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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report March 2019

Awards for 2018 were distributed at our February General Meeting. Certificates of Appreciation and Meritorious Commendations were awarded to those members who made valuable contributions to the Detachment during the past year. It was a pleasure to see so many members recognized for their hard work.

The Annual Audit on the Paymaster's records was performed on January 29, 2019 prior to the monthly Staff Meeting. The Detachment's Directors, Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, and Paul Donohue found everything to be in order. We all appreciate the hard work and thoroughness of our Paymaster, Bob Spano.

January and February are traditionally the slower months for our Detachment, but we will soon be busy with HUHO, Adopt-a-Highway, and Color Guards as Spring approaches.

Two programs that don't get a break for the Winter are the Honor Guard and the V.A.V.S., and we can always use help with these. We are still in need of an Honor Guard Chairman.

Our Color Guard will be leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16, 2019. This is always a good time and they get a great crowd. Contact Color Guard Chairman Wayne Williams if you can participate.

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

MARCH BOOSTERS

Dominic D'Alessandro
Bud Davis
Joe Direso
Paul Donohue
Dominick Mattioni
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 March

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

James Donegan
Timothy Dunton
John Griffis
Richard Guyer
Albert Harper
Anthony Terence Jones
Henry Kaufman
Samuel Mayer
Gerald Powlus
Edward Seidl
Charles Sexton
Lloyd Spangler



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

March

- 5 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 9 St. Patrick's Day Party, Coatesville VAMC at 1300. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 14 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Springfield at 1200.
- 26 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.
- 29 VN Commemoration Program, KleinLife, 10100 Jamison Ave., Phila 19116 at 0900.

April

- 2 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, 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 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 – 5 February 2019

Commandant: Acting Commandant Dominick Mattioni opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Senior Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Junior Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Adjutant Bud Davis, Paymaster Bob Spano, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Sergeant-at-Arms/ Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and Directors Paul Donohue, Bill Kinney and Ben Sides.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 January 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Bud Davis reported that several letters of appreciation have been received from organizations the Detachment has supported. These letters of thanks are from the following: Semper Fi Fund, Fisher House Foundation and the Upper Darby Detachment. Bud also took a moment and thanked Jack Kelly for all his help in passing along the duties of being an Adjutant.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the detachment will be holding several dinners this year, The Spring/Scholarship Awards dinner on 4 June, The Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic on 24 August, The Marine Corps Birthday Ball on 9 November and finally the Christmas/Toys-For-Tots dinner on 3 December. More details as the events get closer.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that he is working with other members and going through Jack McLeod's paperwork to start the HUHO program in the near future.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 29 January 2019, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the membership review the list of charitable organizations listed in the agenda. These charitable organizations were reviewed at a recent staff meeting and are being suggested to the membership for approval. The organizations will be considered for approval later in the meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush read a card from the Sealy family thanking the Detachment for the "Beautiful Ceremony" they gave their family member Jim. Chris also asked that if any detachment member knows of someone that is ill to please contact him.

Director Donohue: Paul reported to the membership that the 2018 audit was performed on 29 January.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Jim Herbst along with acting Commandant Mattioni handed out the yearly certificates for 2018 to the membership. These certificates were for Fund Raising, Adopt-A-Highway, Scouting, Officers/Chairman, Color/Honor Guard and many other activities that our members are involved with.... Great Job....

Color Guard: Wayne Williams mentioned that the next Color Guard event will be the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on 16 March in Springfield, parade starts at 12 noon please arrive by 1030. Any member that can help out, please contact Wayne.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard participated in 12 funerals for veterans during the month of January. Ben also mentioned that anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated.

Marksmanship: Earle Drake gave an update on the Spring Pistol Match to be held at DCF&S on 6 April with a start time of 0830. Members are being asked to arrive early to help set up and put out targets. Contact Earle or Gene Kern with any further questions about this event.

Membership: Jim Herbst "RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT" we can always use new members.

Property: Bob Spano reported that progress is being made, also reminded members that if they need patches, pins or ribbons etc... to see him before/after a meeting or e-mail.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned he has Detachment scholarship application forms and to see/contact him if you are interested. Wayne stated that he needs these forms filled out, signed and returned by 15 April. As a reminder our April meeting is the 2nd. Wayne also mentioned that he has the State scholarship forms if anyone needs them. These applications need to be filled out and mailed to the State between 1 February and 31 May. Copies of these forms can also be printed off the Dept. of Pa website.

V.A.V.S.: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone attended the quarterly meeting at Coatesville VA. They mentioned two bingo/parties coming up, one 9 February and the other on 9 March at 1pm. Any member interested should contact Jim or Claude. They also mentioned that the VA is always looking for volunteers to help out in any way.

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

New Business: The annual IWO JIMA lunch will be at the Delaware County Det. on Sunday 17 February 1300. There are three IWO Marines between our two detachments, the youngest being 96.

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano went over the list of organizations that were listed in the agenda. These organizations are being suggested to the membership for consideration and were discussed at the staff meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and amounts are: (1) Fisher House Foundation (\$1000) (2) Semper Fi Fund (\$1000) (3) Operation First Response (\$1000). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Acting Commandant Mattioni asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Kinney made a motion and Joe Conigliaro seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant



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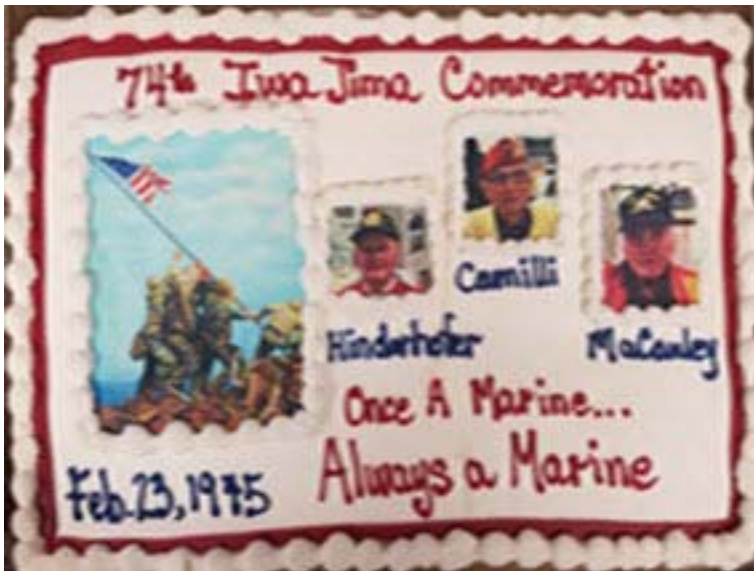
12th Annual
WALK FOR THE WOUNDED
& Warriors 5K Run

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE
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Sat., May 18th, 2019
 Rose Tree Park in Media
 Delaware County

9am to 3pm



Annual Iwo Jima Commemoration at the Upland Detachment. Pictured L-R, Joe Hinderhofer, Al MacCauley and Lou Camilli.



WORLD WAR II VETERANS WANTED

Please mail, call, or email that you are a WWII vet with your name, years of service, unit, and duty station(s) to:

Bob Spano

1528 Honeysuckle Court

West Chester, PA 19380

610-639-4464/cell

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

5 March 2019 at 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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