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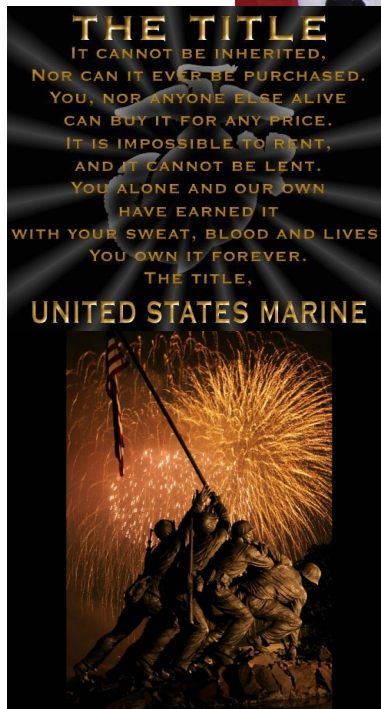
## OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 9TH AT 1930 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, POST 210 DOYLESTOWN

### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines, I want to start off by thanking **JA Bill McBride** for providing us with a great spot for a meeting. We (**Jim Powell, PC, Bill Miller PC, and I**) have just returned from the North East Division Conference and we all had a great time. It's always good to get together with our brothers from our neighboring Departments. The resort was acquired by the Cape Atlantic Detachment out of Galloway NJ, as also was the Friday night chow served at their Detachment home they have a very nice Detachment home and the chow was excellent. We got some great instruction from our own **National JA Ben Cero** on administrative procedures and clarification on some League terms. This coming weekend is the Spring Staff meeting at Indiantown Gap and I am looking forward to some more great information, and camaraderie. As always I have room in my room for one other, if you have never

been to one of these meetings I strongly suggest coming and at least checking one out. If anyone is interested let me know a.s.a.p... Make sure you check out the Detachment information page for some more information on the Marine Corps League of PA Foundation. Please read up on it so you are aware of what they do, so when motions are made you know what you are voting for or against. I also have changed the detachment important dates section to a detachment calendar check this out for upcoming events. We are having a staff meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1930 at the American Legion Hall in Doylestown which everyone is welcome to attend. I'll see you all at the meetings either on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 9<sup>th</sup> or both, Semper Fi.



J.M. Kier  
Comandant

### Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2014 DEPT. SPRING STAFF MEETING  
21-22 MARCH 2014  
FT. INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2014 DEPT. OF PA SERVICE/OPEN  
PISTOL MATCH  
31 MAY-1 JUNE 2014  
FT. INDIANTOWN GAP, PA.
- 2014 DEPT. CONVENTION  
25-29 JUNE 2014  
WILKES-BARRE, PA

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## OUR NEXT HIGHWAY CLEANUP IS APRIL 12TH MEET AT BACK TO THE 50'S DINER AT 0800

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 12th, 2014, at the Buckingham Village Community Center, 1490 Durham Road, New Hope, PA. There were 16 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Geoff Burgess who were absent. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Budd Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** was also recognized.

**New Members:** Brian Donovan and Robert McPoyle were accepted as new members and took the membership Oath.

The **Minutes** of the February Meeting as published in *Listen Up!* were adopted.

**Sick and Distressed:** Bill Mickelson still has his ongoing issues. **Don Parzanese, PC** reported that his brother Tony had gotten ill on a recent trip to California.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Joe Kier** recognized all the Detachment members that attended Marine Haas's viewing and funeral. He thanked everyone by name and gave a description of the events. He thanked Vince DeBella and Bill McBride for stepping up with ideas for this month's meeting place. He announced that the Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match will take place on May 31st and June 1st on Fort Indiantown Gap. He encouraged anyone wishing to shoot on the Detachment squad should get him the paperwork, which is on the Department Website, to him as soon as possible. The Detachment picks up the cost of the match entry fees.

Reporting for the Senior Vice, **Commandant Kier** reported the Detachment strength at 79 with 65 regular, 4 dual and 10 associate members. Of the 79 members, 25 are life members and 1 is in delinquent status.

**Junior Vice Commandant** reported that Detachment member, Major Martindale contacted him and invited the Detachment to attend the Military Excellence Competition being held on the campus of Villanova University. It will be a ROTC military type exercise competition between several schools including West Point and Valley Forge Military Institute. We were encouraged to attend and set up our table and take donations and maybe recruit new members. It will take place on April 5th and anyone wishing to help should contact Junior Vice DeBella.

He also announced that the Detachment will be attending the Oaks Gun Show March 29th and 30th. Again, anyone wishing to help should contact him.

He also discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Fund Raiser and more information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

**Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC** presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also reported on the thank you letter from the Intelligencer for our Donation to the Give a Christmas fund.

**Judge Advocate Bill McBride** had nothing to report.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** reported he sent a sympathy card to the Haas family.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** reported on the Young Marines Cold Weather Training in the Poconos and that everyone did well surviving the extreme conditions and snow. He also reported that some people don't know how to drive in the snow.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher** had nothing to report.

**Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce, PC** announced that the next highway cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 12th. We meet at the "Back to the 50s" diner at 0800, located at the corner of Rt.263 and Edison-Furlong Rd.

**Trailer Committee** - Chairman Jack Gentile reported on the progress of our trailer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS**

Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce held nominations and elections for the 2014-2015 Detachment Officers.

Those elected were as follows:

Commandant	Joe Kier
Senior Vice Commandant	Open
Junior Vice Commandant	Vince DeBella
Judge Advocate	Don Gee, PC
Paymaster	Jim Powell, PC

Those appointed are as follows:

Chaplain	Sam DiValentino
Adjutant	John Ketterer
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Sundling, PC
Quartermaster	Corey Fisher
Web Sergeant	Jim Powell, PC
Public Relations/Newsletter	John Ketterer
Mess Sergeant	Vince DeBella

The Adjutant/Paymaster cast 1 unanimous for the slate of Officers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budd Pearce, PC** made a motion to donate \$300 to the Department of Pennsylvania scholarship fund in memory of Wil Haas. It was seconded by **Don Gee, PC** and was approved by the body.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bob Sundling, PC** announced that his son, Detachment member, Bobby Sundling was selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps.

**Commandant Kier** announced the Northeast Division Conference will be held this weekend, March 14th and 15th in Galloway, NJ. He also announced that the Department of Pennsylvania Quarterly meeting will be held March 21st and 22nd at the Department Headquarters Building on Fort Indiantown Gap.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, April 9, 2014.**



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# CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you.”

These words were written by the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians imploring them to forgive one another.

I needed to write this today because I believe I have offended one of my Marine brothers. I did not mean to offend him, but I did so without knowing it at the time. Upon reflection, let me explain what happened.

I was planning on attending the Marine Corps Ball for the first time since 1965. My wife and I were invited to sit at a table with a distinguished, senior Marine. I gratefully accepted the invitation. Another Marine brother asked if he could join me at the table. Since I was asked by a senior, and more prominent Marine than myself, I was not certain that I could answer his request with an affirmative response. I did not know if the senior Marine had invited anyone else to his table.

I feel that my response, or lack of response hurt the feelings of my Marine brother. I am truly sorry that I was unable to give him an affirmative answer. I should have talked to the senior Marine and asked on behalf of the Marine I hurt.

To the Marine I hurt, you have my sincere apology. I want you to know that you are my Marine brother, and I respect you for who you are, and what you have done as a Marine, both for our country, and for our Marine Corps League.

When we meet again, if you shake my hand, I will know that you have forgiven me.



## **DETACHMENT INFORMATION**

### **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOUNDATION INC.**

We all know that as time passes things change, a big change has come through many veterans organizations with the latest knowledge on the Wounded Warrior Project we have lost one of our veteran organizations we continually donate to. I would like to suggest that we fill that breach with the Marine Corps League of PA Foundation. Each year we should be able to present the Foundation with a check at the Department Convention. Below is their Mission Statement, and some web links so everyone can research the group.

#### **Mission Statement**

It is the purpose of this Foundation to promote charitable and educational activities consistent with honoring Marine Corps history and veterans of the United States Marine Corps (inclusive of FMF Corpsman). In furtherance of the stated purposes, the Foundation shall: Preserve the patriotic and historical traditions of the United States Marine Corps. Aid and assist all Marines, FMF Corpsman and former Marines and former FMF Corpsman, as well as their widows and orphans, through financial contributions and volunteer efforts. The Foundation serves as a bridge between donors and those in need throughout the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, their members and families. The Foundation can also make a difference in the lives of those in our communities and neighborhoods that are in need. The Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc. was established by action of the Board of Trustees of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania in June 2008. The Foundation is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has been designated by the IRS as a not-for-profit **501(c)(3)** entity for the purpose of supporting educational, literary and other charitable purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify for such distributions under the Code.

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SKILLS



DRILL  
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**APRIL 5, 2014**

**RSVP BY MARCH 17**

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# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29-30 Gun Show Warrington	31	1	2 Central Bucks Staff Meeting 1930 Amer. Legion #210	3	4	5 Villanova MEC event  (see p.6)
6 Palmerton Gun club Meat Shoot 1130 AM	7	8	9 Detachment Meeting 1930 Amer. Legion #210	10	11	12 Highway Cleanup 0800  YPF event Allentown,PA
13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19
20 Easter Day	21	22	23 Administrative Professionals Day	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES ( ) NO ( ) If YES is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

I hereby apply for membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment, Marine Corps League and enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one year's membership.

Further, I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, \* or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.* By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy of my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF), and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service. \* ("Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600")

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