetary contribution helps offset the cost of publication and mailing. We wish to thank our current boosters. With their assistance, we are able to continue our **award-winning** newsletter!

JANUARY BOOSTERS

Russell Davis
Joe Direso
Bob Fitzgerald
Jack Kelly
Con McGinley
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 January

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

James Cecchini

Paul Drinkard

Claude Falcone

Richard Hudak

Edward Moore

Nicholas Repino

Robert Wells

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	Chris Bush
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

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

January

2 General Meeting and Installation of Officers at KoC. Meeting starts at 1930

30 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, and start time is 1930.

February

6 General Meeting and at KoC. Meeting starts at 1930

27 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, and start time is 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.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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.

MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

Scholarship Dinner - Tuesday, 5 June
Annual Picnic - Saturday, 25 August
Marine Corps Ball - Saturday, 10 November
Toys4Tots/Holiday Dinner - Tuesday, 4 December

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335
Gen. Smedley D. Butler
Marine Corps League
Detachment #741

SICK CALL

Tom Kerrigan
Sam Samsel
Paul Donohue

Gerry McGuckin
Jack McLeod
Pete Patrucci

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 – 5 December 2017

Commandant: Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro opened the meeting at 1800 and 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 Paul Donohue, Director Jim Flynn, Director Bill Kinney, and Junior Past Commandant Paul Ferguson.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 November 2017 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign had recently had its final weekend of solicitation activity and \$6,100.00 was collected from shoppers at a Wawa store in West Chester, PA. This brought the total for the year up to \$152,000.00 collected from area shoppers from late March through early November 2017. There may be some additional funds coming in from the Booth's Corner market. The total collected compares to \$168,000.00 collected during the 2016 year, and Jack McLeod provided some of his thoughts on the lower amount collected this year versus 2016, but the final result was still encouraging for the veterans who benefit from the donations made. Jack McLeod mentioned that thirty-five members had participated in the HUHO Campaign this year. Jack McLeod also reported that the Detachment's Ball Program Book was successful. It resulted in ninety-two pages and approximately \$6,000.00 had been received from local advertisers and boosters, with still more funds anticipated. Extra copies of the Program Book were available for those interested.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks had been received from organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of appreciation had been received from the Toys for Tots Foundation, Triangle, VA; from the Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA; from The Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; from The Luzerne Foundation, Luzerne, PA; and from the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

Senior Vice Commandant: Before calling on Senior Vice Commandant Mattoni, Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro asked for a round of applause for Dominick Mattioni for his successful efforts on the Detachment's recent Marine Corps Birthday Ball. He received a round of applause from the members. Dominick Mattioni reported that the Ball was a success and the speaker, George March, was awesome. He named a number of individuals he wanted to thank for assisting him with the Birthday Ball, most importantly his wife, Barbara. He mentioned that the Young Marines were great in their responsibilities, and he mentioned that this evening's Toys for

Tots dinner should also be successful. He also mentioned that a sign-up sheet was on the rear table for those who want to attend the staff dinner on 26 December 2017.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report as of 30 November 2017, reviewing the income for the month as well as the expenses. He also reviewed the total funds on hand. He suggested that the members should review the list of organizations on the back of the agenda that would be considered for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the paymaster's report as received. Jim Flynn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that long time member Bob Cosgrove had passed away on 2 December 2017. Chris Bush also mentioned that it was good to see Tom Kerrigan and Jerry McGuckin in attendance at the meeting.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that there would be a stocking stuffer event at the Coatesville Medical Center on 8 December 2017, and the stockings would be distributed to the patients there on 10 December 2017. Jim Herbst mentioned that he would be stepping down as the Service Officer since he is still working. He expressed his thanks to Con McGinley who has helped in many ways with the bingo games and other duties at the Coatesville Medical Center. Jim Herbst mentioned that it would be better if a retired person could step up and assume the duties of the Service Officer since many of the programs are held during the day. In his role as Awards Chairman, Jim Herbst asked that committee chairmen send the lists of names of members to be recognized to him by e-mail. So far he had only received lists from two committee chairmen. Members to be recognized for their contributions to the Detachment in 2017 will be recognized at the February 2018 general meeting. In his role as Membership Chairman, Jim Herbst stressed the need for members to always be looking to add new members.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that Jim Flynn and Bob Spano would be handling flag lowering and flag raising responsibilities at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial on 7 December 2017. He also provided information on a photo shoot scheduled for 14 December 2017, as well as information on a Wreaths Across America event on 16 December 2017. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the annual Christmas luncheon for the National Realty Corporation of Claude DeBotton would be held on 20 December 2017, and the Detachment's Color Guard would be posting the Colors at the luncheon. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Freedom Medal Dinner in November resulted in donations to the Memorial in the high \$60,000.00 range.

Committee Reports:

Color Guard: Wayne Williams provided information on the recent activity of the Color Guard. The Color Guard had been active on the events on Veterans Day, including the annual parade in Media, PA. The Color Guard had posted the Colors at the annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Freedom Medal Dinner in November as well as at the Detachment's annual Birthday Ball. The Color Guard will also be posting the Colors for the Christmas luncheon for the National Realty Corporation.

Property: Bob Spano reported progress in the property arena.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he would have the application forms for the Detachment scholarship program at the January 2018 general meeting.

Scouting: Ed Seidl reported that there had been one Eagle Scout award ceremony in November.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod requested time to address the members on a new organization to be considered for donations. The organization is the Archdiocese for Military Services and the organization's purpose is to assist United States military chaplains throughout the world. He mentioned that the number of military chaplains has dropped in recent years, but this organization still has a wide variety of areas that they support. The organizations's funding is completely private and its budget is approximately six million dollars per year. Jack McLeod considered this organization worthy of the Detachment's support. John Burfete also made a comment in which he had personally benefitted from the assistance from this organization when he had a specific need a number of years ago. Jack McLeod's recommendation was to donate \$1,000.00 to this organization. Chris Bush made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Archdiocese for Military Services in Washington, D.C. Jim Flynn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Nomination of Officers for 2018 - Final Round: Junior Past Commandant Paul Ferguson conducted the third and final round of the nomination of officers for the Detachment for 2018. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

Commandant - Jim Flynn
Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni
Junior Vice Commandant - Jack McLeod
Adjutant - Jack Kelly
Paymaster - Bob Spano
Judge Advocate - Paul Ferguson
Sergeant-at-Arms - Charles (Bud) Davis
Chaplain - Chris Bush
Service Officer - open
Directors (three needed) - Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, Paul Donohue

The position of Service Officer was left open. Claude Falcone had been nominated, but he is an associate member and is not eligible to be an elected Detachment officer. This position will be filled at a later date. There were no contested positions, so Paul Ferguson called on the adjutant to cast one vote for each person nominated, as directed by Detachment By-laws. Jack Kelly then cast one vote for each person nominated, as directed by Detachment By-laws, and the slate of officers was thereby elected for the 2018 year.

Election of the Detachment's Marine of the Year: Commandant Dominick D'Alessandro presided over the election of the Marine of the Year. Nominations had been received from the membership earlier, and the committee of the last three members elected as the Marine of the Year had reduced the number of candidates to the top three members of Jim Flynn, Dan Luty, and

Dominick Mattioni. Members and associate members voted by secret ballot for either Jim Flynn, Dan Luty, or Dominick Mattioni. The ballots were then collected and counted secretly. The member elected as the Marine of the Year for 2017 will be announced at the January 2018 general meeting.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business: There was some discussion on the Toys for Toys program, including extra donation boxes, last date for delivery of toys, whether to not Videon's Dodge would still be a central distribution point, and others. These were addressed by Dan Luty and others and the toys should be delivered to Videon's Dodge in Edgmont by 15 December 2017.

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of charitable organizations listed on the back of the meeting's agenda. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being referred to the membership for consideration. One of the organizations listed was the USO of Pennsylvania and South Jersey, and Paul Ferguson provided an explanation of the need for this organization. The USO at the Philadelphia International Airport is undergoing renovations, but it is still serving men and women in the military. Among immediate needs is the need for a new washer and dryer, and the \$2,200.00 listed would be designated for this need. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the meeting agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$1,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$1,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$1,000.00); and (4) The USO of Pennsylvania and South Jersey, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,200.00). In addition, the list would also include the \$1,000.00 approved earlier in the meeting for the Archdiocese for Military Services in Washington, D.C. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Wayne Williams mentioned that if anyone knew of an individual or group with special needs, he is available to play Santa Claus for those with special needs.

Chris Bush mentioned that the Auxiliary would be handling a raffle for two items during the dinner following this meeting.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chris Bush asked for a moment of silence for our departed member, Bob Cosgrove. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 1850. The members were then joined by members of the Auxiliary, along with spouses and friends for the Detachment's annual Christmas dinner, catered again by Justine's.

Tom Kerrigan won the 50/50. Thirty-seven members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant

2017 Detachment Toys for Tots Holiday Dinner





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
2 January, 2018 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
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(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073