



# Scuttlebutt

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## Commandant's Report July 2025

Summer has officially arrived, and with the warm weather comes the busiest time of the year for the Detachment. Our Color Guard looked great at the Flag Day Ceremonies at the Memorial. They are now preparing to lead the Marple Newtown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The HUHO campaign is well underway and is doing well thanks to our loyal volunteers. The HUHO committee has lost several members in the past year. It would be great if some more members would step up and take a shift or two in the next couple of months. The Honor Guard has been busy, some weeks participating in 3 or 4 Veterans funerals. They could also use some more help.

It was sad to hear of the death of Detachment member, Phil Spinelli. Phil served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1964. He joined the Detachment at the urging of his friend, the late, great Jack McLeod. He was a regular HUHO volunteer, staying loyal to Jack's pet project as long as his health would allow. Phil had a great sense of humor, and if you saw him at the Marine Corps Ball you know he loved to dance. He will be missed and may he rest in peace.

At the Detachment's June meeting First Sergeant Ashley Pardee stopped by to say goodbye. The First Sergeant has reenlisted and is on her way to Sergeant Major school in El Paso, Texas. After that she hopes to finish her USMC career in the far east. During her time here, she was a great friend and asset to us. We now have a great relationship with the Folsom Reserve Unit. They help at Marine funerals, do a great job with Toys for Tots, and are willing to show up whenever we need Marines in dress blues at our events. With our aging membership and difficulty with recruiting, it is important that we have allies like Post 805 and the Reservists. We all have the same goal of helping veterans and people in need and that mission is more easily accomplished when we work together. I hope to see you at the next meeting or the parade. Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

*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!

### **JULY BOOSTERS**

Bud Davis  
Jim Flynn  
Jim Herbst  
Bill Inverso  
Harry Kaufman  
Bill Kinney  
Dominick Longhi  
Jerry McGuckin  
Gerry Nail  
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 July**

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

Gerald McGuckin

Ronald Miller

Peter Patrucci



***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**

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	<a href="http://www.va.gov">www.va.gov</a>

## Looking Ahead

### DETACHMENT EVENTS

#### July

- 01** General Meeting MMP #805, Broomall, 1900.
- 04** Independence Day Parade, West Chester Pk, 1000. Trailer leaves Post #805 at 0900.
- 09** American Legion Meeting, 2340 West Chester Pk, 1900. Dinner for \$10 and starts at 1730.
- 10** Coatesville VAMC Bingo Party at 1400.
- 12** HUHO, Drexeline, 0830-1600.
- 13** HUHO, Drexeline, 0900-1630.
- 13** Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 1700.
- 12** HUHO, Broohaven, 0830-1600.
- 12** HUHO, Brookhaven, 0900-1630.

#### OTHER VETERANS' & FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS' REGULAR EVENTS

**AmVets: Harold P. Saks Post #118**, 211 N. Morton Ave., Morton, PA 19070. Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 1930.

**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 second Monday of the month at 7:30PM. Meetings are held at the Nunan-Slook American Legion Post #338. The Post is located at the 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.

**Knights of Columbus: Mater Dei Council #4129**, 327 N. Newtown Street Rd., Newtown Square, PA. Meetings the first Thursday of the month at 2000.

#### *MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDAR*

**08 November:** Combined Detachments Birthday Ball

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

#### **SICK CALL**

Jim Mulhern  
Ben Sides

Pete Patrucci  
Jim Constien

*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 June 2025**

**Commandant:** Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1910 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 May 2025 Detachment general meeting as published in the Scuttlebutt. Mike Burbo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Officers Reports**

**Sr. Vice Commandant:** Jim Herbst, no report.

**Jr. Vice Commandant:** Ed Seidl (Absent), it was reported that the HUHO program is in full swing. This program needs volunteer help. Without the funds this program brings to the Detachment, we would not be able to participate or support the many programs that we do.

**Adjutant:** Bud Davis reported there were no letters of appreciation received at this time.

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

**Paymaster:** Bob Spano provided the Paymaster's report as of May, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the Detachment membership also review the list of charitable organizations listed in the agenda. Bill Kinney made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as received. Joe Beal 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 that if any Detachment member knows of someone that is ill or needs help to please contact Chris.

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Joe Beal reminded members to sign the logbook. He also mentioned that he had breakfast with Detachment member Roger Godfrey and that Roger is doing well.

**Service Officer:** Claude Falcone (absent), Jerry Nail mentioned that the VA is always looking for donations and volunteers.

**Director/DCVMA:** Bill Kinney 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 also mentioned that on 8 June the monthly Flag ceremony will take place.

**Director:** Jerry McGuckin, no report.

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

**Jr. Past Commandant:** Bud Davis took a moment and explained the MCL Veterans Voluntary Service Program (VVS). In short, this program awards Detachments for the direct support they give to Veterans, Veterans families or Organizations that reflect the values of the League. The Detachment is to file a report four times a year on this support. Bud Davis is going to start a log of Detachment and member actives that are performed in the name of the MCL. Please report any actives to him at the monthly meeting. If you need further information, please reach out to Bud.

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Jim Flynn reported on the first event of the year that was held on Sunday May 25th. Jim mentioned that we had a low turnout and was hoping the next event will be better.

**Americanism:** Open position.

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

**Awards:** Jim Herbst, no awards.

**Color Guard:** Wayne Williams took a moment and thanked the members of the Detachment that participated in the Memorial Day parade that was hosted by American Legion Post 805. Wayne also talked about the next two events, Flag Day and Independence Day.

**Communications:** Gene Kern (absent) sends out information emails to Detachment and Auxiliary members as he receives them from the Commandant.

**Flag Collection:** Nearby Flag Collection Boxes: American Legion Post #805, Marple Township Building, Marple Veterans Park, Newtown Township Building and Delaware County Veterans Memorial. Detachment members may also bring unserviceable flags to the Detachment general meeting.

**Historian:** Open position.

**Honor Guard:** It was reported that the Honor Guard participated in 4 funerals for the month of April, bring the 2025 year to date total to 27.

**Membership:** Jim Herbst asked that all members to keep looking for new members.

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

**Newsletter:** Please submit pics and articles to the newsletter editor before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**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 the Detachment had 3 scholarship applicants this year. He also asked members to please obtain and read the most updated Detachment guidelines to receive a scholarship.

**Scouting:** Ed Seidl (absent), Bob Spano reported that he had purchased coins and coin holders for the Eagle scout program.

**Toys-4-Tots:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** This year's three Detachment scholarship award recipients were:

Gina Kern sponsored by Gene Kern

Sean Milliken sponsored by Mike Milliken

Siena Seidl sponsored by Ed Seidl

Congratulations and good luck in your upcoming collage year.

**New Business:** Marine Corps Ball 2025 information: This year's Ball will be Saturday November 8th at Lazaretto Ballroom Essington. It will be a combine Ball with Upper Darby, Tun Tavern Delco and Smedley Butler Detachments. More details to come, but mark your calendar, think about a baby sitting and let's have a great turn out for the Marine Corps 250th Birthday.

**Good of the League:** Our special guest tonight was Truck Company Marine Regiment and friend to the Detachment, 1st Sergeant Ashley Pardee. We have done many events with the 1st Sergeant along with a great 249th Marine Corps Ball last year. This visit to the Detachment meeting was different. 1st Sergeant was here to say good bye, she has reenlisted and will be heading off to Texas for Sergeant Major school. Congratulations for being one of six Marines to being selected.

**Charitable Contributions:** Bob Spano went over the list of organizations that were listed in the agenda. These organizations are suggested to the Detachment membership for consideration. After a brief discussion, Jim Herbst made a motion to donate the funds as outlined. The organizations are: (1) Military Chaplains Association and (2) Operation First Response. Bill Kinney seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Bush 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 2000.

**Logbook:**

**Members:** 14

**Guests:** 1

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Bud Davis III**

Adjutant

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## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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*Honor-Courage-Commitment*



Next Meeting  
**1 July 2025, at 1900**  
American Legion Post #805  
Broomall, PA 19008

# Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

## Memorial Day



Evelyn Brimble and Polly Bush attended the Memorial Day Parade.

## July

**Evelyn Brimble**  
President  
610-356-0851  
brimdaev2@verizon.net

**Sissy Hudson**  
Sr. Vice President

**Polly Bush**  
Jr. Vice President

**Janet DeSantis**  
Judge Advocate

**Jackie Ciminera**  
Treasurer

**Jo-Ann DelVacchio**  
Secretary

**Sandi Mauer**  
Correspondent

## Dues

Bring your dues to the July meeting as we will not be having an August meeting.

## Picnic

The Coatesville VA picnic will be on Saturday September 13th.

## Happy Birthday

JoAnn Williams	7/4
Jo-Ann DelVacchio	7/8
Robin Sheeran	7/26
Olga Mayorca	7/27
Jackie Ciminera	8/25

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



*Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, July 1, 2025  
7:00 p.m.*

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