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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As you no doubt noticed from the front page of this LISTEN UP! Issue, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, the August Meeting has been canceled since most of your Detachment officers will be out of the area either at the National Convention or on business.

Consequently, we ask that you make every effort to attend the September Meeting since we will be covering two months of past activities, future activities and reports. The Report on the National Convention should be most interesting, given the current turmoil at Marine Corps League National Headquarters. It is also reported there are nearly 200 proposed revisions to the National Bylaws & Administrative Procedures which will be voted upon. That should REALLY be an interesting report.

Another highlight of the September Meeting will be the finalization of plans for our Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride

has been working diligently to make it a success and one really worth attending. Look for the registration form in the September LISTEN UP!

Our participation in the Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade in Chalfont-New Britain was another successful event for us. Junior Vice Commandant McBride, Senior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC, did an outstanding job in preparing our float for this parade. As usual, our "unofficial" mascot "Leatherneck" and his owner were a big hit for parade onlookers. We had a good turn-out from Detachment members but we can always use more Marines to help keep us in the public's eye.

Hope to see you all at the September Meeting.

Respects & S/F,

Don H. Gee
Commandant



THE AUGUST MEETING IS CANCELED, DUE TO TOO MANY DETACHMET MEMBERS ON VACATION OR AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION SEE YOU ALL ON SEPT. 8TH

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 FALL DEPARTMENT STAFF MEETING 16-17 OCTOBER
HQ BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2015 FALL PA PACK GROWL 16 OCTOBER 1900
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2016 WINTER STAFF MEETING 8-9 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP
DATE AND TIME TBD

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

We lost four Marine brothers and a sailor this week. We ask why unarmed men are gunned down by a fanatical maniac. Another question we need to ask is why these men were not armed?

If they were guarding a military base, why are they not carrying a weapon? How can our leaders ask us to guard anything without a weapon?

When I was an active duty Marine, every gate was manned with an armed guard. Camp Geiger was guarded by armed Marines. The Navy bases at Johnsville and Willow Grove were guarded by Marines, or Sailors that were armed.

Then something strange happened. I saw civilians guarding those two bases and I wondered why there were no more military guards. Then something happened that I did not know, the gates were being guarded by military or civilians that were not armed.

Who made unarmed guards at military stations a mandate? That person or people must carry some of the weight for the deaths of our brothers.

God bless and keep our brothers in your presence as they arrive at their new duty station with you. Please Supreme Commandant, give our leaders the wisdom to arm the men and women that guard our Country, our bases and our national monuments. Help them to understand that our Armed Forces need Force to defend what is ours. In God We Trust! Amen

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 8th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members including all officers except for the Public Relations Officer, Quartermaster and Judge Advocate who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Budd Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Joe Kier** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant** and **2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of PA District 2 Vice Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling** and **detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino**.

New Members: None.

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

Sick and Distressed: Don Warner is undergoing Pacemaker Operations.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee Received a mailing from USAA insurance about insurance at a reduced rate. The Department had a poor turn out at the Golf Tournament, however our Detachment was represented. He reported about the DOT Pennsylvania Veterans Trust Fund donations from renewing your registration and or Driver's License. The proceeds go to help Veterans in need and they have given out over 600K to veterans as of June 2015. 20K of that was given to the Dept. of PA this year. We encourage everyone to check the box and donate. Nat'l Convention 9-15 August in Scottsdale AZ let Jim Powell know if you are attending. Vietnam veterans are looking for a Vietnam veteran for a guest speaker. There is an art exhibit at Abington Pres. Church now until August 21st it consists of art done by veterans.

Senior Vice/ Rifle Team Captain Budd Pearce, PC reported the Detachment strength at 88 members including 73 Regular Members of which 22 are Life Members and two are Dual Members; and 15 Associate Members of which one is a Life Member. There are 19 members delinquent in their dues. Rifle Match submissions due by August 1st.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride reported: We need to replace the tarp on the Parade Float. Birthday Ball information will be ready for the September Meeting.

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

Adjutant/Jr. Past/D2 Vice Joe Kier, PC Dept. Ad book was presented for review, Awards were given from the convention, and we have posters about the Charging of Vets by Lawyers to help them get Benefits. Some of the program books from the convention were presented, Memorial Ceremony and Chapel of the Four Chaplain's Ceremony. Dept. of PA convention report there were several discussions on the state of the National BOT and the issues there, the bottom line is that we need as many Detachments as we can get from the NE at the Convention in AZ with their full slate of delegates registered. There were 3 Detachments from District 2 at the Department Convention, for a total of 9 members, a District caucus was held and I (**Joe Kier, PC**) was nominated and elected for another term as District 2 Vice Commandant and reappointed as the Dept. Historian, TFT Committee, Membership Committee and V.A.V.S Chairman. District 2 now has an assistant, Gene Irvin from the Valley Forge Detachment. **Bob Sundling, PC** was reappointed as the Department Sgt at Arms, **Jim Powell DC**, was reelected as the Department of PA Commandant, and he reappointed **Bill Miller, PC** as his Chief of staff for another term.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore was excused, no report.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino sent Death notices for Bill Mickelson, Bill Jerome, and Bill Kohler in.

Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC We will check on the quarterly donation to the Young Marines.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had nothing to report.

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor was excused and assistant editor **Joe Kier, PC** announced that all submissions for the Newsletter must be in by the 20th of July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Detachment Pistol Team Captain Joe Kier, PC reported the Pistol Match went off as scheduled and the scores are posted on the Department web site. The team did well and the High shooter for 2015 was **Joe Kier, PC** with a 478 and 7 X.

Trailer Committee – Jr. Vice McBride reported that we need a new tarp for the float.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Department Awards were presented and the Dept. calendars (22) were given to Jr. Vice Bill McBride to sell for \$30.00. We got some other awards, Newsletter and Newsletter Editor 3rd place to Alexandria Kier, a Silver Distinguished Citizens award to **Budd Pearce, PC** for continued effort in the Department of PA marksmanship program.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

A discussion was brought up on getting out in the community more and that we need to send pictures to the Semper Fi magazine editor.

The Dept. of PA is using the unused money from the Department 2014 budget, for advertising that could be available to the Detachments.

National issues are heating up one employee was fired for insubordination, the Exec. Director's contract is under review on the legality of that contract. Some issues may be handled at the Natl. BOT Budget meeting this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, September 9th, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS (in the days after the meeting was closed)

A Telephone poll vote was taken by the BOT to cancel the August meeting and was past.

Jim Powell, DC and Joe Kier, PC attended the Executive meeting at Palmerton Rod and Gun Club and The Detachment pistol match is set for October 10th look on the Detachment Information page (p5) for more information.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION



2ND ANNUAL CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT SERVICE/OPEN PISTOL MATCH



Date 10/10/15

**Time 7:00am Check in and Breakfast.
Match begins at 8:00 am**

225 Gun Club Road, Palmerton PA 18071

For Directions go to: <http://www.palmertonrgc.org/prgcdirections.php>

Held at the :



Go to www.mclcb.org for registration and match rules. Contact Joe Kier with questions and concerns at joseph.kier@verizon.net or 267-249-4882

This is a Service Pistol and Open Pistol Match, competitors in different classes will be given different color score cards. The Match rules will follow the NRA service pistol 25yd match. The open match will run under the same rules, except weapon type is any CENTER fire weapon larger than .22 cal. and up to .50 cal. All competitors must be 18 years old on the date of the event, sign a release and hold harmless agreement and supply their own ammo. The cost for each shooter is \$30, if you wish to shoot both matches, the cost will be \$45. Registration must be done by Sept. 28th 2015 and the match will be limited to 160 shooters. The forms and hold harmless agreements are available at www.mclcb.org and information on submitting the forms will be there as well. Scores from the service match will be eligible for the MCL National Postal Match as long as the shooter is a member in good standing in the Marine Corps League and pays the \$10 fee, more details will be available at the event. This match is sponsored by the Central Bucks Detachment, the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League, the and the MCL Foundation of PA. A greater portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Marine Corps League Foundation of PA and for more information on the foundation go to <http://mclcfpaoundation.org> . The "GROVE" next to the range is available for campers and camping for no charge; the Range just asks that we don't over use the well located in the grove. Anyone wishing to camp should let us know in advance.

The Palmerton Rod and Gun Club will have food for sale at the range house we ask that you please get your food from the range as they donated the use of the range to us.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

Bucks County Veteran's Bus **Daily Schedule – (Pre-registration is required)**



Monday- Philadelphia VA Medical Center

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
7:40 AM – Leave Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad – 140 Township Road, Richboro
8:00 AM – Leave Levittown Clinic – Government Services Center – New Falls Rd.
8:30 AM – Leave Bensalem Senior Activity Center– Byberry Road
9:30AM – Arrive at Hospital

Tuesday- Philadelphia VA Medical Center

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
7:40 AM – Leave Tri-Hampton Rescue Squad – 140 Township Road, Richboro
8:00 AM – Leave Levittown Clinic – Government Services Center – New Falls Rd.
8:30 AM – Leave Bensalem Senior Activity Center - Byberry Road
9:30AM – Arrive at Hospital

Wednesday – Coatesville VA Medical Center

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30AM– Arrive at Hospital

Thursday – Coatesville VA Medical Center

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00 AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30 AM – Arrive at Hospital

Friday – Coatesville VA Medical Center

7:15 AM – Leave Doylestown Veteran Affairs Office – Neshaminy Manor Center
8:00 AM – Leave Quakertown Government Services Center – 261 California Road
9:30 AM – Arrive at Hospital

Bus Service subject to Weather conditions and County Holidays.

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Full Name _____ Phone _____

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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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