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Commandant's Report October 2020

It is getting more difficult each month to come up with material for this report, as the Detachment is not very active because of the COVID virus. Hopefully, it will be over soon, and we can get back to business. One program that we have been able to continue is our Help Us Help Others Campaign. All things considered, a late start, having to find new collection sites, etc. HUHO is doing well. This is due to the hard work of Junior Vice Commandant McGuckin and our loyal volunteers. We have 4 weeks left in the 2020 season. We can always use more help with this, so if you have 2 ½ hours free in the next few weeks let us know.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6 October. We are hoping for better attendance this month as we will begin the nomination process for next year's Detachment Officers. We will have the usual safeguards in place at the meeting, including temperature checks, social distancing, and masks.

Please come out and participate in the nominations and consider accepting an officer nomination if you are able. Also, at the October meeting we will have information on the Toys for Tot's Campaign. There may be some changes to the way it is done this year, but I think we all agree that it is a very worthwhile program and we cannot let COVID shut it down.

With the end of daylight savings time on the first Sunday in November, the Detachment will switch to the winter uniform. Beginning with the November General Meeting the uniform will be long sleeve shirt, tie, and red blazer.

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

- Polly/Chris Bush
- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Maurice Furlong
- Beth/Jim Herbst
- Bill Inverso
- Dominick Longhi
- Con McGinley
- Gerald 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	Dom D'Alessandro
Color Guard	Wayne Williams
Flag Collection	Dominic D'Alessandro
Historian	OPEN
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	Dominic D'Alessandro
Property	Bob Spano
Communications	John Burfete
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Paul Ferguson
V.A.V.S.	Jim Herbst & Claude Falcone
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

*****NOTE - SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS*****

October

- 6** MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in Newtown Square at 1930.
- 13** U. S. Navy birthday, 1775.
- 25** Beirut Memorial Remembrance - limited to family members & All Divisions Detachment, 1000.
- 27** Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

November

- 3** MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in 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, Breakfast, 3rd Sun of the month (except Jun, Jul & Aug), 0800-1130, \$10.00/person. DELCO Detachment, Upland, PA.

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 2020 CALENDAR

Stayed tuned for this year's events!!!

Det. Birthday Ball: **CANCELLED**
Toys4Tots Dinner: Tuesday, 1 December

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335

From our Jr. Past Commandant

Nominations for the 2021 detachment officers and directors will begin at the October general meeting and continue at the November and December general meetings. Elections will also take place at the December meeting.

Anyone wanting to be nominated may contact myself or any of the officers. You must be at the meeting to be nominated.

Dominic D'alessandro

SICK CALL

John Burfete	Joe Tier
Earle Drake	Rich Bortner
Jim Mulhern	

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 September 2020

Commandant: Acting Commandant Dominick Mattioni opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Flynn (Absent), Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Junior Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson (Absent), Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Bud Davis, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Directors Paul Donohue, Ben Sides, Bill Kinney and Sergeant-at-Arms/Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

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

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Bud Davis reported that he found a shirt collar ornament for a "Regular" Detachment member during one of the general meetings. Contact Bud if you lost this piece of your uniform. Bud also read a card addressed to the Detachment membership from member George Boyajian. In short George is doing very well and hopes everyone in the Detachment is doing the same. George did mention that he celebrated his 97th birthday on 26 June. George is now living at Arbour Square of Harleysville, 695 Main Street "Apt 251" Harleysville Pa 19438.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni spoke about the Detachment's Birthday Ball that is held in November, reporting that it was decided at the Detachment staff meeting to CANCEL the Birthday Ball for this year. Dominick also reported he has the dates for other annual Detachment events scheduled and posted in the **Scuttlebutt**. He stated that these events may change or be canceled, so please watch for emails and updates in the **Scuttlebutt**.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that the **Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign** is doing very well. A list of collection locations for September and October were emailed out. If anyone needs a copy, please contact Jerry.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 25 August, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the Detachment 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 Detachment 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. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Paul Ferguson (Absent), no report.

Sgt-at-Arms: Dominic D'Alessandro reminded Detachment members that there is a blood drive on 2 September at the Marple Memorial Post #805. He stated that the details are listed under the events section of this month's agenda.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned he spoke with several members of the Detachment and their families. Chris asked the Detachment members to keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Chris asked that if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill or needs help to please contact him.

Director/Newtown Twp. Vets Park: Bill Kinney reported that the kiosks at the DCVMA will be removed altogether and the DCVMA is looking at a new and weatherproof system. Bill also mentioned that the **Flag Ceremonies** at DCVMA have been canceled for the rest of 2020. They will start up again in April of 2021. At the staff meeting Bill brought up an idea about a Detachment recruiting post card that members could hand out. He had an example of a card that we could use with our Detachment information. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts, please bring them to the staff's attention.

Director/Honor Guard Sides: A report was given for the Honor Guard that they participated in 4 veteran funerals for the month of August. Total year to date for 2020 is 36 funerals. It was mentioned that the Honor Guard could always use help, and if anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated. It was also stated that any Detachment member who would like to take over the Honor Guard program to please contact Commandant Jim Flynn.

Director Donohue: Paul Donohue reported that he has visited Earle Drake and his family a couple of times. He wanted to let the Detachment membership know that Earle has his good and bad days. He asked that we keep Earle and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that he is looking at dates for the next clean up. Jim reminded members that if they are interested in participating in these clean ups, the meeting time is around 0830 at the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road. All supplies are provided for this event. After the cleanup, the Adopt-a-Highway Chairman provides coffee and donuts.

Americanism: Earle Drake (Absent), no report.

Auxiliary Liaison: The Ladies Auxiliary held their annual audit at the September meeting. This audit is usually held during their May meeting.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported that he still has awards from 2019 to give out to Detachment members. Jim stated that he will be giving them out over the next couple months.

Ceremonies: Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported at this time the Honor Guard has not been participated in any events. He is hopeful that things will change soon.

Flag Collection: A reminder to Detachment members and family that there are five **Flag Collection Boxes** in Marple/Newtown Townships. The location of these Flag Collection Boxes is the (1) American Legion Post #805, (2) Marple Township Building, (3) Marple Veterans Park, (4) Newtown Township Building and the (5) Delaware County Veterans Memorial.

Detachment members may also bring unserviceable flags to a Detachment staff/general meeting for Dominic D'Alessandro to collect.

Historian: POSITION OPEN, this very important position is available to any Detachment member. If someone would like to step up and take on the duties of Historian, please contact Commandant Jim Flynn.

Home Association: Bob Spano, no report.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (Absent), no report.

Membership: RECRUIT - RECRUIT - RECRUIT

Jim Herbst asked the Detachment members to keep looking for new members. We need to continue to fill our ranks to participate in the many events the Detachment is involved in throughout the year.

Newsletter: If Detachment members have articles/photos for the **Scuttlebutt**, please direct them to Dan Luty by the 15th of the month.

Property: Bob Spano reported the **Soldiers Cross Statue** that Detachment member Terry Jones sculpted for **DCVMA** and donated by our Detachment should be installed soon.

Communications: John Burfete (Absent), Through email John passed along information about Detachment member Tom McGovern's funeral service that was held on 18 August. John also let Detachment members know about a blood drive that was being held on 2 September. John wanted to let all Detachment members know that they can email/call him with information they would like to pass along to fellow Detachment members.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams thanked all Detachment members who were involved in the Scholarship program. Even though the Detachment could not hold a spring dinner this year, we were still able to help students with their educational needs. Wayne read a two thank you cards sent in by Ava Dodge and John Cawley. Both students stated how much they appreciated the Scholarship, Detachment and their sponsor for helping them meet their school needs.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (Absent), no reported.

Toys-For-Tots: Paul Ferguson (Absent) reported at the staffing meeting that the Toys-For-Tots program for 2020 is uncertain at this time. Paul will provide further information as he receives it.

VAVS/SERVICE OFFICER: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, they reported that the VA is always looking for clothing donations. All donated clothing needs to be cleaned and in good condition. Jim mentioned that the **PA Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs** puts out a weekly newsletter. This newsletter addresses many topics including benefits, training, finding missing records and much more. Just go to their webpage (**DMVA.PA.GOV**) and sign up to start receiving the newsletter.

Unfinished Business: Dues (Final Reminder) for regular/associate members, excluding Life Members, were **due on 31 August** of this year. If you need to pay your dues, please remit **\$30** to Paymaster Bob Spano so that your membership will not be interrupted.

Make checks payable to: MCL #741

Send to: Bob Spano

1528 Honeysuckle Court West Chester, PA 19380-4287

New Business:

1. **Department of PA Convention, 15-17 October** at Indiantown Gap Pa.
(Virtual Convention--Streaming on Facebook)
2. **Dept Winter 2021 Meeting, 14-16 January** at New Cumberland Pa.
3. **Dept Spring 2021 Meeting, 19-20 March** at Indiantown Gap Pa.

If any Detachment member is interested in attending one of these events, please contact Bob Spano or Bud Davis for further details.

Good of the League: This November will be the **Detachment's 30-year anniversary**, if anyone has suggested on a celebration/honoring of this event, please share with the Detachment.

Nomination of Officers for 2021: Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro reminded the Detachment membership that nominations for officers begins with the October general meeting for the upcoming year 2021. If any Detachment member is interested in holding an officer position and has questions, please contact a staff member or reference your red Detachment booklet for details about the position.

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano went over the organizations that were listed in the monthly agenda. These organizations were discussed at a recent staff meeting and are being suggested to the Detachment membership for consideration. 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) and (3) **Operation First Response/Gala of Courage** (\$1000). Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Acting Commandant Dominick Mattioni asked for a motion to adjourn. Ben Sides made that motion and Wayne Williams seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment general meeting for September was adjourned at 2010.

Logbook:

Members: 18

Guests: 0

50/50 Winner: Dominic D'Alessandro

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

6 October 2020, at 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073