



Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report February 2019

Officers were installed at our general meeting on 2 January 2019. District One Vice Commandant, George Souder, conducted the Installation Ceremony. Also, at the general meeting, I had the honor of presenting the 2018 Commandant's Award to Jerry McGuckin. Jerry was instrumental in keeping our HUUO Campaign running smoothly last year and has been elected and installed as our Junior Vice Commandant.

Scholarship applications are available from Scholarship Chairman, Wayne Williams. Please be sure to fill out these applications completely and correctly. The Scholarship Dinner will be held on 4 June 2019.

I am sad to report the passing of Vietnam Veteran and Detachment Member, Richard Hudak. May he rest in peace.

Semper Fi,

Jim Flynn
Commandant

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Help Our Soldiers!

DESTINATION Delco
Delaware County, PA

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE
Helping Wounded Heroes and Their Families

95% of all funds raised helps soldiers and their families with all kinds of expenses... from health care to mortgage payments, medical travel, food, clothes and more.

Be Our Medal of Honor Sponsor – \$25,000
This presenting sponsorship includes all privileges listed under the Bronze Star Sponsorship plus:

- Company name is always used with the event name, including all online & print media
- Exclusive placement of corporate logo on front and back of t-shirts
- Name is featured prominently on all signs/banners
- Premier placement in the event program and on all event signage

Warrior Sponsor – \$15,000

Includes all privileges listed under the Silver Star Sponsorship plus: Certificate presentation at the Walk plus special recognition as co-hosts of "Team Challenge", including corporate logo on invitation letter to local businesses

Freedom Sponsor – \$10,000

Includes all privileges listed under the Silver Star Sponsorship plus: Company name featured predominately on the back of the T-shirts

Silver Star Sponsor – \$5,000

Includes all privileges listed under the Bronze Star Sponsorship plus: special recognition as co-hosts of "Team Challenge", including corporate logo on invitation letter to local businesses

Bronze Star Sponsor – \$2,500

- Logo on promotional materials including 12,000 color brochures
- Name featured on full color posters, displayed throughout the community
- Logo on back of all event t-shirts and in all media advertising
- Company name mentioned in all publicity
- Name on Banner display at race start/finish line
- Booth space at the park on event day and a sponsor appreciation plaque

Purple Heart Sponsor – \$1,000

- Name on promo materials including 12,000 color brochures
- Name full color posters, throughout community
- Logo on back of all event t-shirts and in all media advertising
- Company name mentioned in all publicity
- Name on Banner display at race start/finish line
- Booth space at the event and framed certificate of appreciation

How many opportunities do we get to return the favor, and save a soldier's future...

Patriot Sponsor – \$500

- Name on promo materials including 12,000 color brochures
- Name on full color posters, throughout community
- Name on banner display at race start/finish line
- Framed certificate of appreciation

Those who contribute refreshments, services, or merchandise have their names on the event banner

For more informaton or to make a donation:

www.OperationFirstResponse.org

"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 can continue our **award-winning** newsletter!

FEBRUARY 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 February

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

Joseph Beal
James Constien
Russell Davis
Harry Deaner
John D'Orta
James Dunlap
Jeffrey Elliot
Roger Godfrey
R. Stewart Hughes
John Keevill
John Kelly
William McCoy
Bob Spano
H. Weston Tomlinson



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Jim Flynn
Sr. Vice Commandant	Dominick Mattioni
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry McGuckin
Adjutant	Charles (Bud) Davis
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Paul Ferguson
Sergeant-At-Arms	Dominic D'Alessandro
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	LCpl Prella & 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

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

February

- 5** MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 13** Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 26** Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

March

- 5** MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.

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 2019 CALENDAR

Stayed tuned for this year's events!!!

Spring Dinner: Tuesday, 4 June
Vets Picnic: Saturday, 24 August
Detachment Ball: Saturday, 9 November
Toys4Tots Dinner: Tuesday, 3 December

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335
Gen. Smedley D. Butler
Marine Corps League
Detachment #741

SICK CALL

Wes Tomlinson

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 – 2 January 2019

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, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, 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 4 December 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that letters of thanks for donations had been received from two organizations. Two letters had been received from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA for two separate donations made by the Detachment, and a letter was also received from the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD for a donation made by the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the dates of some of the important events of the year have been established. The Spring Dinner, or Scholarship Awards Dinner, will be held on 4 June 2019, and the Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic is scheduled for 24 August 2019. In addition, he reported that the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball is scheduled for 9 November 2019 and the annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for 3 December 2019.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 31 December 2018, reviewing both income and disbursements for the month. He also suggested that the membership should review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. The listed organizations would be considered for donations later in the meeting. These organizations had been reviewed at a recent officers' staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for consideration. Bob Spano also explained that there were fewer organizations and for less dollars in donations as the Detachment is in a period of time when less funds are being received. Ben Sides 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 Lloyd Spangler was improving after a fall, and Chris Bush also mentioned that

Rich Bortner, Joe Tier, and Wes Tomlinson were all dealing with separate health issues.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney mentioned that the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Dinner in November was well attended with more than 500 guests in attendance. It was reported that the event netted more than \$65,000.00 for the Association.

Director Sides: Ben Sides did not have a report as a Director, but he mentioned that the Honor Guard had served at ten funerals for deceased veterans during the month of December. The year-to-date total was reported as one hundred fourteen funerals for deceased veterans served by the Honor Guard during the 2018 year.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the Adopt-a-Highway program has been shut down for the winter months. The next Adopt-a-Highway event will be scheduled in April 2019.

Awards: In the absence of Awards Chairman Jim Herbst, Bob Spano mentioned that the Detachment's Commandant's Award and Marine of the Year Award would be announced later in the meeting. Other awards would be announced at the February general meeting.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams mentioned that the next event for the Color Guard would be the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in March in Springfield, PA. He also mentioned that he could use some additional members to be included in the Color Guard, as recently he has been down a troop or two for some events.

Scouting: Ed Seidl mentioned that an Eagle Scout ceremony is scheduled for February.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that progress is being made in the property arena.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he has the Detachment scholarship application forms and interested members should contact him for the application forms. He also mentioned that he should have the application forms for the MCL Department of Pennsylvania scholarship program at the February general meeting.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised at this time.

New Business:

Awards: Since Awards Chairman Jim Herbst was absent, Commandant Jim Flynn called on Bob Spano to present the Detachment's two highest awards.

Commandant's Award for 2018: The Commandant's Award is an award presented to the member who in the Commandant's view went beyond what his duties called for, and who was an outstanding member during the year in every respect. The Commandant's Award for 2018 was presented to Jerry McGuckin.

Marine of the Year Award for 2018: The Marine of the Year Award is the Detachment's highest award and this prestigious award is presented to the Marine who has been nominated and then elected by the membership. The Marine of the Year Award is presented to the Marine who has demonstrated an outstanding performance in every respect during the year. The Detachment's Marine of the Year Award, as elected by the membership, was presented to Commandant Jim Flynn.

Both recipients received a round of applause upon receiving their awards.

Installation of Officers for 2019:

Commandant Jim Flynn turned control of the meeting over to District One Vice Commandant George Souder. George Souder was the installing officer for the installation of Detachment officers for 2019. He was assisted by Doug Forsythe, Commandant of the Chester County Detachment, who acted as Sergeant-at-Arms. Detachment Chaplain Chris Bush served as Chaplain for the installation. Officers who were sworn in for the year 2019 were:

Commandant - Jim Flynn
Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni
Junior Vice Commandant - Jerry McGuckin
Adjutant - Bud Davis
Paymaster - Bob Spano
Judge Advocate - Paul Ferguson (not present)
Sergeant-at-Arms - Dominic D'Alessandro
Service Officer - Jim Herbst
Director - Ben Sides
Director - Bill Kinney
Director - Paul Donohue
Junior Past Commandant - Dominic D'Alessandro

Following the swearing in ceremony, District One Vice Commandant George Souder then had a specific charge for Commandant Jim Flynn for his responsibility as Commandant for the Detachment. The installation ceremony was then closed in prayer by Chaplain Chris Bush.

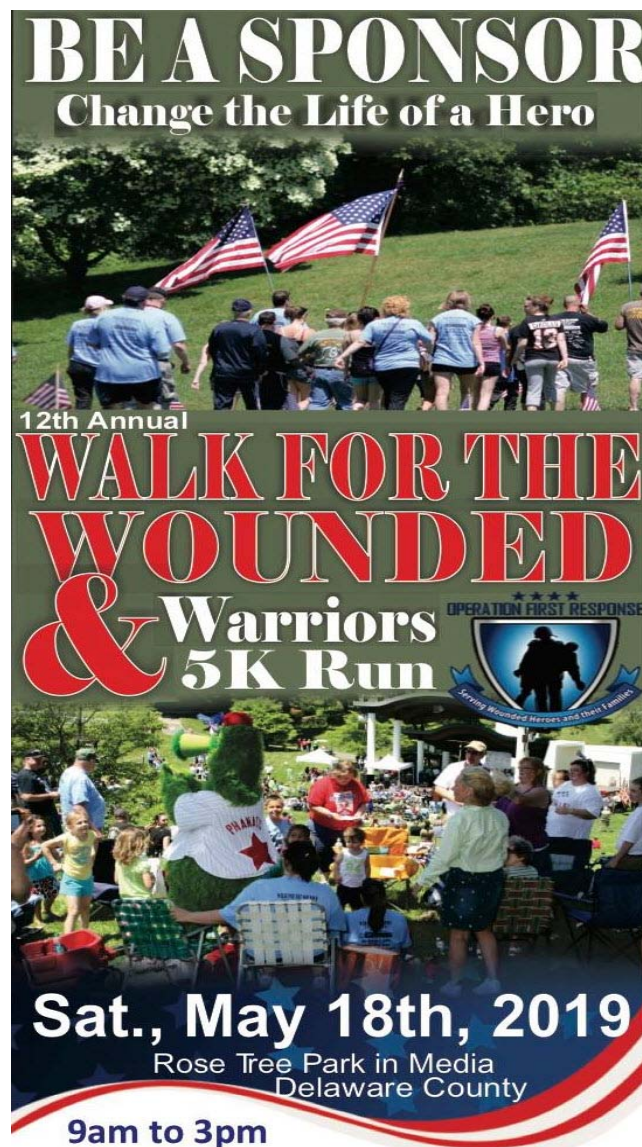
Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano went over the list of organizations that were listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations were being suggested to the membership for consideration and had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting.

It was explained again that due to limited funds through the winter months, the donations would be fewer and for smaller amounts. Bill Kinney made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations, with the amount to be donated in parentheses, are: (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$1,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$1,000.00); and (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$1,000.00). Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Bill Kinney 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. Eighteen members and two guests signed the logbook. Terry Jones won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly
Adjutant





Marine of the Year being awarded to Jim Flynn



Commandant's Award being awarded to Jerry McGuckin



Swearing in Ceremony



Annual Staff Meeting Diner



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Newtown Square, PA19073-0184

Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

5 February 2019 at 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073