



# Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

## Commandant's Report August 2018

As the summer rolls on, the Smedley Butler Detachment's members have been busy. Our HUHO Campaign is in the middle of another successful season. Raising funds for deserving Veterans in need. Our Honor Guard is always at the ready, sometimes attending to multiple funeral services on the same day. We are still in need of someone to take over as Honor Guard Chairman.

We had a great turnout for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The Color Guard led the parade and looked great despite the hot and humid conditions.

We have been having some success recruiting new members at our HUHO events.

Two new members were sworn in at the July meeting. Roger Nutter, who served in the USAF from 1966-1970, was sworn in as an associate member. Dan Hagee, a Marine, took the oath as a regular member.

Last but not least, our annual Combined Veterans Alliance picnic is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. This event is always a good time with great food. I hope to see you all there!

*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!

### AUGUST BOOSTERS

Bud Davis  
Joe Direso  
Beth & Jim Herbst  
Jack Kelly  
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 August**

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

J. Edward Bailey  
Philip Bannan  
Wayne Barner  
Christopher Bush  
Paul Donohue  
Thomas Higgins  
William Inverso  
Norman Lynch  
George McCaughan  
Jack McLeod  
Robert Paul  
Henry Velardi  
D.Wayne Williams



***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>
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
8/25	Glenolden Acme 610-586-0577 Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	503 S. MacDade Blvd Holmes, PA 605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
8/26	Glenolden Acme Boothwyn Wal-Mart	503 S. MacDade Blvd 605 Conchester Hwy
9/1	Devon Acme 610-341-6073 Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	700 W. Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
9/2	Devon Acme Paoli Acme	700 W. Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road
9/3	Devon Acme Paoli Acme	700 W. Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road
9/8	Lawrence Park Acme 610-325-2880 Newtown Sq Acme 610-353-8018	567 Sproul Raod Broomall, PA 3390 W Chester Pike Newtown Sq., PA
9/9	Lawrence Park Acme Newtown Sq Acme	567 Sproul Raod 3390 W Chester Pike
9/15	Havertown Acme 610-446-1191 ShopRite of W Chester 610-696-4066	1305 W Chester Pike Havertown, PA 115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
9/16	Havertown Acme ShopRite of W Chester	1305 W Chester Pike 115 W Chester Pike
9/22	Bryn Mawr Acme 610-525-1950 Paoli Acme 610-240-0101	801 W. Lancaster Ave Bryn Mawr, PA 39 Leopard Road Paoli, PA
9/23	Bryn Mawr Acme Paoli Acme	801 W. Lancaster Ave 39 Leopard Road

# Looking Ahead

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### August

- 7 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 8 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 8 Veterans Town Hall, VFW Post #106, 837 Lincoln Ave, W.C. at 1730.
- 12 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial.
- 25 Adopt a Highway, Bishop Hollow Rd. Contact Jim Flynn for information.
- 25 Detachment Picnic, Drexel Lodge on WC Pike, Newtown Square at 1200.
- 28 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805 in Broomall at 1930.

### September

- 4 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.

## 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.

## 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  
Pete Patrucci

Rich Bortner

*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 – 3 July 2018

Commandant: The meeting was opened at 1930 by Commandant Jim Flynn. The regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers who were present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, and Director Ben Sides.

Introduction of New Members: Bob Spano introduced two potential new members. Roger Nutter had served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970. Dan Hagge had served in the United States Marine Corps. It was mentioned that he was currently a member of the Marine Corps League at-large, but he would be transferring into this Detachment. Ben Sides made a motion to accept both men as members of the Detachment, and Bill Kinney seconded the motion. The motion passed. Roger Nutter was sworn in as an associate member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn. Dan Hagge was sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 June 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations made by the Detachment had been received from several organizations. 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 Veterans Group in Philadelphia, PA. Following the Detachment's Scholarship Awards Dinner at the June 2018 general meeting, two cards of thanks had been received from scholarship recipients. Cards of thanks had been received from Emily Falcone and from Justine Davis. Since Justine Davis had participated in collecting funds during the Detachment's Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign, Jack Kelly read the card from Justine Davis, in which she thanked the members for her scholarship funds and also for their service to our country.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the annual Combined Veterans Alliance picnic is scheduled for 25 August 2018. It will be held at Drexel Lodge Park on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. Sign up sheets were posted for those planning to attend.

Paymaster: Bob Spano presented the Paymaster's Report as of 30 June 2018. Financial activity for the month was briefly reviewed.

He also mentioned that organizations to be considered for donations were listed on the back of the agenda, and he suggested that the members should review the list. These organizations would be considered for donations later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that he had talked by telephone with the wife of Wes Tomlinson, and that his health is improving. Chris Bush also reported that Jack McLeod had fallen, but he was at home and improving.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the next flag raising ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial was scheduled for 8 July 2018. The ceremony was scheduled for 1700, but participants were asked to be there by 1630. Bill Kinney provided information on those to be honored. He also mentioned that plans are coming along for the annual Freedom Medal Dinner scheduled for 14 November 2018 at the Springfield Country Club. He mentioned that in the future he would be asking the Detachment to purchase tickets for two tables at the event, as has been done in the past. Bill Kinney also mentioned an upcoming event, the Blood, Sweat, and Cheer event, which is scheduled for 6 October 2018. More information on this event will be available at a later date. In addition, Bill Kinney mentioned that the Detachment's Color Guard had participated in closing ceremonies for the recent "Shootout for Soldiers" event at Episcopal Academy. This event raised more than \$100,000.00, and approximately ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Delaware County Veterans Memorial.

Director Sides: Ben Sides provided a report on the Detachment's Honor Guard. He mentioned that the Honor Guard had participated in thirteen funerals for deceased veterans during the month of June. The year-to-date total has now been raised to sixty-three funerals for deceased military veterans. He also mentioned that two more were scheduled for the current week. Ben Sides mentioned that although the VFW is no longer sending representatives to the Honor Guard, and that his motion in the prior meeting would prevent the VFW from receiving a third of any donations for the Honor Guard, he did mention that representatives from the Upper Darby MCL are now coming out for veterans' funerals. Ben Sides then made a motion to provide one third of any funds received from Honor Guard activities to the Upper Darby MCL Detachment. Bob Spano seconded the motion and the motion passed. Any funds designated as coming from Honor Guard activity would then be split evenly between the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment, the American Legion Post #805, and the Upper Darby MCL Detachment.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the second Adopt-a-Highway event was held on the last Sunday in June, and seven or eight members had participated in the clean up along Bishop Hollow Road. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the clean up.

Color Guard: It was mentioned that the Color Guard had participated in several recent events, and the next major event would be the annual Marple Newtown Fourth of July Parade. Members who would be marching in the Color Guard were announced as Jerry McGuckin, Jim Donegan, Bob Spano, Jack Kelly, and Jim Flynn. Other members would be able to participate in the parade by riding in the Detachment's trailer behind the Color Guard.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that the manufacturer that had made the ratchet belts for the MCL uniform has discontinued making the belts. However, another manufacturer has been found that will make the ratchet belts, and the MCL insignia will be shown on the belt buckle. Any member interested in purchasing one of the new belts should contact Bob Spano.

Bob Spano also asked the membership, especially Newtown Square residents, to be aware of any location that would be available for meetings by the Detachment. There is a possibility that the Knights of Columbus location where we are presently meeting may not be available in the future. We need to be looking for a location that would be suitable for the size of our membership, and preferably one located in the Newtown Square area.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations being suggested for donations this month, listed on the back of the agenda. He also explained the reason that the monthly amounts were being raised from \$2,000.00 per organization to \$4,000.00 per organization. Basically, as a Detachment, we have too much money on hand and we need to donate more to bring our funds down to a more reasonable amount. 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) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$4,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$4,000.00); (3) The Marine Corps League Foundation, Stafford, VA (\$4,000.00); (4) National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, Arlington, VA (\$4,000.00); and (5) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$4,000.00).

In addition, donations will be made to the Delaware County Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its golf outing on 14 September 2018 (\$500.00) and to the Upper Darby Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its golf outing on 24 September 2018 (\$500.00). The total to be disbursed this month is \$21,000.00. Jack Gallagher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: No items were mentioned for the Good of the League.

Announcements: Paul Donohue mentioned that today in history, 3 July 2018, was the 155th anniversary of Pickett's Charge in the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. The battle took place from 1 July to 3 July 1863, and it eventually lead to the victory by Union forces.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2010. Jack Kelly won the 50/50. Twenty-three members signed the logbook.

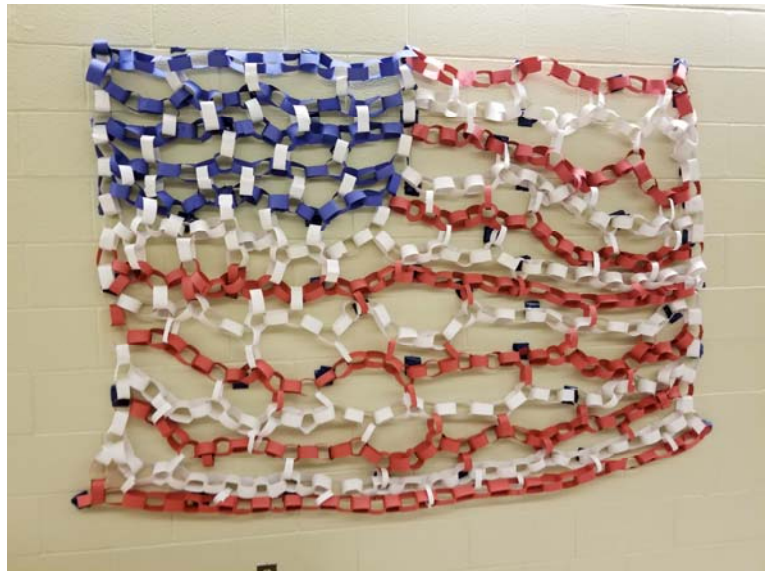
*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant



Americanism/Flag History presentations at the Rocky Run "Y"





## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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



Next Meeting  
**7 August, 2018**  
Knights of Columbus  
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.  
(Route 252)  
Newtown Square, PA 19073