

Scuttlebutt



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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report November 2021

WOW what a Staff / General meeting we had to start October. I believe the new meeting format worked out well, 1900 Staff / 1930 General. One topic discussed was Toy-For-Tots. The Detachment is working on the Toys-For-Tots program for this upcoming season and hopefully by the time you read this we will have the details ironed out. Other topics were, Scholarship program rewrite and our MCL Ball with the Upper Darby Detachment. The joint Ball will be held Friday 5 November.

Scholarship Chairperson Wayne Williams and I, along with input from Detachment members rewrote the Scholarship program. Our hope is that the rewrite is clear and understanding. You will find the new Detachment **Administrative Procedure B-3** in the Scuttlebutt and per Detachment procedure the Bylaw will be posted in the Scuttlebutt for three months. If anyone has questions about the rewrite, please contact Wayne or me. This new rewrite will go into effect January 2022.

October's meeting also kicked off the Officer's Nomination season. If you are interested, please contact an Officer for further information. My \$2 reelection fund was well spent. Currently, I am holding a slim lead for Commandant. Hopefully I will gain momentum in November and put this election to bed in December.

Members this Detachment is involved with many local community events. We can do this because our members step forward and volunteer. But if that is not for you right now, for whatever reason, that is ok. What I am asking is that our Detachment members return to the meetings. The staff and members want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Sometimes they are just as important as carrying a flag. So, come to a meeting and see old / new friends, get out of the house, or just come and yell at me. One way or another I think you will have a good time.

Semper Fi,

Bud Davis III

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

Bud Davis
 Joe Direso
 Claude Falcone
 Maurice Furlong
 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 November

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

Kim Babcock
 Joseph Conigliaro
 Daniel Fitzpatrick
 Robert Holt
 Daniel Luty
 Bernard McGinley
 James Sandusky



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	Steve Kusner
Jr. Past Commandant	Jim Flynn

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

Adopt-A-Highway	Jim Flynn
Americanism Team	J.Mulhern/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

November

- 2 Detachment Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1900.

- 2 General Membership Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1930.

- 5 USMC Birthday Ball w/ U.D. MCL, Lazaretto Ballroom in Essington at 1830.

- 7 Marine Sunday, Oakland Cemetery, 1042 Pottstown Pk, West Chester at 1000.

- 11 Vets Day breakfast at Anthony's, Paxon Hollow from 0830-1030.

- 11 DCVMA Wreath Laying at 0900.

- 11 Media Vets Day Parade, State & Edgemont Sts. at 1111.

- 11 DCVMA Casket Flag Raising for Earle Drake at 1700.

- 18 Freedom Medal Dinner, Springfield C.C. at 1800.

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.

MARK YOUR 2021 CALENDAR

Combined Smedley Butler and Upper Darby Marine Corps Ball. Lazaretto Ballroom in Essington on 5 November at 1830.

Annual Staff Dinner at Charlotte's Restaurant on 28 December at Chalotte's Restaurant, 3207 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square from 1800 to 2100. All are welcome but must register with Sr. Vice Mattioni.

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335

SICK CALL

John Burfete	Rich Bortner
Jim Mulhern	Joe Beal

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 – 5 October 2021

November are activities for veterans /Day and Thanksgiving.
December is the Holiday gift giving project.

Commandant: Commandant Bud Davis opened the October 2021 general meeting at 1938 hours 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 Dominic D'Alessandro, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Ben Sides, Director Steve Kusner, Junior Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Director: Ben Sides (absent) – no report.

Director: Steve Kusner (present) – no report.

Director: Bill Kinney (absent). Bill was not able to attend the meeting but requested help with two events coming up at the Delco Veterans Memorial. The first was we need a Color Guard for a motorcycle run fundraiser to benefit Fisher House on Oct. 9th. The second was a casket flag raising on Oct. 10th.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 September 2021 general meeting as published in the Scuttle Butt. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the Detachment had completed the third of four highway cleanups on October 3, 2021. Jim said they had a good turnout and thanked those who had participated. He said there will be one more this year and will send an email to members when a date is chosen.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jim Flynn read letters of thanks from charities, Semper Fi Fund, & Fisher House for donations the Detachment sent. He also read a letter of thanks from Tina Kane, Ed. D., the superintendent of the Marple Newtown School District. Dr. Kane said she is grateful for the Detachment's participating in the 911 Remembrance Ceremony held at the high school.

Americanism: Commandant Davis said that we need someone to step up and take over the Americanism program.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominic Mattioni distributed voting ballots for the 2021 Marine of the Year Award. He also said he is working on scheduling the annual staff dinner.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush - no report.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin thanked members who helped with HUHO collections. He reported that we collected over \$5,000. In September. He said there is one more collection date scheduled for the weekend of October 16th & 17th. Jerry is also working on selling ads for our Marine Corps Ball program book and could use some help if anyone could volunteer.

Awards: Jim Herbst asked for committee chairman to send him their awards recommendations for 2021 as soon as possible.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal - no report.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the paymaster's report reviewing income and disbursements for September 2021. Mike Miliken made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams thanked members who participated in 3 911 Remembrance Ceremonies. He asked for help with a Fisher House Fundraising event at the Delco Veterans Memorial on October 9th and the Beirut memorial Ceremony on October 24th. He also asked for volunteers for Color Guard at the Freedom Dinner and the Media Veteran's Day Parade.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that Joe Beal could not attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

Communications: John Burfete – no report.

Sgt-at-Arms: Joe Beal (absent), no report.

Flag Collection: Dominic D'Alessandro reported that we have collected many flags to be retired. He will be scheduling a ceremony soon and will send out an email when the details are ironed out.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst had the following information regarding VAWS: Hearing aid tech service is now available at the Delaware County outpatient clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 610-384-7711. The phone number for the Coatesville medical center is 610-384-7711. If you are having a problem with that number call the call center at 610-383-0239. There is a Veteran Expo hosted by Sen. Muth at the Expo Convention Center in Oaks, Pa. date is October 30, 2021, 11am-3pm. The Coatesville VA Medical Center-Center for Development and civic engagement/voluntary services, has many opportunities to support Veterans this fall and holiday season. October is Coat/blue jean/sneakers/used luggage drive.

Honor Guard: Mike Miliken reported that the Detachment participated in one funeral in September, bringing the yearly total to twenty-three.

Membership: Jim Herbst said that we really need to work on recruiting. It's time to get so new blood in. There have been officers and committee chairman who have been in place for a long time and could use a break. There was some discussion about utilizing Facebook and other social media platforms as a recruiting tool.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent) – no report.

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

Property: Bob Spano reported that the Battlefield Cross donated by the Detachment has been installed at the Veterans Memorial. Bob also said he has Marple Newtown Veterans Alliance patches available for Honor Guard members. Bob asked for volunteers to help clean out our storage space at the old Wawa on Route 252 in Newtown Square. This will take place on Saturday, October 2nd at 1400 hours.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams and Commandant Davis outlined plans for changes to the Scholarship Program. A change in Detachment bylaws will be necessary to implement the new program. They distributed a copy of the changes to all members in attendance. The changes will need to be published in the Scuttlebutt for three consecutive months before they can be signed into law. Wayne Williams made a motion to accept the changes. Jim Herbst seconded, and the motion passed.

Scouting: Ed Seidel (absent) no report.

Toys for Tots: Paul Ferguson (absent). Bob Spano reported that progress is being made in finding out who is running the program now that the Folsom Reserve Center is closed. Collection boxes will be available soon.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Bob Spano outlined suggestions for monthly charitable donations. Jim Herbst made a motion that we donate the funds. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed. The charities are the Semper Fi Fund, Fisher House Foundation, and Operation First Response. Junior Past Commandant Jim Flynn conducted the nominations for 2022 Detachment Officers. Nominations are as follows:

- Commandant: Bud Davis
- Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni
- Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin
- Paymaster: Bob Spano
- Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro
- Adjutant: Jim Flynn
- Service Officers: Jim Herbst
- Director #1: Steve Kusner
- Director #2: Ben Sides
- Director #3: no nominations
- Sgt-at-Arms: no nominations

Good of the League: Bob Spano outlined suggestions for monthly charitable donations. Jim Herbst made a motion that we donate the funds. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

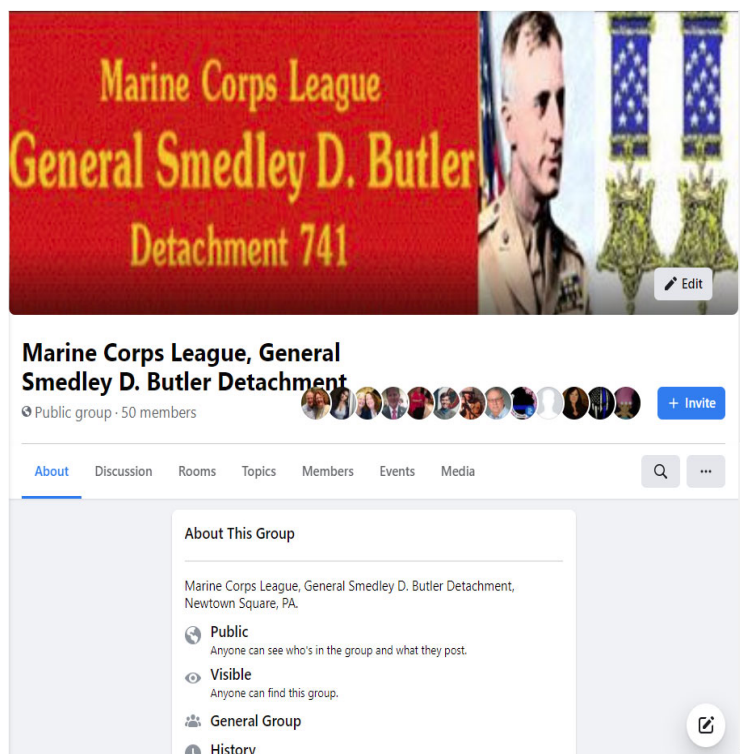
Adjournment: Bob Spano made a motion to adjourn. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2110.

Logbook: **50/50 Winner:** none
Members: 15
Guests: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn
Adjutant

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE B-3

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRMAN Scholarship Program / Rules and Requirements

- A. Scholarship Chairperson** will be appointed and reappointed by the Commandant with the approval of the Detachment Staff Officers.
- B. Scholarship Chairperson** will be knowledgeable of all requirements needed to apply for the Marine Corps League's National and Department of PA Scholarships.
- C. Sponsor:** Parent, Grandparent or Guardian that is an **ACTIVE MEMBER** in good standings (dues paid) with the Marine Corps League and Detachment for a minimum of six months.
- D. Applicant:** Be accepted or enrolled at an accredited 2- or 4-year College, University, Community College or Trade School as a full-time student.
- E. Scholarship:** Eligibility is limited to completion of four years of study or bachelor's degree, whichever comes first. These scholarships do not have to be in consecutive years. **Graduate students** are not eligible to participate in the Detachment's Scholarship program.
- F. Detachment Funds: Total Detachment Award: \$5,000.00 per year**
Scholarship Award: \$500.00 min per year
\$1,000.00 max per year
- G. Applying for Scholarship:**
- Scholarship Chairperson** will start to distribute Scholarship forms at the January Detachment General meeting.
 - Eligible applicant** must apply and complete a Scholarship form each year. Forms must be submitted to the Scholarship Chairperson **no later than 30 April. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
 - Scholarship Chairperson** will review and submit Applicant's names to the Detachment Staff Officers for final approval and vote at the May Detachment General meeting.
 - Applicant** and **Sponsor** will be notified within one week after the May Detachment General meeting of the results.
 - Approved Scholarships** will be awarded at the June Detachment General meeting.
 - Applicant** and or **Sponsor** should be present at the June Detachment General meeting to receive scholarship.
- **Scholarship Chairperson and or Detachment Staff Officers may make changes to the Rules and Requirements to fit the needs of the Detachment with Membership approval. ****

The attached **Administrative Procedure B-3** presented to the General Membership was accepted and approved by the General Membership.

Certified this date, 04 January 2022, by the following officers:

Dominic D'Alessandro
Judge Advocate

Jim Flynn
Adjutant

Charles "Bud" Davis III
Commandant



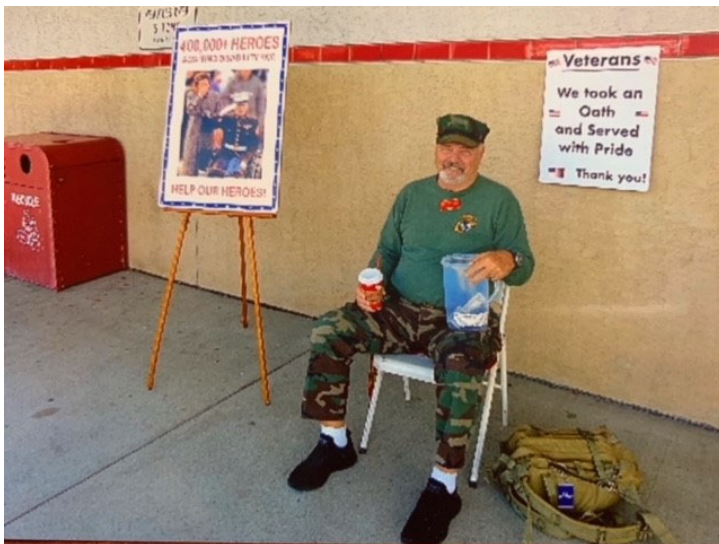
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting
2 November 2021, @ 1930
American Legion Post #805
2340 West Chester Pike,
Broomall, PA 19008