



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report January 2021

With the dawn of 2021, the recently approved vaccine gives us hope that the new year will be better than 2020, possibly an end to the pandemic and a return to normalcy. The January 5th general meeting will include installation of 2021 Detachment Officers, as well as presentation of the Marine of the Year and Commandant's Awards. Our new Commandant is Bud Davis. Bud has excelled as our Adjutant the past few years and is well suited and most deserving of the honor of leading The Detachment.

I'm sad to report the passing of Detachment member, Robert t. Senior. Bob was a Vietnam War Veteran who served 25 years in the Navy. May he Rest in Peace.

The 2020 Toys for Tots campaign was a great success. Our members did a great job of getting the collection boxes out and making pickups and drop offs as needed. We also participated in a toy, food, and clothing drive held at the Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square on December 12, 2020.

This event was a great success, with nonstop donations all day filling many trucks with food, clothing, and toys for needy families. I am sure that we helped make a better Christmas for a lot of people less fortunate than ourselves.

If all goes as planned this will be my last Commandant's Report. It has been an honor and privilege to be Commandant of this great Detachment for the past 3 years. I want to thank the members for the trust you have placed in me and for all the encouragement and support you have offered and know you will do the same for Bud Davis. I am confident that he will be a great Commandant.

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!

JANUARY BOOSTERS

- Dom D'Alessandro
- Bud Davis
- Joe Direso
- Jim Flynn
- Beth/Jim Herbst
- Bill Inverso
- Con McGinley
- Jerry 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 January

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

- James Cecchini
- Paul Drinkard
- Claude Falcone
- Nicholas Repino



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******

January

- 5 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in Newtown Square at 1930. ******STAY TUNED, THIS MAY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO STATE MANDATED RESTRICTIONS******
- 26 Staff Meeting at Marple Post #805 at 1930.

February

- 2 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in Newtown Square at 1930.

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 2021 CALENDAR

Stayed tuned for this year's events!!!

Dominick Mattioni

610-692-4335

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.

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 December 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 (Absent), Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Bud Davis, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Directors Paul Donohue, Ben Sides (Absent), Bill Kinney (Absent) and Sergeant-at-Arms/Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the **4 November 2020** Detachment general meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Bud Davis mentioned 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, Semper Fi Fund and Operation First Response**. Bud also read a thank you card from John Cook's family. They wanted to thank the Detachment for all we did for John. Mr. Cook's funeral was in August, and the family also donated to the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the annual staff dinner will be **29 December (Tuesday)** at **Charlotte's Restaurant** in Newtown Square. At the time this report was turned into the **Scuttlebutt** the dinner was canceled and Dominick was working on a backup plan.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that the **HUHO Campaign** had many challenges that the Detachment had to overcome. But in the end the Detachment was still able to raise funds to help others. If any Detachment members have items or suggestions, Jerry asked that you please pass them along to him.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of **24 November 2020**, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob reported that no funds would be made available to any charitable organizations at this time. This was discussed at the recent Detachment staff meeting, and the Detachment membership will be updated monthly.

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

Sgt-at-Arms: Dominic D'Alessandro thanked Detachment members for signing the log book. Dominic also reminded Detachment members that extra copies of the **Scuttlebutt** and monthly agenda were on the back table.

Chaplain: Chris Bush mentioned that he had spoken with several members of the Detachment and their families who are experiencing some health issues. Chris also asked that if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill to please contact him.

Director/Newtown Twp Vets Park: A flyer for the Holiday food, toy and clothing drive being held by **DCVMA** on **12 December (Saturday)** at the Memorial was given out to all Detachment members.

Director Sides: Ben Sides (Absent), no report.

Director Donohue: Paul Donohue, no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that all clean up events for 2020 have been completed. He thanked all Detachment members who participated and looks forward to next year.

Americanism: Earle Drake (Absent), no report.

Auxiliary Liaison: It was reported that the Ladies Auxiliary was going to complete the annual Tote Bags at the December meeting. They also wish all Detachment members and their family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Awards: Jim Herbst asked that the committee chairmen submit their list of members to be recognized for their participation in Detachment events during 2020 ASAP. Jim mentioned that these awards will be given out at the February Detachment general meeting.

Ceremonies: Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that all is quiet with the Color Guard. He is hopeful that things will change soon in 2021. Wayne did remind Detachment members that once things get back to normal, he will be looking for volunteers. Any Detachment member that can give some time to different events would be greatly appreciated.

Communications: John Burfete (Absent), per email John reports/shares with the Detachment many events and MCL news that are happening not only locally but nationally in the Marine Corps League. As the Adjutant of the Detachment, I want to thank John for keeping us informed. I use a lot of this information to pass along to Detachment members per the **Scuttlebutt** that do not use email.

Flag Collection: There are five **Flag Collection Boxes** in Marple/Newtown Townships. The location of these Flag Collection Boxes is (1) **the American Legion Post #805**, (2) **Marple Township Building**, (3) **Marple Veterans Park**, (4) **Newtown Township Building** and (5) **the Delaware County Veterans Memorial**. Detachment members may also bring unserviceable flags to a Detachment staff or 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.

Honor Guard: Mike Milliken gave the report for the Honor Guard. They participated in 1 veteran funeral for the month of November.

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: **RECRUIT - RECRUIT - RECRUIT**
Jim asked Detachment members to keep looking for new members. If you have not been to a meeting lately make a note and stop by the next one. 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 that progress is being made. Bob stated that he is collecting names of Detachment members that need a name tag. If you need or want a name tag, please see Bob. The more name tags ordered the lower the price.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams mentioned that he will have the Detachment Scholarships forms the beginning of 2021. Wayne also mentioned that he is still looking at changes to the program and asked the Detachment members to share any ideas.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (Absent), no report.

Toys-for-Tots: The Toys-for-Tots program is up and running. Many Detachment members have boxes at different collection sites. At tonight's general meeting bags of toys were collected. All the toys collected will again be stored at Videon Chrysler Dodge on West Chester Pike, Newtown Square.

VAVS/Service Officer: Jim Herbst/Claude Falcone, Jim reported that any person visiting the Coatesville Medical Center must have an appointment. Also, you must stop by the tent that is set up to report in and have your temperature taken.

Nomination of Officers for 2021: Commandant Jim Flynn called on Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro to conduct the Final round of nominations of officers for the Detachment's 2021 year. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

Commandant - Bud Davis III
Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni
Junior Vice Commandant - Jerry McGuckin
Adjutant - Jim Flynn
Paymaster - Bob Spano
Judge Advocate - Dominic D'Alessandro
Sergeant-at-Arms - Joe Beal
Chaplain - Chris Bush
Service Officer - Jim Herbst
Directors (3 needed) - Bill Kinney, Ben Sides and Paul Donohue

There were no contested positions, so according to our Detachment Administrative Procedures and By-laws, Dominic D'Alessandro asked Adjutant Bud Davis to cast one vote for each person nominated. Bud Davis then cast one vote for each person nominated, thus electing the slate of officers for the 2021 year.

The elected officers will be installed at the January 2021 Detachment general meeting.

Unfinished Business:

14-16 January, Dept. Winter 2021 Meeting-New Cumberland PA.
19-20 March, Dept. Spring 2021 Meeting-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.

New Business: Per John Burfete, **Robert Thomas Senior** passed away on 2 December. Mr. Senior was a Regular Life Member of our Detachment and a career Navy Corpsman. He served in the Navy from September 1964 til February 1989. During his Navy career he served in the Vietnam war with the First Marine Division and was also stationed aboard a number of different ships. He was an active volunteer not only with our Detachment but with the Delaware County Literacy Council, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Knights of Columbus, VFW and the Vietnam Vets of America. Services for Mr. Senior were held on 12 December at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Morton. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Good of the League: Every year the Detachment puts together a "Program Ad Book" for the Detachment's Birthday Ball. As we all know we did not hold a Birthday Ball this year. Our Commandant, Paymaster and other staff members came up with an idea to send a letter to our long time Detachment supporters. The letter simply asked if they could/would still be able to support the Detachment with any monetary amount for this year. As of the December general meeting, Bob Spano reported that the Detachment has received almost \$1,600. The list of contributors can be found in the monthly agenda.

Also, after reading the monthly agenda I wanted to take a moment and thank **Joe Beal** and **Roger Godfrey** for the work they are doing at Booth's Corner raising funds. Per this month's agenda it looks like they have raised almost \$2,000. Nice job and Thank you.

Charitable Contributions: Bob Spano notified the Detachment membership that all veterans and charitable donations will be suspended until further notice. A month-to-month review of this policy will be talked about at the Detachment staff meeting. All Detachment members are welcome to attend this meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 1930. Commandant Jim Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Milliken made that motion and Joe Beal seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment general meeting for December was adjourned at 2015.

Logbook:
Members: 20
Guests: 00

50/50 Winner: Bud Davis III

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III

Adjutant

DCVMA HOLIDAY TOYS, FOOD, & CLOTHING DRIVE





MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting
5 January 2021, at 1930
Knights of Columbus
327 N. Newtown Street Rd.
(Route 252)
Newtown Square, PA 19073