



# Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

## Commandant's Report September 2019

The summer is nearly over and it's time to start thinking about the Detachment's fall schedule. We will be busy at the DELCO Veterans Memorial in the next couple of months. Events there include the dedication of the POW/MIA Wall, multiple casket flag raising ceremonies on the second Sunday of each month, the Blood Sweat and Cheer fundraiser, and the Freedom Medal Dinner.

The Color Guard has been invited to march in the Philadelphia Veterans Day Parade. They will also be participating in Media's Parade so they will keep busy.

The afore mentioned events and the continuation of our HUHO, Honor Guard funeral services and all the volunteer work at the Veterans Hospital will keep us very busy.

It is that time to start considering candidates for this years Election of Officers and Marine of the Year. The first round of nominations will be conducted during the October regular meeting and continue in November and December.

Our Annual Summer Picnic was held on 24 August. The weather was beautiful, and the food was great. Another great event put together by Senior Vice Commandant Mattioni. With his attention to detail, I am sure glad he wasn't my drill instructor. Congratulations to Polly Bush for winning the desert contest with her delicious chocolate butterscotch cake.

On a sadder note, Detachment life member Bob Cervino has passed away. Bob served 20 years in the Marine Corps, including service during the Vietnam War. May he rest in peace.

*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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Claude Falcone
- Maurice Furlong
- Beth/Jim Herbst
- Bill Inverso
- Steve Kusner
- 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 September**

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

- Leo Carlin
- Dominic D'Alessandro
- Earle Drake
- Maurice Furlong
- John Gallagher
- Michael Horne
- Emil Latini
- Richard Van Luvender



**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

### September

- 3 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, Rte #252, Newtown Square, 1930.
- 7 Tribute to Veterans Car Show, Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge Chapter, 1601 Valley Forge Rd, Phoenixville, 0900 to 1500. Rain date is Sep 8.
- 8 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial at 1700.
- 11 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC. Contact Claude Falcone for information, 610-350-7391.
- 14 National Chair of Honor (POW/MIA), Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Rd, Newtown, 18940 at 1100.
- 19 POW/MIA Wall Dedication, DCVMA, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square at 1000.
- 24 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.
- 29 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Blood Sweat & Cheer, DCVMA, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square from 0900 to 1400. Report time 1130.

### October

- 1 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**, 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 Upper Darby Detachment Home, 1026 Providence Road, Secane, PA 19018.

**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!!!*

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  
Bill Kinney

Joe Tier  
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 – 6 August 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 (Absent), Adjutant Bud Davis, Paymaster Bob Spano, Judge Advocate (Absent), Chaplain Earl Drake (Acting), Service Officer Jim Herbst, Sergeant-at-Arms/Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and Directors Ben Sides and Bill Kinney.

**Minutes:** Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2 July 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Wayne Williams 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: Fisher House Foundation and Semper Fi Fund. Bud also reported that Bob Spano (Detachment Paymaster) had received a letter and check for \$700.00 from Exelon (PECO) for the volunteer hours that Bud performed with the Detachment during 2018.

**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. Dominick talked about the picnic menu for this year and mentioned that the signup sheets are available on the table near the Detachment logbook. Dominick's number is 610 692-4335 if you have any questions. Dominick also mentioned that he had booked the Detachment Staff Christmas dinner for 30 December. More details as the date gets closer, all Detachment members are welcome.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerry McGuckin (Absent) It was reported our **Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign** continues to do well. If you have time and would like to help our HUHO program, please contact Jerry McGuckin. It takes roughly 12 members to staff a weekend, and each shift is about two and a half hours.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 31 July, 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. Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Judge Advocate:** Paul Ferguson (Absent) Paul did communicate with the Detachment that he did set up a HUHO collection with WAWA in West Chester on Friday, 13 September, time TBD. This WAWA has a front and back entrance, and the Detachment could use as much help as possible.

**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, if anyone needed a copy. He also mentioned that if any member would like to receive the newsletter via email to contact Dan Luty and have your name added to the list.

**Chaplain:** Earle Drake (Acting) read a letter of thanks from the Zielke family for the services that the Combined Veterans Alliance performed for Mildred Zielke on 28 June. Earle also mentioned the passing of Pat Mensack on 30 July. Her funeral was private, and she was buried at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

**Director/Newtown Twp. Vets Park:** Bill Kinney reported on a couple events that will be coming up later this year. Bill also talked about tables that the Detachment purchases for the Freedom Medal Dinner in November. He asked the Detachment for a motion to purchase two tables (20 seats) and a full-page ad. After a brief discussion a vote was taken and passed by the Detachment. Bill will have further details later but did say the 20 seats were first come first service. If you have any interest, please contact Bill Kinney.

**Director/Honor Guard Sides:** Ben Sides gave the report for the Honor Guard. They participated in 7 funerals for veterans during the month of July. Total year to date is now at 60 funerals. It was also mentioned that anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated.

**Director Donohue:** Absent, no report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt - a - Highway:** Jim Flynn reported that the next clean update will be Sunday, **25 August**. 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.

**Americanism:** Earle Drake, no report.

**Auxiliary Liaison:** Chris Bush, Absent, no report

**Awards:** Jim Herbst, no report.

**Ceremonies:** Bud Davis, no report.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams thanked the Detachment members for stepping up and helping in his absence. Wayne is also looking at upcoming events and will have more details as these events get closer.

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

**Historian:** Jack Gallagher, Absent, no report

**Home Association:** Bob Spano, no report.

**Marksmanship:** Gene Kern, Absent, no report.

**Membership:** Jim Herbst, "RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT" Jim asked the membership to pass the word and let people (Vets) know what a **Great Detachment** we are, and to come out and join us.

**Newsletter:** Dan Luty asked that if members have articles for the **Scuttlebutt**, to please direct the articles to him for consideration.

**Nominations:** Paul Ferguson, Absent, no report.

**Property:** Bob Spano, no report.

**Communications:** John Burfete, Absent, no report.

**Scholarships:** Wayne Williams mentioned that if anyone has questions about the State or National scholarship selection process, he is available to help answers those questions.

**Scouting:** Ed Seidl, Absent, no report.

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

**V. A.V. S./SERVICE OFFICER:** Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Claude reported that he and Jim attended the VAVS quarterly meeting on 18 July. He also mentioned that the VA is always looking for volunteers, especially drivers, red coat ambassador, no VET dies alone program and pet therapy. Anyone that can help or knows someone who can, please contact Claude or Jim. Jim Herbst informed the Detachment that starting 1 October 2019 the VA will become **smoke free**.

**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, and 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**

**Good of the League:**

**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. Bill Kinney 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) and (4) National Conference on Ministry to The Armed Forces (\$1000). Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Ben Sides made a motion and Earle Drake seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2010.

**Logbook:**

**Members:** 21

**Guests:** 0

**50/50 Winner:** Bud Davis

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bud Davis III*

Adjutant



## LEST WE FORGET

Please join the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association for the unveiling of our "One Empty Chair" and the POW/MIA Wall of Honor dedication on **Thursday, September 19th, 10:00 AM** Delaware County Veterans Memorial 4599 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073



DCVMA  
PO Box 183  
info@delcoveteransmemorial.com  
(610) 400-8722  
www.DelcoVeteransMemorial.org

*Annual Picnic, 2019*



# Veterans Enrollment, Information and Wellness Expo

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

*Health Sciences Center*

Montgomery County Community College  
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422



**Veterans, we invite you and your families to drop-in to learn about a variety of Veterans Affairs benefits and services that you may be eligible for.**

- ★ **Learn more about VA health care, services and educational benefits**
- ★ **Visit with over 30 agencies that provide FREE community, recreational, educational, therapeutic, and social activities/service/support**
- ★ **Participate in Mindfulness Meditation, Gentle Yoga, Drum Circle, Aerobics, Reiki, and Massage**
- ★ **Enjoy light refreshments**

**Veterans have the opportunity to enroll for VA health care benefits on-the-spot. To enroll, bring a copy of your DD214, 2018 income, and out-of-pocket medical expense totals.**

**For more information visit [mc3.edu/VetExpo](http://mc3.edu/VetExpo)**

**For more information/questions, please contact:**

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*This event is proudly sponsored by Montgomery County Community College, Coatesville VA Medical Center and the Norristown Vet Center.*



**VA**



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Coatesville VA Medical Center





## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next Meeting

**3 September 2019, at 1930**

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073