

# Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Report May 2025

May is the month that we dedicate to honoring and remembering those that have gone before us. At our next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Detachment and Auxiliary will hold a Memorial service for all the members that have passed away in the last year. Then on May 26<sup>th</sup>, we observe Memorial Day, when we honor and mourn all those who have died in our Nation's wars. The Detachment and American Legion Post 805 will proudly lead the Memorial Day Parade in Broomall. There will be a brief ceremony at the Veterans Memorial before the parade, and a ceremony and rifle salute immediately after the parade at Post 805. We will have confirmed the time for the event at the May meeting. If you would like to participate, attend the meeting for details or call one of the Officers.

Our annual HUHO campaign has begun, with two successful collections at Shop Rite. Joe Beal has been doing double duty with regular collections at Booth's Corner. We can always use more help with this program.

If you can spare a couple of hours to take a shift, contact me or Junior Vice Commandant, Ed Seidl, and we'll get you set up. It is important work, as it generates funds for all the Detachment's activities, as well as helping Veterans and their families in their time of need.

Upcoming events this month include a Casket Flag Ceremony at the Delco Veterans Memorial on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The report time is 1630. The ceremonies have recently been expanded to include a rifle salute, so we need more help. Also, the Villanova NROTC Spring Review is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at 15:30. Our Detachment will be presenting the Gung Ho Award to a deserving Midshipman who has committed to the Marine Corps. This is always a great experience, seeing these patriotic young men and women is inspiring and encouraging. Hope to see you there.

*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!

### **MAY BOOSTERS**

Joe Beal  
Bud Davis  
Jim Flynn  
Jim Herbst  
Bill Inverso  
Dominick Longhi  
Jerry McGuckin  
Nick Repino  
Bob Spano  
Wayne Williams

**Thank You Boosters!**

***Bob Spano***

**Paymaster**

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

### **Birthday Greetings for May**

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

Mike Burbo  
Justin Cohen  
Bud Davis III  
John Davis  
Gene Kern  
Dominick Longhi  
Richard Palena



***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**

#### **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><u><a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a></u></b>

# Looking Ahead

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## DETACHMENT EVENTS

### May

- 06** General Meeting & Memorial Ceremony MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
  - 08** Bingo Party – Coatesville V.A.M.C. at 1400.
  - 14** American Legion Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900. Dinner at 1730 for \$10 per member.
  - 15** Villanova NROTC Spring Review, Gung Ho Award, 1530.
  - 28** Honor Flight to D.C. for WWII, Korea, VN, etc., Vets.
  - 17** Gravesite flag placement, Glenwood Cemetery, 1000.
  - 18** Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 1700.
  - 26** Memorial Day Parade, trailer leaves Post at 0915.
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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.

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

**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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## **MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR**

**03 June:** Scholarship Awards Dinner. More information to come!

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

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

### **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.*

**General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741**  
**Marine Corps League**  
**General Meeting Minutes – 2 April 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 Ed Seidl (absent), Adjutant Bud Davis, Paymaster Bob Spano, Judge Advocate Bud Davis (acting), Chaplain Chris Bush, Service Officer Claude Falcone (absent), Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Beal, Junior Past Commandant Bud Davis, Directors Bill Kinney, Jerry McGuckin and Mike Burbo.

**Minutes:** Jim Herbst made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 2025 Detachment general meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Chris Bush seconded the motion and passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**Senior Vice Commandant:** Jim Herbst reminded members that the next Detachment function will be the June Scholarship Dinner starting at 1800.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Ed Seidl (absent), it was reported that the first HUHO collection weekend will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Wayne Williams, Bob Spano, Bud Davis and other Detachment members we will have new signs for this year.

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

**Judge Advocate:** Open position, (Bud Davis acting).

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of March 2025, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. 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 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:** Jerry McGuckin, no report.

**Director:** Mike Burbo reported on a new book coming out about the fire at Camp Fuji Japan in 1979. Mike stated that he is taking the names of anyone that would like to pre-order this book.

**Director:** Bill Kinney reported the casket flag raising ceremonies at the DCVMA will be held on the second Sunday of the month at 1700 starting on 13 April. Bill would encourage all members to attend, as they are quite moving.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn reported that he hopes to have an event sometime in May.

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

**Awards:** Jim Herbst presented awards for 2024 to Mike Milliken.

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

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams thanked those members that could attend the Springfield St. Patty's Day parade. Wayne reported that the weather was not good but the turnout for this event is always great.

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

**Flag Collection:** No report.

**Honor Guard:** It was reported that the Honor Guard participated in 6 funerals for the month of March, bringing the 2025 year to date total to 17.

**Membership:** Jim asked the 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 and need to return by 30 April. He 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 (absent), no report.

**Toys for Tots:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** No Unfinished Business.

**New Business:** No New Business.

**Good of the League:** Each year the Detachment recognizes the achievement of a Villanova University NROTC midshipman. This year's commissioning ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, 15 May at 1530. Any Detachment member who would like to attend, please notify Wayne Williams, he is the Detachment liaison for this event.



**Announcements:** Bob Spano reported that contributions will be discontinued until the Detachment starts to collect funds through the HUHO program.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Bud Davis III**  
Adjutant



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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Next General Meeting

**6 May 2025 @ 1900**

American Legion Post #805

Broomall, PA 19008