# LISTEN UP!





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#### OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 13TH AT 1930

#### **COMMANDANT'S COLUMN**

Marines,

This is my final column as Central Bucks Detachment Commandant. So, I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support during the past year and ask that you show true Marine support for Commandant-elect Bill McBride and his staff during the coming year.

I particularly want to express my sincere appreciation to Senior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce for all

he does for the Detachment, Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride for his "gung ho" attitude in all he does for the Detachment, Paymaster (and Department Commandant) Jim Powell for his counsel and expert handling of our finances, Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore for his service and consistent support of Detachment programs, Chaplain Sam DiValentino for his outstanding dedication to his post, and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling for his exemplary service to the Detachment for more years than either of us want to think about.

Please plan to attend the April Meeting to see your new officers formally installed and congratulate them on assuming their new posts. A list of the new officers is contained in the Minutes of the March Meeting.

Unfortunately, as I step down from office, I leave the new Commandant with the problems of dwindling chapter meeting attendance and extremely slow growth in membership. I would challenge each of us to seek new members for our Detachment and attend our meetings to both participate in decision-making and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from having shared the Marine Corps experience.

In parting, I wish you each "fair winds and calm seas."

Semper Fidelis,

Don H. Gee



**Dept. Meeting Schedule** 

2016 NORTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE 1-2 April, 2016 WILKES-BARRE, PA

2016 PA PACK SUPREME GROWL 24 June , 2016 Days Inn, State College, PA

2016 DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONVENTION 22-25 JUNE, 2016 DAYS INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA

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## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

#### BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

I stopped into the hospital last week to see a person that I have served for the last several years. He was a proud and valiant person who would put his heart and soul into everything that was important for the good of all who served him.

He told me this about his condition, "Sam I am on life support! I used to be vibrant, I used to have energy, I used to get a lot accomplished. Now I am not able to do all I would like anymore. I have been hit with men joining and dropping out, with men fighting about who does more than the other, about men talking about other men when that man is not present to defend himself. Me and my organization have been at odds for awhile now and I need some advice on how to get out of this sickbed and back to my former self."

He also told me that it would be a good idea to try to get some new people to join him in his endeavor. He told me he has a few good younger guys, but not enough to make up for the lack of youth in his organization.

I suggested that it could be good for all his men to get together and talk out some of the things on their minds. Maybe clear the air, find common ground and move forward. He liked that idea but was cautious because some of the guys may have some personal grudges to bring out in the open.

We said a prayer together, I gave him a salute, then I said goodbye and left Detachment 636 of the Marine Corps League to rest and heal. Hopefully he will find some peace soon, or go to his final resting place. He is in our hands Marines. Semper Fi!

#### MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING

# MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 9 members including all officers except for the Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, and the Public Relations Officer all were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Joe Kier and Jim Powell, DC. Other Distinguished members recognized were; Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and 2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of PA District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling. The 2016 Detachment Marine of the Year was present but not recognized.

New Members: none

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

**Paymaster Jim Powell, DC** presented the Paymaster's financial report for March and it was adopted.

**Sick and distressed:** Three weeks ago Cynthia Powell was admitted into the Hospital and spent two weeks there for a cytomegalic virus she is now home and slowly recovering. Don Parzaneze Sr. is recovering at home from a knee surgery.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Commandant Don Gee received solicitation for the 71st annual Department Convention, Motion to put an ad in for a full page at \$75.00 by Jim Powell/second Budd Pearce passed. 3rd Marine Division Association and the DOD Vietnam War Committee are offering pins and certificates for living Vietnam Veteran Era Vets, the dates covered are Nov. 1st 1955 to May 15th 1975. He mentioned the Memorial Day parade meetings last Monday in March and April. He also mentioned the Philadelphia Veterans Parade held on Nov 6th rain or shine. Motion made by Jim Powell/ second by Bob Sundling to not attend the parade with the Detachment float, motion passed.

**Sr. Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC** 68 Regular members, 22 Life, 15 Associate, and 20 Delinquent.

**Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride**. Mentioned the book presentation at Buckingham Springs on Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1900, no charge and refreshments will be served. 970 tickets sold by the Detachment so far. The Memorial Day Fundraiser will be held at the Doylestown Liquor store from the Thursday thru Sunday before Memorial Day Sam DiValentino will be organizing it this year.

Adjutant/Jr. Past Joe Kier, PC. None.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore- excused

Chaplain Sam DiValentino

**Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC** Young Marines survival training will be held the first weekend of April. All members are welcome and there are sleeping spaces if anyone wants to attend.

#### MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING continued



Quartermaster Corey Fisher anything special needed send email or call to order.

Public Relations/Newsletter Alexandrea Kier none.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trailer-** new trailer emblem was finished and presented. **Shooting-** pistol match in June, Central Bucks match is still in the planning for the fall.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The nominations and elections were held by Jr Past Commandant Joe Kier, the slates of elected officers are:

Commandant Bill McBride

Sr Vice Commandant Thaky Haqq

Jr Vice Commandant Sam DiValentino

Judge Advocate Tom Splotore

Paymaster Jim Powell, DC

#### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

SSgt. Bobby Sundling wanted to thank Jim Powell, DC with his help with the Cpl. Simpson funeral arrangements it meant a lot to the family. Jim Powell, DC mentioned that we should be vigilant in recognizing thoughts of suicide and if there is any inkling to call the Veterans suicide hotline.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. Vice Budd Pearce, PC wanted to let any newly elected officers that do not have a Red Blazer to get their size to the Quartermaster as the Detachment covers the cost of the Blazer for first time elected officers it can also be ordered by the individual and the receipt turned in to the paymaster to be reimbursed. Also the next highway cleanup is the Saturday after the April meeting, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Jim Powell, DC is planning to have a training session for the new officers after the installation on a Saturday, it should be before the May meeting if possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	Northeast Division Meeting Wilkes-Barre	Northeast Division Meeting Wilkes-Barre
3	4	5	6	7	8	Department of PA Web Training Class Fort Indiantown Gap
10	11	12	Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210	14	15 Tax Day	Highway Cleanup. Meet 0800 at "Back to the 50s" located at the corner of Rt. 263 and Edison- Furlong Rd.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Passover
23	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30 Last Day of Passover

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