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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report June 2018

As summer approaches, our detachment prepares for its busiest season. Our HUHO campaign led by Jr. Vice Commandant, Jack McLeod, is in full swing. The dedication of Jack and his troops and the generosity of the public continue to amaze me.

Our annual scholarship dinner is to be held on Tuesday, June 5th. This is always a good time, with a great dinner organized by Sr. Vice Dominick Mattioni, followed by scholarships being awarded to children and grandchildren of detachment members.

On Saturday, Mary 19th, Operation First Response held its annual Walk for the Wounded fundraiser. Although the weather didn't cooperate, and the event had to be moved indoors, it was still a good day.

Our Color Guard was there and did its usual professional job to kick off the program.

Our Honor Guard has been busy, always at the ready, despite the inclement weather we've had lately. We are still in need of someone to take over as Honor Guard Chairman.

Members of our detachment also participate in the casket flag raising ceremonies at the DELCO Veterans Memorial. These are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1700 hours. I would encourage all members to attend, if able, as they are quite moving.

Semper Fi,
Jim Flynn
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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
Joe Direso
Beth & Jim Herbst
Jack Kelly
Sam Mayer
Con McGinley
Jerry McGuckin
Bob Spano

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



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

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

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

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>
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
6/9	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA
6/10	Lawrence Park Acme	567 Sproul Raod
6/16	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
6/17	Ridley Acme Newtown Sq Acme	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
6/23	Paoli Acme 610-240-0101 Devon Acme 610-341-6073	39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA 700 W Lancaster Ave Devon, PA
6/24	Paoli Acme Devon Acme	39 Leopard Road 700 W Lancaster Ave
6/30	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 1067 W. Baltimore Pike Media, PA
7/1	Glenolden Acme Granite Run Acme	503 S. MacDade Blvd 1067 W. Baltimore Pike
7/2	Glenolden Acme Granite Run Acme	503 S. MacDade Blvd 1067 W. Baltimore Pike
7/7	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA
7/8	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Lawrence Park Acme	605 Conchester Hwy 567 Sproul Raod
7/14	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
7/15	Ridley Acme Newtown Sq Acme	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
7/21	Bryn Mawr Acme 610-525-1950 Media Acme 610-565-5072 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	801 W. Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA 527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA 1067 W. Baltimore Pike Media, PA
7/22	Bryn Mawr Acme Media Acme Granite Run Acme	801 W. Lancaster Ave 527 E Baltimore Pike 1067 W. Baltimore Pike

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

June

- 1 Sun Valley JMCROTC Graduation, 2881 Pancoast Ave, Aston at 1800.
- 1-3 WWII Weekend, 1054 Arnold Road, Reading.
- 5 Annual Spring Dinner/Scholarships & General Meeting. KoC Hall, Route 252, Newtown Square. Dinner at 1800.
- 9 Department of PA MCL Pistol Match, Indiantown Gap.
- 17 Adopt-a-Highway. Contact Commandant Flynn for meet info.
- 26 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805 @ 1930.

July

- 3 General Meeting, KoC Hall, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 4 Marple Newtown 4th of July Parade. Stay tuned for details.

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.

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.

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

Paul Ferguson	
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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 May 2018

Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1930 and 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, and Director Ben Sides.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 April 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni provided information on the Scholarship Awards dinner and meeting, scheduled for 5 June 2018. Signup sheets were available for those who desired to sign up for the dinner. Dominick Mattioni also mentioned that the Mid Atlantic Museum Air Show is scheduled for 1-3 June 2018.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks had been received from two organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of thanks had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, and also from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD. In addition, a card of thanks had been received from the Philadelphia Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund acknowledging a donation made by the Detachment.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that the most recent Help Us Help Others (HUHO) weekend resulted in collections of \$3,900.00 at two area stores. This brought the year-to-date total to \$24,000.00 collected, versus an amount of \$28,000.00 collected during a similar time frame in 2017. It was mentioned that in this year, one weekend of activity was lost due to inclement weather. Jack McLeod mentioned that the coming week would be looking at two days of activity at a local Wawa store on Route 3 in East Goshen as well as collections at a Lawrence Park Acme and the ShopRite store in West Chester.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 30 April 2018. He reviewed the income figures and the disbursements, and he suggested that the membership review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations would be considered for donations later in the meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that members Tom Kerrigan, James Donahue, and Stan Samsel had all passed away in recent weeks. He also mentioned that former member Jack Gingras had passed away.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center was scheduled for 9 May 2018.

Jim Herbst mentioned that Claude Falcone has been doing a great job at the Center and Jim Herbst mentioned that more help would always be appreciated. It was also mentioned that the Veterans Administration there is always looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, Jim Herbst or Claude Falcone can provide additional information.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that this year's Freedom Medal Dinner of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association is scheduled for Wednesday evening, 14 November 2018. Among the individuals to be honored is our Detachment member Lou Camilli, an Iwo Jima veteran. He will be honored along with two other Iwo Jima veterans from the Upland Marine Corps League Detachment. In addition, another Detachment member, Rudy Schaffhauser, will also be honored that evening. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the next flag raising ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for 20 May 2018 at 1700, with a report time of 1630 for participants. Bill Kinney also reviewed other upcoming events scheduled for the Memorial.

Director Sides: Ben Sides provided information on the Honor Guard's activity for the month of April. The Honor Guard participated in fifteen funerals for deceased veterans during the month, and the year-to-date total now stands at forty-three veterans honored by the Honor Guard with military honors during graveside services. Ben Sides also mentioned that there was some confusion with our recent members who had passed away with multiple e-mails being distributed, with some conflicting information. This should be corrected with only the Honor Guard providing all the details on a member's passing and the information on the viewing and final service.

Annual Remembrance Ceremony: At this point in the meeting, the normal meeting process was suspended in order to conduct the Annual Remembrance Ceremony. The Auxiliary joined the meeting at this point in the meeting. Each year the Detachment pauses to remember and honor those members of the Detachment who have passed away in the past twelve months. The members of the Auxiliary who have passed away are also remembered and honored. During the ceremony, a candle was lit for each person who had passed away in the past twelve months. As each deceased 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 Richard Stefankiewicz, Dennis Morsa, Anthony Fusto, Edward Moore, Thomas Falgiatore, Robert Cosgrove, Thomas Kerrigan, James Donahue, and Stanley Samsel. The Auxiliary members who had passed away and were honored were Helen Cook and Marie Murrin. A final candle was extinguished and the bell was rung in honor of those named. Chaplain Chris Bush closed the ceremony with prayer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the regular meeting resumed.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the first Adopt-a-Highway event for the year took place on 15 April 2018. Only five members were there for this event, and it is hoped that more members would turn out for future Adopt-a-Highway events.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that he and Jim Mulhern would be making an Americanism/Flag History presentation at the Loomis School in Broomall, PA on 3 May 2018. In addition, another presentation was scheduled for the Stonehurst Hills School in Upper Darby, PA on 25 May 2018. Earle Drake also mentioned that he has a list of over one hundred books and periodicals in the Detachment library. He invited all members to review the list and consider reading any of the books in the library. It was mentioned that a Fourth of July Parade committee meeting was scheduled for the evening of 2 May 2018. Lastly, Earle Drake mentioned that a Spring pistol shoot was scheduled for Saturday, 12 May 2018, at the Delaware County Field and Stream site.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented certificates based on activity in 2017 to four members. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Sam Mayer, and also to Terry Jones. Certificates of Meritorious Commendation were presented to Bernie McKinley and Tom McGovern.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams provided information on a Color Guard presentation conducted on 20 April 2018 for the Wild Bill Guarnere fund raising event. He then mentioned that the Color Guard would be involved at the annual Walk for the Wounded event at Rose Tree Park in Media PA on 19 May 2018. Wayne Williams also outlined the activities and parade for Memorial Day, 28 May 2018.

Membership: Jim Herbst once again reminded the membership to look for recruiting opportunities.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that there were a number of Marine Corps memorabilia on the table for anyone who might be interested. These items were from the Cook and Kerrigan households, and were available at no cost. Anything not taken this evening would be thrown away.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams, Scholarship Chairman, reported that there had been eleven applications received for Detachment scholarships. Wayne Williams mentioned that Detachment By-laws call for only six scholarships to be awarded, but in the past we have approved a number higher than six. Wayne Williams made a motion to provide scholarships of \$500.00 to all eleven applicants. The motion was seconded by several members and passed. The names of the scholarship awardees, with the sponsors listed in parentheses, are Jordan Conner (Dominick Mattioni), Matthew Bergh (Jim Constein), Jonathan Monkmeyer (Wes Tomlinson), Jessica Lane (Roger Godfrey), Kimberly Donohue (Paul Donohue), EmilyJo Falcone (Claude Falcone), Daniel Cole (Bob Wells), Justine Davis (Bud Davis), Halee Kusner (Steve Kusner), Katherine Coombs (Jerry McGuckin), and Madeline Werndl (Joe Beal).

Scouting: Ed Seidl reported that there would be an Eagle Scout presentation the following Sunday at a Scout troop in Brookhaven, PA.

Unfinished Business: Bill Kinney asked if an advance notice could be sent out regarding report times for the events on Memorial Day, 28 May 2018. There was a brief discussion on this, and an e-mail may be sent out prior to the day's activities.

Jim Herbst reminded the membership that the activity at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is our Detachment's responsibility. A good number of Detachment members should be present for this event. Jack Kelly inquired if there were any announcements on a future meeting concerning the idea of placing a Soldier's Cross at the Memorial, but Bill Kinney replied that he had no information on that yet. Bill Kinney also provided some general information on the progress of the Hall of Prayer at the Memorial. It is expected that the work on the Hall of Prayer would be completed by the Fall of this year.

New Business:

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting. They were being suggested at this time to the membership for consideration for donations. Bill Kinney made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations, with the amounts to be donated shown in parentheses, are: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00); (4) Operation Homefront, Doylestown, PA (\$2,000.00); (5) USO of PA and South Jersey, Inc., Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); and (6) The Veterans Group (formerly Greiser Veterans Home, Inc.), Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00). Ben Sides and Jim Herbst both seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: There were no items raised in this area.

Paul Donohue made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed. Before the closing ceremonies, Chris Bush asked for a moment of silence for our recently departed member Stan Samuel and former member Jack Gingras. After the closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2015. Paul Donohue won the 50/50. Thirty-two members signed the logbook.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant





The pictures above are from the pistol match between the Butler, Chester Co., DELCO and Upper Darby Detachments

Below, Ed Seidl ran into Charles Barkley during a HUHO day





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
5 June, 2018
Spring Dinner & Scholarships,
Dinner starts at 1800
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073