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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report October 2018

Where does the time go? Summer is over, and the Detachment is preparing for its busy Fall schedule. Upcoming events include the Blood, Sweat and Cheer Festival, NROTC Fall Review at Villanova University, Veteran's Day Parade, Marine Corps Ball, and our Toys for Tots Campaign.

We are also looking forward to the Freedom Medal Dinner on November 14th, where 3 Iwo Jima Veterans will be honored.

I would like to thank the Members of the Detachment who pitched in to keep the HUHO Campaign running smoothly while our Junior Vice Commandant, Jack McLeod, was recovering from an illness. Whether it was working an extra shift, picking up or dropping off gear, your efforts to keep this program going are greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder, the uniform of the day will change when daylight savings time ends on Nov. 4, 2018. The Winter uniform is red blazer or red satin jacket, white shirt, black tie and black trousers.

Semper Fi,

Jim Flynn
Commandant

From the Sr. Vice Commandant

Our Detachment's Marine Corps Ball will be held on Saturday, 10 November 2018. It will be at the Paxon Hollow Country Club from 1800 to 2000.

The member price is \$50 per person (member and significant other). The guest price is \$75.

Reservations can be made by calling or emailing:

Bob Spano: (610) 639-4464
Email: bspa35@verizon.net

Dominick Mattioni: (610) 692-4335
Email: dom2000@verizon.net



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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!

OCTOBER BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
Joe Direso
Jack Kelly
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 October

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

Richard Bortner
Charles Coombs
Aaron Cabbage
James Flynn
Daniel Hagee
James Herbst
Leon Huzzard
Edgar Speer



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

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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>
10/06	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/07	Boothwyn Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy
	Eddystone Wal-Mart	1570 Chester Pike
10/13	ShopRite of W Chester 610-696-4066	115 W Chester Pike West Chester, PA
	ShopRite of Brookhaven 610-499-3030	5005 Edgemont Ave Brookhaven, PA
10/14	ShopRite of W Chester	115 W Chester Pike
	ShopRite of Brookhaven	5005 Edgemont Ave
10/20	Boothwyn Wal-Mart 610-494-2535	605 Conchester Hwy Boothwyn, PA
	Springfield Wal-Mart 610-605-3154	400 S. State St Springfield, PA
10/21	Boothwyn Wal-Mart	605 Conchester Hwy
	Springfield Wal-Mart	400 S. State St
10/27	Glenolden Wal-Mart 610-583-0281	50 N MacDade Blvd Glenolden, PA
	Eddystone Wal-Mart 610-447-1860	1570 Chester Pike Eddystone, PA
10/28	Glenolden Wal-Mart	50 N MacDade Blvd
	Eddystone Wal-Mart	1570 Chester Pike



Marple Township Public Works recently repainted 5 of the Flag Collection mail boxes. The one pictured above is outside of the Marple Memorial American Legion Post #805. Others are located at:

- Marple Township Building
- Marple Veterans Park
- Newtown Township Building
- Delaware County Veterans Memorial

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

October

- 2 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 6 Blood, Sweat & Cheer, DELCO Veterans Memorial, 0900 to 1400.
- 10 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 14 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Vets Memorial, 1700.
- 25 Beirut Memorial, Dock St, Phila., Color Guard, 1000.
- 30 Staff Meeting, Marple Post #805 in Broomall at 1930.

November

- 6 **ELECTIONS!** Because the K of C Hall is used for elections, our meeting will be on Wednesday
- 7 **WEDNESDAY**-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	Jack McLeod
Joe Tier	

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 – 4 September 2018

Commandant: The meeting was opened by Commandant Jim Flynn at 1930. 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, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, Director Ben Sides, and Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

Minutes: Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 August 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks were received from several organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of thanks were received from the Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA, from the Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD, from Homes for Our Troops, Taunton, ME, and from the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, Arlington, VA. It was also mentioned that the Executive Director of this organization had expressed a desire to come to one of our meetings and meet the membership. This request will be reviewed at the next officers' staff meeting. In addition, two notes of thanks were received from families whose veteran loved one received final honors by the Honor Guard. In personal remarks, Jack Kelly mentioned that he would be joining his local church's Board of Elders, and that its meetings would be the same night as the Detachment's meetings. Jack Kelly mentioned that he would not be a candidate to continue as the Adjutant in the 2019 year when the nominations for officer positions are opened in the October, November, and December general meetings.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the Combined Veterans Alliance picnic that was recently held was a success. The food was great and the selection of chicken and pulled pork seemed to be popular choices. It was reported that everyone had a good time. Dominick Mattioni mentioned that he had posted photos of the picnic under his Facebook page. He also mentioned that the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball is scheduled for 10 November 2018 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. The member cost is \$50.00 per person and payments are due by 5 November 2018.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod was not present, but Commandant Jim Flynn mentioned that \$6,152.00 had been collected in the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign over the past Labor Day weekend. Jim also announced that he was looking for volunteers for the following weekend at the Newtown Square and Lawrence Park Acme Markets. Those wanting to volunteer were asked to see Jim Flynn following the meeting.

Paymaster: Bob Spano reviewed the Paymaster's Report as provided in the handout for tonight's meeting. The income and disbursement figures for the month of August 2018 were provided. Bob Spano also mentioned that the dues of \$30.00 for all non-Life Members are now due. He also reviewed the list of charitable organizations that would be considered later in the meeting. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that Jack McLeod was in a local rehab facility and that Joe Tier was also in a local hospital. Wes Tomlinson was reported to have been under the weather recently, but he is apparently feeling better. Chris Bush requested the membership to keep these individuals in prayer.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned that a picnic was scheduled for 8 September 2018 at the Coatesville Medical Center. He mentioned the Claude Falcone and Chris Bush would be attending, as well as members of the Auxiliary. The Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League would also be there. Jim Herbst also mentioned that the regular monthly bingo game was scheduled for 12 September 2018 at the Coatesville Medical Center.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the monthly Flag Raising ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial was scheduled for 9 September 2018 at 1700. Participants were asked to report at 1630. He reviewed certain aspects of this month's ceremony, and then he mentioned that in October, there may be as many as eleven flags raised and lowered. Additional volunteers would be appreciated for this number of individuals to be honored. Bill Kinney also mentioned that the Blood, Sweat, and Cheer event, a fundraiser for the Delaware County Memorial, is scheduled for 6 October 2018 from 0900 to 1400. A Color Guard and Honor Guard detail would be needed at this event at 1200 and volunteers are needed for this event. Bill Kinney also provided information on the annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Dinner, scheduled for 14 November 2018, at the Springfield Country Club. A Color Guard Detachment is needed for this dinner, and Paul Donohue will be there representing a Continental soldier.

Bill Kinney asked for volunteers to lower the flag at sunrise at the Memorial on 11 September and then raise the flag again at sunset. Bob Spano and Ben Sides volunteered for this responsibility.

Director Sides: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had participated in four funerals for deceased veterans during the month of August. He mentioned the Hour Guard had one more funeral earlier that day (4 September) and one more was scheduled for the following day.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the most recent Adopt-a-Highway event had been rained out, so the event has been rescheduled for 16 September 2018. Members will be contacted by e-mail prior to the date, and volunteers would be needed for this event.

Americanism: Earle Drake did not have a report on the Americanism program, but he mentioned that Peg Walz had donated eight new CD's to the Detachment library. These are books on CD's that can be listened to by anyone interested in borrowing any of them. He provided some basic information on the titles and contents of several of the selections. Those interested should contact Earle Drake.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported on several upcoming events in which the Color Guard would be needed. The first one scheduled was the Blood, Sweat, and Cheer event on 6 October 2018, followed by the Detachment's annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball on 10 November 2018. The next event would be the annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association Dinner, scheduled for 14 November 2018. Wayne Williams asked for volunteers for several positions for these important dates.

Property: Bob Spano reported that additional flag pins had been ordered and received for use in the Americanism program. He also mentioned that the flag collection boxes had been repainted and had been relocated in several locations in Marple and Newtown Townships. He also mentioned that the air conditioning had been repaired in the room in which the Auxiliary meets. In an effort to try to find a new meeting location, Bob Spano and Jim Flynn were going to look at the Newtown Township Municipal Building to determine the feasibility of that location for future Detachment and Auxiliary meetings.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business:

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano mentioned the organizations listed on the back of the agenda that were being suggested to the membership for consideration.

These organizations were discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for donations. 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 shown in parentheses, are: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$3,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$3,000.00); (3) Operation Homefront, Doylestown, PA (\$3,000.00); (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$3,000.00); and (5) The Veterans Group, Philadelphia, PA (\$3,000.00). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Good of the League: Paul Donohue mentioned that the Devil Dogs were scheduled to have a picnic on Saturday, 8 September 2018. In addition, Wayne Williams mentioned that his son, Major Wayne Williams, USMC, is now serving in the Middle East.

Announcements: Bob Spano mentioned again that dues are now due for any member who is not a Life Member of the Detachment.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion was passed. The regular closing ceremonies were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 2005. Twenty-five members signed the logbook. Jack Kelly won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant



Coatesville VAMC Picnic



Benefitting The Delaware County Veterans Memorial

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 FORMER NFL PLAYER
VANCE JOHNSON

Saturday, October 6th | 9am-2pm

GIVE BLOOD GIVE SWEAT GIVE CHEER

<p>9AM-2PM BLOOD DRIVE SIGN UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for various Blood Drives taking place throughout the area in upcoming weeks <p> American Red Cross</p>	<p>8:30 AM REGISTRATION TRAIL RUN & KIDS RUN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$25 5K TRAIL RUN 9:30 AM \$15 Student Pricing \$5 KIDS RUN 10:45 AM 1 Mile Run Ages 7-14 50 Yard Dash Ages 6 & Under 	<p>9AM-2PM FITNESS FESTIVAL BEER GARDEN KIDS ZONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FREE ACCESS TO FESTIVAL Access To Food Truck & Beer Garden provided by P.J. Whelihan's FREE Access To Kids Zone Kids Under 12 Exercise, Bounce Houses, & Games <p></p>
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Event Sponsorship Opportunities, Family Plan Packages & Veteran Sponsorships Available

The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association officially announces the 3rd Annual Give Blood, Give Sweat, Give Cheer Festival on Saturday October 6th with presenting sponsor SAP. Festivities will be held at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial located at [4599 West Chester Pike](http://www.dcvma.org) in Newtown Square PA from 9am to 2pm, with all net proceeds going to operations and education of the Memorial.

Former NFL wide receiver Vance Johnson and Veteran Silver Star US Air Force Captain Ralph Galati are this year's special guest speakers. Mr. Johnson will be signing autographs and sharing his inspiring story as a former NFL star, his journey to sobriety and the life-saving work he does for festival sponsor, Futures Recovery Healthcare. Captain Galati will share his experiences as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton camp and how he is impacting Veterans today.

The festival will consist of numerous activities for all ages including a Blood Drive Sign Up organized by The Red Cross and fitness inspired events such as a 5k trail run, and kids run as well as various fitness challenges. Live music from Fender Jackson will entertain crowds throughout the day as patrons also enjoy access to a Kids Zone with bounce houses, games and exercise activities. Access to these activities and the Kids Zone is free for all visitors, with entry fees for the 5k Trail run at \$25 per entrant and \$5 per entrant for the kids runs. P.J. Whelihan's of Newtown Square will be featuring their own food truck and sponsor the beer garden with various items for purchase throughout the day.

"The last 2 years of the festival have been a true community success and we're excited to bring more awareness and support to this world class memorial, while we highlight the dedication and sacrifice of all of our local veterans," stated Nicole de Botton Robinson, board member of the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association.

"For the third year in a row we are blessed to have the commitment of our presenting sponsor, SAP, as well as a multitude of other generous sponsors including P.J. Whelihan's of Newtown Square. We're looking forward to sharing a day of free fun and fitness inspired activities with local families and residents while helping this local embodiment of our American Armed Forces and our military heroes," finished Robinson.

SAP, the world's fourth largest software developer headquartered locally in Newtown Square, is the presenting sponsor of the festival for a third year. Other local organizations such as Main Line Health Systems, GMH Mortgage Services, National Realty Corporation, Apple Vacations, Dilworth Paxson, Villanova University and many others have also contributed to the event, ensuring the festival fiscal success once again. Local companies of all sizes are encouraged to join SAP through various sponsorship opportunities by visiting www.bloodsweatcheerfestival.com/sponsorship.

"The Give Blood, Give Sweat, Give Cheer Festival and the supporting funds that will help the Veterans Memorial continue to grow also draws attention to the American Red Cross' constant need for blood donations throughout the year in our area," stated Robinson. "Starting at 9am, visitors can sign-up for a blood drive to be held at Paul Bunyan Fitness at a later date and enjoy the variety of activities and vendors of the family festival while they cheer on their loved ones in the fitness events," finished Robinson.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities, registering for the festival events, blood donation or volunteering for the event, please visit www.bloodsweatcheerfestival.com, or email at info@bloodsweatcheerfestival.com. About The Delaware County Veterans Memorial The Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Mission is to pay tribute to the service and sacrifices of the brave men and women of our Armed Forces. The Memorial serves as a place to learn about war and conflict in U.S. history; a place to reflect upon bravery and sacrifice; and a place to honor those who serve to defend our rights-yesterday, today and tomorrow.

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Next Meeting
2 October, 2018
Knights of Columbus
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