



# Scuttlebutt

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment**

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Dan Luty, editor

## Commandant's Report January 2019

The Smedley Butler Detachment mourns the loss of long time Jr. Vice Commandant, Jack McLeod. Jack was a great man, a relentless fundraiser, and a friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

Elections were held at our December meeting. New officers include Jerry McGuckin, as Jr. Vice Commandant, Bud Davis as Adjutant and Dominic D'Allesandro takes over as Sergeant-at-Arms. Also, at our December meeting we welcomed new Associate Member, Maurice Furlong. Maurice is a Navy Veteran. Welcome Aboard, Maurice!

Our Toys for Tots Dinner hosted by Sr. Vice Commandant, Dominic Mattioni, was a great success.

The toys collected will bring smiles to the faces of the children in need on Christmas.

Our Adjutant, Jack Kelly, is stepping down from his position after many years of faithful service to devote more time to his church. We are grateful to Jack for the great job he did as Adjutant.

As 2019 begins, the Detachment looks forward to continuing its service to our Veterans and the Community.

*Semper Fi,*  
*Jim Flynn*  
Commandant

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**Commandant presenting T4T check to Cpl DiValerio & Lcpl Widecan**

## "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

Bud Davis  
Joe Direso  
Harry Kaufman  
Jack Kelly  
Con McGinley  
Jack McLeod  
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  
Robert Wells



***Happy Birthday...and many, many more!***

### **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Officers**

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Commandant          | Jim Flynn            |
| Sr. Vice Commandant | Dominick Mattioni    |
| Jr. Vice Commandant | Jerry McGuckin       |
| Adjutant            | Charles (Bud) Davis  |
| Paymaster           | Bob Spano            |
| Judge Advocate      | Paul Ferguson        |
| Sergeant-At-Arms    | Dominic D'Alessandro |
| Chaplain            | Christopher Bush     |
| Service Officer     | Jim Herbst           |
| Director            | Bill Kinney          |
| Director            | Ben Sides            |
| Director            | Paul Donohue         |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Dominic D'Alessandro |

### **General Smedley D. Butler Detachment Committee Chairmen**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Adopt-A-Highway          | Jim Flynn                              |
| Americanism Team         | J.Mulhern, E. Drake,<br>D. Fitzpatrick |
| Auxiliary Liaison        | Chris Bush                             |
| Awards                   | James Herbst                           |
| Ceremonies               | Charles (Bud) Davis                    |
| Color Guard              | Wayne Williams                         |
| Flag Collection          | Dominic D'Alessandro                   |
| Historian                | Jack Gallagher                         |
| Home Association         | Bob Spano                              |
| Honor Guard              | OPEN                                   |
| Honor Guard Assistant    | Ben Sides &<br>Mike Milliken           |
| Marksmanship             | Gene Kern                              |
| Membership               | James Herbst                           |
| Newsletter (Scuttlebutt) | Dan Luty                               |
| Newtown Twp Vets Park    | Bill Kinney                            |
| Nominations              | Paul Ferguson                          |
| Property                 | Bob Spano                              |
| Communications           | John Burfete                           |
| Scholarships             | Wayne Williams                         |
| Scouting                 | Ed Seidl                               |
| Toys-For-Tots            | Dan Luty                               |
| V.A.V.S.                 | Jim Herbst &<br>Claude Falcone         |
| Young Marines            | LCpl Prella &<br>Dan Luty              |
| Web Master               | Ilene Silvers                          |

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

#### **General & Healthcare Benefits**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>VA Hotline</b>           | <b>800-827-1000</b>                               |
| <b>Veterans' Healthcare</b> | <b>877-222-8387</b>                               |
| <b>Education</b>            | <b>888-442-4551</b>                               |
| <b>Grave Markers</b>        | <b>800-697-6947</b>                               |
| <b>Life Insurance</b>       | <b>800-669-8477</b>                               |
| <b>Website</b>              | <b><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></b> |

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### January

- 2 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930. *\*This is a Wednesday!!*
- 9 Bingo, Coatesville VAMC at 1400. Contact Claude Falcone at 610-350-7391 for more information.
- 29 Detachment Audit at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1830.
- 29 Staff Meeting at Marple Memorial Post #805 at 1930.

### February

- 5 MCL General Meeting at Knights of Columbus, Newtown Square at 1930.

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## 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**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**, Third Sunday of the month: Breakfast: 0800-1130, \$10.00/person. Delaware County Detachment at detachment home, Upland, PA. Every Month except: June-July-August.

**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 Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW. Located at MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

**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.

**Knights Of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129**, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

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## MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDAR

*Stayed tuned for this year's events!!!*

Dominick Mattioni  
610-692-4335  
Gen. Smedley D. Butler  
Marine Corps League  
Detachment #741

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### SICK CALL

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Wes Tomlinson<br>Joe Tier | Rich Bortner |
|---------------------------|--------------|

*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 – 4 December 2018**

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1800 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers who were present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Vice Commandant Dominick Mattioni, Paymaster Bob Spano, Adjutant Jack Kelly, Chaplain Chris Bush, Sergeant-at-Arms Charles (Bud) Davis, Service Officer Jim Herbst, Director Paul Donohue, Director Bill Kinney, and Director Ben Sides.

**Minutes:** George Boyajian made a motion to accept the minutes of the 5 November 2018 general meeting as published in the *Scuttlebutt*. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Adjutant:** Jack Kelly reported that letters of appreciation had been received from organizations that had received donations from the Detachment. Letters of appreciation had been received from Operation Homefront, San Antonio, TX; from the Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD; and from the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. Each of these organizations had received donations of \$3,000.00. A letter of appreciation was also received from the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in Annville, PA, which had received a donation of \$250.00.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Dominick Mattioni explained the process that would be used in this year's Marine of the Year selection. Nomination forms were on each table and could be filled out during the meeting. The nomination forms would be collected later during the meeting. The Detachment's Marine of the Year would be announced at a future meeting. Dominick Mattioni also provided some information concerning the upcoming staff dinner for the Detachment officers. The dinner is scheduled for 27 December 2018, at Charlotte's Restaurant in Newtown Square. An e-mail will be sent out to the officers with additional information.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** With the passing of Junior Vice Commandant Jack McLeod, Commandant Jim Flynn provided details of the upcoming viewing and service arrangements for Jack McLeod. A viewing was scheduled for 12 December 2018 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Broomall from 1800 to 1900. The funeral was scheduled for 1000 on 13 December 2018 at Arlington Cemetery in Drexel Hill.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's Report as of 30 November 2018. He reviewed the income for the month as well as expenses for the month. The total funds on hand were also reviewed. He suggested that the members should review the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda. These organizations would be considered for donations later in the meeting.

George Boyajian made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bob Wells seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush reiterated that the Detachment's long time Junior Vice Commandant, Jack McLeod, had passed away. He provided details on the final arrangements. Chris Bush also mentioned that John Burfete and Wayne Williams were involved in separate auto accidents, but both were doing well following the accidents.

**Service Officer:** Jim Herbst provided information on the Coatesville Medical Center's Mistletoe and Christmas party, scheduled for 8 December 2018, as well as the monthly bingo game at the Center scheduled for 12 December 2018. Jim Herbst mentioned that Claude Falcone is doing a great job in participating in the events at the Coatesville Medical Center.

In his role as awards chairman, Jim Herbst asked that committee chairmen submit to him their lists of members to be recognized for their participation in Detachment events during 2018.

In his role as membership chairman, Jim Herbst encouraged the members to continue to look for new members.

**Director Kinney:** Bill Kinney reported that the fifth annual Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association's Freedom Medal Dinner in November was a huge success and a terrific night. He mentioned the Detachment's Color Guard was terrific and led off the evening with the posting of the Colors and the pledge of allegiance. Members of the Color Guard that evening were Jim Herbst, Bob Wells, Jack Kelly, Wayne Williams, and a late substitution, Steve Quinn, from the Upper Darby Detachment. Paul Donohue was once again dressed as a Continental rifleman for the event. One of the Freedom Medal honorees that evening was our own Lou Camilli, an Iwo Jima veteran. Bill Kinney explained that another Iwo Jima veteran, Alan McCauley from the Upland Detachment, was not able to attend that event, so a special presentation has been arranged for him. Joe Daly, Bill Kinney, and others would present the award to Alan McCauley on 19 December 2018. On another matter, Bill Kinney mentioned that the Detachment's Color Guard will be participating in the annual employee Christmas party for Claude de Botton's National Realty Corporation on 21 December 2018.

**Director Sides:** Ben Sides reported that the Honor Guard had participated in seven funerals for deceased veterans during the month of November. The year-to-date count was one hundred and four funerals for deceased veterans, served by the Detachment's Honor Guard. Ben Sides mentioned that the uniform of the day for the casket watch for Jack McLeod would be red blazer jackets and white gloves. If a member does not have the red blazer, the red satin jacket could be worn.

**Committee Reports:**

**Americanism:** Earle Drake reported that an Americanism program is being planned for a local Boy Scout troop.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams mentioned the Color Guard looked great at the dinner for the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association. He mentioned that the next event for the Color Guard was the annual Christmas dinner for the National Realty Corporation on 21 December 2018. It was mentioned that Claude de Botton would be honored as an honorary member of the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment, and that an embroidered red satin jacket will be presented to him at some point in the future.

Toys for Tots Program: Dan Luty mentioned that two Marines from the Folsom Reserve Center were coming to the meeting this evening to receive the Detachment's check for the Toys for Tots program. The toys that were brought to this evening's dinner would also be picked up at that time.

Unfinished Business: No items of unfinished business were raised.

New Business:

Nomination of Officers for 2019 - Final Round: In the absence of Junior Past Commandant Dominic D'Alessandro, Past Commandant Jim Herbst conducted the final round of the nomination of officers for the Detachment for 2018. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

- Commandant - Jim Flynn
- Senior Vice Commandant - Dominick Mattioni
- Junior Vice Commandant - Jerry McGuckin
- Adjutant - Charles (Bud) Davis
- Paymaster - Bob Spano
- Judge Advocate - Paul Ferguson
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Dominic D'Alessandro (not present, but accepted the position by notarized letter)
- Chaplain - Chris Bush
- Service Officer - Jim Herbst
- Directors (three needed) - Bill Kinney, Ben Sides, Paul Donohue

There were no contested positions (two or more members for one position), so according to our Detachment Administrative Procedures and By-laws, Jim Herbst asked Adjutant Jack Kelly to cast one vote for each person nominated. Jack Kelly then cast one vote for each person nominated, thus electing the slate of officers for the 2019 year. The elected officers will be installed at the January 2019 general meeting.

Marine of the Year Nominations: The nomination forms for the Detachment's Marine of the Year for 2018 were collected at this point in the meeting.

New Member: A potential new member was introduced to the Detachment members. Jim Flynn introduced Maurice Furlong, a former lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, who had served for five years on active duty. Jim Flynn made a motion to have Maurice Furlong accepted into the Detachment as an associate member, and several members seconded the motion. The motion passed. Maurice Furlong was sworn in as an associate member of the Detachment by Commandant Jim Flynn.

Toys for Tots Presentation: Two Marines from the Folsom Reserve Center were presented with a check for \$3,000.00 from the Detachment for the annual Toys for Tots program. Several pictures were taken for the presentation.

Good of the League: George Boyajian gave some remarks on the passing of his friend and ours, Jack McLeod. George Boyajian mentioned that Jack McLeod had given George a Holy Bible

several years ago and George Boyajian read some of the remarks that Jack McLeod had written to him.

George Boyajian mentioned that Jack McLeod was "a dear friend of mine" and "I will miss him dearly."

Charitable Organizations: Bob Spano reviewed the list of organizations listed on the back of the agenda that were being recommended to the membership for consideration. These organizations had been discussed at a recent officers' staff meeting. Bill Kinney made a motion to donate the funds as outlined on the back of the meeting agenda. The organizations and the amounts to be donated shown in parentheses are (1) Fisher House Foundation, Rockville, MD (\$2,000.00); (2) Haven Women, Philadelphia, PA (\$2,000.00); (3) The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, Oceanside, CA (\$2,000.00); and (4) Operation First Response, Culpeper, VA (\$2,000.00). Several members seconded the motion and the motion passed.

George Boyajian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Kinney seconded the motion and the motion passed. The regular closing ceremonies were conducted, and the meeting was adjourned at 1850. The members were then joined by members of the Auxiliary, along with spouses and friends, for the Detachment's and Auxiliary's annual Christmas dinner.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jack Kelly*

Adjutant



**Jack McLeod honor services**



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next Meeting

**2 January 2019 at 1930**

***\*\*This is a Wednesday***

Knights of Columbus

327 N. Newtown Street Rd.

(Route 252)

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