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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report December 2018

The holiday season is here, and our Toys for Tots Campaign is well underway. Our annual Toys for Tots dinner will be held after our monthly meeting on December 4, 2018.

Our 2018 Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held on November 10th. It was a great night, complete with dance lessons by Jim Cecchini, and the proper technique for push-ups demonstrated by Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni.

I had the honor, at the tender age of 60, to be the youngest Marine, with oldest Marine being Iwo Jima Veteran Lou Camilli.

We are pleased to welcome new regular member Nancy Dodge to the Detachment. Nancy served in the Marine Corps and is a long-time member of the Auxiliary. Welcome aboard, Nancy!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to League Members, Auxiliary and Families!

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!

DECEMBER BOOSTERS

- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Beth & Jim Herbst
- Harry Kaufman
- Jack Kelly
- Con McGinley
- Jerry McGuckin
- Jack McLeod
- Bob Spano
- Phil Spinelli

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for December

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

- Joseph Daly
- Stephen Kusner
- Michael Milliken
- John Schaffhauser
- Walter Scott
- Jeffrey Tapper



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

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

December

- 4 MCL General Meeting and **Annual Toys 4 Tots Holiday Dinner**. A brief Meeting and Election of Officers starts at **1800** and is followed by the Holiday Dinner.
- 12 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 27 Staff Meeting Dinner, Charlotte's Restaurant on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square at 1830.

January

- 2 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930. ****This is a Wednesday!!***

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

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 Rich Bortner
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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 November 2018

Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting 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.

New Member: Jim Herbst introduced a potential new member to the Detachment. Nancy Dodge had served in the United States Marine Corps and she is currently a member of the Auxiliary. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Nancy Dodge as a regular member of the Detachment. The motion was seconded by Chris Bush and the motion was passed. The Auxiliary members were in attendance to witness the swearing in ceremony, overseen by Commandant Jim Flynn. Nancy Dodge was sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 October 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jack Kelly reported that several letters of thanks had been received from organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of appreciation had been received from The Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, MD, from the Semper Fi Fund in Oceanside, CA, and from The Veterans Group in Philadelphia, PA. In addition, a card of thanks was received from a veterans's family thanking the Honor Guard for services provided at the burial of their veteran family member.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni provided some final details on the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball, scheduled for 10 November 2018 at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. He mentioned that the final date for reservations was 6 November 2018. He also mentioned that the December general meeting was the Detachment's dinner meeting, and the cost per person of the meeting was one new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots campaign. A sign-up sheet for the December meeting was available on the table in the rear of the room.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jack McLeod was not able to attend this meeting, but Commandant Jim Flynn provided a report on the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign for the year. It was reported that solicitations from shoppers at area super markets and other outlets had resulted in collections of more than \$126,000.00 for the year, and the collection activity for the year has ended. Jim Flynn mentioned that Jack McLeod expressed his appreciation to all who had participated in the HUHO Campaign this year.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 31 October 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 Detachment officers had reviewed these organizations at a recent officers' staff meeting and they were being suggested to the membership for consideration. These organizations would be considered to receive donations later in the meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bud Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that several members were experiencing health issues, among them Jack McLeod, Rich Bortner, Joe Tier, and George Boyajian. Chris Bush suggested that these individuals could be contacted by telephone to encourage them in their recovery.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst mentioned some of the activity that was happening at the Coatesville Medical Center. Jim Herbst mentioned that the Center would be holding a display of military equipment on 8 November 2018. There would also be information concerning health care and open enrollment on 8 November 2018 at the Center. It was also mentioned that the Veterans Administration is looking forward to opening an office in the Delaware County area.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney provided information on a proclamation that had been read at the Delaware County Court House on 31 October 2018, in recognition of the upcoming Freedom Medal Dinner. He mentioned that the date for the Shootout for Soldiers event in 2019 is 26 June 2019. He reported that the next flag raising ceremony at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial is scheduled for 11 November 2018, and this would be the last one for this year. He reported that the October flag raising event had five flags raised for five veterans honored. Bill Kinney also provided some additional information on the Freedom Medal Dinner scheduled for 14 November 2018 at the Springfield Country Club.

Director Sides: Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had participated in eight funerals for deceased veterans during the month of October. This brought the year-to-date total to ninety-seven funerals for deceased veterans served by the Detachment's Honor Guard. At the October general meeting, it had been approved to provide the Civil Air Patrol with a donation of \$250.00 for its assistance in the monthly flag raisings at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Ben Sides mentioned that representatives from the Civil Air Patrol had expressed their appreciation for the donation by the Detachment.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn mentioned that the last Adopt-a-Highway event had taken place in mid-October. The next Adopt-a-Highway event will not be held until April, 2019.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that there are no additional Americanism presentations scheduled for the balance of this calendar year. He also mentioned that the daughter-in-law of former member Tom Kerrigan had given Earle a copy of a book on the history of the Marine Corps. Earle Drake mentioned that he would give this book to any member who would desire to have it.

Awards: Jim Herbst asked that Committee Chairmen submit names to him of those members to be recognized for their participation in Detachment activities for 2018.

Names of those to be recognized should be e-mailed or sent to him by December, and as in the recent past, the Detachment awards meeting would be in the February general meeting. It was also mentioned that if ten years had elapsed since a member had been honored with the Detachment's Marine of the Year award, that person could be nominated again this year for the Marine of the Year award. Nominations for the Marine of the Year award will be made at the December general meeting.

District One Vice Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn introduced District One Vice Commandant George Souder who had several presentations. George Souder made a presentation recognizing the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League. A ribbon for all members would be included in this recognition. He presented Jim Flynn with a a National Junior Vice Commandant's Award for the Detachment's increasing its membership in the most recent year, ending at 31 July 2018. He also recognized Dan Luty with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as editor of the Detachment's newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented for the newsletter being entered in the MCL Department of Pennsylvania's newsletter competition. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented to the Detachment's Webmaster, Ilene Silvers.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams recognized those members who had participated in the recent Marine Sunday event at the grave of General Butler and others. Wayne Williams also reviewed the Color Guard assignments at several upcoming events. The members involved in the Color Guard at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball would be Bob Spano, Jim Herbst, Jim Flynn and Dominic D'Alessandro. The members involved in the events for the Veterans Day activities would be Wayne Williams, Bob Wells, Bob Spano, Jim Flynn, and Jerry McGuckin. Others were also named for the Freedom Medal Dinner at the Springfield Country Club on 14 November 2018 and for the annual Christmas luncheon of the National Realty Corporation on 12 December 2018.

Property: Bob Spano mentioned that all supplies for the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball have been ordered and received, and everything is ready for the Ball.

Toys for Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that the boxes for the Toys for Tots program would be available after the meeting. Posters are also available, and some of the boxes are from the prior year. Some of the administrative details of the program were discussed, and toys that are collected can be taken to the Videon Dodge/Jeep dealership on West Chester Pike again this year. The last date for collection was given as 14 December 2018. On another matter, the possibility of the Upper Darby Detachment assuming responsibility of the Young Marines program is still being pursued.

Unfinished Business:

Nominations of Officers for 2019: Jim Flynn asked Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro to conduct the second round of nominations for Detachment officers for 2019. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

Commandant - Jim Flynn
Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni
Junior Vice Commandant - Open
Adjutant - Open
Paymaster - Bob Spano
Judge Advocate - Paul Ferguson
Sergeant-at-Arms - Charles (Bud) Davis
Service Officer - Jim Herbst
Directors (three needed) - Paul Donohue, Ben Sides, Bill Kinney

Nominations can still be made for all positions at the December general meeting. After the nominations have been closed at the December general meeting, the election of officers for 2019 will take place.

New Business:

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These were being suggested to the membership for consideration. Bob Spano mentioned that there were fewer organizations and less dollar amounts since the Detachment has stopped fundraising events for awhile. The funds on hand will have to last until possibly March of 2019. 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 (\$2,000.00); (2) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); and (3) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00). Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements:

Paul Donohue mentioned that he had obtained a wheelchair in good condition from a former member. He will give the wheelchair to anyone who has a need for it.

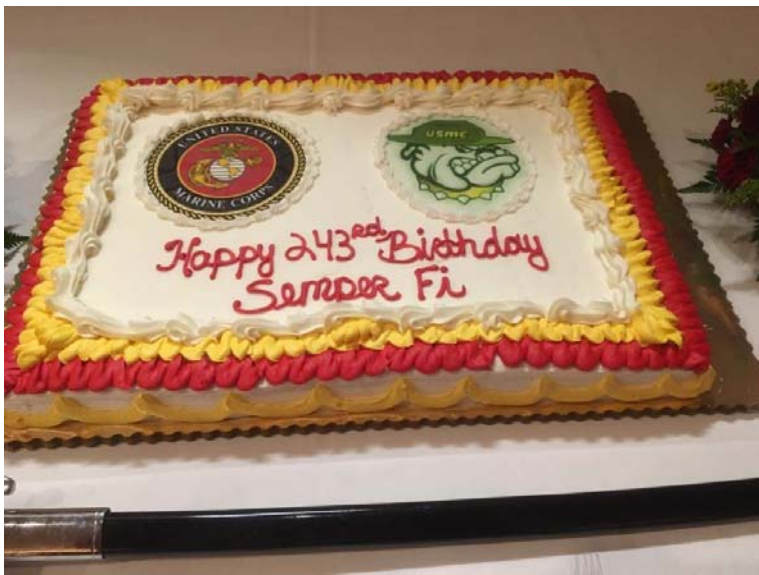
Jim Herbst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed. The regular closing ceremonies were conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 2025. Twenty-seven members signed the logbook. Dominick Mattioni won the 50/50.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Kelly

Adjutant





Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball



New Member Nancy Dodge being sworn in



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

4 December, 2018

***1800 start followed by
Annual Toys4Tots Holiday
Dinner***

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073