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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 13TH AT 1930

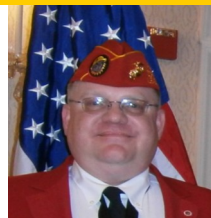
COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines, Pennsylvania 2014 Marine of the Year award.

We had a great meeting in July; we brought back a lot of Awards that the Detachment earned this year. We received a first place award for Membership in category two; we also received a first place award for our newsletter Listen Up! I won the third place award as the Detachment Newsletter editor, and received a Distinguished Citizens Silver Award for my contributions at the Department level this past year. Jim Powell, PC and Bill Miller PC also received a Distinguished Citizens Silver Award for their contributions at the Department level this year. Other awards were a MODD Pack leaders award for Bill Miller PC, and Jim Powell PC, Jack gentile received an Individual Meritorious Award for his work at the Department on the Awards Committee. Last but certainly not least Jim Powell PC won the Department of

As far as Department positions go we have the first in detachment history Department of PA Commandant, Jim Powell, PC. Bill Miller PC was appointed as the Chief of Staff to the Department Commandant, Bob Sundling PC was appointed as the Department of PA Sgt. At Arms, Cindy Coleman was appointed as an on call Emergency Medical officer at the Department meetings. I have moved up and taken the position of District Two Vice Commandant, which Bill Miller PC stepped down from.

Dept. Commandant Jim Powell, Bill Miler, and I are getting ready to travel to the National Convention on the 3rd of August in Charleston WV; it looks to be one of the biggest attendances in a while or maybe ever. It is mostly due to the 75th Anniversary of the MODD, where I hope to pass the initiation for my PDD.



Lastly for a few announcements; the Dept. of PA rifle match forms are due in at the August meeting. If you need a room you should contact Budd Pearce a.s.a.p.

My Daughter Alex joined the league last month as an associate member and has accepted the positions of Newsletter Editor, and Mess Sergeant I look forward to reading her issues of Listen Up! Hope to see you all at the August meeting, Semper Fi.

J.M.Kier

Dept. Meeting Schedule

- 2014 DEPT. OF PA RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
6-7 SEPTEMBER 2014
READE RANGE, ALTOONA, PA
- 2014 FALL DEPT. STAFF MEETING
17-18 OCTOBER 2014
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2015 WINTER STAFF MEETING
9-10 JANUARY 2015
HOLIDAY INN GRANTVILLE, PA
- 2015 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
20-21 MARCH 2015
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

When we perform our jobs, we are paid a certain amount based on what skill level our job demands, and how long it takes us to accomplish our task.

If we perform in an outstanding manner, and accomplish more than the standard amount of work, and do that consistently over an extended period of time, we may earn a bonus.

A bonus is a reward for meeting, or exceeding all objectives including productivity, quality, and workmanship, over the long haul. The people who run the Veterans Administration gave themselves bonuses. Someone in that organization thinks that keeping our veterans waiting for the care they deserve is criteria for a bonus program for the employees of the Veterans Administration.

In Matthew 16:26 Jesus states this,

“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give for his soul?”

Giving a person or a group of people a bonus for a job that is not well done is a gain for them, but a loss for our veterans waiting, many times in great pain, for medical care.

Our veterans have served, and have been hurt, wounded, or have other health issues that need urgent care. To pay a bonus to employees who are unable to provide the needed services to our veterans is a tragic waste of resources.

Our representatives must know that we as veterans will not tolerate the paying of bonuses while our veterans suffer.

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 9th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members and 2 guests present including all officers except for the Junior Vice Commandant and Adjutant. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant** and **Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Chief of Staff Bill Miller, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling** and **District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier**.

New Members: Alexandra Kier, Associate Member.

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

Sick and Distressed: Commandant Kier explained the health issues he has been having since the Department Convention. **Bob Sundling, PC** reported on his Sister-in-Law who had a tumor found on her side and was in surgery to remove and probably a kidney too. Bill Miller reported on his wife Jeannette, who fractured her ankle and is recovering after multiple surgeries.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported that at the Department Convention, Jim Powell was elected Department Commandant and also awarded Department Marine of the Year. He reported that he was elected as District 2 Vice Commandant, that Bob Sundling was appointed Department Sergeant at Arms, Associate Member Cyndy Coleman Appointed to the Department Medical Committee, Jack Gentile was appointed to the Department Awards Committee and that Bill Miller was appointed Department Chief of Staff.

He also read the statement from National Commandant Jim Tuohy on the political policy of the Marine Corps League. Commandant Kier appointed **Don Gee, PC** and Jack Gentile to the Detachment Audit Committee and New member Alex Kier as the Newsletter editor and mess sergeant.

Senior Vice Don Gee, PC reported the Detachment strength at 89 with 76 regular and 13 associate members. Of the 89 members, 25 are life members, 4 are dual members and 4 are in delinquent status.

Junior Vice Commandant was absent. In his stead **Commandant Kier**, reported that we had received our 2015 Youth and Veterans Tickets and out Calendars. Anyone wishing to purchase calendars should contact Jr. Vice DeBella. More information on this year's fund raising efforts will be forthcoming.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also asked that a motion be made to send in our full Delegate strength of 5 votes for the National Convention. A motion was made by **Bud Pearce, PC** and seconded by **Don Gee, PC** to that effect and it was passed by the body. He went over the Bylaw changes that were approved at the Convention. He made available the Convention Ad Book.

Adjutant John Ketterer was excused, no report.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore had nothing to report.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino asked that if anyone has information on those sick or in distress should send it to him and to include all information necessary to send out appropriate cards or responses.

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor announced that July 20th is the cutoff for anything that is requested to be put into the next newsletter. A thank you card from Andrew Nerges was received and read. Also read was the invitation by Bucks County to encourage World War II and the Korean Conflict to sign up for the upcoming Honor Flight in September. There were several other flyers that were read.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported on the Color Guard at the Memorial Day Parade. He also reported that the Young Marines trip to 8th&I will be on the last Friday in August. Anyone interested, the cost is \$55. They will be visiting Arlington Cemetery, the War Memorials park; WW II, Korea, and the Vietnam Wall and then the 8th&I Night Parade during the trip. Anyone interested in attending please contact him.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce reported on the upcoming Highway Cleanup which will take place on Saturday, July 19th. We will meet at the "Back to the 50's" Diner at the intersection of Route 263 and Edison-Furlong Rd. at 0800.

He also told the body that anyone who wishes to shoot in the Department Rifle Match must have the paperwork filled out and back to him at or by the August Detachment meeting.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

Trailer Committee Chairman Jack Gentile spoke on the plans for our Detachment Trailer/Float. First, the Trailer must be moved from the Legion parking lot by July 12th. Sam DiValentino has donated his property as a place to store it for the immediate time. Jack talked about the next steps to upgrading the trailer, which is to get it repainted properly and he is looking into possibly getting that paint donated. Then he will look into getting a wrapping for the sides.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An Audit of the Paymaster records will be performed by Don Gee, PC and Marine Jack Gentile. They will coordinate with the Paymaster to pick a place and time.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Sundling, PC made a motion to reimburse Marine Gentile \$100 for the use of his vehicle pulling the Detachment trailer/float in the past 2 parades. It was seconded by **Bud Pearce, PC** and approved by the body. **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** made a motion to give **Don Gee, PC** the authority to inform the Tri-Boro Parade Committee that we will no longer participate if the Boy Scout Color Guard is allowed to continue to march in front of the parade on the 4th of July. It was seconded by **Bud Pearce, PC** and approved by the body. **Jim Powell, PC** made a motion to purchase 1 Hole sponsorship and 4 Cart sponsorships for the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation Golf Fund Raiser in August. It was seconded by **Don Gee, PC** and approved by the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Department Commandant Jim Powell handed out awards to Central Bucks Detachment and their members from the Department Convention held in June. The Detachment was recognized for our participation in the Department Website and Newsletter programs. We placed 1st in the newsletter competition and Editor Joe Kier placed 3rd in the Editor competition. The Detachment placed 1st in the Membership competition for Category 2. Those members recognized were **Bill Miller, PC** who received a Distinguished Citizen Silver award and Jack Gentile who received an Individual Meritorious Commendation award. **Bill Miller, PC** also received an award from the Devils Dogs.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore issued a challenge to the Detachment to a pistol match with his Shriner's Rod and Gun Club Team. He also informed the Detachment that he has a friend in Philadelphia that has a Museum in his basement and would like to set up a Detachment trip to see it.

Don Gee, PC announced that the Philadelphia Chapter of the 1st Marine Division Association is raising funds to help pay for maintenance that is required on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Philadelphia. He will look into what is needed and if it's something we could help with.

Don Gee, PC also explained the Pennsylvania Military Funeral Honors Program Service Ribbon that is available for those Veterans that participate in providing Military Funeral Honor Guards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Donovan informed the body that the 3rd Battalion Barracks at Paris Island is being worn down and replaced. Bricks from the Barracks Building are being sold for \$25 and come with a certificate of authenticity. The Parade Deck is also being rebuilt and engraved brick pavers will be sold for \$55. Jim McComb announced that a Veterans Benefit Fair would be held at the Legion Hall on Saturday, the 12th of July and comes with a free lunch. He also informed the body that he would be sending pictures from the Parade to Commandant Kier. Lastly he informed the body that on Wednesdays there would be yoga classes held by Megan's Foundation. It is for Veterans with PTSD and should end by 1915 and should not interfere with our meetings.

Commandant Kier announced the National Convention will be held August 3rd thru August 9th in Charleston, WV. We will have 4 members attending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, August 13, 2014.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

76: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 4: DUAL 25: LIFE

3: DUE THIS MONTH 4: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS



Department of PA Sgt at Arms Bob Sundling gets his Department cover from Dpet. of PA Commandant Jim Powell



Department of PA Chief of Staff Bill Miller gets his awards from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell.



Marine Jack Gentile gets his Meritorious Achievement Award from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell



Commandant Kier gets his Distinguished Citizens Silver Award from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell



2104 Department of PA. Commandant and 2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, PC



Commandant Kier gets his Newsletter Editor Award (3rd Place) from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell



Commandant Kier gets the first place Newsletter award for the Detachment from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell



Commandant Kier gets the first place Membership Award for the Detachment from Dept. Commandant Jim Powell



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Nat'l Convention Starts	4	5	6	7	8	9 Nat'l Convention Ends
10	11 VJ Day	12	13 Detachment Meeting 1930 Am. Legion post 210	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

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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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