

Scuttlebutt



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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report January 2023

2022 is over and 2023 is here! Overall, the Detachment had a good year. Our fund collecting events went well, which let us reach out to help Veterans and their families. We also participated in Community parades, Honor/Color guard events, annual Toys for Tots, and a chance to help honor Ben Sides at this year's Freedom Medal Dinner.

This year also saw the Detachment and Auxiliary finally have our two-yearly dinners and our summer picnic, plus the second joint Marine Corps Ball with the Upper Darby Detachment. Please take a moment and think about this coming year and what you/we can do for the Detachment and our Veteran community. Winter is the time to regroup and think of ways to raise funds and help our fellow Veterans.

The final round of elections was held in December, and the list of Officers is posted in the Scuttlebutt. But to save you time, after a hard-fought battle and a couple recounts, I was reelected Commandant for this upcoming year.

I would like to thank those that voted for me and helped with my campaign. Those that did not vote for me, I hope that I can win you over in the coming year. All Detachment Officers and I along with our chairpersons look forward to another good year.

A quick look ahead, January will be the installation of Officers and the announcement of the 2022 Marine of the Year and the Commandant's award winner. At the February meeting, Jim Herbst and myself will be presenting the annual awards to Detachment members.

I Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year!

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!

JANUARY BOOSTERS

Joe Beal
Bud Davis
Maurice Furlong
Jim Herbst
Jerry Powlus
Bob Spano

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

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| 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 | Open |
| Director | Bill Kinney |
| Director | Mike Burbo |
| Director | Steve Kusner |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Jim Flynn |

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Adopt-A-Highway | Jim Flynn |
| Americanism Team | OPEN |
| Auxiliary Liaison | Chris Bush |
| Awards | James Herbst |
| Ceremonies | Joe Beal |
| Color Guard | Wayne Williams |
| Communications | Gene Kern |
| Flag Collection | Dominic D’Alessandro |
| Historian | OPEN |
| Home Association | Bob Spano |
| Honor Guard | Mike Milliken |
| Honor Guard Assistant | Ben Sides |
| Marksmanship | Gene Kern |
| Membership | James Herbst |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park | Bill Kinney |
| Nominations | Jim Flynn |
| Property | Bob Spano |
| Scholarships | Wayne Williams |
| Scouting | Ed Seidl |
| Toys-For-Tots | Jim Flynn |
| V.A.V.S. | Claude Falcone |
| Web Master | Ilene Silvers |

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

General & Healthcare Benefits

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| 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

December

27 Staff Dinner Meeting, Charlotte's Restaurant, West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, 1800.

January

3 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 1900.

3 General Meeting & Awards, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 1930.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Breakfast, 3rd Sun of the month (except Jun, Jul & Aug), 0800-1130, \$15.00/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.

OTHER VETERAN 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 at 7:30PM at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338, 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.

MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR

Nothing planned, yet. Stayed tuned!!

Dominick Mattioni

610-692-4335

SICK CALL

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| Charlie Coombs Rich Bortner | Jim Mulhern Jerry Powlus |
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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 – 6 December 2022

Commandant: Bud Davis opened the meeting at 1800 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Bud Davis, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Acting Judge Advocate Ben Sides, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Steve Kusner, and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 01 November 2022 General Meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni collected the final votes for 2022 Marine of the Year. Dominick and Chaplain Bush then tallied the votes and reported the result confidentially to Commandant Davis. Dominick went over the menu for the annual staff dinner to be held at Charlotte's Restaurant on 27 December 2022 at 1800. All members are welcome to attend.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin (absent), no report.

Adjutant: Jim Flynn read letters of thanks from the Sempre Fi Fund, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Operation First Response, and the Navy Seal Foundation. These letters were to acknowledge donations the Detachment had made the previous month.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro (absent). Ben Sides had no report as acting Judge Advocate.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report, reviewing income and disbursements for the month of October 2022. Bob suggested that the members review charitable donations listed in the agenda. These will be voted on later in the meeting. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the Paymaster's report. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush asked that if any member is aware of someone in the hospital to let him know.

Sgt-at-Arms: Joe Beal, no report.

Service Officer: Claude Falcone reported that he delivered donated food to an event at the Veterans Hospital. The event was not well attended due to inclement weather.

Director: Bill Kinney could not attend the meeting. Bill had dropped off a bag of Christmas cards from former member Bob Well's granddaughter's second grade class. The cards were distributed, and everyone enjoyed them.

Director: Steve Kusner (absent), no report.

Director: Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

Junior Past Commandant: Jim Fynn, no report

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that the Adopt-a-Highway program is completed for the season. Jim said that he was only able to schedule 3 cleanups this year due to scheduling, weather, and manpower issues. The program will begin again in the Spring and Jim hopes to do 4 cleanups in 2023.

Americanism: Open Position. If you can help with this committee, please contact Commandant Davis.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst asked that the committee chairman submit their list of 2022 awards by the end of December.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams reported that all Color Guard gear has been repaired, replaced, or upgraded. Wayne thanked members who participated in ceremonies held in November. Wayne also asked for volunteers for a Color Guard at the Veterans Memorial. This is for the Wreaths Across America visit on 15 December 2022.

Communications: Gene Kern (absent) no report. Commandant Davis said Gene is doing an excellent job keeping the members informed of upcoming events.

Flag Collection: Dominic D'Alessandro said that a Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at Post 805 on 11 October 2022. The flags were then transported to the Chester Incinerator to be burned. Dominic thanked the members that helped with this ceremony.

Historian: Open Position. If you can help with this committee, please contact Commandant Davis.

Honor Guard: Mike Milliken reported that the Honor Guard participated in two funerals in the month of November.

Membership: There were no applications for membership.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent), no report.

Newsletter: Dan Luty, no report.

Nominations: Jr. Past Commandant Flynn conducted nominations for 2023 Detachment Officers. The following members were nominated: Bud Davis was nominated for Commandant. Dominic Mattioni was nominated for Sr. Vice Commandant. Jerry McGuckin was nominated for Jr. Vice Commandant. Dominic D'Allessandro was nominated for Judge Advocate. Jim Flynn was nominated for Adjutant. Bob Spano was nominated for Paymaster. Joe Beal was nominated for Sergeant at Arms. Jim Herbst was nominated for Service Officer but respectfully declined. Bill Kinney, Steve Kusner, and Mike Burbo were nominated for Director positions. Because there was only one nomination for each position, Adjutant Flynn then cast one single vote for all the nominees.

Property: Bob Spano reported that the detachment's tent was destroyed by wind at an event at the Memorial. Bob has disposed of the tent and plans to purchase a new one.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams reported that he will have information on 2023 scholarships in January.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

Toys for Tots: Jim Flynn said that the Toys-For-Tots program is going well. Members can drop off collected toys to Videon Chevrolet until December 13th.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: No new business.

Good of the League: Bob Spano announced the proposed charitable donations for the month. They are Fisher House Foundation, The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Operation First Response, Toys for Tots Foundation, and Fisher House Foundation. Jim Flynn made a motion to donate the funds. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Announcements: Claude Falcone had a list of items that the Veterans Hospital needs.

Adjournment: Ben Sides made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Miliken seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 1901.

Logbook:

Members: 15

Guests: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn
Adjutant



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Message from the VA

Greetings VAVS!

We've been busy bee's here in the CDCE Office with all the wonderful support from our groups and community members. We certainly hope you all had a nice thanksgiving and are finding time to enjoy the season.

A few notes from our office. Below you will find several needs we've received from our Recreation Therapy section and our MH service.

Sponsorship of a twice monthly Bingo

- **Bldg. 39 veterans**
- **Kimiko is POC 610-384-7711 Ext 4606 or cell 484-943-0762**
- **Held in the activity room in the basement of Bldg. 38.**

Needs for Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM)

- **Hats and Gloves**
- **Sneakers**
- **Treats**

Needs for Homeless Outreach Needs

- **Personal Hygiene Wipes or Baby Wipes (for homeless washing without a shower)**
- **Foot Lockers or totes that lock (that can be used with a pad lock)**
- **tents**
- **sleeping bags**
- **tarps**
- **rain ponchos**
- **Flashlights and batteries**
- **Hand and foot warmers**
- **PANTS: L, XL, XXL Sweatpants**
- **SHIRTS: Long Sleeve shirts and sweatshirts L, XL, XXL**

Music – Chorus or Choir, Musicians, Band, or any Musical Entertainment for the Season

- **Music Therapist is the POC, Bethany Busch.**

Finally, Dale Miller our new Voluntary Service Assistant is settling in quite nicely and is reachable at ext. 4228 for any questions or needs.

Thank you all!

Jenn, Gina, and Dale



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting
3 January 2023, @ 1930
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008