

# LISTEN UP!



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 14TH 2013 AT 1930**

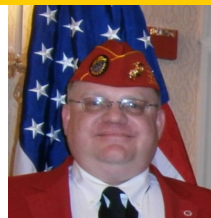
## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a great meeting in July; we went over some information from the 2013 Dept. of PA convention. We also had some awards to give out from the Convention. On page six are some pictures from the award ceremony and descriptions of what was awarded.

We had a snafu on Independence Day, however like true Marines we overcame and adapted. The parade float had a blow out of one of the tires and on July 4<sup>th</sup> there wasn't anywhere to get it repaired. While we were trying to get the trailer back to a place where we could repair it the Marines at the parade carried on, the color guard lead the parade and those who could rode in the back of a pick-up truck. All in all it came out okay and I think we learned something for the future, and it's a great day when you learn something. We learned that we need a spare tire, and we need a parade committee which was formed at the July Meeting. We are still getting the Marines together who will be on that committee but heading it up will be Sr. Vice Commandant Jack Gentile. We also started to form a fundraising committee which will be headed up by Jr Vice Commandant Vince DeBella. Anyone who is interested in helping out with either one of these committees contact Jack or Vince and let them know.

We approved a motion to purchase a Tent to use as cover at some of our events. The tent was received in time for Vince DeBella and others to use it at the Graeme Park Celtic event, where we had a table. When we get some pictures together of the event we will get them in the Newsletter.



We had a new member sworn in at the July meeting Wilfredo (Will) Acosta Jr. Will was brought to the meeting by Jr. Vice Vince DeBella, his first for the new recruiting year. As you will see on page 6 Vince received the Third place or second runner up award for recruiting at the State Level, anyone who wants to get some recognition and bring in a few new Marines may want to give Vince a call and see what he is doing because it's working, great job Vince.

I will close with a message for all the members of the Central Bucks Detachment. I need you to look at the membership oath I have typed in on page 5, highlighted and underlined are two very important passages from that oath we have all made. Let's make sure we are following that oath we pledged if it was last month or 30 years ago, we all gave that oath and we need to remember it as we go on in the community at a Marine Corps League function or not we are all Marines who took that oath.

See you at the meeting in August.

Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier

### Department Meeting Schedule.

2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
4-9 AUGUST, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

DEPARTMENT OF PA RIFLE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
31 AUGUST- 1 SEPTEMBER  
ALTOONA, PA

FALL DEPT. STAFF MEETING  
18-19 OCTOBER 2013  
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

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The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 10th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 17 members and 1 guest present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Jim Powell, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, and Don Parzanese Sr.** **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella** were also recognized.

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

**Sick and Distressed:** **Don Gee, PC** reported that **Jessica Clymer** will be getting discharged from the Marine Corps due to medical issues. **Jack Gentile** reported that Marine **Ken Murray** had surgery on his leg as was recuperating. **Bud Pearce, PC** reported that Associate member **Larry Sheetz** was still having heart issues but was home and recuperating.

**New Members:** **Wilfredo Acosta Jr.** was voted on, accepted and given the Oath of Membership.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Joe Kier** reported on the 2013 Department Convention. He brought a Convention Book for everyone to look thru. He reported that member delinquency was an issue League wide. Our own Bill Miller was again elected as District One Vice Commandant and appointed Command-ant Kier as his Assistant. The trailer tire blowout on July 4th was discussed. He reported on the Detachment Staff Meeting held last week. Handed out literature on Marine Corps League awards and uniforms and discussed them with the body. He also asked that members be aware that they can submit requests for awards to given. Those requests should be submitted through the Detachment Senior Vice. He also presented some information on Veteran Services that can be gotten at the VA Clinic on Horsham Road. He discussed his visit to the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall sponsored by the Hatfield American Legion. He reported on the Department Pistol Match held the first weekend in June.

**Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile** reported that the Detachment has a total of 72 members of which 66 are regular members and 6 are associate members. Of the regular members, 46 are annual members and 26 are life members. Of the associate members, 5 are annual members and 1 is a life member. We have 4 dual members which do not count towards Detachment voting strength. He brought in the old metal signs that we use to put on out float and it was decided the dispose of them as they are very worn and cannot be revitalized.

**Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella** reported on the Gun Show weekend held on June 22nd and 23rd. He along with John Ketterer and Geoff Burgess manned the table at the show. We raised approximately \$200 along with 4 possible new members. Wil Acosta, who was sworn in earlier was one of those possible new members. The next fund raising event will be the Celtic Weekend at Graeme Park on July 20th and 21st.

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

**Judge Advocate Bill McBride** reported that there were no outstanding issues.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** reported that his services were not needed since that last meeting.

**Public Relations Officer Kier** set July 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* Newsletter. John Ketterer will be maintaining our Facebook page going forwarded.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** reported his son Marine Bobby Sundling was current attending Sergeant's School. The Young Marines will soon be holding Boot Camp in the Poconos for several new Young Marines. Also, the Young Marine trip to 8 & I the last Friday of August was almost full. There are a few seats still open and anyone wishing to attend should contact him as soon as possible.

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

**Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce** reported that the Highway Cleanup that will take place the Saturday after our next meeting scheduled in August.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by **Don Gee, PC** and seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** to purchase a Marine Tailgating Tent from Sgt. Grit. The motion passed.

Motion made by **Wil Acosta** and seconded by **Don Gee, PC** to hold off buying the tent from Sgt. Grit until he finds out if we can borrow one from the Marine Recruiters in Hatboro. The motion passed.

Motion was made by **Don Gee, PC** and seconded by **Bud Pearce, PC** to donate \$1000 to the Bucks County Global War on Terrorism Memorial. The motion passed.

Paymaster **Jim Powell, PC** presented a budget to the Body. Motion was made by **Don Gee, PC** and seconded by **Don Parzanese, PC** to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed and the budget was adopted.

Commandant Kier handed out awards and certificates received at the Department Convention as follows:

2nd Runner Up, Department Recruiting Award to **Vince DeBella**  
Department Meritorious Unit Commendation Award to Central Bucks Detachment \*  
Certificate of Appreciation awarded to **Bud Pearce** for his work with the 2013 Pistol Match  
Certificate of Participation to Central Bucks Detachment for Toys for Tots  
Certificate of Participation Central Bucks Detachment for the Newsletter Program  
Certificate of Participation to **Joseph Kier** as Editor for the Newsletter Program  
Department Streamer awarded to those Detachments in attendance

\* Ribbon authorized for wear by all members of Central Bucks Detachment that were members in good standing during the time frame of June 1, 2012 thru May 30, 2013.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rich Scott** handed out flyers to support the Bucks County Global War on Terrorism Memorial by eating at any of the 10 participating Wendy's on Wednesday, July 31st. 15% of all revenue received between 1700 and 2100 on that evening will be donated to the Memorial.

**Jim Powell, PC** announced that he will be attending the National Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan and that anyone needing anything from the Ships Store can contact him and he would be more than happy to get any items needed.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, August 14, 2013.**



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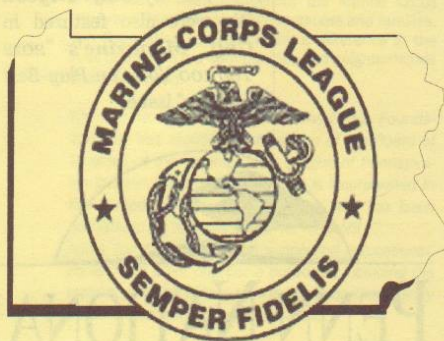
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James Powell, PC

# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

## 2013 Annual Golf Outing

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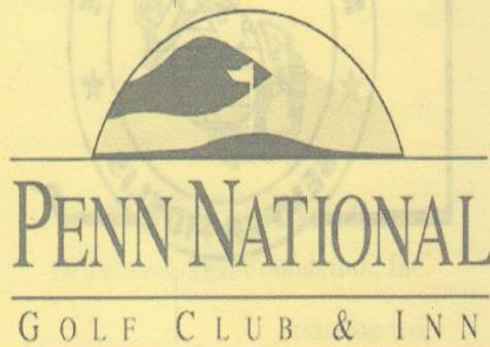
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## MEMBERSHIP OATH

I, (NAME) in the presence of Almighty God and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled being fully aware of the symbols, motto, principles and purposes of the Marine Corps League do solemnly swear or affirm that I will uphold and defend the constitution and laws of the United States of America and of the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly wrong, deceive, or defraud the League to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member or any member's family to be wronged or injured if to prevent the same is within my power. I will never propose for membership one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in a manner becoming a decent and honorable person and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League so help me God.



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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Jr. Vice Commandant Vince DeBella accepts the second runner up award at the state level for Recruiter of the Year, from Dept. Sr Vice Commandant Jim Powell, PC.

## DEPT. OF PA 2013 STATE CONVENTION RECOGNITION



Jr Past Commandant Budd Pearce accepts a letter of appreciation for service at the 2013 Dept. of PA Pistol Championships from Commandant Kier.



Sgt at Arms Bob Sundling, PC accepts the new streamers for the Detachment Colors from Commandant Kier. They are for Department Meritorious Commandation, and for presenting the Detachment Colors at the Convention.



Quartermaster Corey Fisher, as a active member of the Detachment Toys for Tots program, accepts the Detachment Toys for Tots participation award from Commandant Kier.



Commandant Kier accepted the certificates for Newsletter Editor and for participation by the Detachment in the Newsletter program at the convention.

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**MCL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
4-9 AUGUST**

**GRAND RAPIDS MI**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
14 AUGUST**

**DEPT OF PA 2013 RIFLE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
31 AUGUST—1 SEPTEMBER  
ALTOONA PA**

**LABOR DAY  
2 SEPTEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
11 SEPTEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
9 OCTOBER**

**COLOMBUS DAY  
14 OCTOBER**

**DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MEETING  
18-19 OCTOBER  
FT. INDIANTOWN GAP PA**

**HALLOWEEN  
31 OCTOBER**

**USMC BIRTHDAY  
10 NOVEMBER**

**VETERANS DAY  
11 NOVEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING  
13 NOVEMBER**

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***“ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE”***

Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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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