

# Scuttlebutt



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## Commandant's Report March 2025

Hang in there everyone, Spring is on the way! As per tradition, the Detachment will kick off the year's activities by leading the Springfield Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Soon enough we'll be back to work with all the programs we participate in, all aimed at helping veterans and their families.

The HUHO committee has already begun lining up collection sites for our 2025 fundraising campaign. Adopt-a-Highway will begin sometime in April, as will the Casket Flag Ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial. I'm looking forward to working together to accomplish the mission ahead.

Last week Paymaster Spano and I attended the MCL Department of PA meeting held at the Delaware County Tun Tavern house. The meeting was run by Department Commandant, Diana Henry, and Senior Vice Commandant, Victoria McCoy. They shared their insights on recruiting and retention strategies at a time when volunteerism is at an all-time low. They also made us aware of some awards that our members may be eligible to receive.

Bob Spano received a complimentary ribbon inspection from the Senior Vice Commandant and of course, he passed with flying colors. Our Paymaster is one squared away Marine.

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. We'll be making plans and setting dates for future activities. We'll nail down the details of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Scholarship applications will be available at this meeting. If anyone would like to attend but needs a ride, just call any Detachment Officer and we'll get you there. I hope to see a good turnout at this 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!

### **MARCH BOOSTERS**

Bud Davis  
Jim Flynn  
Jim Herbst  
Bill Inverso  
Dominick Longhi  
Bob Spano

**Thank You Boosters!**

***Bob Spano***

Paymaster

*If you are interested in being a "Scuttlebutt" Booster, please see Bob Spano.*

### **Birthday Greetings for March**

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

James Donegan

Richard Guyer

Anthony Terence Jones

Harry Kaufman

Edward Seidl

Charles Sexton

Lloyd Spangler



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

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

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

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

Adopt-A-Highway	Jim Flynn
Auxiliary Liaison	Chris Bush
Awards	James Herbst
Ceremonies	Joe Beal
Color Guard	Wayne Williams
Communications	Gene Kern
Flag Collection	Bob Spano
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.A.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

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

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### DETACHMENT EVENTS

#### March

- 04 General Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 12 American Legion Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 13 Bingo Party – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.
- 16 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Springfield, 1200.
- 28 Veterans Breakfast, Exton, Chester County, 0830-1130, RSVP: [veteransid@chesco.org](mailto:veteransid@chesco.org) or 610-344-4363.

#### April

- 02 General Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
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**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.

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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 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.

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### MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

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

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

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#### SICK CALL

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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.*

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**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 4 February 2025**

**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 (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:** Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 2025 Detachment general meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Bill Kinney seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Jim Herbst reported that he will start to gather information for the June Scholarship dinner. He hopes to have this information and sign-up sheets available for the April general meeting.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Jerr McGuckin, no report.

**Adjutant:** Bud Davis reported that several letters of appreciation have been received from organizations the Detachment has supported. These letters are from the following: Semper Fi Fund and the Xmas Walk in the name of Gary McCann (UDMCL).

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

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster’s report as of January 2025, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. 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, no report.

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

**Director:** Vacant.

**Director:** Bill Kinney, no report.

**Director:** Mike Burbo reported that the Detachment’s 2024 audit was complete. He thanked Bob Spano for the great job he does keeping the Detachment’s records in good order.

**Junior Past Commandant:** Bud Davis, no report.

**Committee Reports:**

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

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

**Awards:** Jim Herbst presented awards for 2024 to Detachment members. The awards were presented 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 stated the next event will be the Springfield St. Patty’s Day parade on Saturday, 15 March. The rain date for this event will be the following Saturday. Wayne asked that members contact him about participating in the parade.

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

**Flag Collection:** No report.

**Honor Guard:** Mike Milliken reported that the Honor Guard participated in 7 funerals in the month of January, the 2025 year to date total is 7.

**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 and eligibility section of the form. He also stated that if you need the State or National Scholarship information to contact him.

**Scouting:** Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

**Toys for Tots:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** No Unfinished Business.

**New Business:** Commandant Flynn turned control of the meeting over to District One Vice Commandant Dennis Brown. As installing officer, Dennis performed the installation of Detachment officers for 2025. He was assisted by John Taylor, who acted as Sergeant-at-Arms. Officers who were sworn in for the year 2025 were:

- 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
- Service Officer - Claude Falcone
- Director - Bill Kinney
- Director - Jerry McGuckin
- Director - Mike Burbo
- Junior Past Commandant - Bud Davis III

Following the swearing in ceremony, District One Vice Commandant Dennis Brown then had a specific charge for Commandant Jim Flynn for his responsibility as Commandant of the Detachment. The installation ceremony was then closed in prayer by Chaplain Joanne Brown.

**Good of the League:** Awards Chairperson Jim Herbst mentioned that the Commandant's Award is presented to a member who takes interest in the matters of the Detachment, one who has devotion and goes above and beyond the duties that are required in performing assigned tasks. Commandant Flynn read the inscription on the Commandant's Award, both men then presented the 2024 Commandant's Award to Detachment member Mike Burbo.

**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 organizations.

**Adjournment:** Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Wayne Williams made a motion, Mike Milliken seconded, and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment's general meeting for February was adjourned at 1950.

**Logbook:**        **Members:** 13    **Guests:** 3

*Respectfully submitted,*

***Bud Davis III***  
Adjutant

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The image shows a screenshot of the website www.genbutlerdet.org. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT OUR LEAGUE, THE MARINE CORPS, YOUNG MARINES, DEVIL DOGS, MAJOR EVENTS, CALENDAR, MARINE RESOURCES, MEMBERSHIP, NEWSLETTER, DONATE, and CONTACT. The main content area features a large group photo of members in white uniforms with red berets. Overlaid on the photo is the text "Marine Corps League General Smedley D. Butler Detachment 741". Below the photo is a blue banner with the same text and a small portrait of General Butler. At the bottom right, there is a paragraph of text and the Marine Corps emblem.

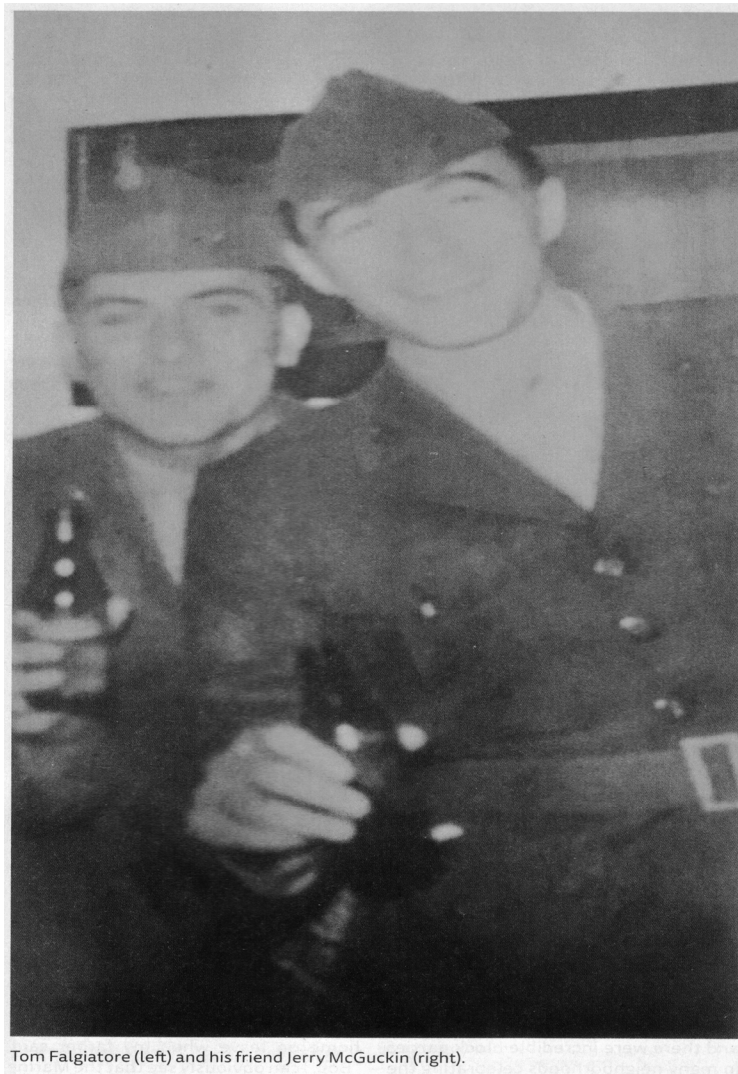
Since 1990, Marine Corps League Detachment 741 has joined together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps. For those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service.



**Mike Burbo receiving Commandant's Award**



**Swearing In**



Tom Falgiatore (left) and his friend Jerry McGuckin (right).

**This picture is part of an article that starts on page 26, Semper Fi Magazine, Winter 2025.  
"From One Marine Corps Brother to a WWII Fighter Pilot Brother to Another", by Bob Concordia.**



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



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

# Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

## Retirement Party



Sissy Hudson, Evelyn Brimble and Polly Bush attended Gina Cybator's retirement party at Coatesville VA.

## VA Valentines Party



Jo-Ann Del Vacchio, Polly Bush, Sissy Hudson, Robin Sheeran and Evelyn Brimble served snacks at the Coatesville VA Valentines party.

## March

<b>Evelyn Brimble</b> President 610-356-0851 brimdaev2@verizon.net
<b>Sissy Hudson</b> Sr. Vice President
<b>Polly Bush</b> Jr. Vice President
<b>Janet DeSantis</b> Judge Advocate
<b>Jackie Ciminera</b> Treasurer
<b>Jo-Ann DelVacchio</b> Secretary
<b>Sandi Mauer</b> Correspondent

*Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
7:00 p.m.  
American Legion  
Marple Memorial Post 805  
2340 West Chester Pike  
Broomall, PA*



## Save the Dates!

St. Patrick's Day Party will be held Saturday, March 8th at 1:00.



Spring Luncheon will be at Charlottes Restaurant on Saturday, March 29th at 12 Noon.

Department Spring Meeting at the Gap March 14th & 15th. Ruth & Evelyn are planning to go.



## Happy Birthday

Polly Bush	3/16
Donna Moisiades	4/14
Sissy Hudson	4/27

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



welcome  
**Spring**