



# Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Report November 2020

It is November already and 2020 is almost over. It has been a year of challenges that none of us could have predicted. I think the Detachment has done a good job of adapting to and overcoming the obstacles imposed by the pandemic. The activities that can be done safely are up and running and the October General Meeting was better attended than the previous few. Due to several members and auxiliary members working the polls on Election Day, the membership voted to change the date of the November General Meeting. The meeting will be held on Wednesday November 4, 2020 at 1930 hours. This meeting will include the second round of nominations for 2021 Detachment Officers. We really need a couple members to step up and accept an officer nomination. Keep in mind that with the end of daylight savings time, we will switch to the winter uniform. The uniform for the November meeting includes long sleeve white shirt and black tie. All COVID19 precautions will be in place for this meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new associate member Doug Hope. Doug served in the Navy and was sworn in at the October meeting. I think Doug will be an excellent addition to the Detachment. Welcome aboard Doug!

The annual Toys for Tots drive has begun. Collection boxes will be available at the November meeting. Our Help Us Help Others campaign is finished for the year. While COVID19 made things more difficult, we still had a successful year, and we will be able to keep the lights on and continue to contribute to worthy Veterans charities. Thanks to all the volunteers for your time and hard work. We held the last Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of the year on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. While it was not as well attended as we would like, we got the job done and had a good time doing it. In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Veteran's Day and Happy Thanksgiving.

*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

- Polly/Chris Bush
- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Maurice Furlong
- Beth/Jim Herbst
- Bill Inverso
- Steve Kusner
- Con McGinley
- Gerald McGuckin
- Bob Spano
- Phil Spinelli
- 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
- 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	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**

<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

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

### November

- 4 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in Newtown Square at 1930 (*this is a Wednesday*).
- 10 U. S. Marine Corps Birthday, 1775.
- 11 Veterans Day.
- 11 Drive-By for 105 yrs. old Veteran, Newtown Square.
- 24 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

### December

- 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**, 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**, 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 – 6 October 2020

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1935 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Junior Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Judge Advocate Paul Ferguson, 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:** Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes of the **1 September 2020** Detachment general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Paul Ferguson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Good of the League:** **The November Detachment general meeting will be held on Wednesday the 4th at 1930. This meeting date was changed for the election on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### Officer Reports:

**Adjutant:** Bud Davis read a thank you card from Katherine Coombs (Jerry McGuckin) thanking the Detachment membership for her scholarship. She stated that the funds will be put to good use. Bud also read a thank you card from the McGovern family thanking the Detachment for all we did for Tom McGovern during his illness. The family also wanted to let the Honor Guard know that their service was very moving. The McGovern family donated \$1000 to the Detachment in Tom's name.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Dominick Mattioni reported that the Toys-For-Tots/Christmas Dinner held in December has been canceled for 2020. The Detachment will hold its December meeting at 1930. Dominick is asking Detachment members to still bring a new and unwrapped toy to the Detachment monthly meeting. Dominick also mentioned that the staff dinner will be 29 December at **Charlotte's Restaurant** in Newtown Square. Time is 1800 till 2100 and, all members are welcome. Please contact Dominick if you plan to attend.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerry McGuckin reported that the **Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign** has performed very well this year. The program will wrap up the weekend of 17 October. Jerry took a moment to thank the Detachment membership for their support this year. He stated that we had our challenges but pushed through to help raise funds for those in need.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of **29 September 2020**, 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. Chris Bush made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Paul Donohue seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Judge Advocate:** Paul Ferguson, no report.

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Dominic D'Alessandro stated that **1 November, Daylight Savings Time will end**. Starting with the 4 November general meeting the uniform for our Detachment will be long sleeve white blouse with black tie, clasp, ribbons and name plate. Also, black trousers with black shoes.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned he spoke with Detachment members Earle Drake and George Boyajian. 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 mentioned that there are 14 flags at the **DCVMA** site. Our Detachment has the task of lowering and raising these flags at different times through out the year. The Detachment just performed this task last week and Bill thanked those individuals who were able to help out.

**Director Sides:** Ben Sides reported that Mike Milliken would be taking over the Honor Guard and giving the monthly Detachment report.

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

#### Committee Reports:

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn is looking at dates for the next cleanup. He stated that sometime after the **HUHO** program is finished. Jim will send out an email to notify Detachment members. If you are interested in participating, 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 installed their Officers tonight. It was also reported that the **"No Bake, Bake Sale"** potluck luncheon that is held in October would be canceled for this year. The Auxiliary has decided to except donations at their monthly meetings instead. If any Detachment member would like to donate to this event, please contact an Auxiliary member.

**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, (Absent) no report. It was reported at the staff meeting that everything is still quiet for the Color Guard. It was mentioned that once they are up and running, any Detachment member that could help it would be greatly appreciated.

**Flag Collection:** Dominic D'Alessandro reported that the flag collection boxes have been emptied and the flags have been delivered to the Upper Darby Detachment.

**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.

**Honor Guard:** Mike Milliken gave the report for the Honor Guard. They participated in 2 veteran funerals for the month of September. Total year to date for 2020 is 38 funerals. Mike mentioned that the Honor Guard could always use help.

Anyone who can volunteer their time to the Honor Guard it would be greatly appreciated.

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

**Membership:** Jim Herbst mentioned that there was an application for membership. He introduced Douglas Hope (Doug), who had served in the U.S. Navy during the seventies and was introduced to the Detachment membership by Jerry McGuckin. Bob Spano made a motion to accept Mr. Hope as an associate member and Ben Sides seconded the motion. The motion passed and Mr. Hope was then sworn in as an associate member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn. Mr. Hope is from East Lansdowne, is also married (Marilyn) with three children.

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

**Property:** Bob Spano reported that progress is being made and he reminded Detachment members that if they need patches, pins or ribbons to see him before/after a meeting or you can email him.

**Communications:** John Burfete (Absent), John still is sending out information and emails to Detachment members weekly. If you have information that you think a fellow Detachment member could use, please forward that to John.

**Scholarships:** Wayne Williams (Absent), no report.

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

**Toys-For-Tots:** Paul Ferguson reported that the Detachment will be collecting for the Toys-For-Tots program for 2020. Paul will have the collection boxes and other information at the November general meeting.

**VAVS/SERVICE OFFICER:** Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Jim reported that the VA is getting a new medical director, his name is Jeffery Beiler. Jim also reported that the VA is going to have drive thru Flu shot centers set up at Coatesville, Spring City and the Delaware County Clinics. Jim stated that you can make an appointment Monday thru Friday by calling 610-383-0239. You can also visit the VA's website at [WWW.Coatesville.va.gov](http://WWW.Coatesville.va.gov).

#### **Nomination of Officers for 2021**

Commandant Jim Flynn called on Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro to conduct the first round of nominations of officers.

Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

**Commandant - Open**

**Senior Vice Commandant** - Dominick Mattioni

**Junior Vice Commandant - Open**

**Adjutant** - Bud Davis

**Paymaster** - Bob Spano

**Judge Advocate - Open**

**Sergeant-at-Arms** - Dominic D'Alessandro

**Chaplain** - Chris Bush

**Service Officer** - Jim Herbst

**Directors (three needed)** - Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, Paul Donohue, Con McGinley

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 contact a Detachment Officer.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**25 Oct., Beirut Memorial Remembrance** (limited to family members)

**14-16 Jan. Dept Winter 2021 Meeting**, at New Cumberland Pa.

**19-20 Mar., Dept Spring 2021 Meeting**, at Indiantown Gap Pa.

Contact Bob Spano or Bud Davis for further details.

**New Business:** Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni explained the process that would be used in this year's **Marine of the Year Award** selection. Nomination forms were on each table and could be filled out during the meeting. Members/Associate members were able to vote. 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. If you have any question about this award, please contact Dominick.

**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. Jim Herbst 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). Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Commandant Jim Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Paul Donohue made that motion and Bill Kinney seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment general meeting for September was adjourned at 2030.

**Logbook:**

**Members:** 22

**Guests:** 0

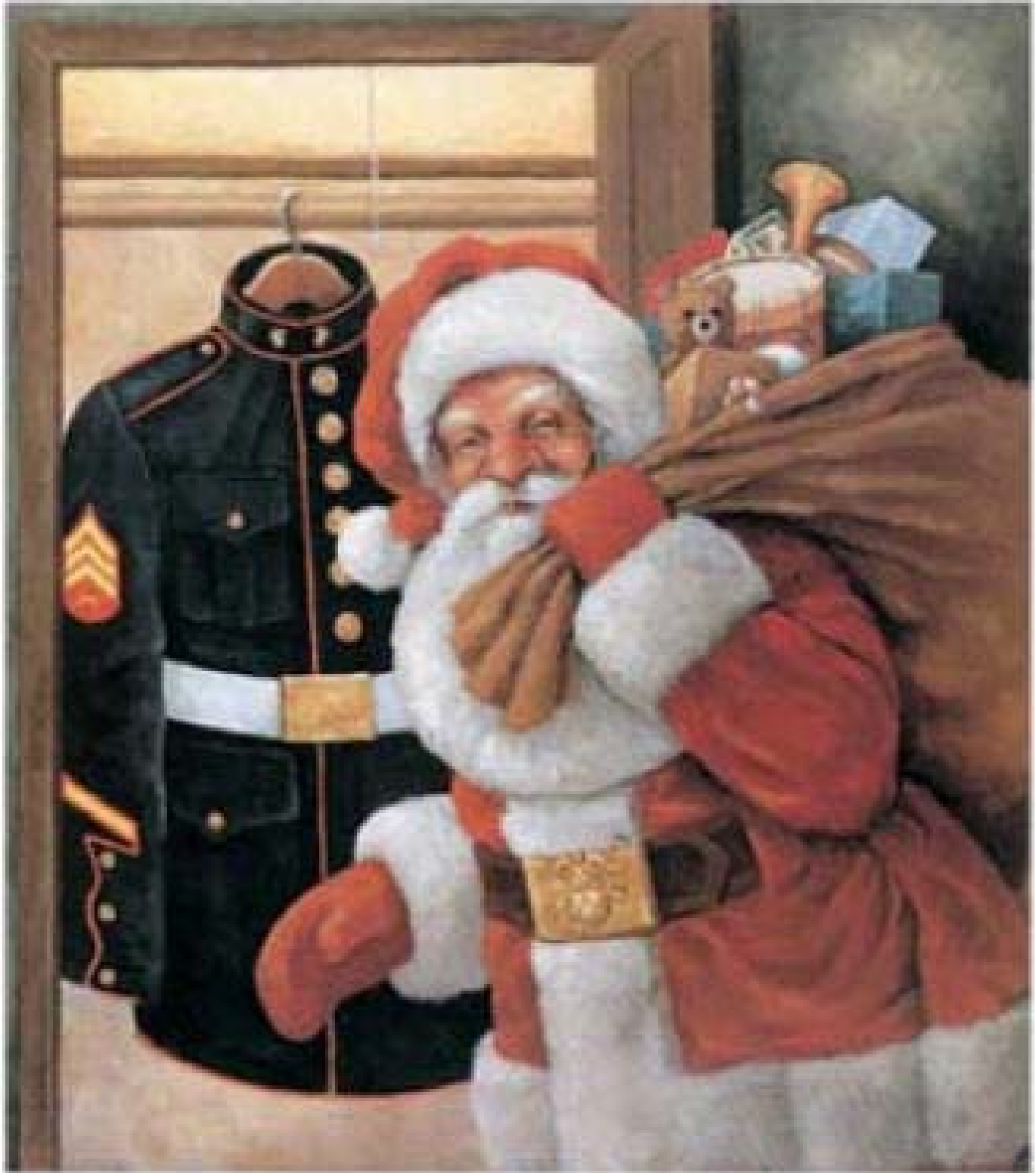
**50/50 Winner:** Jim Herbst

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bud Davis III*

Adjutant

# TOYS FOR TOTS



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For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next Meeting

**4 November 2020, at 1930**

**\*This is a Wednesday**

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

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