

# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report February 2025

Once again, I must begin this report with sad news. Longtime Detachment member Steve Kusner passed away on 7 January. Steve served as a Detachment Director and held down a regular Saturday shift for the HUHO campaign. He was an inspiration to us all, showing up to help despite his failing health. He gave everything he had until the end. I'm going to miss his wry sense of humor and eclectic taste in music at HUHO this year. May he rest in peace!

How about this weather? For the first time in years our region is experiencing a real winter. I must confess that I haven't been there to enjoy it as I'm a partial snowbird now. Clare and I have been in the Florida Keys since just after the holidays. We'll be back soon, in time for the February meeting. Our Honor Guard must accomplish their mission regardless of the weather. They are to be commended for continuing to do their duty in these brutal conditions.

Our next Detachment meeting will be held at 1900 hours on 4 February. Detachment Officers will be sworn in at this meeting. There will be planning and discussion on 2025 fundraising and events. If you have any ideas on how we can be more efficient or effective, please come to the meeting and share them. Our first parade of the year will be the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Springfield. Color Guard Chairman Wayne Williams already has us registered. I'm sure he'll be looking for volunteers to march in the parade. Our Detachment has been leading this parade for years. It's very well attended and is always a good time. The weather should be better by then!

*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!

### **FEBRUARY BOOSTERS**

Joe Beal  
Chris Bush  
Charlie Coombs  
Bud Davis  
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 February**

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

Joseph Beal  
James Constien  
Russell Davis  
Harry Deaner  
John D’Orta  
James Dunlap  
Jeffrey Elliott  
Roger Godfrey  
R. Stewart Hughes  
John Keevill  
John Kelly  
Albina Lloyd  
Bob Spano  
H. Wes Tomlinson



***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**

<b>General &amp; Healthcare Benefits</b>	
<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

### February

- 04 General Meeting, Installation & Awards, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 04 Detachment Audit, MMP #805, Broomall, 1800.
- 13 Bingo Party – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.
- 16 MCL District 1 Meeting, Tun Tavern/DELCO Det., Upland 1430.

### March

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

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## **MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR**

**?? November:** Combined Detachments Birthday Ball

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

### **SICK CALL**

Jim Mulhern	Dominic Ambroseni
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 January 2025**

**Commandant:** Acting Commandant Jim Herbst opened the meeting at 1900 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. Officers present were Commandant Jim Flynn (absent), Senior Vice Commandant Jim Herbst, Junior Vice Commandant Jerry McGuckin, Adjutant Bud Davis, Paymaster Bob Spano, Judge Advocate Dominic D'Alessandro (absent), Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Claude Falcone (absent), 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 December 2024 Detachment general meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Mike Burbo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Jim Herbst thanked the membership for their support throughout the year. He asked that any feedback, positive or negative, please be forwarded to him so the Detachment events can continually be great. Our next event is scheduled for the June general meeting.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerry McGuckin thanked the Detachment membership for all their support over the years that he was Jr. Vice. Jerry said he will still be involved and looks forward to helping the new Jr. Vice take over the role.

**Adjutant:** Bud Davis reported that several letters of appreciation have been received from organizations and families the Detachment has supported. These letters are from the following: Tunnel to Towers Fund, the Dan Fitzpatrick family and Warren Seeley family. The Detachment performed Honor Guard duties for both families.

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

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of December 2024, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Chris Bush made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Bill Kinney 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, no report.

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

**Director:** Vacant.

**Director:** Mike Burbo, no report.

**Director:** Bill Kinney reported that the Detachment audit is scheduled for February. The Directors will schedule a time before the general meeting.

**Junior Past Commandant:** Bud Davis reminds members that it is very important to advise family members where your DD214 Form and other important papers are located. The location of these papers becomes important when the member passes away. DD214 Form are needed for proper documentation for a veteran's military burial and other benefits. Copies of your DD214 form may be obtained from [www.vetrecs.archives.gov](http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov).

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn (absent), no report.

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

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

**Awards:** Jim Herbst presented awards for 2024 to Detachment members. The awards were presented in alphabetical order to the members who were present at this meeting. Certificates of Appreciation, Certificates of Meritorious Commendation, and Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to those members who had made valuable contributions to the Detachment throughout the year. It was also mentioned that there will be no Detachment Marine of the Year award for 2024.

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

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams thanked the Detachment membership for their support during 2024. He is looking forward to another good year. Wayne stated that the next event will be the Springfield St. Patty's Day parade on Saturday 15 March.

**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 8 funerals for the month of December, bringing the 2024 year to date total to 70.

**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.



**Property:** Bob Spano reported that progress is being made. Bob also reminded members that they can support the Scuttlebutt newsletter (\$10) by becoming a monthly booster. Please see Bob before or after the meeting to support the newsletter.

**Scholarships:** Wayne Williams reported that the Detachment Scholarship forms are available. Wayne asked members to review the guideline/eligibility section of the form. He also stated that if you need the State or National Scholarship information to please contact him.

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

**Toys for Tots:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** The 2025 elected officers will be installed during the February meeting.

**New Business:** American Legion Post 805, our meeting location, had an AED installed thanks to the hard work and months of paperwork. Some members of both the American Legion and Detachment have had training. Jerry Nails is looking to see if more training can be obtained.

**Good of the League:** Chaplain Chris Bush lead the Detachment in a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Steve Kusner.

**Announcements:** Bob Spano reported that from January until the Detachment starts to collect funds through the HUHO program we will not be awarding funds to charitable originations.

**Adjournment:** Acting Commandant Herbst asked for a motion to adjourn. Joe Beal made a motion, Chris Bush seconded, and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment's general meeting for January was adjourned at 1945.

**Logbook:** Members: 15 Guests: 0

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Bad Davis III**

Adjutant



Steve Kusner Honor Guard

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next General Meeting  
**4 February 2025 @ 1900**  
American Legion Post #805  
Broomall, PA 19008



# Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

## Code Blue Donations



Ruth Moyses and Evelyn Brimble delivered a trunk-load of items (worth \$750) for the Code Blue project at the Upper Darby American Legion. Many thanks to all who donated!

## February



**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 DelVacchio**  
Secretary

**Sandi Mauer**  
Correspondent



*Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025*

*7:00 p.m.*

*American Legion*

*Marple Memorial Post 805*

*2340 West Chester Pike*

*Broomall, Pa*

## Happy Birthday

Mary Clark	2/8
Polly Bush	3/16



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



## VA Parties



Robin Sheeran, Evelyn Brimble, Sissy Hudson and Polly Bush attended the Christmas Party at the VA in Coatesville.

The Valentine's Day Party will be held February 8th.



## Thank You!

Thanks to all of you, we gave several items to various needy families or organizations:

- \$500 in Uber Cards for our veterans at the Coatesville VA Facility
- \$300 check for the Kids Against Hunger in Broomall
- \$300 food gift cards (Fresh Grocer) for the needy family that we helped at Christmas time.

