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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report June 2025

Our color guard led the Broomall Memorial Day Parade. The weather was perfect, and the parade was better attended than in past years. Afterwards there was a memorial ceremony at Post 805, including a rifle salute and taps. It was good to see so many young people carrying on the tradition of honoring our fallen heroes on Memorial Day.

Our Detachment has lost another beloved member. Dom Mattioni passed away on May 3, 2025, at the age of 83. Dom served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1959-1967. He was our Senior Vice Commandant for many years, and he and his wife Barbara planned and organized so many memorable picnics, dinners, and Birthday Balls. He was a faithful HUHO volunteer, always held down the closing shift on Saturday. I know the shoppers found him to be very entertaining. I can picture him leaving the collection site with the donation bag chained to his wrist. He was maybe the most squared away Marine I've ever seen, always keeping himself in excellent physical space and meticulous about his uniform. May he Rest in Peace.

The Detachment participated in a very special casket flag ceremony at the Memorial in May. Detachment member Bernie Fernandez honored his parents, who both served in World War Two. Bernie gave a heartfelt speech. While his dad was Navy and his mom was Army, he found a way to relate it to the things he had learned during his time in our Marine Corps. Well done, Bernie, it was an honor to be there.

Going forward, we have two HUHO weekends in June, another casket flag ceremony on Sunday June 8th, and the flag retirement ceremony on June 13th at the Memorial. We could use some help with these activities. Also, Wayne will be looking for marchers for the 4th of July parade. I hope to see you at the next meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd.

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!

JUNE BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
Jim Flynn
Jim Herbst
Bill Inverso
Harry Kaufman
Dominick Longhi
Jerry McGuckin
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 June

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

Paul Ferguson

Bill Kinney



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

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Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

June

- 03** General Meeting MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 7-8** HUHO, Brookhaven.
- 08** Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 1700.
- 11** American Legion Meeting, MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
Dinner at 1730 for \$10 per member.
- 12** Bingo Party – Coatesville VAMC at 1400.
- 13** Flag Day Ceremony & Retirement, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 1000.
- 19** Juneteenth.
- 21-22** HUHO, Drexel Hill.
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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, 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.

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.

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR

08 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 – 6 May 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 (absent), Junior Past Commandant Bud Davis, Directors Bill Kinney, Jerry McGuckin and Mike Burbo.

The General Meeting was suspended to conduct the Annual Remembrance Ceremony. The Detachment members who passed away and were honored were: Charles Coombs, Dominic D'Alessandro, Dan Fitzpatrick, Steve Kusner, John Schaffhauser and Dominik Mattioni. The Auxiliary member who passed away and was honored was Louise Magliocco. Chaplain Chris Bush closed the ceremony with prayer.

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

Officer Reports:

Senior Vice Commandant: Jim Herbst stated that after discussions with the Scholarship Chair, Commandant and other officers it was decided not to have a Scholarship dinner at the June meeting. The Detachment general meeting will be held at the normal time, 1900.

Junior Vice Commandant: Ed Seidl (absent), it was reported that the HUHO program is up and running. This program needs volunteer help. Without the funds this program brings in, the Detachment will not be able to participate in the many actives that we do.

Adjutant: Bud Davis reported that a letter of appreciation was received from an organization the Detachment has supported. This letter was from the following: Semper Fi Fund. Bud also read two letters of thanks, one from the Kusner family (Steve) and from the D'Alessandro family (Dominic). As we all know both these members were very active and will be missing by the Detachment.

Judge Advocate: Open position (Bud Davis acting) stated that this position is available if any member is interested. A Judge Advocate is needed to hold a meeting.

Paymaster: Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of April, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the Detachment membership review the list of charitable organizations listed in the agenda. Jim Herbst 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: Jim Herbst (acting), 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 that the Casket Flag raising ceremonies at the DCVMA are underway. Bill also talked about Flag Day, Friday June 13th. On this date the Freedom Medal recipients will be announced. There will also be a flag retirement ceremony. Bill brought five decorative coins to the meeting that will be given out to students when visiting the Memorial. One coin has the "Soldiers Cross" displayed on it, as we know, Detachment member Terry Jones designed & built the statue on display at the Memorial.

Junior Past Commandant: Bud Davis, no report.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn stated that he is looking to have the first event of the year on Sunday May 25th. Meeting time is around 0815 at the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road. After the cleanup, Jim provides coffee and donuts.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst presented awards for 2024 to Terry Jones.

Ceremonies: Joe Beal, no report.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams stated that the next parade is Monday May 26th, Memorial Day. Wayne will be out of town, but Commandant Jim Flynn will be heading up the event.

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 April, bring the 2025 year to date total to 23.

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 stated that the Detachment had 3 scholarship applicants and asked the Detachment membership to approve all applicants. Wayne read the names of the students and after a brief discussion all 3 were approved. It was also discussed & approved that the Detachment would “NOT” have a dinner this year.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (absent), no report.

Toys for Tots: No report.

Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

New Business: Commandant Flynn attended the first 2025 Ball meeting at Upper Darby Detachment on 4 May. This year’s Ball will be Saturday 8 November at Lazaretto Ballroom in Essington. It will be a combined Ball with Upper Darby, Tun Tavern Delco and Smedley Butler Detachments. More details to come, but mark your calendar, and let's have a great turnout for the Marine Corps 250th Birthday.

Good of the League: Villanova University NROTC 2025 Spring Parade was 15 May. The Detachment gave out the annual GUNG HO AWARD to an outstanding midshipman who is committed to the Marine Corps. This year’s award was given to Midshipman 1/C Patrick Cunningham USMCR. Bob Spano went over the list of organizations that were listed in the agenda. After a brief discussion, Mike Milliken made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations are Semper Fi Fund and Operation First Response. Mike Burbo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Announcements: Long time Detachment member Dominick Mattioni passed away on 3 May after a three-year battle with Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease. Dom serviced in the USMC Reserves from 1959 thru 1967. He served as the Detachment’s Senior Vice Commandant for many years until the disease would no longer let him. Dom was very active with the Detachment and could also be found on the dance floor at the annual Marine Corps Ball. He will be hard to replace and will surely be missed. Semper Fi Dom!!

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 May was adjourned at 1950.

Logbook: **Members:** 13 **Guests:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Davis III
Adjutant

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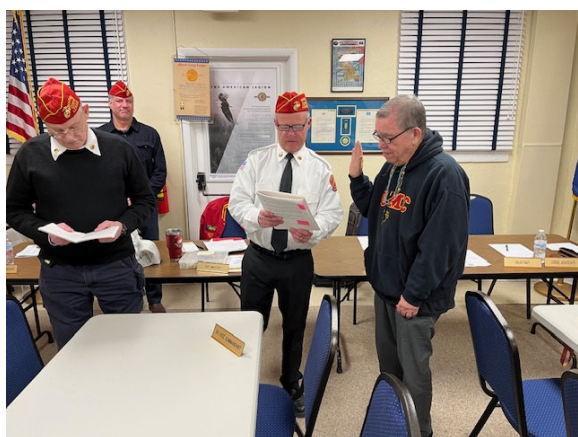
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Honor-Courage-Commitment



Next General Meeting

3 June 2025 @ 1900

American Legion Post #805

Broomall, PA 19008

Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

Forms



We gathered at Evelyn Brimble's home to fill out forms and share a pot luck lunch.

Memorial Service



A memorial service was held for detachment and auxiliary members who passed away in the past year.

Happy Birthday

Ruth Moyse	6/21
JoAnn Williams	7/4
Jo-Ann DeVacchio	7/8
Robin Sheeran	7/26
Olga Mayorca	7/27

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



June



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Correspondent

*Our next meeting is
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
7:00 p.m.*

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