



Scuttlebutt

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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report November 2019

November is here and with it the 244th birthday of our beloved Marine Corps. The Detachment Ball will be held on 9 November at The Porch Restaurant in Springfield. I hope to see you all there.

Our HUHO Campaign for 2019 has concluded. We all knew Jack McLeod would be a tough act to follow, but I think Junior Vice Commandant, Jerry McGuckin, did an admirable job running the Campaign. Despite having our collection dates cut back at some of our collection sites, Jerry was able to secure new dates and sites and we had a successful year.

Thanks to all the Detachment and Auxiliary Members who participated in this important program.

November is probably our busiest month. Events include The Birthday Ball, Marine Sunday, Freedom Medal Dinner, and the Philadelphia and Media Veterans Day Parades.

Also, the last casket flag raising ceremony of the year will be held on Sunday, 9 November. A flag will be raised to honor General Smedley Butler at this event. We will also launch our annual Toys for Tots Campaign this month. Collection boxes will be available at the November General Meeting on Wednesday, 6 November.

With the end of daylight savings time on Sunday, 3 November, we will switch to our winter uniforms. The winter uniform is red blazer or red satin jacket, white long-sleeved shirt, black tie and black trousers.

I'm sad to report the passing of Detachment Member, James Edward Baily. James served as a Lieutenant in the Navy during World War II. He died on October 7, 2019 at the age of 94. 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!

NOVEMBER BOOSTERS

- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Maurice Furlong
- Beth & Jim Herbst
- Bill Inverso
- Jack Kelly
- Kaufman, Harry
- Dom Mattioni
- Jerry McGuckin
- Bob Spano
- Spangler, Lloyd

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.

Birthday Greetings for November

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

- Kim Babcock
- Joseph Conigliaro
- John Cook
- Robert Fitzgerald
- Daniel Fitzpatrick
- Robert Holt
- Daniel Luty
- Bernard McGinley
- James Sandusk



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

November

- 2 Operation First Response/Gala of Courage, Drexelbrook, DH, 1800.
- 3 Phila Veterans Parade, JFK Blvd & 16th St, Phila, 1200.
- 6 General Meeting, Knights of Columbus Hall, Rte #252, Newtown Square, 1930. ***This is a Wednesday!!!***
- 9 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball, The Porch at The Lamb, 865 W. Springfield Rd, Springfield, 1800.
- 10 Marine Sunday, Oaklands Cemetery, 1042 Pottstown Pk, West Goshen, 1000.
- 10 Casket Flag Raising, DELCO Veterans Memorial at 1700.
- 11 Veterans Day Breakfast, Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, Anthony's @ Paxon Hollow C.C., Media, 0800.
- 11 DCVMA, Veterans Day ceremony, 0845.
- 11 VFW, Veterans Day ceremony, Vets Park, Lawrence Rd, Broomall, 1000.
- 11 Veterans Day Parade, Media, 1111.
- 13 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC. Contact Claude Falcone for information, 610-350-7391.
- 14 Freedom Medal Dinner, Springfield C.C., Sproul Rd, 1800.
- 26 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

December

- 3 MCL General Meeting and ***Annual Toys 4 Tots Holiday Dinner***. A brief Meeting and Election of Officers starts at ***1800*** and is followed by the Holiday Dinner.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

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.

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
Wes Tomlinson

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 – 1 October 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 Paul Donohue (Acting), Service Officer Jim Herbst, Sergeant-at-Arms/ Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro and Directors Paul Donohue, Bill Kinney and Ben Sides.

Minutes: Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 3 September 2019 Detachment general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Jim Herbst 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 read a thank you from the Coatesville VA for a \$50 donation that the Detachment made in memory of Life Member Bob Cervino. The Detachment received an email from the **Advent Lutheran Church** of West Chester looking to honor veterans on 10 November (Sunday) at both the 0800 and 1030 services. If anyone is interested please contact Bob Spano, Bud Davis or Jim Constien for more details. There is also a free lunch following the services from 0915 until 1030.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the next Detachment event will be the **Marine Corps Birthday Ball** on 9 November (Saturday) at **The Porch at the Lamb Tavern**. The cost is \$60 per person, cocktail hour will be from 1800 until 1900 with dinner starting at 1930. For further details please contact Dominick. He also mentioned that this year's Christmas Staff Dinner will be 17 December (Tuesday) at Charlotte's Restaurant in Newtown Square. All Detachment members are welcome to attend; more details will be available at the next Detachment general meeting. Dominick took this time to explain the process that would be used in this year's **Marine of the Year** selection. Nomination forms were on each table and could be filled out during the meeting. Members/Associate members can vote for this award. The nomination forms would be collected later during the meeting. The **Marine of the Year Award** is the Detachment's highest award and this prestigious award is presented to the Marine who has demonstrated an outstanding performance in every respect during the year.

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. 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. Jerry did mention that October should be our last month of collecting for 2019.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of 30 September, 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 Detachment staff meeting and were being suggested to the membership for approval. The organizations will be considered for approval later in the meeting. Ben Sides made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Jerry McGuckin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson reported on the **HUHO** collections that the Detachment did at the West Chester WAWA in September. These collections went very well, and he suggested to the Detachment that a letter of thanks be sent to WAWA.

Paul mentioned that he will be working with WAWA on securing this store for next year's **HUHO** campaign.

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: Paul Donohue (Acting), no report.

Director/Newtown Twp. Vets Park: Bill Kinney reported on the **Freedom Medal Dinner** on 14 November (Thursday), 1800 at the Springfield County Club. Bill stated the tables that were purchased by the Detachment are full. He asked members that are attending to contact him to confirm their seat. He also asked any member that can help with Color Guard to contact Wayne Williams. There will be a practice on 6 November (Wednesday) at 1000. Bill reported on the Blood, Sweat and Cheer event that was held on 29 September at the Memorial. This event was a good time and a great job was done by the Detachment. Bill will have further information on the event at the next Detachment general meeting.

Director/Honor Guard Sides: Ben Sides gave the report for the Honor Guard. They participated in 14 funerals for veterans during the month of September. Total year to date is now at 86 funerals. It was also mentioned that anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated. Ben took a few moments and explained the process for requesting the Honor Guard to perform Military Honors. Bill asked Dan Luty to print the request steps in the **Scuttlebutt**.

Director Donohue: no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that he hopes to have the fourth and final clean up in October. Jim stated that he will be sending out an email with details once a date has been secured.

Americanism: Earle Drake mentioned that he has two events scheduled in October and will report on them at the next Detachment general meeting. Earle also mentioned that he has a list of Detachment books if anyone is interested.

Auxiliary Liaison: The Auxiliary will be having their annual **No Bake, Bake Sale** on 26 October at Evelyn Brimble's house. Any Detachment member that would like to donate to this event please see the Auxiliary at the next Detachment general meeting.

Awards: Jim Herbst, no Detachment report. George Souder, District One Vice Commandant of the MCL of PA took time and presented the Detachment and Dan Luty (Newsletter Editor) with four awards from the Dept. of PA conference held over the summer. The Detachment was given a Meritorious Accomplishment award for membership, retaining a 116% membership for 2018/2019. Dan was given two awards for participating in the Dept. of PA with the Newsletter and Newsletter Editor. Dan was also chosen and received First Place as Newsletter Editor of the **Scuttlebutt**.

Ceremonies: Bud Davis, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported on a great job the Detachment did at the Blood, Sweat and Cheer event. He thanked all members that were able to attend. Wayne talked about the Beirut Memorial on 27 October (Sunday) and who would be attending. Wayne also touched on the Philadelphia Vets Parade, Marine Corps Ball and Marine Sunday with the Chester County Detachment.

Flag Collection: Dominic D'Alessandro reported that the collection activity is still proceeding. Dominic did mention that the Upper Darby Detachment did hold a Flag Burning Ceremony in September.

Historian: Jack Gallagher, Absent, no report

Home Association: Bob Spano, no report.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern, Absent, no report.

Membership: Jim Herbst reported to “**RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT**”

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, no report.

Property: Bob Spano, no report.

Communications: John Burfete, Absent, per email John sent a reminder to Detachment members the time and date of our monthly general meeting. John also notified the Detachment of the passing of Life Member Phil Bannan of West Chester. Phil passed away on 24 September at the age of 86. Mr. Bannan served his country for over 40 years. He served in the Navy reserves for 35 years and another 5 years in the PA Army Guard.

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

Scouting: Ed Seidl, Absent, no report.

Toys-For-Tots: Dan Luty mentioned that the boxes for the **Toys for Tots** program would be available at the next Detachment general meeting. Some of the administrative details of the program were discussed, and toys that are collected can be taken to the Videon Dodge/Jeep dealership on West Chester Pike again this year.

VAWS/SERVICE OFFICER: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Both Jim and Claude reported that the Coatesville VA will be starting a coat drive on 1 October until 17 October. These coats can be dropped off on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 1300 until 1600 at building 8. Claude mentioned that coats could be given to him if you are unable to make a trip to the VA.

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. If you are interested, please let a staff member know.

George Boyajian has been found; he is living at Arbor Square of Harleysville. Bob Spano has all the details if you need them.

New Business: November’s Detachment meeting will be **6 November (Wednesday)** at its normal time.

3 November (Sunday), Daylight Savings Time will end. The uniform for the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment will be long sleeve white blouse, black tie with clasp, star bursts, Marine Corps League emblem on left sleeve, the American Flag on the right sleeve, ribbons and name plate, black trousers and black shoes.

Mission BBQ of Springfield is looking for WWII and Korean War Vets to honor during their **18 November (Monday)** Grand Opening. If you or someone you know would like to participate and need more information, please contact Bill Kinney.

Charles Chamberlain, **Membership Benefits Committee**, MCL of PA took a minute and explained that members in good standing have a \$3,000 accidental death insurance policy with the Marine Corps League. For a family member to claim this benefit, the MCL of PA must receive a letter from your doctor stating the cause of death. Family members should contact the Detachment for help in this matter.

Good of the League: 27 October (Sunday) at 0930, Beirut Memorial, Delaware Ave and Dock Str. Philadelphia.

2 November (Saturday) at 1800, Gala of Courage, Drexelbrook Catering Drexel Hill. Contact Bob Spano for further details.

9 November (Saturday) at 1800, Detachment Marine Corps Ball, The Porch at the Lamb Tavern.

Marine Sunday with Chester County Detachment, no details currently.

14 November (Thursday) at 1800, **Freedom Medal Dinner**, Springfield Country Club.

Nomination of Officers: Commandant Jim Flynn called on Junior Past Commandant Dominic D’Alessandro to conduct the first round of nominations of Detachment officers for 2020. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following Detachment members:

Commandant - OPEN

Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni

Junior Vice Commandant - Jerry McGuckin

Adjutant - Charles (Bud) Davis

Paymaster - Bob Spano

Judge Advocate - Paul Ferguson

Sergeant-at-Arms - Dominic D’Alessandro

Chaplain - Paul Donohue

Service Officer - Jim Herbst

Directors (three needed) - Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, Dan Luty

Nominations will be open again at the November/December Detachment general meetings. If you are interested or would like further information about a position, please feel free to ask a Detachment Officer.

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** (\$3000). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Dan Luty made a motion and Paul Ferguson seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment general meeting was adjourned at 2030.

Logbook:

Members: 30

Guests: 2

50/50 Winner: Dominick Mattioni

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant

DCVMA Casket Flag Raising Ceremony






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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info@DelcoVeteransMemorial.com

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
6 November 2019, at 1930
****This is a Wednesday***
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073