



Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report June 2021

First, I would like to thank the Detachment members that could make it to our last meeting. It was also good to see a couple of members that we have not seen in a while, thanks again. Remember you do not have to make every meeting but try and make as many as possible.

We started our May meeting holding our Annual Remembrance Ceremony, with the Ladies Auxiliary. This year's ceremony was a little different in that it covered a two-year period. As always, the Detachment members did a great job, and I would like to give a special thanks to Bernie McGinley for bringing and performing the duties with the ceremonial bell.

Thanks to Chris Bush, the Detachment added a new member to our ranks in May. I would like to welcome Mike Kaniuk of Malvern, to the Detachment. Mike was an officer with over 20 years in the Marine Corps. We welcome Mike and his family to the Detachment.

As I stated in the last Scuttlebutt the Detachment is starting to get active again after our winter slow down. Jim Herbst will be presenting the 2020 awards at the June meeting. We will also be awarding our Detachment Scholarships (no dinner) to our college students.

By the time you receive the Scuttlebutt, the Detachment will have started the HUHO program, placed flags at Glenwood Cemetery, wreaths at the DVMA and performed its first of four Adopt-A-Highways.

We have also already awarded and send out the Villanova NROTC award to this year's winner. Thanks to Bob Spano for making that happen.

Hope everyone had a good May and look forward to seeing at June's meeting.

Semper Fi,

Commandant
Bud Davis III



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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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

John Burfete
Bud Davis
Jim Flynn
Beth/Jim Herbst
Harry Kaufman
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 June

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

George Boyajian
John Burfete
Robert Cervino
Paul Ferguson
William Kinney
Dominick Mattioni
Thomas McGovern
Joseph Mealey
Robert Senior



Happy Birthday...and many, many more!

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers

Commandant	Bud Davis III
Sr. Vice Commandant	Dominick Mattioni
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry McGuckin
Adjutant	Jim Flynn
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dominic D’Alessandro
Sergeant-At-Arms	Joe Beal
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Jim Herbst
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Ben Sides
Director	Paul Donohue
Jr. Past Commandant	Jim Flynn

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

June

- 1 MCL General Meeting, Annual Awards & Scholarships Presentation at Knights of Columbus Hall, Rt. 252 in Newtown Square at 1930.
- 13 DCVMA Casket Flag Ceremony at 1700.
- 14 Flag Day.
- 14 Presentation of Freedom Medal Honorees, DCVMA at 1000.
- 29 Staff Meeting at Marple Post #805 at 1930.

July

- 6 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 2021 CALENDAR

Stayed tuned for this year's events!!!

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335

SICK CALL

John Burfete Earle Drake Jim Mulhern Terry Jones	Joe Tier Rich Bortner Con McGinley
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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 – 4 May 2021

Commandant: Commandant Bud Davis opened the meeting at 1930 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Bud Davis, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Junior Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Judge Advocate Dominick Mattioni, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officers Jim Herbst, Directors, Paul Donohue, Ben Sides, Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Beal, and Junior Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 April 2021 minutes as published in the Scuttlebutt. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Memorial Ceremony: A Memorial Ceremony was held for deceased detachment members and auxiliary members. The bell was rung, and candle extinguished for the following: Robert T. Wells, Louis N. Camilli, Robert A. Cervino, Philip E. Bannan, J. Edward Bailey, Jr., John Haynal, John J. V. Cook, Hank Velardi, Nancy Dodge, Thomas P. McGovern, Robert T. Senior, Wayne A. Barner, Nancy Dodge, Peg Curley, & Pat Mensack.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jim Flynn reported on a meeting that several of our members attended at the Upper Darby MCL Detachment concerning combining our Marine Corps Balls. A show of hands was taken, and 15 members planned to attend the Ball. There was some discussion, and it was decided that we would attend the Upper Darby Detachment's Ball as we do not have enough members to hold our own Ball.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that our Vets Picnic is still not scheduled because Newtown Township will not allow us to use the Drexel Park location due to the Corona Virus. He said he will continue to call the Township every month for updates. He also reported on the WWII weekend in Reading, Pa. This will be held June 4th through the 6th. The cost is adults \$30.00 and children \$10.00. If you plan to go let Dom Mattioni or Paymaster Spano know.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin mentioned that the first HUHO event would be held at the Drexel Line ShopRite on May 8th & 9th. He asked for volunteers to sign up with Jim Flynn.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Paul Donohue made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro reported that retired flags can be stored at American Legion Post 805. He is also looking at 2 burning sites and that it may be possible to have the flag burning ceremony at the Newtown Square Veteran's Memorial.

Sgt-at-Arms: Joe Beal no report.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported on his visit with Con McGinley at Dunwoody. He said that all members are welcome to visit Con but

need to make an appointment. He also said that he dropped off bibles for the NROTC graduating class at Villanova.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst said that if going to the Coatesville Medical Center, everyone is screened and must wear face covering. Vaccine availability expanded. Also includes Veterans not enrolled with the VA. Spouses and care givers also eligible. Some Red coat ambassadors are back volunteering. They are assisting with Covid shots. The Coatesville VA will celebrate 90th recognition. It will be held May 12. May 7 is last day to register. 2021 VAVS Calendar is on hold. The VA is still only accepting new clothing donations.

Director: Paul Donohue and Ben Sides no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn asked for volunteers for the first of four Adopt-a-Highway cleanups on Sunday May 16th. He reminded members that if they are interested in participating in any clean up, the meeting time is around 0830 at the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road.

Americanism: Earle Drake (Absent), no report.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst postponed the distribution of awards until the June meeting due to time constraints.

Ceremonies: Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that the Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled.

Communications: John Burfette (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.

Honor Guard: Mike Milikan reported that the Detachment Honor Guard participated in two funerals in April. He also asked for volunteers for the Honor Guard.

Membership: Service Officer Herbst reported that there was an application for membership. He introduced Michael Kaniuk. Michael retired from the Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel. Jim stated that Michael submitted his DD214 and paid his \$30.00 in dues. Sgt-at-Arms Beal escorted Michael from the meeting.

Jim Herbst made a motion that we accept Michael Kaniuk as a new member. Commandant Davis conducted the swearing in ceremony along with Chaplain Bush. Commandant Davis then called a 5-minute recess so that the members could introduce themselves.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (Absent), no report.

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 the Gung-Ho Award has been delivered to the Villanova NROTC. He also mentioned that he, Paul

Ferguson & Jim Flynn had looked at a possible new location for our meetings. He is awaiting paperwork from the landlord regarding cost and conditions.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams said that we have approved 4 scholarships for 2021. There was some discussion about increasing the value of the scholarship. We plan to award the scholarships but there will be no scholarship dinner this year.

Scouting: Ed Seidle reported that the scouting program is up and running again after a break due to the virus. He said that he plans to conduct 4 Eagle Scout Ceremonies for the Media Troop.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

New Business: Bob Spano announced that Post 805 will be placing flags on Veterans graves at Glenwood Cemetery on Saturday, May 29th. If you would like to help, report time is 0830 at Post 805. He also stated that the Memorial Day activities would be placing wreaths at the Delco Veterans Memorial in Newtown Square at 10:00.

Good of the League: Jerry McGuckin reported that the Folsom Reserve Unit will be holding a closing ceremony on 15 May 2021.

Adjournment: Commandant Davis asked for a motion to adjourn. Ben Sides made that motion and Mike Miliken seconded and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment General Meeting for May was adjourned at 2025.

Logbook: **50/50 Winner:** Wayne Williams
Members: 22
Guests: 1

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next Meeting

1 June 2021, at 1930

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

Newtown Square, PA 19073