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Commandant's Report April 2023

Hello all, the Detachment's 2023 year of events has finally kicked off. We participated, lead this year's Springfield St. Patty's Day parade after being canceled the last two years. The weather tried to make it year number three, but I was told the parade must go on. Even with not-so-great weather, everyone along the parade route looked to be having a good time. Thanks to Wayne Williams (Color Guard Chair) and the Detachment volunteers for making this another successful event.

As I stated in the past, please check the Scuttlebutt and your email for future events. The Detachment has many events and ceremonies already schedule thru out the year and I am sure more will be added. Also, if you have any spare time and can help the Honor Guard, I'm sure Mike Milliken (Honor Guard Chair) would really appreciate the help. Please contact Mike with any questions about the duties of the Honor Guard.

As a reminder to the Detachment membership, we will be changing over to our summer uniform starting with the April meeting. With that said, all Marine Corps League members are in uniform anytime they are wearing an official MCL cover. I ask that if you have any questions about the proper way to wear the uniform or display your cover (No pins or unofficial patches etc.) to please check your Detachment Red Book, Department of PA, or National website. As always you can ask a fellow member. Remember, we never know who will see us or take a photo and post it. Let's avoid any Detachment bad press, we work too hard and help to many. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

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!

APRIL BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
 Jim Flynn
 Maurice Furlong
 Jim Herbst
 Harry Kaufman
 Jerry McGuckin
 Bob Spano

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano
 Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for April

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

Arthur Caldwell
 Joseph Direso
 Donna Moisiades
 Roger Nutter
 Benjamin Sides
 Leslie Turner



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	Open
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Mike Burbo
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	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	
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

April

- 2 Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, West Chester Pk. Newtown Square at 1700.
- 4 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 1900.
- 4 General Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 1930.
- 13 Coatesville VAMC Bingo, Bldg. 59 at 1400.
- 18 Red Cross Blood Drive, MMP #805 in Broomall, 1000 - 1500. Call for appointment.
- 27 MMP #805 Bus Trip to PA State Capital, 0800 - 1600

May

- 2 Staff Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 1900.
- 2 General Meeting, Marple Memorial Post #805, West Chester Pike, Broomall at 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, \$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.

MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR

- Scholarship Dinner, Tuesday, 6 June at Post 805.
- Veterans Picnic Saturday, 19 August at Drexel Lodge Park, 1200 to 1600.
- Marine of the Year voting starts October General Meeting.
- Birthday Ball, Saturday, 4 November, Lazaretto Ball Room, Essington, \$65 per person.
- Toys for Tots/Holiday Dinner, 5 December Post 805 following General Meeting.
- Staff Dinner, Tuesday, 26 December at Charlotte's Restaurant, 1800.

SICK CALL

Charlie Coombs
Pete Patrucci

Jim Mulhern
Ben Sides

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 – 7 March 2023

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, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Acting Judge Advocate Jim Herbst, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Director Steve Kusner, Director Bill Kinney, Director Mike Burbo and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 07 February 2023 General Meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Mike Burbo seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni reported that the dates and times for all Detachment events in 2023 can be found in our award-winning newsletter, The Scuttlebutt.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that the HUHO schedule for 2023 is ready. Jerry had copies of the schedule for all members in attendance. Collection dates run from April through October. We can always use more help with HUHO collections!

Adjutant: Jim Flynn read letters of thanks from various veterans' charities. These letters were in response to donations the Detachment had recently sent. Jim also read a thank you note from the family of Jerry Powlus. The family expressed their gratitude for the casket watch and rifle salute provided by The Detachment Honor Guard.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro (absent) no report. Jim Herbst served as acting judge advocate for this meeting.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report, reviewing income and disbursements for the month of February 2023. Mike Miliken made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. Bill Kinney 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. Chris reported that he had sent cards to members on the sick list.

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

Service Officer: Jim Herbst said that the VA has stopped accepting donations for now. He also reported that the Detachment had provided food and other supplies for a Valentine's Day party. Claude Falcone reported that there is to be a Saint Patrick's Day party along with bingo at the VA Hospital on 17 March.

Director: Bill Kinney reported that Ralph Galati is replacing Dennis Murphy as Vice President of the Delco Veterans Memorial. Bill said there may be a car show/ fundraiser at the Memorial, but details not available yet. The first casket flag ceremony of the season will be held on 2 April at 1700. Volunteers should arrive by 1630. Bill also asked for a color guard on 13 May at 1000 hours. This is the 10th anniversary of The Veterans Memorial; a time capsule will be buried. Bill also had information on Flag Day, 14 June.

The 2023 Freedom Medal recipients will be announced. There will also be a retired flag burning ceremony on that date. There will be a Vet Expo held at the Memorial on 20 April.

Director: Steve Kusner reported that all questions raised from the annual Detachment Audit have been answered to the Director's satisfaction.

Director: Mike Burbo asked that members use the BCC when sending emails.

Junior Past Commandant: Jim Flynn (present) no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that he expects to schedule the first cleanup in April and will send out an email with date and time.

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

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush reported that the ladies from the Auxiliary are seeking donations.

Awards: Jim Herbst and Commandant Davis presented awards Jerry McGuckin and Claude Falcone for their hard work and dedication in 2022.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal (absent) no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams asked that those marching in The Saint Patrick's Day parade arrive at St Francis church by 1030 on 11 March. Rain date is 18 March. Wayne is planning a color guard for opening ceremony of championship series at Newtown-Edgemont Little League.

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 (absent) no report.

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

Honor Guard: Mike Milliken reported that the Detachment participated in four funerals in February.

Membership: There were no applications for membership.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent) no report.

Newsletter: Dan Luty (absent) no report.

Nominations: No report.

Property: Bob Spano reported progress.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams had Detachment and State scholarship applications available.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (present) no report.

Toys for Tots: Jim Flynn (present) no report.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: Commandant Davis suggested that we could have food delivered before the meetings, rather than after meetings. There was some discussion amongst the members with no decision being reached.

Good of the League: Wayne Williams suggested that the Detachment should discuss putting something in the Veterans Memorial time capsule to Honor Detachment members who were instrumental in its construction. Bob Spano said the Detachment would start donating to veterans' charities again after HUHO begins. Mike Miliken asked for more help with the Honor Guard.

Announcements: Commandant Davis announced that Daylight Savings time begins on 12 March. The Detachment will switch to the summer uniform at this time.

Adjournment: Chris Bush made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kusner seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2020.

Logbook:

Members: 15

Guests: 0

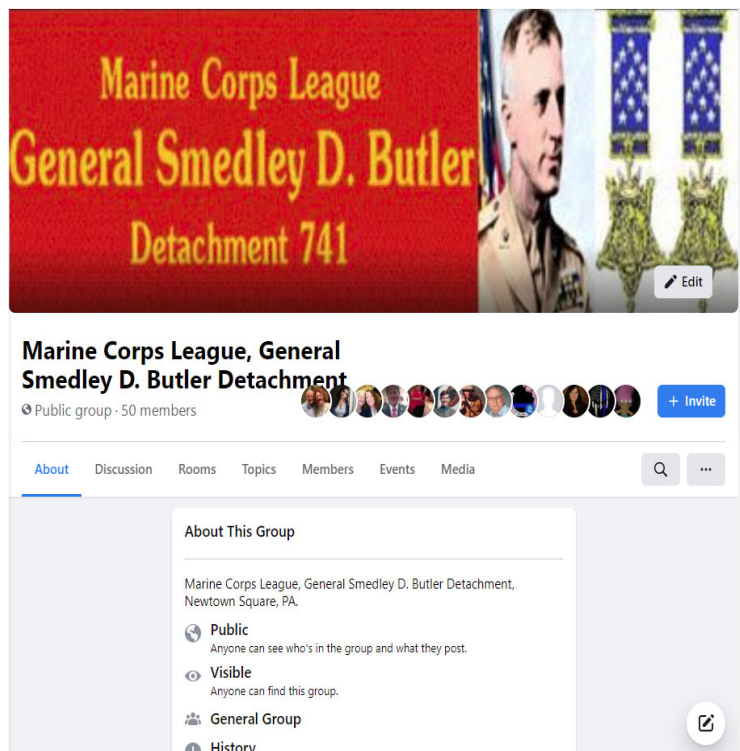
Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn

Adjutant



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HELP US HELP OTHERS 2023

APRIL

Drexline SHOPRITE 4/08 - Saturday
4/09 - Sunday

Drexline SHOPRITE 4/22 - Saturday
4/23 - Sunday

MAY

Brookhaven SHOPRITE 5/06 - Saturday
5/07 - Sunday

Drexline SHOPRITE 5/13 - Saturday
5/14 - Sunday

West Chester SHOPRITE 5/20 - Saturday
5/21 - Sunday

JUNE

Brookhaven SHOPRITE 6/03 - Saturday
6/04 - Sunday

West Chester SHOPRITE 6/17 - Saturday
6/18 - Sunday

JULY

Brookhaven SHOPRITE 7/08 - Saturday
7/09 - Sunday

West Chester SHOPRITE 7/22 - Saturday
7/23 - Sunday

AUGUST

Brookhaven SHOPRITE 8/05 - Saturday
8/06 - Sunday

West Chester SHOPRITE 8/12 - Saturday
8/13 - Sunday



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting
4 April 2023 @ 1930
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008