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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report

March 2018

Awards for the 2017 year were distributed at our February meeting. Certificates of Appreciation, Certificate of Meritorious Commendation, and Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to those members who made valuable contributions to the detachment during the past year. Also, at the February meeting, applications for the detachment and State MCL Scholarships were available. If you need an application, or have any questions, see Wayne Williams at our general meeting on March 6th.

In the past weeks, I had the privilege of participating in a couple of Honor Guard Ceremonies. I was quite impressed with the professional and respectful way our Honor Guard brings comfort to Veteran's families.

I would urge any member that is able, to attend an Honor Guard ceremony.

Our detachment has so many activities and provides services that we all can be proud of. We need to recruit new members whenever possible, and encourage current members to take an active role, so that we can continue our mission long into the future.

Semper Fi,
Jim Flynn
Commandant



From Sr. Vice Mattioni,

Tuesday, 5 June is the Annual Spring Dinner and Scholarship Awards. Dinner starts at 1800 hours followed by the Awards and then our regular meeting. Signup sheets for the Scholarship Dinner will be available at our next 3 regular meetings. I will also follow up with periodic reminder emails and Scuttlebutt notices for those without email.

* TO AVOID LONG LINES AT THE DINNER, PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE.

Dominick Mattioni
Sr. Vice 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!

MARCH BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
Russell Davis
Joe Direso
Mary & Jack Gallagher
Jack Kelly
Con McGinley
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 March

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

James Donegan
John Griffis
Richard Guyer
Albert Harper
Anthony Terence Jones
Henry Kaufman
Samuel Mayer
Gerald Powlus
Edward Seidl
Charles Sexton
Lloyd Spangler



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

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

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

March

- 6 General Meeting at KoC, meeting starts at 1930.
- 15 Bingo at Coatesville VA Center, contact Con McGinley for more information.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade, contact Wayne Williams for more information.
- 27 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805, meeting starts at 1930.

April

- 3 General Meeting at KoC, meeting starts at 1930.
- 24 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.

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.

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

SICK CALL

Tom Kerrigan
Bill Kinney
Rich Bortner

Gerry McGuckin
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 – 6 February 2018

Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1930. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers who were present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Director Paul Donohue, Director Ben Sides, and Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 January 2018 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 several organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of thanks had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, and from the Toys for Tots Foundation in Triangle, VA. In addition, two cards of thanks had been received from two families whose veteran loved ones had been honored by the Honor Guard during graveside services. In addition, a note of appreciation had been received from the family of Bob Cosgrove, a member of the Detachment who had passed away in early December 2017.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the June Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for 5 June 2018. Sign up sheets for those wanting to attend will be available at future general meetings, and he will also be sending out reminders of the meeting by e-mail.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of January 2018. The income and disbursement figures were mentioned, and he also provided the total funds on hand. He mentioned that the semi-annual audit for 2017 of the Paymaster's records had not yet been completed, due to the illness of one of the Directors. This will be accomplished at a date to be determined.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that several members had recently been hospitalized but were now at home. Tom Kerrigan, Rich Bortner, and Bill Kinney were all said to be improving at home. It was also mentioned that Jerry McGuckin was scheduled for a procedure shortly.

Director Donohue: Paul Donohue did not have a report but he asked when the semi-annual audit of the Paymaster's records may take place. Bob Spano could not provide a specific date, but he mentioned that it would be completed when Director Bill Kinney's health improves.

Director Sides: Ben Sides did not have a report as a Director, but he mentioned that the Honor Guard had provided Honor Guard services for twelve deceased veterans during January 2018. Two more had already been provided in the first week of February so the year-to-date total as of this date was fourteen Honor Guard services for deceased veterans. Ben Sides also mentioned that due to the recent extreme cold weather, the Honor Guard has been provided with new black knit covers, and these have been worn several times already. He also mentioned that new ear muffs have also been ordered.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the Adopt-a-Highway program will begin again this year in April 2018. More information will be provided at a later date.

Awards: Jim Herbst mentioned that the awards for 2017 will be distributed later in the meeting.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams mentioned that the annual Springfield St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for Saturday, 17 March 2018. He asked for volunteers to march in the Color Guard and he received enough volunteers for this event. He also mentioned another upcoming event, and more information will be provided for this event at a later date.

Membership: Jim Herbst again stressed the need for new members.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that the flags on the flagpole outside of the Knights of Columbus Hall are showing signs of wear and will be replaced in the near future.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he now has the application forms for both the Detachment and Department (State MCL) scholarship programs. The Detachment application forms are due to be returned to Wayne Williams by 15 April 2018, and the Department application forms are to be returned directly to the Department by 31 May 2018. He emphasized the need to complete the forms accurately, especially on the Department of Pennsylvania forms, or the forms will not be accepted.

Scouting: Ed Seidl reported that there would be an Eagle Scout ceremony this coming Saturday, 10 February, for four Eagle Scouts in the Devon, PA troop. He also displayed a new coin and display case from the Detachment that will be awarded to each Eagle Scout.

Service Officer/V.A.V.S. Jim Herbst mentioned that he is willing to remain as the Service Officer, but he would be the head of a committee that would do most of the on-site responsibilities at the Coatesville Medical Center. Claude Falcone, an associate member, has volunteered to be on the committee and Con McGinley will also be involved from time to time.

It was also mentioned that there would be a Valentine's Day party at the Medical Center on Saturday, 10 February 2018. It was also mentioned that the Coatesville Medical Center is always looking for individuals to assist with various duties at the Center.

Old Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations on the back of the agenda that were being suggested for consideration for donations. These organizations were recently discussed at an officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and the amounts to be donated shown 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) USO of PA and South Jersey, Administrative Offices, Philadelphia, PA (\$1,000.00). Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Wayne Williams announced that his son, Wayne Williams Jr., had recently been selected for promotion to Major in the United States Marine Corps. A round of applause followed this announcement.

Commandant Jim Flynn introduced Patty McGonigle, daughter of member Bob Wells. Patty McGonigle provided information on a fundraiser scheduled for St. Patrick's Day, 17 March 2018. The event will feature a DJ and two singers, and it is scheduled to be held at Ariano's in Media, PA, from 1800 to 2200 hours. Ariano's Bar and Restaurant has pizza and other items on the menu with a wide variety of selections. The event cost is \$40.00 per person or \$75.00 per couple. Patty McGonigle mentioned that one hundred per cent of the proceeds will be given to organizations that support veterans. Posters were available for those individuals who could place them in a location where they would be seen by the public. Other information was provided as to how to nominate a specific veteran for special recognition in this endeavor.

Jim Herbst mentioned that the Springfield Medical Center may be moving, and Newtown Square is a possible new location. He also mentioned that they are looking for new drivers, if anyone is interested. He also provided additional information on the responsibilities of this organization. Jim Herbst also thanked the Detachment for the card he received from the Detachment after the death of his father. Jim Herbst mentioned that he was "very, very pleased with all that the Detachment does for our troops and for veterans."

Con McGinley mentioned again that the Coatesville Medical Center would be having a Valentine's Day party on Saturday, 10 February 2018.

He also mentioned that the problem that has been identified with the water at Camp LeJeune in North Carolina involves those who served at the base and their families from 1957 through 1987.

Awards: Awards for the 2017 year were distributed. Jim Herbst called out the names of individual members, and Commandant Jim Flynn and Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro assisted in the presentation of awards. The awards were distributed in alphabetical order to those members who were present at this meeting. Certificates of Appreciation, Certificates of Meritorious Commendation, and Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to those members who had made valuable contributions to the Detachment during the past year. The Detachment's highest awards, the Marine of the Year Award and the Commandant's Award, had been announced at the January general meeting. Dominick Mattioni had been announced as the Marine of the Year for 2017, as elected by the membership. The Commandant's Award had been awarded to Jack McLeod by then Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2020. Jack Gallagher won the 50/50. Twenty-seven members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant









MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
6 March, 2018 @ 1930
Knights of Columbus
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