



# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report May 2018

April has been a sad month for the detachment, as three members, Tom Kerrigan, Jim Donahue, and Stan Samsel have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. We will hold a memorial service at our May 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting to honor these men and all members who have died this past year.

Several members attended the Villanova ROTC Spring Review, which was held indoors this year due to the weather. Earle Drake presented the Gung Ho Award to Jacob Weiss, the outstanding midshipman committed to the Marine Corps.

Our Color Guard did a great job kicking off the Wild Bill Guarnere Fundraiser at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. They will be busy in May with the Walk for the Wounded event at Rose Tree Park on May 19<sup>th</sup> and the Memorial Day Parade.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new member, Nauman Chaudary. Nauman was sworn in at our April meeting. Nauman served 6 years in the Marine Corps Air Wing, and I'm sure he will be an asset to our detachment.

We are still in need of an Honor Guard Chairman. This is an important and rewarding job which Ben Sides has performed admirably for many years.

*Semper Fi,*  
**Jim Flynn**  
Commandant



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Memorial Day schedule:

- 0845 DELCO Veterans Memorial, Newtown Square
- 0930 Marple Post #805, Trailer to Malin Rd
- 1000 Parade start, route is W. Chester Pk to Post #805
- 1100 VFW Ceremony, Lawrence Rd, Broomall

"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!

MAY BOOSTERS

- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Jim Flynn
- Mary & Jack Gallagher
- Jim Herbst
- Jack Kelly
- Steve Kusner
- Con McGinley
- Jerry McGuckin
- 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 May**

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

- Charles Davis
- John Davis
- John Ferraro
- John Haynal
- Earl Eugene Kern
- Dominick Longhi
- Cornelius McGinley
- Richard Palena
- Gene Trautner



***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	Bob Spano
Honor Guard	OPEN
Honor Guard Assistant	Ben Sides & 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 & Claude Falcone
Young Marines	Sgt Uwe Esser & Dan Luty
Web Master	Ilene Silvers

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

<b>General &amp; Healthcare Benefits</b>	
<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><u>www.va.gov</u></b>

## Sr. Vice Report

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 May meeting. 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

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## Jr. Vice Report

### **Hi Members & Associates!**

Our **2018 HUHO fundraising campaign** was kicked off on March 17 at the ACME Newtown Square and Paoli Stores.

Our fundraising is to help others in need! **Among those are needy individuals and families from over 200,000 Veterans waiting several months for action on their initial disability/compensation claims and over 400,000 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!**

Preliminary scheduling of our individual HUHO Store Events has been virtually completed by obtaining verbal commitments from Store Management. Follow-up visits to Store sites will be made to confirm prior verbal approvals. One thing we can be sure of is that the Schedule will change; affected Participants will be so notified. **For security purposes please keep our Schedule information confidential within our Detachment Family!**

Copies of the schedule 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, \$150,000+, we achieved last year! Here's to a similar, successful Campaign in 2018!**

*Jack McLeod*

Jr Vice

## 2017 "Help Us Help Others" Store Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
4/28	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
4/29	Glenolden Acme Ridley Acme 610-640-5322	503 S. MacDade Blvd 124 Morton Ave Malvern, PA
5/5	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 West Chester ShopRite 610-696-4066	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 115 West Chester Pike West Chester, PA
5/11(Fri)	Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
5/12	Bryn Mawr Acme 610-525-1950 Media Acme 610-565-5072	801 W. Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA
5/13	Newtown Sq Acme Bryn Mawr Acme Media Acme	3390 W Chester Pike 801 W. Lancaster Ave 527 E Baltimore Pike
5/19	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
5/20	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
5/26	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Ridley Acme 610-237-3800	503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA
5/27	Glenolden Acme Ridley Acme	503 S. MacDade Blvd 124 Morton Ave
5/28	Glenolden Acme Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	503 S. MacDade Blvd 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
6/2	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
6/3	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy 1570 Chester Pike
5/13	Media Acme 610-565-5072 Newtown Sq Acme Bryn Mawr Acme Media Acme	527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA 3390 W Chester Pike 801 W. Lancaster Ave 527 E Baltimore Pike
6/9	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA
6/10	Lawrence Park Acme	567 Sproul Raod

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### May

- 1 General Meeting/Memorial Service, KoC Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square, 1930.
  - 3 National Day Of Prayer.
  - 9 Bingo at Coatesville VA Center, contact Cluade Falcone for more information.
  - 12 DELCO Field & Stream Spring Pistol Shoot, 713 Chester Crk Rd, Brookhaven, 0900.
  - 19 Walk for the Wounded, Rose Tree Park, Media 1000-1500.
  - 20 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial, 1700.
  - 26 Marple Post #805, placing of flags on Veteran graves, 0900.
  - 27 Memorial Services, Beechers grave (Founders), Arlington Cemetery, U.D. @ 1230.
  - 28 Memorial Day parades and activities please see the Commandant's Report for times and places.
  - 29 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805 @ 1930.
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## 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.

**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.

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## 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

Pete Patrucci  
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 – 2 April 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, Junior Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, Director Ben Sides, and Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

Application for Membership: Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the Detachment membership. Nauman Chaudary served in the Marine Corps in the Air Wing for six years. His membership was approved and he was sworn in as a regular member of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League by Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 March 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that two letters of thanks had been received from organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of thanks had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA and from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD. In addition, a card of thanks had been received from the family whose deceased veteran relative had been honored by the Honor Guard at graveside services. The Honor Guard had participated in the deceased veteran's final service.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that sign-up sheets would be available for the June Scholarship Awards dinner, scheduled for 5 June 2018. Reminders will be sent out by way of e-mail, and members without e-mail will be contacted separately. He mentioned the the cost of the dinner would be \$15.00 per person. He also emphasized the need to get the scholarship application forms completed properly and submitted to Scholarship Chairman Wayne Williams.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the Detachment's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign had gotten off to a good start, although one weekend's activity had been canceled due to heavy snow. In the early stages, about \$10,000.00 has been collected from area shoppers so far, compared to \$14,000.00 in the prior year (without a cancellation). He mentioned that the next week's activity would include the Acme Markets in Newtown Square and Bryn Mawr. Jack McLeod also made some comments on the need to attract new members to the Detachment. Some attrition to the membership has been occurring, and the need is critical to increase the Detachment's membership. One excellent resource for new members is through the HUHO Campaign. A new sign will soon be available for HUHO locations that will be beneficial in talking to former service members about the opportunities of membership in the Marine Corps League. Application forms and information about our Detachment will also be available to assist with recruiting new members.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the Paymaster's report as of March 31, 2018. He reviewed the income and disbursements, as well as the cash on hand. He also suggested that the members review the list of suggested organizations to receive donations this month. This list of organizations would be considered later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that Tom Kerrigan, a charter member of the Detachment, had passed away over the weekend. A viewing was scheduled for Wednesday evening and burial was scheduled for Thursday morning. All members were encouraged to attend either or both services if possible. Chris Bush also mentioned that he had spoken to Bernie McKinley recently and he is doing well. It was reported that he hopes to return to the general meetings in the future.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst reported that a St. Patrick's Day party had been conducted at the Coatesville Medical Center and it was successful. Members who attended were Jim, Claude Falcone, and Con McGinley. Members of the Auxiliary were also in attendance and assisted in the program in a great way. The next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center was scheduled for 11 April 2018.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the monthly flag raising ceremonies at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial would begin this coming weekend, 8 April 2018. Two veterans were to be honored. The event is scheduled to begin at 1700, but for those members participating in the program, a report time of 1630 was suggested.

Director Donohue: Paul Donohue reported that the Directors had completed the latest semi-annual audit of the Paymaster's records and everything was found to be in order.

Director Sides: Ben Sides mentioned the need for someone to step forward to assume the chairman role of the Honor Guard. Someone is needed to send out the e-mails to the members of the Honor Guard after being contacted by the funeral homes. Other duties are also involved, but a chairman is needed. Ben Sides mentioned that the Honor Guard had participated in eight funerals for deceased veterans during March, and the year-to-date total is now at thirty funerals for deceased veterans served by the Honor Guard.

#### Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn announced that the first Adopt-a-Highway event would be held on 15 April 2018, starting at 0830. The location is at Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square. An e-mail would be sent out prior to the event, asking for volunteers. Coffee and doughnuts would be available for those who come out, following the clean-up.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented Meritorious Commendation certificates to several members for their contributions to the Detachment during the 2017 year. These were presented to several members who were not able to attend the February general meeting when the awards were distributed. Meritorious Commendation certificates were presented to John Burfete, Jim Constien, and Roger Godfrey. A Meritorious Commendation certificate and a Distinguished Service Award certificate were presented to Jack McLeod.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that the Detachment's Color Guard had marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield, leading the parade. Detachment members who were included in the Color Guard were Jim Flynn, Bob Spano, Jack Kelly, Bob Wells, and Wayne Williams. Wayne Williams mentioned several upcoming events for the Color Guard, including an event recognizing "Wild Bill" Guarnere on 20 April 2018, the annual Walk for the Wounded on 19 May 2018 at Rose Tree Park in Media, PA and the Memorial Day events on 28 May 2018.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he had received six applications so far for the Detachment scholarship awards program. Members who desire to submit application forms for their children or grandchildren would have until 15 April 2018 to get the forms signed and submitted to Wayne Williams.

He also mentioned that the application forms for the MCL Department of Pennsylvania program are due by 31 May 2018, and he emphasized the need for accuracy on the forms. The MCL National program application forms were still not available, but Wayne Williams asked members to contact him after 11 April if anyone was interested in the MCL National scholarship program.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that the annual Spring Review of the Villanova NROTC is scheduled for 17 April 2018. The Detachment would be presenting its Gung Ho Award to one of the graduating seniors at the event. Bob Spano also mentioned that there was some Marine Corps memorabilia on one of the tables, and the items there were available at no cost. The items could be reviewed after the meeting.

Communications: John Burfete mentioned that he continues to circulate a number of memos by e-mail that he receives from Liz McCleaster from the Department of Pennsylvania. He also send out items on Detachment activities. He also mentioned that he was having some difficulty with his computer in sending items to all the individuals on his mailing list. He indicated that he would be looking into this and see that it is corrected.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda that were being suggested to the membership for consideration for donations. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting. Bob Spano also provided additional information on two of the organizations, the COTA, Team Denise T. and the Upper Darby Youth Physical Fitness Program. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations, with the amounts to be donated to each shown in parentheses, are (1) COTA, Team Denise T., Bloomington, IN (\$250.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (5) Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Wayne, PA (\$250.00); (6) Upper Darby Youth Physical Fitness Program, Upper Darby, PA (\$1,000.00); and (7) USO of Pennsylvania and South Jersey, Inc., Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chaplain Chris Bush asked for a moment of silence for our deceased member Tom Kerrigan. After the moment of silence, the regular closing ceremonies were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 2020. Lou Camilli won the 50/50. Twenty-nine members signed the logbook.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Jack Kelly*  
Adjutant



## OUR COMMITMENT

The mission of Operation First Response, Inc (OFR) is to serve all branches of our nation's Wounded Heroes/Disabled Veterans and their families with personal and financial needs. Services are provided from the onset of injuries or illness, throughout their recovery period and along their journey from military life to the civilian world. Financial aid varies as each case is based on individual needs ranging from rent, utilities, vehicle payments, groceries, clothing, and travel expenses.

**Operation First Response is a vehicle for a proud America.**

We could not serve our wounded Heroes and their families without your support. Donating to our organization ensures that our Heroes get the help they need and deserve in troubling times upon their return home.

## UPCOMING

### WALK FOR THE WOUNDED

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Rose Tree Park – Media, PA**

Live performance by *Bucket List* 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
[LEARN MORE](#)

### SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS

*and join us for a fun filled event!*





## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting  
**1 May, 2018 @ 1930**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073