



Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report October 2019

We have one month left in our annual Help US Help Others campaign. If you have not yet participated, please consider volunteering for a shift. The funds that are donated at our collection sites go to worthy causes such as scholarships for member's children and grandchildren, and several charities for disabled and needy veterans. The collections take place on most Saturdays and Sundays, shifts are 2 ½ hours. To volunteer, contact myself or Junior Vice Commandant McGuckin.

Welcome aboard to the Detachment's new associate member, Beth Gordon. Beth, a U.S. Navy Veteran, was sworn in at the September general meeting. I'm sure she will be an asset to the Detachment.

Nominations for 2020 Detachment Officers will begin at the October general meeting. It is important to have good attendance at this meeting. Please make every effort to be there to vote for next year's officers.

Our Color Guard was on hand for the dedication of the POW/MIA Chair at the Delco Veterans Memorial. The new wall and chair are beautiful, a great addition to the Memorial. U.S. Air Force Veteran and former POW, Ralph Galati, made some moving and insightful comments before the unveiling.

Upcoming events for the Detachment include the Officer elections, the Beirut Memorial Remembrance, the Veterans Day Parade, and our Marine Corps Ball.

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!

OCTOBER BOOSTERS

- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Claude Falcone
- Jim Flynn
- Maurice Furlong
- Bill Inverso
- Jack Kelly
- Dom Mattioni
- Con McGinley
- Bernie 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 October

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

- Richard Bortner
- Charles Coombs
- Aaron Cabbage
- James Flynn
- Daniel Hagee
- James Herbst
- Leon Huzzard
- Lewis Neumann
- Edgar Speer



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

October

- 1 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, Rte #252, Newtown Square, 1930.
- 9 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC. Contact Claude Falcone for information, 610-350-7391.
- 13 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial at 1700.
- 29 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

November

- 6 General Meeting, K of C Hall, Rt. 252, 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 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

John Burfete Bill Kinney	Joe Tier 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 – 3 September 2019

Commandant: Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1931 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 Bernard McGinley (Acting), Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer (Absent), Sergeant-at-Arms/Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and Directors Paul Donohue, Bill Kinney and Ben Sides.

Minutes: Ben Sides made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 August 2019 general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Dominic D'Alessandro seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Application for Membership: Bob Spano mentioned that there was an application for membership. He introduced Beth Gordon who had served in the U.S. Navy during the 1980's. Bud Davis made a motion to accept Beth Gordon as an associate member and Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion was passed by the Detachment members. Beth was then sworn in as an associate member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn. After a brief meet and greet with Beth, 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 took a moment and thanked Jack Kelly, who was able to attend the meeting for the time he takes to proofread the monthly minutes before they go to print.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the **Combined Veterans Alliance** picnic, held on 24 August 2019 at **Drexel Lodge Park** on West Chester Pike in Newtown Square was enjoyed by many members along with auxiliary members of the **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment**, and their families. There were games, contests with awards and all the good food you could eat. Some photos were published in the September **Scuttlebutt**.

Dominick reminded members that the next Detachment event will be the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on 9 November (Saturday) at **The Porch at the Lamb Tavern**.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported our **Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign** continues to do well. Jerry thanked members for stepping up and helping with this program. Jerry did mention that he and the staff are working on other collection sites/dates. We are collecting on 13 September (Friday) and 20 September (Friday) at the WAWA on West Chester Pike in West Chester. 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 long.

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

Judge Advocate: Bernard McGinley (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, if anyone needed a copy. Dominic also asked members to help clean up around their table at the end of the general meeting.

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 read the obituary of Detachment life member Bob Cervino who passed away on 15 August. Bob was a longtime resident of Prospect Park. Chris also mentioned two thank you cards the Detachment received from the Paul Mulhern family and Bob Wells family.

Director/Newtown Twp. Vets Park: Bill Kinney reported on a couple events that will be coming up later this month. These events are listed in the **Good of the League** section of the **Scuttlebutt**. Bill also talked about the tables that were purchased by the Detachment for the **Freedom Medal Dinner** on 14 November (Thursday), 1800 at the Springfield County Club. Bill stated the seats are available first come/first serve. There are 2 tables of 10 seats, 20 seats total. If you are interested in attending or would like to volunteer in our Color guard, please contact Bill Kinney or Wayne Williams.

Director/Honor Guard Sides: Ben Sides gave the report for the Honor Guard. They participated in 12 funerals for veterans during the month of August. Total year to date is now at 72 funerals. It was also mentioned that anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated.

Director Donohue: no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the clean up on **1 September** went very well. About half a dozen Detachment members attended the event that we have participated in for over 20 years. The weather was great with plenty of coffee and donuts afterwards. Jim did mention that the next cleanup will be some time in October.

Americanism: Earle Drake, no report.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush reported that the Auxiliary is running a food drive for the St. Mark's Food Bank. See Chris or an Auxiliary member for further details.

Awards: Jim Herbst, Absent, no report.

Ceremonies: Bud Davis, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported on upcoming events that the Detachment will be involved with. These events are listed in the **Good of the League** section of the **Scuttlebutt**. Also, at this time, Wayne took the names of volunteers to help at these events. Wayne mentioned that any member that needs information or is interested in volunteering with the Color Guard to please contact him.

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, Absent, no report.

Newsletter: Dan Luty mentioned at the staff meeting that if members have articles/photos for the **Scuttlebutt**, to please direct them to him by the 15th of the month.

Nominations: Paul Ferguson, Absent, no report.

Property: Bob Spano, no report.

Communications: John Burfete, Absent, per email John sent a reminder that on 14 September (Saturday) at 1100 the Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown Pa. will be holding a POW/MIA Chair of Honor dedication.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he will have the 2020 Detachment Scholarship forms in January 2020.

Scouting: Ed Seidl, no report.

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

VAVS/SERVICE OFFICER: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Jim reported at the staff meeting that the MCL/MCLA picnic will be held on 7 September at the Great Hall building at 1130. It was also reported that changes were coming to the VA Medical Center urgent care. It will be a three-phase process starting 28 October, more details will be given as they are made available to Jim and Claude.

Young Marines: Dan Luty, no report.

Unfinished Business: At the Detachment staff meeting and general meeting it was asked if anyone would be interested in a trip to the **Flight 93 National Memorial** in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County PA. No plans have been made at this time; the Detachment staff is asking who would be interested. If you are interested, please let a staff member know. Also, if you have any information that would help plan this trip, please share it with the Detachment.

New Business: Bob Spano mentioned that **Dues**, for regular/associate members, excluding Life members, are **LATE**. They were **due on or before August 31**. 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:

1. **7 September** at 1130, The MCL/MCLA will hold a cookout at the VA in the GREAT HALL building.
2. **8 September** at 1700, Flag Ceremony will be held at the Memorial.
3. **11 September**, Patriot Day. Flags at the Memorial will be 1/2 staff.
4. **14 September** from 1100 to 1600, There will be a Veterans enrollment/information wellness Expo at Montgomery County Community College 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell.
5. **19 September** at 1000, there will be a POW/MIA wall dedication at the Newtown Twp. Vets Park. Color Guard is to report at 0930.
6. **29 September** from 0900 to 1400 at the Newtown Twp. Vets Park. The Blood, Sweat and Cheer event will take place. Color guard is scheduled to step off at 12 noon.
7. **6 October** (Sunday), National firefighters Day, Flags will be at 1/2 staff.

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 Donohue 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) and (4) The Stephen Sillar **Tunnel to Towers Fund** (\$1000). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Bush made a motion and Jack Kelly seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2015.

Logbook:

Members: 26
Guests: 0

50/50 Winner: Maurice Furlong

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant

Coatesville VAMC Picnic, 2019





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment
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Honor-Courage-Commitment



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday
November 14,
2019



Sue Serio
Master of Ceremonies
Fox 29 Weather
Anchor

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Delaware County Veterans
Memorial Association
and
Delaware County Council

Present the

6th Annual Freedom Medal Dinner

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

6:00 P.M.
Springfield Country Club
Sprout Road, Springfield, PA 19064

Next Meeting
1 October 2019, at 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073