



# Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Report April 2019

Spring is here and with it the start of HUHO, our Help Us Help Others Fundraising Campaign. Thanks to the efforts of Paymaster Spano and Junior Vice Commandant McGuckin, a tentative schedule has been submitted to ACME for final approval. The plan calls for us to start on Saturday 6 April 2019. We'll be asking for volunteers at the April General Meeting.

Villanova University NROTC will hold its Spring Review on 16 April 2019 at 1500 hours. Our Detachment will present the Gung Ho Award to an outstanding midshipman who is committed to the Marine Corps. There will be a reception following the ceremony. If you can attend, please contact Earle Drake.

Detachment and state scholarship applications are available from Scholarship Committee Chairman, Wayne Williams. Detachment forms are due by 15 April 2019, and the State form before 31 May 2019. The Scholarship Awards Dinner will be held before our General Meeting on 4 June 2019 at 1800 hours.

The Adopt-a-Highway Program will begin on Sunday, 28 April 2019. This is an excellent program that our Detachment has been participating in for over 20 years. We meet in the Wolff Co. parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square at 0830. The cleanup takes less than an hour, with the Adopt-a-Highway Committee providing gloves, safety vests, grabbers and trash bags. Most of the course is downhill. Coffee and donuts after the work is done!

Some Detachment members are interested in organizing a fishing trip sometime this summer. One idea is to charter a party boat for a day on Delaware Bay. No date or cost is available at this time, but if anyone would like to go, please call me or let me know at April meeting. Once we get an idea how many are interested, we'll see what's available.

Just a reminder, with the daylight savings time comes a uniform change. The uniform is now short sleeve shirt with epaulets, star bursts, ribbons and name tags.

Sr. Vice Mattioni will have sign-up sheets available at our next two General Meetings for the Scholarship Dinner in June. If you are sponsoring a student, you do NOT need to add their name to the roster.

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*Semper Fi,*

*Jim Flynn*  
Commandant

## "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!

### APRIL BOOSTERS

Dominic D'Alessandro  
Bud Davis  
Joe Direso  
Beth & Jim Herbst  
Steve Kusner  
Dominick Mattioni  
Con McGinley  
Bob Spano

Thank You Boosters!

***Bob Spano***

Paymaster

***If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.***

## Birthday Greetings for April

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

Arthur Caldwell  
Joseph Direso  
William Holloway  
Donna Moisiades  
Roger Nutter  
Joseph O'Leary  
Benjamin Sides  
Leslie Turner



***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**

<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>

## Looking Ahead

### DETACHMENT EVENTS

#### April

- 2 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 6 DELCO Field & Stream Pistol Match, start time 0830.
- 6 Start of the 2019 HUHO fund raiser.
- 10 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 14 DCVMA Casket Flag Ceremony, start time 1700.
- 16 Villanova Univ. NROTC Spring Review & Gung Ho Award, start time 1500.
- 30 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

#### May

- 7 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**, 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 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 March 2019

**Commandant:** Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1931 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Commandant Dominick Mattioni, 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 and Ben Sides.

**Minutes:** Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 February 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Ben Sides 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 and Fisher House Foundation. He also mentioned that the Iwo Jima luncheon held at the Delaware County Det. on 17 February was a great time. Bud also mentioned that if anyone was interested in attending the Dept. of PA or National Conferences to please contact him. First event is in April, then June and August.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Dominick Mattioni reported that the detachment will be holding The Spring/Scholarship Awards dinner on 4 June 2019 at 1800. Sign-up sheets were placed on the back table near the log book and will be available at the next two meetings. He is still working on the cost and hopefully will have it by next meetings. He also mentioned that if members could pay in advance that would be a great help.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerry McGuckin was unable to attend the meeting, but it was reported the HUHO program will start sometime in April and run until October. The detachment is in talks with Acme and Wawa setting up dates. It was also mentioned that the HUHO gear was moved from Jack McLeod's house to the American Legion Post.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 26 February 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 were 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. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Judge Advocate:** Paul Ferguson had no report for Judge Advocate. He did bring to the detachment a golf outing being held by the American Legion Post #667 on 26 April at Cobbs Creek. Anyone interested please see Paul or Bud Davis for further details.

**Sgt. - At - Arms:** Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned that he had spoken with several members of the detachment and their families who are experiencing some health issues. He stated that he will continue to update the detachment on their health. Chris also asked that if any detachment member knows of someone that is ill to please contact him.

**Service Officer:** Jim Herbst, no report.

**Director Kinney:** Bill was not at the meeting but wanted to mention that the Annual Freedom Medal Awards Dinner will be held on 14 November at the Springfield Country Club. Also, Blood Sweat and Cheers will be held on 6 October. More details as the dates get closer.

**Director Donohue:** Paul mentioned to the detachment that he is a member of the Washington Crossing Foundation in Bristol Pa. During a tour over the weekend he noticed that they have uniforms on display but not a USMC uniform. So being the good Marine that he is, Paul will be donating his 1958 USMC uniform to the Foundation.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Adopt - a - Highway:** Jim Flynn reported that he is working on the dates. He hopes to have the first one in April. Jim asked for volunteers and family members to help support these events and will send out an e-mail with further details.

**Auxiliary Liaison:** Chris Bush mentioned that the Auxiliary is collecting men's slightly used trousers (30-38 waist, 28-30 length) and NEW men's T-shirts (2x-3x) for the Coatesville VA Hospital. Also, any size men's shoes.

**Awards:** Jim Herbst handed out certificates to those members that were in attendance. He also mentioned that he has Toys for Tots certificates for detachment members to give out.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams mentioned that the next Color Guard event will be the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield Pa.

**Home Association:** Bob Spano reported that the Knights of Columbus are asking for a rent increase for the year 2019. After some discussion the membership approved paying the increase.

**Honor Guard:** Ben Sides mentioned that the Honor Guard participated in 8 funerals for veterans during the month of February. Total year to date is now at 20 funerals. 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. At this time there are five detachments and thirty-seven shooters, if anyone else is interested contact Earle or Gene Kern with any further questions.

**Membership:** Jim Herbst "RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT" we can always use new members. Jim also mentioned that members should let family members know where their discharge papers (DD214) are in case of an emergency.

**Newtown Twp Vets Park:** It was reported that casket flag raising ceremonies will run from April to November on the second Sunday of each month. More detail as the dates get closer.

**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. Bob did mention SERGEANT BEN'S ARMY/NAVY store in the Lawrence Park Shopping Center. Per their website they seem to have everything you would need.

**Communications:** John Burfete, no report. John was not at the meeting but through email told Bud Davis that he will update the detachment with emails as he receives them.

**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 before 31 May. Copies of these forms can also be printed off the Dept. of Pa website.

**Scouting:** Ed Seidl reported that six scouts received their Eagle award in January and three more from the Springfield Troop #430 are scheduled for May.

**V. A. V. S:** Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone reported the Detachment and Chester County Detachment held a Valentines bingo at the Coatesville VA Hospital. Around 50 veterans attended the event and the Auxiliary was on hand to service refreshments. Jim also asked the membership to vote on donating funds to help purchase a new grill (8 burner) for the VA to use during their cookouts. Vote passed.

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

**New Business:**

1. Villanova University NROTC 2019 Spring Parade. This event is 16 April at 1500. Reception following ceremony, if you are interested in going contact Earle Drake, he needs to RSVP soon. The detachment gives out the GUNG HO AWARD to an outstanding midshipman who is committed to the Marine Corps at this event.
2. Walk For Wound 18 May 2019 from 9am to 3pm. this event is being held at Rose Tree Park in Media.
3. WANTED; WWII VETERANS please contact Bob Spano to see what you won....
4. Anyone interested in or running a **fishing trip** for the detachment please step up. A couple members are talking about it, let's make it happen.
5. UNIFORM CHANGE: Starting with the next meeting we will be wearing our short sleeve shirts, no ties.

**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. Ben Sides 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)
- Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Wayne Williams made a motion and Dan Luty seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2015.

**Logbook:**

Members: 21  
Guests: 0

**50/50 Winner:** Dominic D'Aessandro

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bud Davis III*

Adjutant





## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Marines from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines on Wana Ridge, Okinawa

Next Meeting

**2 April 2019 at 1930**

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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