



# Scuttlebutt



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Dan Luty, editor

## Commandant's Report July 2018

The detachment held its annual Scholarship Dinner on June 5, 2018. Senior Vice Mattioni did a great job organizing this affair. Eleven scholarships were awarded to children and grandchildren of our members. The Auxiliary also awarded 5 scholarships.

Two new members were sworn in at our June 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. Jeff Tapper and Timothy Dunton both served in the Marine Corps and are now regular members of the detachment. Both were recruited by Jr. Vice, Jack McLeod.

Our next big event is the Fourth of July Parade for Newtown Square and Marple Township. All members are urged to participate. Come out and celebrate our great Nation's Independence with your Marine Corps League brothers.



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Also, please don't forget that on 25 August we will have our Annual Picnic at Drexel Lodge. Stay tuned for details.

*Semper Fi,*  
**Jim Flynn**  
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!

### JULY BOOSTERS

John Burfete  
Joe Direso  
Jim Herbst  
Jack Kelly  
Steve Kusner  
Con McGinley  
Jerry McGuckin  
Mike Milliken  
Bob Spano

Thank you boosters!

***Bob Spano***

Paymaster

***If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.***

### **Birthday Greetings for July**

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

Gerald McGuckin  
Ronald Miller  
James Mulhern  
Thomas O'Leary  
Peter Patrucci  
John Quinn  
Philip Spinelli



***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**

<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><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></b>

**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



<u>Date</u>	<u>Store/Event</u>	<u>Address</u>
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
7/28	Devon Acme 610-341-6073 Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	700 W. Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
7/29	Devon Acme Paoli Acme	700 W. Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road
8/4	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 503 S. MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
8/5	Lawrence Park Acme Glenolden Acme	567 Sproul Raod 503 S. MacDade Blvd
8/11	Ridley Acme 610-237-3800 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	124 Morton Ave Folsom, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
8/12	Ridley Acme Newtown Sq Acme	124 Morton Ave 3390 W Chester Pike
8/18	Media Acme 610-565-5072 Granite Run Acme 610-891-0407	527 E Baltimore Pike Media, PA 1067 W. Baltimore Pike Media, PA
8/19	Media Acme Granite Run Acme	527 E Baltimore Pike 1067 W. Baltimore Pike

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### July

- 3 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 4 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade, West Chester Pk - trailer leaves Post #805, 0915.
- 8 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square at 1700.
- 11 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC. Contact Claude Falcone, 610-350-7391, for information.
- 31 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall, 1930.

### August

- 7 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 25 Annual Picnic at Drexel Lodge.

## 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**, 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.

## MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDAR

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

Wes Tomlinson	
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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 – 5 June 2018**

Officer Reports:

Commandant: The meeting was opened at 1800 with the announcement that the serving line was open and members and guests were invited to be served for the dinner portion of the meeting. Following the dinner by Justine's Catering, the scholarship awards were distributed. Wayne Williams, Scholarship Chairman, presented the awards to eleven scholarship recipients. Wayne Williams announced the names of each one, and each recipient provided information on his or her college or university, what class they were in, and their major field of study. Detachment scholarships of \$500.00 each were presented to Matthew Bergh, Jonathan Monkmeyer, Jessica Lane (accepted by her mother, Lisa Lane) Emily Jo Falcone, Justine Davis, Halee Kusner, Katherine Coombs, and Madeline Werndl. Several others were not present, and they were Jordan Connor, Kimberly Donohue, and Daniel Cole. All recipients were given a round of applause.

Wayne Williams introduced Beth Herbst, Scholarship Chair for the Auxiliary. Auxiliary scholarships were presented to Emily Jo Falcone, Carter Hoekstra, Jonathan Monkmeyer, Katie Tanis, and Sara Walker. These individuals also provided information on their colleges and universities, and their major fields of study. These scholarship recipients also received a round of applause.

After a brief recess, the Detachment returned to its regular meeting, beginning at 1940.

Roll Call: 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.

Membership: Jim Herbst provided information on two potential new members. Both had served in the United States Marine Corps and would become regular members of the Detachment. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Jeff Tapper and Timothy Dunton as regular members of the Detachment. George Boyajian seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jeff Tapper and Timothy Dunton were then sworn in as regular members of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment of the Marine Corps League by Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 1 May 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of appreciation had been received from several organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters had been received from the Fisher house Foundation in Rockville, MD, from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, from the USO of Pennsylvania and South Jersey in Philadelphia, PA, and from the Children's Organ Transplant Association in Bloomington, IN. Also, an email message was read from the sister of a seaman who was recently honored with a flag casket ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square, PA. This woman's brother was on the USS Scorpion when it was lost at sea almost fifty years ago.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that he thought the scholarship dinner was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and he thanked Justine's Catering for another fine dinner. Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the next social event for the Detachment would be the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic in August at the Drexel Lodge Park.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod reported that more than \$3,200.00 had been collected over the past weekend in the Help Us Help Others Campaign. This amount would bring the year-to-date total close to \$52,000.00, very close to the same amount as last year at a similar time period. He mentioned that in the following week, volunteers would be at the Wawa location at Route Three and Route 352 on Thursday and Friday, and then at the Lawrence Park Acme on Saturday and Sunday.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 31 May 2018. He reviewed the income and disbursement activity for the month, as well as the cash on hand. He also suggested to the membership that the list of organizations on the back of the agenda to be considered later in the meeting should be reviewed prior to voting on the motion. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Jack Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that he had spoken with member John Cook and reported that he is doing well. Chris Bush mentioned that John Cook extended his greetings to everyone in the Detachment.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that the next bingo game at the Coatesville Medical Center is scheduled for 13 June 2018. He also mentioned that if anyone is interested in volunteering at the Center, Jim Herbst or Claude Falcone could provide additional information. The Coatesville Medical Center is always looking for volunteers.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the Detachment's proposal to have a Soldier's Cross installed in the front of the Hall of Prayer at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial has been approved.



There is much to do and Bill Kinney emphasized that we have to be sure that we are doing it correctly. There will be other items posted by other organizations around the Hall of Prayer or at the Memorial itself, so the Soldier's Cross will have to be completed carefully. Bill Kinney then mentioned that the annual dinner of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial in November will be honoring, among others, Lou Camilli, an Iwo Jima veteran. Two other Iwo Jima veterans from the Upland MCL Detachment will also be honored. In addition, member Rudy Schaffhauser will also be honored at that event. Bill Kinney provided information on an upcoming photo shoot for past honorees and current honorees at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial and he also provided information on twenty-four hours of lacrosse games at the Episcopal Academy. A Detachment Color Guard will be needed for this "Shootout for Soldiers."

Director Sides: Ben Sides reported that the Detachment's Honor Guard had served seven funerals for deceased veterans during the month of May. This brings the total for the year to fifty veterans who have passed away and have been served with military honors at their funerals. He also mentioned the so far in June, the Honor Guard has served at another five funerals. Ben Sides also mentioned that the VFW is no longer sending representatives to the funerals for deceased veterans, and he mentioned that the Detachment should no longer share any donations with the VFW on what has been a one-third basis. Ben Sides made a motion to eliminate the VFW from the share of donations from those contributions from Honor Guard services, retroactive to 1 January 2018. The donations would only be shared with our Detachment and American Legion Post #805. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 24 June 2018. An e-mail will be sent out closer to that date asking for volunteers. A number of volunteers are needed to make it a successful program.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that Americanism/Flag History programs were presented by him and Jim Mulhern at the Loomis School in Broomall on 3 May 2018 and at the Stonehurst School in Upper Darby on 25 May 2018. On another matter, he reported that there had been a local pistol match recently at Delaware County Field and Stream, with a number of MCL Detachments participating. Eighteen members from various detachments participated in the pistol shoot. It was also announced that the MCL Department pistol match would be held on 9 June 2018 at Indiantown Gap, PA.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that the Color Guard had participated in the annual Walk for the Wounded event on 19 May 2018. Due to inclement weather, the event was held indoors at the Springton Lake Middle School, but the Detachment Color Guard participated while several other units did not show up.

The Color Guard also had participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade on West Chester Pike. The Color Guard will be participating in the annual Fourth of July Parade for Newtown Square and Marple Township. Two other scheduled events were 23 June and 27 June 2018. Volunteers were requested for these additional events.

Historian: Jack Gallagher reported that progress is being made on the Detachment's History Book.

Unfinished Business: No items of old business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano went over the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda that were being suggested for donations this month. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations, with the amount to be donated in parentheses, are: (1) Coatesville VA Medical Center, Coatesville, PA (\$2,000.00); (2) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (3) Homes for Our Troops, Taunton, MA (\$2,000.00); (4) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA, (\$2,000.00); and (5) Operation First Response, Inc., Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00). Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: No announcements were made at this time.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2035. George Boyajian won the 50/50. Twenty-nine members signed the logbook.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant





**Annual Scholarship Dinner**



**Sun Valley JROTC Awards**



**Jim Mulhern and Earle Drake at Stonehurst Elementary presenting Americanism program**





**Marines:**

**In an effort to preserve the history and traditions of the United States Marine Corps, we honor Major Samuel Nicholas as the Father and first Commandant of the Marine Corps.**

**Major Samuel Nicholas was buried in an unmarked Quaker burial ground in 1790.**

**In 1997, the Friends Historical Library located at Swarthmore College documented Samuel Nicholas's burial site. The approximate grave is located at the North-West corner of the Friends Meeting House located at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Arch Street Philadelphia, Pa. just blocks from Independence Hall, Washington Square (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier).**

**In 2013, the Marine Corps League of PA obtained permission from the Society of the Friends to place a burial marker at Nicholas's burial site. In 2015, a resolution was passed at the Marine Corps League National Convention requiring that the Father of the Marine Corps be honored on three occasions. In 2018, the dates for those occasions are MEMORIAL DAY (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May), INDEPENDENCE DAY (Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July), and on the MARINE CORPS Birthday (November 10<sup>th</sup>).**

**Please accept our invitation to attend any or all of these wreath-laying ceremonies. The Commandant of the Marine Corps General Robert B. Neller, National Marine League Commandant & Department of PA League Commandant, will be personally invited and or his representative(s) to pay honors to the Father of the Marine Corps.**

**If you are able to attend, please contact me at 5305 Lister Court, Chester Springs, Pa. 19425 or call 610-827-9281, or e-mail me at [dforsythe007@gmail.com](mailto:dforsythe007@gmail.com).**

**Muster times for these events at;**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 1100**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 1100**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> 09:45**

**Thanking you all for past participation.**

**Douglas R. Forsythe  
Department of PA MCL  
Samuel Nicholas Memorial Committee**





## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment  
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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next Meeting

**3 July, 2018**

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073