



Scuttlebutt



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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report June 2019

As I write my monthly report, I am sad to hear of the passing of Detachment Member, Bob Wells. Bob was a decorated Navy Veteran who served as a "river rat" in the Vietnam War.

He was active in many of the Detachment's activities, HUHO, Honor Guard, Color Guard, Toys for Tots. Bob was always willing to help out wherever he was needed. But more than that, he was a great example of what a man should aspire to be. His love of family, country, friends and his dedication to our Detachment and all Veteran's causes has been an inspiration. May he rest in peace.

Our Color Guard has been busy, with The Walk for the Wounded at Rose Tree Park and the Marple Township Memorial Day Parade. We also participated in a Memorial Service at the Broomall Rehab Facility. There are over 30 Veterans living there, most in wheelchairs.

Our bugler, Dan Fitzpatrick made their day, playing not only the National Anthem and Taps, but the Marine Corps Hymn, as well as the Army, Navy, and Air Force Hymns.

As our Membership continues to decline, recruiting should be a priority. We could also benefit from more active participation from current Members. I would like to see better attendance at our General Meetings. HUHO, VAVS, and the Honor Guard are always in need of more help.

If you would like to volunteer for any program, or if you need a ride to a meeting, feel free to call me anytime and we'll get it done.

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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Maurice Furlong
- Bill Inverso
- Dom 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 June

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

- George Boyajian
- John Burfete
- Robert Cervino
- Paul Ferguson
- William Kinney
- Dominick Mattioni
- Thomas McGovern
- Joseph Mealey
- Robert Senior



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

June

- 4 Annual Spring Dinner/Scholarships & General Meeting. KoC Hall, Route 252, Newtown Square. Dinner at 1800.
- 8 Dept of PA Pistol Match, Fort Indiantown Gap.
- 9 DCVMA Casket Flag Ceremony, Edgemont at 1700.
- 12 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 25 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

July

- 2 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, 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 Phil Spinelli Bill Kinney John Burfett	Rich Bortner Pete Patrucchi Joe Conigliaro
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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 – 7 May 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, 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 and Bill Kinney.

Minutes: George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 April 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Annual Remembrance Ceremony: The normal meeting process was suspended to conduct the Annual Remembrance Ceremony. Each year the Detachment and Auxiliary pauses to remember and honor those members of the Detachment/Auxiliary who have passed away in the past twelve months. During the ceremony, a candle was lit for each person who had passed away during that time. As each deceased member's name was announced, a candle was extinguished, and a bell was rung in honor of that person. The Detachment members who had passed away and were honored were Richard Hudak and Jack McLeod. The Auxiliary member who had passed away and was honored was Betty Bunce. A final candle was extinguished, and the bell was rung in honor of those named. Chaplain Chris Bush closed the ceremony with prayer. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the regular meeting resumed.

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: Fisher House Foundation, Operation First Response and the Semper Fi Fund. The Detachment also received a letter of thanks from Brian Loughlin of the USO for equipment that the Detachment purchased for them. Mr. Loughlin also expressed interest in attending a general meeting and personally thank us for our support.

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 the logbook, the cost of the dinner is \$17. 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. The Detachment general meeting will follow the Spring/Scholarship Awards dinner.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that the HUHO program is off and running. Jerry and the Detachment are using a new format for the weekends, we are only collecting at one store per day. So far, the HUHO program is doing well and Jerry wanted to thank the Detachment members for all their support.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 30 April, 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. George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson, no report. Paul did mention later in the meeting that he was working on getting another WAWA for the HUHO program.

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. During his visit to the Villanova ROTC Ceremony Chris handed out 30 New Testament Bibles to cadets.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst, no report.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that on 25 April members of the Detachment were going to present Claude de Botton a MCL red satin jacket and make him an Honorary Member of our Detachment. After further discussions it was decided to hold the ceremony later in the summer, more detail to follow.

Director Sides: no report, Ben was unable to attend the meeting.

Director Donohue: no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt - a - Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the first cleanup date was 28 April. He stated that the 12-person team had a good time and did a great job on cleaning Bishop Hollow Road. Jim is looking at some time in June for the next cleanup date. Jim asked for volunteers and family members to help support this event and will send out an e-mail with further details.

Americanism: Earle Drake reported that the Americanism team has two scheduled presentations at the Concord Elementary school. They also have a flag raising and presentation at the Stonehurst Elementary school on 23 May. Earl reported that on 31 May the Americanism team will be awarding the Distinguished Citizen Award and Medals to **Cadets John Gannon and Keighly Sheridan** of the Sun Valley High School Jr. MCROTC. All Detachment members are invited.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported, as of tonight all Toys for Tots certificates have been handed out. Jim did have a couple awards to hand out, Pistol match awards to Earle Drake, Bob Spano and Dominic D'Alessandro. Nice job guys. Terry Jones received a Certificate of Appreciation for Toys for Tots. Jim also awarded Gerry McGuckin his MCL Life Membership.

Ceremonies: Dom D'Alessandro, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported the Color Guard's 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. The schedule of events for Memorial Day can be found on page 3 of your May **Scuttlebutt**. For questions or you would like to participate please contact Wayne Williams.

Flag Collection: Dom D'Alessandro, no report.

Historian: Jack Gallagher, no report.

Home Association: Bob Spano, no report.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides was unable to attend the general meeting and no update was given. As mentioned before if anyone can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern, Earle Drake reported that the 6 April Spring Pistol Match was a great success. John Hughes (Upper Darby), Mark Slaymaker (Delaware County) and Charles Wertz (Chester County) were the top three shooters. Earle also mentioned that the Department of PA, 2019 Pistol match is 8 June. If you are interested please complete both a Release and Hold Harmless form and return them to Gene Kern, 1 Long Lane Malvern Pa. 19355 with a check for \$30 dollars payable to Pistol Match Dept. Of PA. If you need further information, please contact either Gene or Earle.

Membership: Jim Herbst: "RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT" It was mentioned how good it was to see some OLD FRIENDS at the general meeting. If you are still in the area, please stop by a meeting and say HELLO. We would love to see/hear from you. If you need a ride, reach out and we will make it happen.

Newsletter: Dan Luty, no report.

Newtown Twp Vets Park: Bill Kinney reported that the DCVMA and Delaware County Council will hold a flag ceremony in honor of Flag Day on Friday, 14 June, at 10:00. At this time the 2019 Freedom Medal Honorees will be announced. The event is open to the public. Bill will have further information at the next general meeting. The new president of the DCVMA is Detachment member Joe Daly.

Nominations: Paul Ferguson, no report.

Property: Bob Spano reported that the Detachment's Solder's Cross status is complete and in storage until we receive further information from DCVMA. A plaque and base are still needed before it can be moved to the Vets park in Newtown Square.

Earle Drake reminded the Detachment members that we have a larger collection of books that are stored at Earle's house. Earle has taken the time and made a list of these books, anyone that is interested in reading a book or two should contact Earle.

Communications: John Burette, no report.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams 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. National forms are available, Wayne has copies and they also can be downloaded from the National website. Wayne stated that the Detachment had 11 scholarship applicants and asked the Detachment to approve all applicants. Wayne read the names of the students and after a brief discussion all 11 were approved. The students are: Katherine Combs, Kimberly Donohue, Maura Kern, John Cawley, Matthew Bergh, Justine Davis, Jessica Lane, Emily Falcone, John Kusner, Jonathon Monkmeier and Ava Dodge.

Scouting: Ed Seidl, no report.

Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty, no report.

V. A. V. S: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Claude reported on 8 May bingo will be held at the Coatesville VA. He mentioned that the VA is always looking for volunteers.

Young Marines: Dan Luty, no report.

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

New Business: No items of new business were raised at this time.

Good of the League:

1. 18 May 0900 - 1500 Walk for The Wounded Rose Tree Park Media. The Detachment will be having a table/tent set up.

2. 26 May 1100 - 1200 Military personnel will be honored for their service. Church of the Nazarene 1810 N. Providence Road Media. For more information call 610 745-2629.

3. 7 June 1100 - 1500 Veterans Information/Enrollment Expo at The Doghouse 1499 East 9th Street Eddystone. This is sponsored by the Coatesville VA. and St. James Alumni. All Welcome.

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). Earle Drake seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Joe Conigliaro made a motion and Bernard McGinley seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Logbook:

Members: 25

Guests: 0

50/50 Winner: Terry Jones

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant



Attached is a photo of the Site Presentation award given to Melissa Clark and her husband David. They were given this award for the Rehabilitation of the Smedley D. Butler Estate in Newtown Square. She had us to her house in 2017 along with Philippa Wehel, Butler's granddaughter. Making the presentation is A. Richard Paul, the chairman of the heritage Commission of Delaware County. The award was presented to Melissa. Also shown are Jim Flynn and the person who recommended the Clarks, Brett Hand, and the architect, Mark Janiczek who redesigned the house.

When Melissa and David purchased the house from General Butler's granddaughter the house was in disrepair and overgrown. Renovations preserved the integrity of the original house while making it more efficient for 21st century living. John Cook and I visited the house when it was owned by Edith (Dee Dee). The house was in bad shape.

Earle Drake



Bob Spano presenting a check to Operation First Response President, Peggy Baker and Walk for the Wounded President, Nick Constantino



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

**Annual Spring Dinner & Scholarships
4 June 2019, Dinner at 1800, followed
by Scholarships and then Meeting!**

Knights of Columbus

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