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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report September 2018

As the Summer draws to a close, our Detachment continues to be active and productive. Our annual Summer picnic was well attended. Senior Vice Mattioni did a great job organizing the affair, which included great food, games and a dessert contest. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a good time.

We are currently looking for a new venue to hold our monthly general meetings, as conditions at the Knights of Columbus have become less than ideal. We would prefer to stay in Newtown Square. We require 2 rooms and some storage space, and a kitchen would be a plus. If anyone has any ideas for a new meeting location, please call one of the Detachment officers.

Inclement weather forced the cancellation of 2 events recently. The Adopt-a-Highway program scheduled for August 19th has been rescheduled for September 2nd.

The casket flag raising scheduled for August 12th will be combined with September 9th flag raising at the Delco Veterans Memorial.

As always, our number one priority must be recruiting new members to ensure we have the manpower to continue with all the valuable services we provide to our fellow veterans and the community.

Semper Fi,

Jim Flynn
Commandant

P.S. From our Paymaster

Dues for regular members and associate members, excluding Life members, are due on or before August 31 of each year.

If you have not paid your dues, please remit \$30 to Paymaster Bob Spano as soon as possible.

Make checks payable to: MCL #741

Send to: Bob Spano

1528 Honeysuckle Court
West Chester, PA 19380-4287

Bob Spano
Paymaster



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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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

- Dom D'Alessandro
- Joe Direso
- Earle Drake
- Jim Flynn
- Jack Kelly
- Steve Kusner
- Con McGinley
- Jerry McGuckin
- Lloyd Spangler
- Bob Spano

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

Birthday Greetings for September

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

- Leo Carlin
- Dominic D'Alessandro
- Earle Drake
- John Gallagher
- Michael Horne
- Emil Latini
- Richard Van Luvender



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

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>
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
9/29	Devon Acme 610-341-6073 Havertown Acme 610-446-1191	700 W. Lancaster Ave Devon, PA 1305 W Chester Pike Havertown, PA
9/30	Devon Acme Havertown Acme	700 W. Lancaster Ave 1305 W Chester Pike
10/06	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/07	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Eddystone Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy 1570 Chester Pike
10/13	ShopRite of W Chester 610-696-4066 ShopRite of Brookhaven 610-499-3030	115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA 5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA
10/14	ShopRite of W Chester ShopRite of Brookhaven	115 W Chester Pike 5005 Edgemont Ave
10/20	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535 Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA 400 S. State St Springfield, PA
10/21	Boothwyn Wal-Mart Springfield Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy 400 S. State St

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 4 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 9 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial at 1700
- 12 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 21 National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- 25 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805 in Broomall at 1930.
- 30 Gold Star Mother's Day

October

- 2 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, 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

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
Joe Tier

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 – 7 August 2018

Commandant: The meeting was opened by Commandant Jim Flynn 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, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, Director Ben Sides, and Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro. Phil Spinelli served as Chaplain for the meeting in the absence of Chris Bush, and Jim Herbst served as Sergeant-at-Arms in the absence of Charles (Bud) Davis.

Minutes: Paul Ferguson made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 July 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 appreciation had been received from several organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of appreciation had been received from Homes for Our Troops in Taunton, MA, from Operation Home Front, San Antonio, TX, from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, and from the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Philadelphia, PA. There were also three notes of thanks from families of deceased veterans whose veteran loved one had received final honors by the Detachment's Honor Guard. A card of thanks was received from Justine Davis, one of the scholarship recipients in the Detachment's annual scholarship awards program.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic is scheduled for 25 August 2018 at Drexel Lodge Park. Sign-up sheets were left on the rear table for members to sign up for the picnic. Dominick Mattioni made a motion to invite the members of American Legion Post #805 and the VFW at no cost to them. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod mentioned the the last weekend's activity in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign had resulted in \$2,600.00 in contributions from local shoppers. It was estimated that this lower than usual amount may have been due to fewer shoppers due to the weather as well as twelve hours of unmanned time at the two locations of collecting. Jack McLeod mentioned that the year-to-date collection activity has resulted in donations of \$85,000.00 versus the amount of \$94,000.00 in 2017 at a similar time period. Jack McLeod also provided a brief explanation of the HUHO program for newer members of the Detachment.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 31 July 2018. He reviewed the income as well as the disbursements for the month and provided information for the financial record of the Detachment. He also suggested to the membership that they review the organizations listed on the back the agenda that would be considered for donations later in the meeting.

Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Ben Sides and several others seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst called on Claude Falcone to provide information on activity at the Coatesville Medical Center. Claude Falcone mentioned that prizes of \$5.00 booklets are awarded during bingo games held at the Center, and recently the supply of booklets was restored by obtaining \$1,000.00 worth of booklets, and this should last into the new year. He mentioned that the Coatesville Medical Center would be having a picnic on 10 August 2018. Jim Herbst mentioned that the next bingo game at Coatesville would be on 8 August 2018. He also mentioned that the Center has a need for volunteers if any member would be interested in volunteering at the Center.

Awards/Membership: Jim Herbst mentioned in his two areas of responsibility that this time of year is a quiet time for awards for the Detachment, but he also mentioned that the attendance for tonight's meeting was lower than usual, so he mentioned that members should always be looking for new members.

Junior Past Commandant: Dominic D'Alessandro reported that the six flag collection boxes in Marple and Newtown Townships had been repainted. Dominic D'Alessandro expressed his appreciation to Bob Spano in being instrumental in getting the flag collection boxes repainted.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that the next flag raising ceremony at the Delaware County Memorial was scheduled for 12 August 2018. One or two flags were to be raised and lowered. The ceremony was scheduled for 1700, but those members participating in the program should plan to be there by 1630. He also mentioned that in October there may be a ceremony with as many as eleven flags involved, so some additional volunteers would be welcome. Bill Kinney mentioned the next Blood, Sweat, and Cheers event is scheduled for 6 October 2018, with a Color Guard and Honor Guard needed for an event at 1200, with a report time of 1130. Bill Kinney mentioned that Barbara Zippi, of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association, recently lost her husband. The viewing was at Videon's Funeral Home. Bill Kinney also made a motion to purchase two tables at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association annual diner in November, and to also purchase a full-page ad in the program book, for a total cost of \$1,850.00. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director Sides: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had served at fourteen funerals for deceased veterans during the month of July. The year-to-date total is now at seventy-seven funerals for deceased veterans. Ben Sides also mentioned that volunteers are needed for the Honor Guard for the Blood, Sweat, and Cheers event as well as the flag raising ceremonies.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the next Adopt-a-Highway event is scheduled for 19 August 2018. Volunteers would be needed for this event.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that he and Jim Mulhern made three Americanism/Flag History presentations to summer campers at the Rocky Run “Y” in July. Two were to campers in the 6 to 8 age bracket, and one was to campers in the 12-14 age bracket. Earle Drake mentioned that they have started to line up their Fall presentations.

Earle Drake also provided a report on the July Fourth Parade. The parade committee reported a profit of approximately \$5,700.00, which is about a thousand dollars less than normal. The committee plans to increase attendance in the future by targeting local municipalities by zip code on Facebook. In this year’s parade, some bands did not participate due to the heat on that day.

Earle Drake also mentioned that Peg Walz has donated some books on CD’s to the Detachment library, and Earle also reminded the membership that he has about 100 books in the library that can be loaned out. Interested members should contact Earle Drake to take the opportunity to borrow a book from the library.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that the Color Guard had participated in the Marple-Newtown July Fourth parade, and he thanked Bob Spano and Jim Flynn for coordinating the Color Guard in his absence. The members who participated in the Color Guard were Jerry McGuckin, Jim Donegan, Bob Spano, Jack Kelly, and Jim Flynn. Wayne Williams mentioned that volunteers will be needed for the Blood, Sweat, and Cheers event in October, but he would hold off until the September meeting to ask for volunteers for this event.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that there was some memorabilia available on the side table that was available for anyone interested. He also mentioned that the Detachment had recently purchased some flag pins for distribution by the Americanism committee during their presentations. Bob Spano also provided some additional information on the flag boxes that were recently repainted in Marple and Newtown Townships. Dan Luty asked if pictures were available, and if so, he asked if a picture could be sent to him for publication in the *Scuttlebutt*.

Young Marines: Dan Luty did not have a report on the Young Marines program, as he was not sure if they were currently meeting. The Staff Sergeant at the Folsom Reserve Center who was overseeing this program had been transferred to another duty station and it was not clear if anyone has replaced him. Some discussion followed, and it was suggested that possibly the Upper Darby MCL Detachment could take over this responsibility. The Young Marines who are in the program are located more in that area served by the Upper Darby Detachment (Secane and the surrounding area) than in the Newtown Square area. This will be looked into for further consideration.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams provided a brief explanation of the Detachment’s scholarship program for college and university students for the benefit of several new members, but he had nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business: There were no items of unfinished business that were raised.

Good of the League: Wayne Williams mentioned that his son, Major Wayne Williams, USMC, has been deployed back to the Middle East.

Bob Spano again mentioned that the Detachment is looking to find a new place to meet, and he asked the membership to let the officers know of any place that may be available. The next location would have to have two meeting rooms, one for the Detachment and one for the Auxiliary. Bob Spano mentioned that we are a veterans group in Newtown Square, so if a move becomes necessary, we would prefer to remain in the Newtown Township area. It was mentioned that we may look into the availability of the Newtown Township municipal building.

New Business: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations that were suggested for donations this month, listed on the back of the agenda. Jim Herbst made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the agenda. The organizations, with the amount to be donated shown 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) Marines Helping Marines, Myrtle Beach, SC (\$4,000.00); (4) Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Lakehurst, NJ (\$4,000.00); and (5) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$4,000.00). Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Jack McLeod mentioned that for new members, the spouses of Detachment members could consider joining the Detachment’s Auxiliary. In addition, new members Roger Nutter and Jeff Tapper both took a few minutes to introduce themselves further to the membership.

Dan Luty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2015. Twenty-three members signed the logbook. Jim Flynn won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



2018 Picnic



2018 Picnic





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
4 September, 2018
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
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Newtown Square, PA 19073