

Scuttlebutt



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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report July 2023

I want to start my report by thanking Barbara and Dominick Mattioni, Wayne Williams, and all Detachment/Auxiliary members for making this year's Scholarship Dinner another successful event. It was the Detachment's honor to have five Scholarship Award recipients for 2023.

On 11 June we joined the DCVMA to honor eight Upper Darby Veterans with the monthly Flag Ceremony. We were a little shorthanded for the event but were able to work together and receive some just-in-time Flag folding training to make for a great evening. I lost count of the "Thank You's" we received.

The Flag Day Ceremony and Flag retirement at DCVMA went very well. Thanks to Dom D'Alessandro, Wayne Williams, and the Detachment Volunteers for performing the Color Guard and helping the Newtown Square fire department retire the countless bags of old and worn-out flags.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

REMINDER: Our Next Detachment Meeting will be Wednesday, 5 July at 1900.

Semper Fi,

Bud Davis III

Commandant



From Paymaster Spano

Increases in cost of life membership as of 1 July 2023:

35 years or younger – \$1000.00

36-50 years of age - \$ 800.00

51-64 years of age - \$ 600.00

65-84 years of age - \$ 400.00

85 years or older - \$ 100.00

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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!

JULY BOOSTERS

Jim Flynn
Maurice Furlong
Jim Herbst
Harry Kaufman
Dom Mattioni
Bob Spano

Thank You Boosters!

Bob Spano

Paymaster

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

Birthday Greetings for July

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

Gerald McGuckin
Ronald Miller
James Mulhern
Peter Patrucci
John Quinn
Philip Spinelli



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

July

- 04 Independence Day – MN Parade, West Chester Pk, 1000. Trailer leaves Post #805 @ 0915.
- 05 General Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 09 Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, 4599 West Chester Pk, Newtown Sq, 1700.
- 10 Newtown Twp BOS meeting for DCVMA Veterans Hall, 1900.
- 13 Bingo at Coatesville Veterans Hospital @ 1400.

August

- 01 General Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.

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

- 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 Jerry McGuckin
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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 June 2023

Commandant: Bud Davis opened the meeting at 1925 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Bud Davis, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Adjutant Jim Flynn, Judge Advocate Dominic D'Alessandro, Paymaster Bob Spano, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant at Arms Joe Beal, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Bill Kinney, Director Mike Burbo, and Jr. Past Commandant Jim Flynn.

Minutes: Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes of the 02May 2023 General Meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Mike Miliken seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Dominick Mattioni had no report. Commandant Davis thanked Dominick and his wife for organizing the annual scholarship dinner that was held prior to the meeting.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin could not attend the meeting. Jim Flynn asked for volunteers for HUHO collections to be held on the next two weekends.

Adjutant: Jim Flynn read a letter of thanks from Operation First Response. The Detachment had recently sent them a donation in memory of Nick Constantino. Jim also read a short note from Detachment member Bill Inverso. The note was accompanied by a generous donation.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro (present) no report.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report, reviewing income and disbursements for the month of May 2023. Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the paymaster's report. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that he had visited Jim Mulhern and Louise Magliocco.

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

Service Officer: Jim Herbst reported that the VAVS would like to see more participation from our Detachment. Jim said we need someone to step up and take over as Service Officer. Jim has been filling the position in an acting capacity this year, but we need someone to take over the job and do the paperwork. Claude Falcone reported that he accompanied the Auxiliary to the Edgemont VA. They provided coffee and donuts for the veterans there. Claude said it is important for us to maintain a presence there to inform veterans about the benefits they are entitled to. It is also an opportunity to extend an invitation to our meetings.

Director: Bill Kinney thanked Wayne Williams and his color guard for their help at the Veterans Memorial time capsule ceremony. Bill asked for volunteers for a casket flag ceremony on 11June2023. This ceremony is more complicated than usual as 8 flags will be raised, lowered, folded, and presented.

Please arrive by 1630 to participate. Bill also asked for help on 14June2023 for Flag Day Ceremony. Bill went over some future events to be held at the Veterans Memorial in the coming months. He will have more information on these at future meetings.

Director: Steve Kusner (absent) no report.

Director: Mike Burbo (present) no report.

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

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that he plans to schedule the second of four highway cleanups at the end of June. Jim will send out an email when a date has been set.

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

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush (present) no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst (present) no report.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal (present) no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams asked for volunteers for Flag Day Ceremony and 4th of July Parade. Wayne also mentioned the need for a color guard on 26July2023 for Newtown Square Little League Championships. Wayne said he will have more information on this event at the July meeting.

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 reported that the next flag burning will be on 14June2023 at the Delco Veterans Memorial. Dom will need help transporting retired flags from Post 805 to the Memorial on that date.

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

Honor Guard: Mike Milliken reported that the Detachment Honor Guard participated in 4 funerals in May 2023.

Membership: There were no applications for membership.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent) no report.

Newsletter: Members are asked to submit any pictures of Detachment events by the 15th of the month.

Nominations: No report.

Property: Bob Spano reported that the trailer needed some costly repairs to pass inspection. It is also in need of some carpentry work on the floor and railings. Bob said he had ordered some Eagle Scout awards and certificates for the Detachment scouting program.

Scholarships: Wayne Williams had no report. Commandant Davis thanked Wayne for his work on the 2023 scholarship awards.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (absent) no report.

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

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Good of the League: Commandant Davis encouraged the members to participate in upcoming Detachment events and to help with our HUHO fundraising program.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Adjournment: Bob Spano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the meeting was adjourned at 2020.

Logbook:

Members: 14

Guests: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flynn

Adjutant

Independence Day Parade

The parade route is West Chester Pike, from Casey's to the Broomall Fire Company. Smedley Butler Detachment and the Broomall American Legion will provide the Color Guard and a trailer hopefully full of Veterans and supporters. The parade kicks off at 1000.

Times for Detachment/Auxiliary/Legion Post 805:

Please be at the post no later than 0900. The trailer will leave 0915 sharp. Volunteers will be needed to get trailer ready.

Wayne Williams will be putting the Color Guard together. If you can help, please contact Wayne.

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



HELP US HELP OTHERS 2023

JULY

Brookhaven SHOPRITE	7/08/23 - Saturday 7/09/23 - Sunday
West Chester SHOPRITE	7/22/23 - Saturday 7/23/23 - Sunday

AUGUST

Brookhaven SHOPRITE	8/05/23 - Saturday 8/06/23 - Sunday
West Chester SHOPRITE	8/12/23 - Saturday 8/13/23 - Sunday

SEPTEMBER

Brookhaven SHOPRITE	9/09/23 - Saturday 9/10/23 - Sunday
Drexline SHOPRITE	9/16/23 - Saturday 9/17/23 - Sunday
West Chester SHOPRITE	9/23/23 - Saturday 9/24/23 - Sunday

Next General Meeting
5 July 2023 @ 1900 (Wednesday)
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008