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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report September 2022

Members, I would like to start off by welcoming our newest Detachment member Justin Cohen. Justin served in the US Navy from 1987 until 1993. After receiving his Honorable Discharge, he attended Bible College before returning to the Philadelphia area and becoming involved in countless Veteran groups. On behalf of the Detachment I would again like to welcome Chaplain Justin Cohen.

Well, the dog days of summer are here. I hope everyone and their families are staying cool and enjoying the summer. Winter will be here before we know it and a different way of life. Our HUHO program and Flag Raising Ceremonies are going very well. I want to thank everyone for sticking it out during these hot weeks and months.

As we enter the final months of the year, there are a couple things I would like the membership to think about. They are, working on the Birthday Ball program book, Toys for Tots collection, Freedom Medal Dinner, and other ideas to raise funds for the Detachment. Also don't forget about the 2023

Detachment Officer's election. The first round is right around the corner starting with our October general meeting. Plus, if you owe dues, please contact Bob Spano.

In closing I want to share with the Detachment the passing of Susan Drake (7/27/22) wife of longtime member Earle Drake (7/05/21). The Drake's were married for over 60 years. Mrs. Drake could be seen at our Birthday Ball, Detachment picnics and many other events with Earle. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Drake family.

Also don't forget our new **STAFF MEETING TIME IS 1900!**

Semper Fi,

Bud Davis III

Commandant

P.S. The Staff Meetings will start 1900 from now on!!

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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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Joe Beal
Bud Davis
Claude Falcone
Jim Flynn
Maurice Furlong
Dominick Longhi
Bob Spano

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

If you are interested in being a “Scuttlebutt” Booster, please see Bob Spano.

Birthday Greetings for September

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

Dominic D’Allesandro

Maurice Furlong



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	OPEN
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	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
Communications	Gene Kern
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Jim Flynn
V.A. V.S.	Jim Herbst & Claude Falcone
Web Master	Ilene Silvers

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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

September

- 6 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1900.
- 6 General Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1930.
- 11 Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, West Chester Pk, Edgemont, 1700.
- 16 National POW/MIA Remembrance Day.
- 17 Information on Camp Lejeune Justice Act Claims for Vets and their families. Upper Darby Det., 1026 Providence Rd., Secane, PA. Start time is 1200.
- 22 VA Benefits information Seminar. American Legion Post #338, 2200 Grasslyn Ave., Havertown from 0900 to 1030.

October

- 4 Detachment Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1900.
- 4 Detachment General Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pk, Broomall, 1930.

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.

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

Delaware County Detachment MCL, Breakfast, 3rd Sun of the month (except Jun, Jul & Aug), 0800-1130, \$12.00/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 2022 CALENDAR

Combined Detachment Birthday Ball. Details are still being ironed out. Stayed tuned for more information.

6 December – Annual Toys for Tots / Holiday Dinner. Stay tuned for more information.

Dominick Mattioni
610-692-4335

SICK CALL

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 – 2 August 2022

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, Jr. Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Acting Judge Advocate Jim Flynn, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Director Bill Kinney, Director Steve Kusner, and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Mike Milliken made a motion to accept the minutes of the 02 August 2022 General Meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Ben Sides seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Adjutant: Jim Flynn read letters of thanks from the Sempre Fi Fund, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Operation First Response. These letters were to acknowledge donations the Detachment had made the previous month. Jim also had flyers for the Freedom Dinner and the Upper Darby Detachment Horseshoe Tournament. Jim read a letter of thanks from Mike Milliken's grandson, Chris, for his Scholarship.

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni asked that members that were planning to attend the Veterans Picnic on 20 August 2022 to let him know so he can plan accordingly. The picnic will be held at Drexel Park Lodge between noon and four.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin said the Detachment did well with HUHO collections in July despite some cancellations due to weather. Jerry thanked the members who participated and said he's looking forward to a successful month in August.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro was not able to attend the meeting. Jim Flynn was acting Judge Advocate for the meeting and had no report.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report, reviewing income and disbursements for the month of July 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. Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed. Bob reminded the members that annual dues are due.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that he had lunch with Detachment member Jerry Powlus. Chris asked that if any member is aware of someone in the hospital to let him know.

Sgt-at-Arms: Joe Beal was not able to attend the meeting. Jim Herbst filled his position and had no report.

Service Officer: Jim Herbst reported that the VA is moving to have patients check in via email or QR Codes. The nursing home at the VA is still operating under Covid restrictions. If you need to visit, there call ahead. Claude Falcone reported that the Auxiliary will be holding a picnic at the VA sometime after Labor Day.

Director: Bill Kinney reported that there will be a Casket Flag Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial on 14 August at 1700. Members who want to participate should arrive by 1630. Bill reported that the Shootout for Soldiers Color Guard went very well and thanked all who participated. Bill reported that the Annual Freedom Dinner will be held on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 1800. The Detachment will be asked to provide a Color Guard. Bill made a motion that the Detachment purchase two tables for the dinner at a cost of \$1,700.00 and a full-page color ad in the program book at a cost of \$350.00. Total cost of \$2,050.00. Jim Flynn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Director: Steve Kusner, no report.

Director: Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

Junior Past Commandant: Jim Fynn, no report

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn said that he will have a date for the next highway cleanup at the September meeting.

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

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst reported that he still has some 2021 Awards to hand out but needs the members to come to a meeting.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal (absent), no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams, no report.

Communications: Commandant Davis reported that he has appointed Gene Kern as the Detachment's Chairman of Communication. All Communications should be sent first to be reviewed by the Commandant and he will forward to Gene for distribution to the Detachment.

Flag Collection: Dominic D'Alessandro said that the retired flag burning ceremony was a success and thanked everyone who participated. There was some discussion concerning a location for the next 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 six funerals in the month of July.

Membership: There was one application for membership. Reverend Justin Cohen applied to be an Associate Member. Rev. Cohen served in the U.S. Navy from 1987-1993. Rev. Cohen is active with many veterans' organizations. He submitted his DD214 and a check for annual dues. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept Rev. Cohen as an Associate Member and Chris Bush seconded the motion and the motion passed. Commandant Davis and Chaplain Bush presided over the swearing in ceremony. Commandant Davis then declared a brief recess so that the members could welcome Rev. Cohen aboard.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent) no report.

Newsletter: Dan Luty reminded members to have their reports and any photos for the Scuttlebutt to him by the 15th of the month.

Property: Bob Spano, no report.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams, no report.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

Toys for Tots: Jim Flynn said that he will need a contact person for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Bob Spano was able to provide the information.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: Commandant Davis announced that several Detachment members attended a meeting with the Upper Darby Detachment Officers and discussed plans for this year's Marine Corps Ball. Our participation in the ceremonies and the price are still to be worked out.

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, and Operation First Response. Jim Herbst made a motion to donate the funds and Ben Sides seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment: Bob Spano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Herbst seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2026.

Logbook:

Members: 17

Guests: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn
Adjutant



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting
6 September 2022, @ 1930
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008