



Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report August 2019

Our Color Guard looked great in the 4th of July parade. We had the privilege of carrying Old Glory, recently returned from France, where She was raised June 6 at Normandy American Cemetery I commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day Invasion.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Debra Ciamacca. Debra was sworn in as a regular member at our July General Meeting. She served in USMC from 1980-1985 and attained the rank of Captain. I'm sure she will be a great asset to the detachment.

Looking forward to the upcoming combined Veterans Alliance Picnic on 8/24/19. It will be held at Drexel Lodge Park in Newtown Square. Be sure to sign up for the picnic with Sr. Vice Commandant, Mattioni.

A fond farewell to George Boyajian, who is moving to a retirement home. George is a WWII Veteran, who took part in the Okinawa Invasion. George, at 95 years old is the last man standing from his outfit. He has been one of our most active fund raisers for many years. We appreciate all his hard work and dedication. He'll be missed.

It is becoming harder to fill the HUHO schedule due to recent deaths, illnesses, and summer vacations. We need 12 volunteers each weekend to fill the shifts. If you can help out, even once a month, it would make a difference. You can contact myself or Jr. Vice Commandant McGuckin to volunteer.

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!

AUGUST 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 August

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

- J. Edward Bailey
- Philip Bannan
- Wayne Barner
- Christopher Bush
- Paul Donohue
- Thomas Higgins
- William Inverso
- Norman Lynch
- George McCaughan
- Robert Paul
- Henry Velardi
- Wayne Williams



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

August

- 6 General Meeting. KoC Hall, Route 252, Newtown Square at 1930.
- 11 DCVMA Casket Flag Ceremony, Edgemont at 1700.
- 14 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 24 Detachment Picnic at Drexel Lodge, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square at 1200.
- 27 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

September

- 3 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!!!

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	Pete Patrucchi
Nick Ripino	Joe Conigliaro
Bill Kinney	Wayne Williams
John Burfett	

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 July 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 (Acting) Jim Herbst, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Sergeant-at-Arms/ Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and Directors Paul Donohue and Bill Kinney.

Minutes: Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 June 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Application for Membership: Jim Herbst introduced Debra Ciamacca and that Debra was applying for membership. Debra Ciamacca served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1980 to 1985. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Debra Ciamacca as a regular member and Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Debra was then sworn in as a regular member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn. After a brief meet and greet with Debra, the general meeting continued.

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 and Semper Fi Fund. Bud also reported that many cards of thanks were received from our scholarship awardees. The cards were received from Kimberly Donohue, Maura Kern, Justine Davis, Jessica Lane, Emily Falcone and John Kusner. They all expressed a deep thanks and kind words for the work that the Detachment does for others.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni mentioned that the annual **Combined Veterans Alliance Picnic** is scheduled for **24 August**. It will be held at **Drexel Lodge Park** on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square, PA. Dominick talked about the picnic menu for this year and mentioned that the signup sheets are available on the table near the Detachment logbook. So come out, have fun and enjoy some good food with old friends.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported our **Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign** continues to do very well. He also mentioned what a great job Roger Godfrey is doing at Booths Corner Farmers Market. Roger took on this task a couple years ago and has done a great job for the Detachment. If you have time and would like to help our HUHO program, please contact Jerry McGuckin.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 30 June, 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. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Jim Herbst (Acting), no report.

Sgt. - At - Arms: Dominic D'Alessandro reminded everyone to sign the logbook and that extra copies of the **Scuttlebutt** were on the table in the back of the room. He also mentioned that if any member would like to receive the newsletter via email to see Bob Spano and have your name added to the list.

Chaplain: Chris Bush read letters of thanks from the Jackson family and McGehrin family for the services that the Combined Veterans Alliance performed for their family member. Both families expressed what a great job they did. Both cards stated that "it was an honor to have the Alliance perform their duty". 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.

Director Kinney: Bill Kinney reported that there will be **NO** Casket Flag raising ceremony on 14 July. The next ceremony will be 11 August. Bill did mention that a Color Guard / Honor Guard will be needed for Blood, Sweat and Cheers. More information will be provided in the upcoming months.

Director Sides: Absent, no report.

Director Donohue: no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt - a - Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the last clean up went very well. A good turnout of volunteers. Jim is looking at August for the next 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 they have two presentations in July. Earle also mentioned that it's a little slower in the summer months.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported that he still has a couple of awards to hand out.

Ceremonies: Bud Davis, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams thanked the Detachment members for stepping up and helping in his absence. He also discussed 4th of July and the events that were planned. Wayne is also looking at upcoming events and will have more details as these events get closer.

Flag Collection: Dom D'Alessandro reported that the collection activity is still proceeding. No date has been established for the burning of old flags.

Historian: Jack Gallagher, no report.

Home Association: Bob Spano, no report.

Honor Guard: Ben Sides, Absent no report.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern, no report.

Membership: Jim Herbst, Jim mentioned that we had a new member tonight but wanted to add that we can always use new members. Pass the word and let people (Vets) know what a Great Detachment we are, and to come out and join us.

Newsletter: Dan Luty, Absent no report.

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. I would encourage all members to attend, as they are quite moving.

Nominations: Paul Ferguson, Absent no report.

Property: Bob Spano reported that water will be provided on the trailer for the July 4th parade. Bob also mentioned that new banners have been bought for the trailer.

Communications: John Burfete, no report.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that National scholarship forms are available. Wayne has copies and they also can be downloaded from the National website.

Scouting: Ed Seidl, no report.

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

V. A.V. S/SERVICE OFFICER: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Jim reported that the monthly bingo is listed on the agenda. There is a VAVS Committee meeting on 18 July at 1900. Jim mentioned that the VA is always looking for volunteers if you have some time to give.

Young Marines: Dan Luty, no report.

Unfinished Business: The Detachment has a larger collection of books that are stored at Earle's house. Earle has taken the time and made a list, anyone that is interested in reading a book or two should contact Earle.

New Business: Bob Spano mentioned that **Dues**, Under the new program instituted by MCL National, for regular/associate members, excluding Life members, are **due on or before August 31** of each year. If you have not paid your dues, please remit \$30 to Paymaster Bob Spano as soon as possible so that your membership would not be interrupted.

Make checks payable to: MCL #741

Send to: Bob Spano

1528 Honeysuckle Court West Chester, PA 19380-4287

Detachment News: From George Boyajian,

“As I sat in my chair this afternoon, I didn't know what to say to the members of the Detachment. I have been proud to be a member of this body of veterans. As I am the luckiest man in the world. I am still here. On July 16th I will move to Southeastern Veterans Center Spring City, PA. I want to thank each of you for your dedication to the cause of raising monies for the needy. Thank You and Goodbye.”

George will be leaving our Detachment but will never be forgotten. We all hope that he will be back at a meeting or HUHO event soon. George's new address will be posted in the updated Membership List.

Good of the League:

1. John Cawley, a scholarship awardee told a few minutes and thanked the Detachment for his scholarship. John could not make the scholarship dinner but wanted to stop by and personally thank the Detachment members.

2. Dave Pawlewicz, President of Century Link America told the Detachment the story of the American Flag “Old Glory”. Our Detachment will be carrying this flag during the July 4th parade. Before coming to us, Old Glory was in France where she was raised on 6 June at the Normandy American Cemetery for the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. She was also flown at the US Embassy in Paris on 14 June for flag day. The story of “Old Glory” is very interesting, and this piece of history has flown all over the country and world. It is a great honor for our Detachment to carry “Old Glory” in the July 4th parade.

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. George Boyajian made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations and amounts are: (1) Fisher House Foundation (\$2000) (2) Semper Fi Fund (\$2000) (3) Operation First Response (\$2000). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

Logbook:

Members: 23

Guests: 2

50/50 Winner: George Boyajian

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant

Newtown Township 2019 4th of July Parade





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
6 August 2019, at 1930
Knights of Columbus
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