

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 8TH 2015 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

This is my last Commandants column, at least for now, and I have to say the last three years have been quite an experience. It has been good and bad but mostly good, I appreciate the Detachment support over the last three years and I am ready to continue that support to the leadership in the future of the Detachment. I hope that we can continue to progress as we have over the last few years, I did have a goal of 100 members total and we came close but there is no reason we cannot continue to march and hit 125 or 150. One thing I do realize is that we need to get more members to the monthly meetings, there are many things we need to take care of and a lot of information we need to distribute to the membership and I feel a lot is lost if it is not done in person. If you cannot come to the meetings every month I hope you come to as many meetings as you can, other ways to support the Detachment is coming to the parades and riding on the float, we still have the highway cleanup, and the shooting matches. And yes

going to the shooting matches is supporting the Detachment and the Department, if you can't see that it is because you do not want to, as Marines we are shooters first and by supporting shooting sports you support the values of the United States of America as we have in the past as active duty Marines. If you cannot do any of those things the least you can do is make sure your dues are paid on time if you get a notification or not your dues are due each year on your anniversary month, the other great help that takes little effort is buying the Youth and Veteran tickets that we will mail out to everyone these stubs and the money must be back to us by the middle of June at the latest, look in your mail for these coming out soon. For every ticket we sell/ buy the Detachment gets money back and the rest goes to the Department Scholarship program. Anyway enough said for now, see you at the meetings Semper Fi,



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HIGHWAY
CLEANUP IS
SAT. APRIL
11TH 0800
AT THE
BACK TO
THE 50'S
RESTURANT
ON RT 263
IN
JAMISON.**

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 DEPT. OF PA PISTOL
CHAMPINOSHIPS 29-31 MAY
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2015 DEPT CONVENTION
24-27 JUNE 2015
STATE COLLEGE PA

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

A young Marine was starting his journey back to Infantry training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He had just completed 30 days leave after basic training at Parris Island. His mother volunteered to drive him up to Newark airport to fly back to base. He was happy to accept the offer, but he requested to be dropped off a day early so that his mother would not miss a day of work.

The young Marine thought that the airport would have a USO area with a place for him to stay overnight. There was no USO office at the airport. His mother wanted to take him home and deliver him back to Newark Airport the next day. He thanked his mother for her gracious offer, but told her he would just stay overnight at the airport.

He went to the airline to check in, but the attendant told him that it was too early to check in for his flight. He would be able to check in tomorrow, which meant that he would have to spend the night in a corridor with his duffel bag. As he was sitting on his bag texting his mom to let her know he was OK, a flight attendant from another airline walked up to him and asked why he was alone in a corridor at the airport. He told her his story, and her reply was this,

“I am not going to let a Marine stay overnight in a corridor at this airport. I want you to come with me.”

She took him to the pilots lounge of her airline, and told all in that place that this young Marine was her guest, and that he would be spending the night in the lounge until it was time for him to check onto his flight with the other airline.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said this, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” In Hebrews 13:2 The Bible states “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels.”

I know the Marine is mortal, but maybe, just maybe, the attendant was an angel. We will never know, but I know kindness when I see it, and this was an act of kindness to our brother. Semper Fi Marine!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 11th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members present including all officers except for the Jr. Vice Commandant who was absent, the Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor Alex Kier and Quartermaster Corey Fisher who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Bud Pearce** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant** and **Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino**.

New Members: James Kier Sr.
Robert Kier

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

Meeting Dedication: This meeting was dedicated to Marines Bill Kohler and Bill Mickelson.

Sick and Distressed: Kevin Sundling was recovering well from his surgery.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported the he had a room for the Department Quarterly Meeting and was willing to share it with anyone wishing to attend the Meeting. He read the Thank You letter from our Marine Corps Youth Foundation Tree of Lights donation. He also reported that the Washington Crossing National Cemetery had sent us chances for a raffle that had already passed.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee reported on the Detachment strength.

Acting Junior Vice McBride reported again that his community, Buckingham Springs, will be sponsoring a trip to West Point in September. The cost is \$90 per person which includes transportation, a lunch and a tour of the facility. To reserve a seat, he must receive \$25 by the end of the month.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore presented the previously submitted Bylaw changes to the body. They were almost exactly the same. **Bud Pearce, PC** made a motion to accept the first and it was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC**. An amendment to the bylaw change was proposed to add "10 percent of the voting members present". **Bud Pearce, PC** made a motion to accept the amendment and seconded by Sam DiValentino. The amendment and the bylaw were then adopted by the body. The bylaw change will now be sent to the Department for approval.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino had sent out 6 get well cards the past month.

Jr Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC reported that the Detachment Highway Cleanup will take place on April 11th.

Public Relations Officer was excused, so Commandant Kier reported that March 20th was the cutoff for anything to go into the next newsletter.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC had no color guard requests. For the Young Marines; he reported that they had 2 new recruits.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Trailer Committee – Marine DiValentino discussed moving the trailer from his property as he will be selling his house in May. The Detachment will be investigating on a new home for its storage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commandant Kier presented Certificates of Appreciation to Associates James Kier, Sr. and Robert Kier for their support of the Detachment Pistol Match last fall.

ELECTIONS

Nominations and Elections were held by Junior Past Commandant **Bud Pearce, PC**. Those nominated and elected were:

Commandant	Don Gee, PC
Senior Vice Commandant	Bud Pearce, PC
Junior Vice Commandant	Bill McBride
Judge Advocate	Tom Spoltore
Paymaster	Jim Powell, PC

NEW BUSINESS

Bud Pearce, PC made a motion, seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** to revoke the payment of the fees paid by the Detachment for those participating in the Department Pistol and Rifle Matches. It was passed by the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Sundling, PC announced that Marine DiValentino had brought in a piece of Naval memorabilia and if anyone was interest in it, to see him after the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, April 8, 2015.



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DETACHMENT CALENDAR

APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY	6	7	8 DETACHMENT MEETING 1930 DOYLESTOWN AL POST 210	9	10	11
12	13 THOMAS JEFFERESONS BIRTHDAY	14	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18 YPF ALLENTOWN
19	20	21	22 ADMISTRATIE PROFESSIOAL DAY	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

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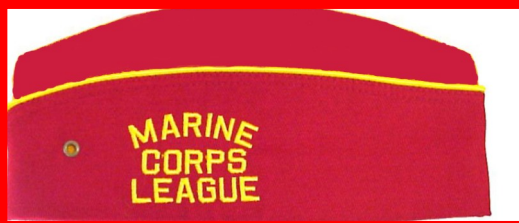
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Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

Type of Application – New () Renewal () Membership Type -- Regular () Associate () Dual ()

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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