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Commandant's Report May 2019

On Tuesday April 16th several Detachment Members attended the Villanova University NROTC Spring Review. There they presented the Smedley Butler Gung Ho Award to Midshipman 1/C Hunter Wilbraham USMCR. The weather was beautiful for the Review. There were inspirational comments from several high-ranking Navy and Marine Corps Officers, and it was great to see the young NROTC students holding themselves to a higher standard in service to our great Nation.

Our HUHO Campaign has begun, with successful collections in Newtown Square and West Chester, thanks for the help of our volunteers and the generosity of the public. We can always use more help with this program. If you could spare the time to come out a couple times a year, or once a month, it would be a great help. It would take some of the burden off of the loyal volunteers, some who come out for us every week. If you can help, call me or Junior Vice Commandant, Jerry McGuckin.

The Color Guard will be busy this month, with the Walk for the Wounded in Rose Tree Park on May 18th and Memorial

Day Parade. We also have 2 requests for Color Guards at local nursing homes for their Memorial Day Ceremonies. Dates and times for these events will be announced at our next General Meeting on May 7, 2019.

If you are available for these events, please contact Color Guard Chairman, Wayne Williams.

The May General Meeting is when we hold a Memorial Service for Detachment and Auxiliary Members who have passed away in 2018. Please make every effort to be there to honor our fallen friends and comrades.

Our Scholarship Dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 1800 hours. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving children and grandchildren of Detachment and Auxiliary Members. The price for the dinner is \$17.00. Senior Vice Commandant Mattioni requests that you pay in advance, to avoid a big line at the dinner. The menu includes spinach-spring mix salad, sausage & peppers, chicken parmesan, pasta with red sauce, rolls & butter, green beans, strawberry short cake and coffee. Come and enjoy the friendship and good food and see our member's students receiving their financial help.

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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!

MAY BOOSTERS

Bud Davis	Joe Direso
Jim Flynn	Maurice Furlong
Beth & Jim Herbst	Bill Inverso
Steve Kusner	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 May

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

Bud Davis III
 John Davis
 John Ferraro
 John Haynal
 Earl Eugene Kern
 Dominick Longhi
 Cornelius McGinley
 Richard Palena
 Joseph M. Tier Jr.
 Gene Trautner



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

May

- 7 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 8 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 18 Walk for the Wounded XII, Rose Tree Park at 1100.
- 19 DCVMA Casket Flag Ceremony, Edgemont at 1700.
- 25 Placing flags on Veteran's graves at Glenwood. Report to Marple Post #805 at 0900.
- 26 Memorial Services, Beechers grave (Founders), Arlington Cemetery in Upper Darby at 1230.
- 27 Memorial Day activities:
0845 DELCO Vets Memorial
0930 MMP #805 Trailer to Malin Rd
1000 Parade start, W. Chester Pike to #805
1100 VFW Ceremony, Lawrence Rd Broomall
- 28 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 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
Phil Spinelli

Rich Bortner
Pete Patrucchi

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 April 2019

Commandant: Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1930 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 Director Bill Kinney.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 March 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Bob Wells 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. Bud also mentioned that if anyone was interested in attending the Dept. of PA or National Conferences to please contact him. Also, a reminder to sign the meeting log book on the back table.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the Detachment will be holding The Spring/Scholarship Awards dinner on 4 June at 1800. Signup sheets were placed on back table near log book, the cost of the dinner is \$17 dollars. He also mentioned that if members could pay in advance that would be a great help. Dominick also reminded members that any student receiving a scholarship should attend the June dinner or a general meeting in the future.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin was unable to attend the meeting, but it was reported the HUHO program will start April 6th /7th. The Detachment will collect at Wawa in West Chester on the 6th and Acme on the 7th. As Jack McLeod would say "Happy Hunting".

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 26 March, 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. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson, no report.

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. Chris also asked that if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill to please contact him.

Chris did read two cards of thanks, one from the family of Wayne Williams and another from the Donnelly family for the services that the Detachment provided.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst, no report.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that on 25 April, members of the Detachment will attend the National Realty Corps board meeting and present Claude de Botton a MCL red satin jacket and make him an Honorary Member of our Detachment. Claude has performed countless work for Veterans and the Detachment, this is our way of saying thanks.

Director Donohue: Paul Donohue, no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt - a - Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the first clean up date will be 28 April. Meeting time will be 0830 in the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road. Jim asked for volunteers and family members to help support this event and will send out an e-mail with further details. Jim also mentioned something about coffee and donuts.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported that he has Toys for Tots certificates for Detachment members and will hand them out at future meetings.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield was a great time and that the Detachment "Looked Sharp". The Color Guards next event will be the Walk for Wounded at Rose Tree Park in Media on 18 May. The report time is 1030 at the stage. Future events will be Memorial Day and 4th of July.

Home Association: Bob Spano, no report.

Honor Guard: Honor Guard participated in 8 funerals for veterans during the month of March. Total year to date is now at 28 funerals. It was 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. Currently there are four detachments and 37 shooters. John Hodges will be making the calls and running the match.

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

Newtown Twp. Vets Park: Bill Kinney reported members of our Detachment participate in the casket flag raising ceremonies at the DELCO Veterans Memorial. These are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1700 hours. Bill encouraged all members to attend, if able, as they are quite moving. The first ceremony is 14 April.

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 also mentioned that the HUH0 gear will be stored at the American Legion.

Communications: John Burfete, no report.

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 return by 15 April. 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. Once the National forms are available, Wayne will bring copies to the meetings.

Scouting: Ed Seidl, no Report.

V. A.V. S: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone reported the Detachment and Chester County Detachment held a St. Patrick's bingo at the Coatesville VA Hospital. Around 80 veterans attended the event and the Auxiliary was on hand to service refreshments.

Unfinished Business: Sr. Vice Mattioni reported on new flags for the Newtown township municipal building. They will be holding opening ceremonies soon and asked our Detachment to supply flags for the event. This was brought to the members back in 2017 and approved. In March of this year they have asked us to supply additional flags for St. Albans Circle. The Detachment members passed the request and we will supply the flags. By us supplying the flags for these events we will receive publicity at the events and the township will also waiver the fee for Drexel Park when we hold our annual Veterans Picnic in August.

New Business:

1. Villanova University NROTC 2019 Spring Parade was 16 April at 1500. The Detachment gave out the GUNG HO AWARD to an outstanding midshipman who is committed to the Marine Corps. This year's award was given to **Midshipman 1/C Hunter Wilbraham USMCR.**
2. Walk for Wound 18 May from 0900 till 1500. This event is being held at Rose Tree Park in Media. More detail will be provided at the May meeting.
3. WANTED: **WWII VETERANS** please contact Bob Spano.
4. Chapel of Four Chaplains Veterans Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Symposium, 16 May from 0900 till 1300, at 1201 Constitution Ave Phila. Pa. The Navy Yard Building 649.

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. Paul Ferguson 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) (4) John Snyder, Upper

Darby Youth Physical Fitness Program (\$1000). Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. George Boyajian made a motion and Jim Herbst seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2020.

Logbook:
Members: 23
Guests: 0

50/50 Winner: Wayne Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III
Adjutant

BE A SPONSOR
Change the Life of a Hero

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

Sat., May 18th, 2019
Rose Tree Park in Media
Delaware County
9am to 3pm

OPERATION FIRST RESPONSE
Serving Wounded Heroes and their Families



DELCO, Chester County, Upper Darby and Butler Detachments *Spring Shoot*



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Spring Shoot



DCVMA Casket Flag Raising on 14 April



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

7 May 2019 at 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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