

Scuttlebutt



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Commandant's Report January 2025

Happy New Year! What happened to 2024? It seemed to fly by. With the new year come new opportunities to improve our recruiting skills. We have had some recent success recruiting new members just by being out there at Veterans' functions and sharing the good work the Detachment is involved in. I think the most valuable asset we have to offer is the camaraderie we feel when we work together to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We lost another long-time Detachment member when Charlie Coombs passed away on 23 November. Charlie was a Navy Corpsman who served 2 tours in Vietnam. He was a loyal HUHO volunteer for many years, and just an all-around nice guy. When a Detachment member dies and we read his obituary, we are often surprised to find how accomplished the member was. This was certainly the case with Charlie. We've lost a great man, and he will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Thanks to Jim and Beth Herbst for their excellent work hosting our annual Toys for Tots dinner last month.

It was a great dinner, good to get together with everyone for a good cause. And thanks to the ladies from the Auxiliary for providing some delicious desserts. After dinner we held our last round of nominations for 2025 Detachment Officers. It looks like you're stuck with me as your Commandant for another year. Ed Seidel has graciously accepted the nomination to be the Junior Vice Commandant, allowing Jerry McGuckin to finally retire after many years of service. Thanks Jerry, and good luck to Ed! All other office billets remain the same as 2024. Officers will be sworn in at the February meeting.

At the December meeting I had the honor of swearing in 2 new members. George Pechin is a Vietnam veteran who served 4 years in the Marine Corps. Roberto Matozzo has been in the Marine Corps since 2002. Roberto is also involved with the Marine for Life program. I'm confident these men will be an asset to the Detachment. Welcome aboard Marines!

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to the challenges ahead and another great year of working together to help veterans and their families.

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!

JANUARY BOOSTERS

Joe Beal
 Charlie Coombs
 Bud Davis
 Jim Flynn
 Jim Herbst
 Bill Inverso
 Dominick Longhi
 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 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



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	
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

Other Organizations' Events (Cont'd.)

DETACHMENT EVENTS

January

- 07 General Meeting & Committee Awards, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 09 Bingo – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.

February

- 04 Detachment Audit, MMP #805, Broomall, 1800.
- 04 General Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- ?? Bingo – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.

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.

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, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2000, 1026 Providence Rd. Secane, PA. 19018

Disabled American Veterans, Delaware County Chapter 113, meets the 3rd 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 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - no meetings July or August.

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

?? November: Combined Detachments Birthday Ball

02 December: Toys-4-Tots Holiday Dinner and General Meeting.

SICK CALL

Steve Kusner	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 December 2024

Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1915 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, Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Beal, Junior Past Commandant Bud Davis, Directors Bill Kinney, and Mike Burbo.

Minutes: Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 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 thanked the membership for turning out for the Toys for Tots dinner. He also thanked his wife for all her help and support with this event. Jim hopes everyone enjoyed themselves and that the membership has a great Christmas season.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McGuckin reported that the HUHO program had another great year. Jerry stated that he is stepping down from Jr. Vice and thanked everyone for their help and support over the years.

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: Fisher House Fund and a letter along with 30 plus cards from Cara Fragoso and her 3rd grade class at East Goshen Middle school. Cara is the granddaughter of past member Bob Wells. One way she likes to remember her grandfather is to teacher her class about the importance of Veterans Day and having the kids send thank you cards to the Detachment.

Judge Advocate: Dominic D'Alessandro, no report.

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

Chaplain: Chris Bush reported that 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 if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill or needs help to please contact Chris.

Sgt-at-Arms: Joe Beal asked members to help clean up after the meeting and reminded members to sign the logbook.

Service Officer: Claude Falcone stated that the VA is always looking for donations (gift cards, clothing, bath supplies etc.) and volunteers.

Director: Steve Kusner (absent), no report.

Director: Mike Burbo, no report.

Director: Bill Kinney reported on the Freedom Medal Dinner, great time with over 600 people in attendance. He also talked about the annual Toys, Food and Clothing Drive being held on 7 December at the DCVM.

Junior Past Commandant: Bud Davis, no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn reported that all four events were completed for this year. Jim thanked all members and their families who were able to help.

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

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst mentioned that the 2024 Detachment membership awards will be handed out at the January meeting. The Marine of the Year and Commandant's awards will be presented at the February meeting.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams thanked all members who were able to help during the busy month of November. He mentioned as of right now our next event will be the St. Patty's Day parade.

Communications: Gene Kern (absent), no report.

Flag Collection: Dom D'Alessandro reported that the last flag retirement for 2024 was held on 19 November. Dom stated that the next scheduled flag retirement is Flag Day, 14 June.

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

Honor Guard: Mike Milliken reported that the Honor Guard participated in 5 funerals for the month of November, bringing the 2024 year to date total to 62.

Membership: Jim Herbst asked Detachment members to keep looking for new members. We need to continue to fill our ranks to participate in the many events the Detachment is involved with throughout the year.

Marksmanship: Gene Kern (absent), no report.

Newsletter: Dan Luty (absent), no report.

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 (absent), no report.

Toys for Tots: It was reported that members are starting to collect their boxes. Toys that are collected can be taken to the Videon Dodge/Jeep dealership on West Chester Pike. Overall, this has been another great year.

Unfinished Business: Junior Past Commandant Bud Davis conducted the final round of nominations for Detachment Officers. Nominations for the following positions have been accepted by the following members:

- Commandant** - Jim Flynn
- Senior Vice Commandant** - Jim Herbst
- Junior Vice Commandant** – Ed Seidl
- Adjutant** - Bud Davis III
- Paymaster** - Bob Spano
- Judge Advocate** – Dominic D’Alessandro
- Sergeant-at-Arms** - Joe Beal
- Chaplain** - Chris Bush
- Service Officer** – Claude Falcone
- Directors** (3 needed) - Bill Kinney, Steve Kusner and Mike Burbo

Because there were no contested positions, Adjutant Davis casted 1 vote for each nominee thus electing the slate of officers. The elected officers will be sworn in at the February meeting.

New Business: Jim Herbst mentioned that there were two applications for membership. He introduced George Pechin, who had served in the Marine Corps from 63-67 and was introduced to the Detachment by Jim Flynn. The second new member introduced was Roberto Matozzo who has served in the Marine Corps since 2002 and was introduced to the Detachment by Bob Spano. Bill Kinney made a motion to accept George and Roberto as regular members, Terry Jones seconded the motion. George and Roberto were then sworn in as regular members of the Detachment by Commandant Flynn.

Good of the League: The Detachment Officers would like to thank all those who participated in the many events this year.

Announcements: Bob Spano went over the organization that was listed in the agenda. This organization is being suggested to the Detachment membership for consideration. After a brief discussion, Wayne Williams made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organization’s: (1) Christmas Walk Fund (supported by the Upper Darby Auxiliary). Dominic D’Alessandro seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Adjournment: Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Dom D’Alessandro made a motion, Mike Burbo seconded, and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment’s general meeting for December was adjourned at 2020.

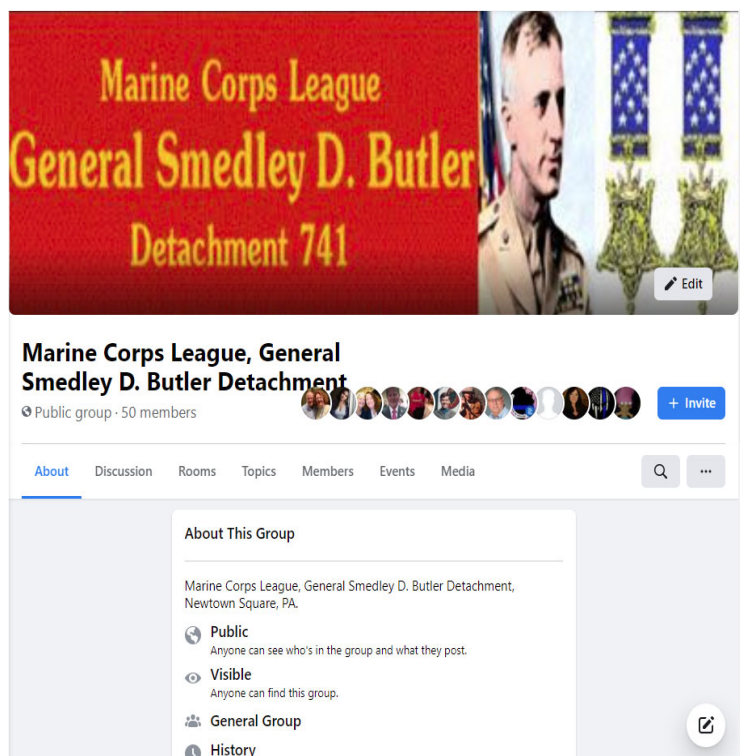
Logbook: **Members:** 20 **Guests:** 4

Respectfully submitted,

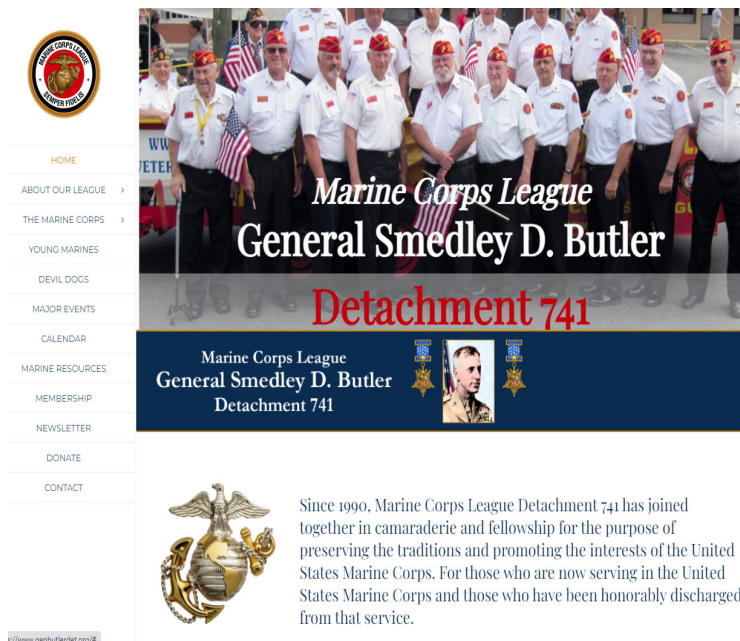
Bud Davis III

Adjutant

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting
7 January 2025 @ 1900
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008

Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

December Meeting



Everyone was very festive at our December meeting.



Code Blue Donations

The following items are needed:

Men's underwear,
Thick socks,
Sweat pants,
Lemonade powdered drink mix,
9 oz. cups,
Bowls, spoons, forks,
Hot chocolate,
Oatmeal packages,
Cup of soup.
Any gently used men's clothing and shoes.

Please bring your items to the January meeting or to Evelyn's garage.

January

Evelyn Brimble
President
610-356-0851
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Sissy Hudson
Sr. Vice President

Polly Bush
Jr. Vice President

Janet DeSantis
Judge Advocate

Jackie Ciminera
Treasurer

Jo-Ann DeIVacchio
Secretary

Sandi Mauer
Correspondent



*Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
7:00 p.m.
American Legion
Marple Memorial Post 805
2340 West Chester Pike
Broomall, Pa*

Mothers Shelter



Evelyn Brimble and Jo-Ann DelVacchio took a trunk-full of items to the woman's shelter. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Audit

An audit will be performed at our January meeting by Robin Sheeran, Sissy Hudson and Polly Bush.

