



Scuttlebutt

General Smedley D. Butler Detachment

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Dan Luty, editor

Commandant's Report September 2025

Our Detachment has lost another long-time member. Lloyd Spangler passed away on July 26, 2025, at the ripe old age of 99. Lloyd served in the Navy during World War II and then re-enlisted to serve during the Korean War. He was an accomplished musician, playing taps at countless veteran's funerals. He will be missed and may he Rest in Peace.

This summer is coming to an end and we're getting ready for the busy Fall schedule. We still have 2 more fundraising weekends scheduled for September before the HUHO campaign shuts down till Spring. We need some volunteers to help the HUHO program maximize donations and end on a good note. The money raised funds all the Detachment's activities, as well as making significant donations to some very worthy veterans' charities.

Just a few reminders: Membership dues are past due. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please get a check to Paymaster Spano asap. We will need a count and payment for anyone planning to attend the 250th Marine Corps Birthday Ball by the October meeting. Also, at the October meeting, we will begin nominations for 2026 Detachment Officers and Marine of the Year.

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!

SEPTEMBER BOOSTERS

Bud Davis
Jim Flynn
Jim Herbst
Bill Inverso
Harry Kaufman
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 September

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

Maurice Furlong
Richard Van Luvender
Bernard Fernandez



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

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Veterans' Healthcare	877-222-8387
Education	888-442-4551
Grave Markers	800-697-6947
Life Insurance	800-669-8477
Website	www.va.gov

Looking Ahead

DETACHMENT EVENTS

September

- 02** General Meeting, MMP #805, W. Chester Pk, Broomall, 1900.
- 10** American Legion Meeting, 2340 West Chester Pk, 1900. Dinner for \$10 and starts at 1730.
- 11** 9/11 Ceremony, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 0800.
- 11** Coatesville VAMC Bingo Party at 1400.
- 13** HUHO, Brookhaven ShopRite 0830-1600.
- 14** HUHO, Brookhaven ShopRite 0900-1630.
- 14** Casket Flag Ceremony, DCVMA, Newtown Sq, 1700.
- 16** Pints on the Square, DCVMA, W. Chester Pk, 1100-1400.
- 27** HUHO, West Chester ShopRite 0830-1600.
- 28** HUHO, West Chester ShopRite 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, 3rd 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 – 1 July 2025

(no August Meeting)

Commandant: Commandant Jim Flynn opened the meeting at 1900 and the regular opening ceremonies were conducted. The 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 (absent) and Mike Burbo.

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

Officers Reports

Sr. Vice Commandant: Jim Herbst reminded members there will be no summer Detachment picnic this year. We will revisit this event next year.

Jr. Vice Commandant: Ed Seidl (absent), HUHO volunteers needed. Without the funds this program brings to the Detachment, we would not be able to participate or support the many programs we are involved with.

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: Semper Fund and Operation First Response.

We also received cards from Siena Seidl, Sean Milliken and Gina Kern thanking the Detachment for this year's Scholarship award. The Detachment also received a very nice card from Barbara Mattioni thanking the Detachment for all we did for Dom and their family.

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 June, reviewing income and disbursements for the month. Bob suggested that the Detachment membership also review the list of charitable organizations listed in the agenda. 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/DCVMA: Bill Kinney talked about Flag Day, Friday June 13th. On this date the Freedom Medal recipients were announced. There was also a flag retirement ceremony. Bill thanked all Detachment members that were involved.

Director: Jerry McGuckin (absent), no report.

Director: Mike Burbo, no report.

Jr. Past Commandant: Bud Davis mentioned that long time Detachment associate member Phil Spinelli passed away on 11 June (88). Phil was a 10-year Army veteran from south Philadelphia. He was a very active member with the MCL and per his family, very proud to be a member of the Smedley Butler Detachment.

Adopt-a-Highway: Jim Flynn stated that he is looking at 20 July for the next event. Members and family that are interested in participating, the meeting time is around 0815 at the Wolff Company parking lot on Bishop Hollow Road. All supplies are provided for this event. After the cleanup, Jim (Adopt-a-Highway Chair) provides coffee and donuts.

Americanism: Open position.

Auxiliary Liaison: Chris Bush, no report.

Awards: Jim Herbst, no awards.

Color Guard: Wayne Williams (absent), no report.

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: Mike Milliken reported that the Honor Guard participated in 7 funerals for the month of June, bring the 2025 year to date total to 34.

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 15th 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 Williams (absent), no report.

Scouting: Ed Seidl (absent), there will be an Eagle Scout awarded in August.

Toys-4-Tots: No report.

Unfinished Business: Marine Corps Ball 2025 information: This year's Ball will be Saturday, 8 November at Lazaretto Ballroom 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, think about a baby sitting and let's have a great turn out for the Marine Corps 250th Birthday.

New Business:

Per Detachment Vote - ***There is no meeting in August!!***
The next meeting will be September 2nd at 1900.

Good of the League: Members it's that time of year again. If you need to pay dues, they need to be paid to Bob Spano on or before August 31. If you have not paid your dues, please remit \$30 to Paymaster Bob Spano as soon as possible so that your membership will not be interrupted.

Make checks payable to: MCL #741
Send to: Bob Spano
1528 Honeysuckle Court West Chester, PA 19380

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) Tunnel to Towers Fund, (2) Operation First Response, (3) Newtown Square Public Library and the Newtown Square Fire Dept. Mike Burbo seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Adjournment: Commandant Flynn asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Kinney made a motion, Terry Jones seconded, and the motion passed. After the regular closing ceremonies, the Detachment's general meeting for July was adjourned at 1940.

Logbook:

Members: 15

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 Meeting
2 September 2025, at 1900
American Legion Post #805
Broomall, PA 19008

Ms Scuttlebutt



General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Auxiliary #264

Election

Our annual election will be held at our September meeting.

Picnic

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



Happy Birthday

Peg Walz	9/26
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If you're able, send her a card or give her a call on their special day.



September

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 DeVacchio
Secretary

Sandi Mauer
Correspondent

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*Our next meeting is
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.
American Legion
Marple Memorial Post 805
2340 West Chester Pike
Broomall, PA*

