

# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report October 2024

Our award-winning newsletter is back after a brief summer hiatus. The October general meeting will include the beginning of nominations for 2025 Detachment Officers. Please attend this very important meeting and participate in the nomination process. Also, consider accepting a nomination for an Officer billet. Most of our current Officers have been in office for many years and would welcome a much-needed break. Also, at the October meeting we will be nominating members for the 2024 Marine of the Year.

Fall has arrived and with it comes a busy Detachment schedule. Color Guard Chairman Wayne Williams will be looking for volunteers for the Veterans Day Parade and the Annual Freedom Medal Dinner. Some of our members attend the Beirut Memorial Remembrance every year. This is a very moving ceremony in honor of the 241 U.S. Military personnel killed in 1983 when the Marine barracks was destroyed with a truck bomb. The vast majority of those who died that day were Marines.

Hundreds of Marines gather each year at the Memorial in Philadelphia. If you would like to attend, contact myself or Jerry McGuckin. Maybe we can carpool to the event.

Other upcoming events include the Annual Freedom Medal Dinner at the Springfield Country Club on November 14. Some tickets are available on a first come first served basis. Contact Bill Kinney for details. There are 2 more casket flag ceremonies on the second Sundays of October and November at 1500 hours. We're getting ready for our Toys for Tots campaign, information and collection boxes will be available at the October meeting.

*Semper Fi,*

*Jim Flynn*  
 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!

### **OCTOBER BOOSTERS**

Joe Beal  
Charlie Coombs  
Bud Davis  
Joe Direso  
Jim Flynn  
Jim Herbst  
Gerry 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 September/October**

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

#### **September**

Leo Carlin  
Dominic D'Alessandro  
Maurice Furlong  
John Gallagher  
Emil Latini  
Richard Van Luvender

#### **October**

Richard Bortner  
Charles Coombs  
Aaron Cabbage  
James Flynn  
Daniel Hagee  
James Herbst  
Leon Huzzard  
Lewis Neumann  
Edgar Speer



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

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

Commandant	Jim Flynn
Sr. Vice Commandant	Jim Herbst
Jr. Vice Commandant	Jerry McGuckin
Adjutant	Bud Davis III
Paymaster	Bob Spano
Judge Advocate	Dominic D'Alessandro
Sergeant-At-Arms	Joe Beal
Chaplain	Christopher Bush
Service Officer	Claude Falcone
Director	Bill Kinney
Director	Mike Burbo
Director	Steve Kusner
Jr. Past Commandant	Bud Davis III

### **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	Open
Marksmanship	Gene Kern
Membership	James Herbst
Newsletter (Scuttlebutt)	Dan Luty
Newtown Twp Vets Park	Bill Kinney
Nominations	Bud Davis III
Property	Bob Spano
Scholarships	Wayne Williams
Scouting	Ed Seidl
Toys-For-Tots	Jim Flynn
V.V.S.	Claude Falcone
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

## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### October

- 01 General Meeting & Nominations, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 10 Bingo – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.
- 13 Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, W. Chester Pk, 1700.
- 20 Beirut Memorial Sunday Ceremony at Front and Dock Streets Phila, Korean War Memorial Park on 20 October at 1000. Free parking from 0900 until 1200 with USMC insignia somewhere on vehicle.

### November

- 05 General Meeting & Nominations, 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 1900.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1900 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

## *Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)*

**Delaware County Detachment MCL**, Breakfast, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month except in September, it will be the day after Labor Day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) Meetings are held at Herbert W. Best Post # 928, VFW, MacDade Blvd. and Sutton Avenue, Folsom, PA.

## **MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDAR**

- 8 November:** Joint Detachments Marine Corps Birthday Ball  
\* Below is the link to purchase your Ball tickets for this year.  
\* The deadline is 10 Oct. The link will close on 11 Oct.  
\* All information about the Ball can be found on the link.

### **General Info:**

- \* Cost of Ball for Detachment members is \$65 per person.
- \* There is also a drink option this year for \$33 per person for two hours, that's two hours before the ceremony or two hours after ceremony or you may buy both. You can also just buy your drinks as you want. Please bring ID, everyone will be carded per hotel policy.
- \* If you would like to stay the night at the hotel the room rate is \$119. You must reserve your room by October 11th and the discount code is CDT91Q.
- \* This is a Black-Tie Event.

[delcomarinecorpsball2024.rsvpify.com](https://delcomarinecorpsball2024.rsvpify.com)

### **SICK CALL**

Charlie Coombs Domini Mattionni	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 – 3 September 2024**

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1900 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Flynn, Senior Vice Commandant Jim Herbst, Junior Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Adjutant Bud Davis, Paymaster Bob Spano, Judge Advocate Dominic D'Alessandro, Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Claude Falcone (Absent), Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Beal, Junior Past Commandant Bud Davis, Directors Bill Kinney, Steve Kusner (Absent), and Mike Burbo (Absent).

**Minutes:** Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 2024 Detachment General Meeting as published in the **Scuttlebutt**. Jim Herbst seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Jim Herbst reported that he is starting to look ahead at the Detachment's Toys for Tots/Holiday dinner in December. Dotty's Gourmet Kitchen will be catering the event this year. As always, the cost is one unwrapped toy. Jim also reminded members that any time you wear your MCL uniform you may NOT mix DOD medals with MCL medals.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerry McGuckin reported that the Help Us Help Others (HUHO) Campaign is doing well. He thanked all members who have supported the program and thanked Joe Beal for his support at Booth's Corner.

**Adjutant:** Bud Davis reported that several letters of appreciation have been received from organizations the Detachment has supported. These letters of thanks are from the following: Military Chaplains Association, and the Semper Fi Fund.

**Judge Advocate:** Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of August 2024, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the Detachment membership review the list of charitable organizations listed in the agenda. These charitable organizations are being suggested to the Detachment membership for approval. The organizations will be considered for approval later in the meeting. Chris Bush made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Wayne Williams seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Chaplain:** Chris Bush mentioned he spoke with several members of the Detachment and their families. Chris asked the Detachment membership to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Chris asked that if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill or needs help to please contact Chris.

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

**Service Officer:** Claude Falcone (absent), no report.

**Director:** Steve Kusner (absent), no report.

**Director:** Mike Burbo (absent), no report.

**Director:** Bill Kinney reminded members that Sunday September 8th past member Bob Wells will be honored at the Flag ceremony. Bill also talked about this year's Freedom Medal Dinner. He asked the Detachment to purchase the usual seats for members. After a brief discussion a vote was passed. Bill said he will have more details at the next meeting.

**Junior Past Commandant:** Bud Davis reminded members that dues needed to be paid on August 31. If you have not paid your dues, please remit \$30 to Paymaster Bob Spano as soon as possible so that your membership will not be interrupted.

Make checks payable to: MCL #741

Send to: Bob Spano 1528 Honeysuckle Court West Chester, PA 19380-4287

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn reported that he is looking to compete the last event sometime after the HUHO program is finished. He reminded members that if they are interested in participating, the meeting time is around 0815 at the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road. All supplies are provided for this event. After the cleanup, Jim (Adopt-A-Highway Chairperson) provides coffee and donuts.

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

**Auxiliary Liaison:** Chris Bush, no report.

**Awards:** Jim Herbst, no awards to hand out currently.

**Ceremonies:** Joe Beal, no report.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams reported on a couple events that are coming up in October and November. He asked the membership to please think about helping at these events. He also stated that more information will be given out.

**Communications:** Gene Kern (absent), no report.

**Flag Collection:** There are five Flag Collection Boxes in the Marple/Newtown area. The location of these Flag Collection Boxes is: (1) American Legion Post #805, (2) Marple Township Building, (3) Marple Veterans Park, (4) Newtown Township Building and (5) Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Detachment members may also bring unserviceable flags to the Detachment general meeting for Dominic D'Alessandro to collect.

**Historian:** This position is **OPEN**, if anyone would like more information, please contact the Detachment Commandant.

**Honor Guard:** It was reported that the Honor Guard participated in 5 funerals for the months of July and August, bring the 2024 year to date total to 44.

**Membership:** Jim Herbst asked Detachment members to keep looking for new members. Our attendance for the Detachment general

meetings is getting smaller and smaller each month. If you have not been to a meeting lately make a note and stop by the next one. We need to continue to fill our ranks to participate in the many events the Detachment is involved in throughout the year.

**Marksmanship:** Gene Kern (absent), no report.

**Newsletter:** If Detachment members have anything for the Scuttlebutt, please direct them to Dan Luty by the 15th of the month.

**Nominations:** Bud Davis, no report.

**Property:** Bob Spano reported that progress is being made. Bob also reminded members that they can support the **Scuttlebutt** newsletter by becoming a monthly booster. Please see Bob before or after the meeting to support the newsletter.

**Scholarships:** Wayne Williams reported that the 2025 Detachment Scholarship forms will be available in January.

**Scouting:** Ed Seidl, no report.

**Toys for Tots:** Jim Flynn, no report.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business.

**New Business:** Officer nominations are held annually during October and November with the final selection in December. Installation of new Detachment officers takes place at the January meeting. Any questions should be directed to the Detachment Commandant.

**Good of the League:** Bob Spano went over the list of organizations that were listed in the agenda. These organizations are being suggested to the Detachment membership for consideration. After a brief discussion, Joe Beal made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations are: **(1)** Semper Fi Fund and **(2)** Operation First Response. Ed Seidl seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Announcements:** Beirut Memorial Sunday Ceremony at Front and Dock Streets Phila, Korean War Memorial Park on 20 October at 1000. Free parking from 0900 until 1200 with USMC insignia somewhere on vehicle. Also, our Marine Corps Ball is on Friday, 8 November at the Alloy Hotel (Doubletree/Hilton) on 301 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia, 19406.

**Adjournment:** Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Jim Herbst made a motion, Dom D'Alessandro seconded, and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment's general meeting for July was adjourned at 2000.

**Logbook:**

**Members:** 14

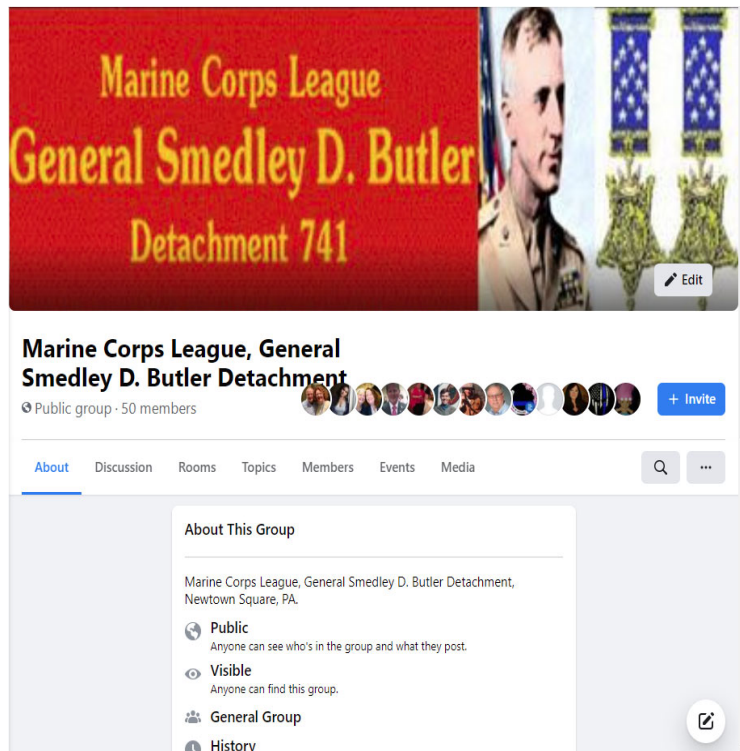
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*Respectfully submitted,*

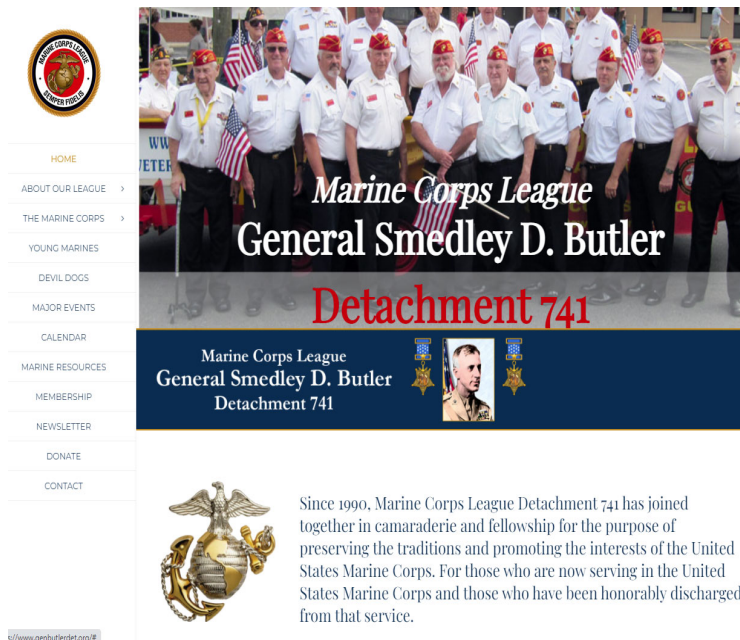
**Bud Davis III**

Adjutant

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next General Meeting  
**1 October 2024 @ 1900**  
American Legion Post #805  
Broomall, PA 19008

# Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

## Installation

Installation will be held at our October 1st meeting at 7:00 pm. All officers should wear new light blue shirts if they have one. If not, please wear a light blue shirt. (Pres, Sr. VP, Jr. VP, and JA)

All other members please wear a white top.

Installation officers will be Linda Chamberlain, Ruth Moyse and Joann Bryan.

## Coatesville VA Picnic



Members of the Auxiliary and Detachment attended the picnic at Coatesville VA and provided food for the residents there.



# October

**Evelyn Brimble**  
President  
610-356-0851  
brimdaev2@verizon.net

**Sissy Hudson**  
Sr. Vice President

**Polly Bush**  
Jr. Vice President

**Janet DeSantis**  
Judge Advocate

**Jackie Ciminera**  
Treasurer

**Jo-Ann DeVacchio**  
Secretary

**Sandi Mauer**  
Correspondent

*Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, October 1, 2024*

*7:00 p.m.*

*American Legion  
Marple Memorial Post 805  
2340 West Chester Pike  
Broomall, Pa*

## Happy Birthday

Marilyn Hoback	10/3
Maura Cullen	11/3
Maryanne Cionci	11/5
Pat Engelbrecht	11/8
Ellen Lister	11/13

If you're able, send them a card or give them a call on their special day.



## Lucky Bucks



Last month's winnings were given back to the auxiliary.

## Indiantown Gap Meeting

Indiantown Gap meeting will be Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19. Ruth Moyses and Evelyn Brimble are attending, and would enjoy having others in attendance as well.

## Bosco's Fundraiser

The Bosco's fundraiser will be held on October 22nd.

## No Bake

Our No Bake, Bake Sale will be October 26th at Evelyn Brimble's home. Please bring your covered dish along with your donation for the auxiliary.

