

LISTEN UP!



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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON AUGUST 10, 2016

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Things have quieted down now that the State Convention and the 4th of July Parade are over. The 3rd Annual Central Bucks Detachment Pistol Match at Palmerton, PA is scheduled for October 16th. If interested contact Joe Kier at 267-249-4882.

Vietnam era certificates were awarded at our July 13th meeting. If you served between 1955 and 1975 you are entitled and if you like to have the Certificate, please contact me or Don Gee. We are currently in the planning stage for the annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. This year the celebration will be held at the American Legion Post 210 located at 315 North Street in Doylestown on November 12th. Please plan to attend and set the date aside. Spouses are invited. More complete information as to cost, menu, guest speaker and time will be made available at a later date.

As usual, we are looking for new members, so if you know of anyone please bring them to a meeting or give them my phone number. Meanwhile, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on August 10th at 1930.

Thank you Marines.

Bill McBride



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Have any of you ever had a nickname hung on you by family or friends? If yes, did you like the name, or did it bother you to be called by a name other than the one your parents put on your birth certificate?

The first nickname I was given was the name "Gomba", given to me by my older brother. Not Goomba which is a good Italian handle to lay on someone, but Gomba a really stupid name that I did not like. He called me that all through high school, and all his friends called me the same goofy name.

I never really figured out why people give other people nicknames until I started reading the Bible. In the Bible, a man named Abram was given the new name Abraham by God Himself. Then God changed Abraham's wife's name from Sarai to Sarah. God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Israel's 12 sons became the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter.

So what was God's reason for changing the names of these people? Nobody knows the reason because He has chosen not to reveal why He gave these people nicknames. One thing that all these people had in common was the God loved them, and had special things for them all to accomplish in their lives.

So maybe my brother called me Gomba because he loved me and wanted me to accomplish everything that I could in my lifetime. Or maybe he was just being a pain in the rear big brother that wanted to embarrass his younger sibling. I have never asked him, but I will believe that it was the first reason that made him give me a nickname.

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held July 13, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members present including all officers except the Judge Advocate who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, Bill Miller, Joe Kier and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, Department District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier and Northeast Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**.

New Members: none.

Guests: Ray Stiel, prospective member.

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

Sick and Distressed: None

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride read a thank you card from Ann Warner and we also received \$310 in donation in memory of Don Warner. He also received a thank you letter from Twilight Wish for our donation. He also spoke about the upcoming Detachment Pistol Match on October 1st. He also reported on the Department Convention. The Detachment received 2 Certificates of Participation at the Convention; 1 for the Eagle Scout Program and 1 for our Newsletter. **Don Gee, PC** also received recognition for 25 years of membership in the League and **Bud Pearce, PC** received a Certificate of Appreciation for his work on the Department Pistol/Rifle Match.

Senior Vice Haqq reported the Detachment strength at 73 members. Of which 62 are regular and 11 are associate members. There are 23 total life members; two of the regular members are Dual members. We have a total of 18 delinquent members.

Junior Vice DiValentino spoke on our upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball. He proposed having it at the American Legion Hall. Pricing is approximately \$35.00 per person depending on the final menu. That price is less alcohol and cake. We will be able to bring our own alcohol. **Don Dee, PC** made a motion to accept the proposal for the American Legion and it was seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC**. It was discussed and passed the body.

Paymaster Powell presented the May and June Financial Reports. It was received as presented. He also presented correspondence that he received the past month.

Judge Advocate: no report.

Acting Chaplain DiValentino sent a condolence card from the Detachment to Ann Warner.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling thanked those that participated in the Independence Day Parade Color Guard.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Highway Cleanup – the next cleanup will take place the Saturday after our July Meeting pending weather conditions.

Detachment Pistol Match – **Joe Kier, PC** presented the information on the Detachment Pistol Match that will take place at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club on October 1st.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

Anyone interested in helping, participating or with questions should contact **Joe Kier, PC**. The information and forms will be on the Detachment Website in the next week or so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to buy the MCLA Spring Headquarters Project fund raiser tickets was made by **Joe Kier, PC** and seconded by **Jim Powell, PDC**. The motion was discussed and was passed by the body.

A motion was made by **Jim Powell, PDC** and seconded by **Joe Kier, PC** to pay for all of our Delegate fees for the National Convention. The motion was discussed and was passed by the body.

A motion was made by **Jim Powell, PDC** and seconded by Sam DiValentino to donate \$250 to American Legion Post 210 to help with the Memorial Day lunch. The motion was discussed and was passed by the body.

A motion was made by **Don Gee, PC** and seconded by Sam DiValentino to postpone the Highway Cleanup until the Saturday after the September meeting. The motion was discussed and was passed by the body.

Don Gee, PC and **Commandant McBride** presented Vietnam War Commemorative Pins to the following:

Bill McBride

Don Parzanese Sr., PC

Bob Sundling, PC

William Miller, PC

Phil Emery

Sam DiValentino

Jim McComb

Don Gee, PC

Ray Stiel

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Jim Powell, PDC announced that the Patriot Detachment had the winner of the Department Raffle which was \$5000. District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier informed the body that District 2 will be hosting the Department Hospitality Room at the October Staff meeting and is looking for volunteers to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

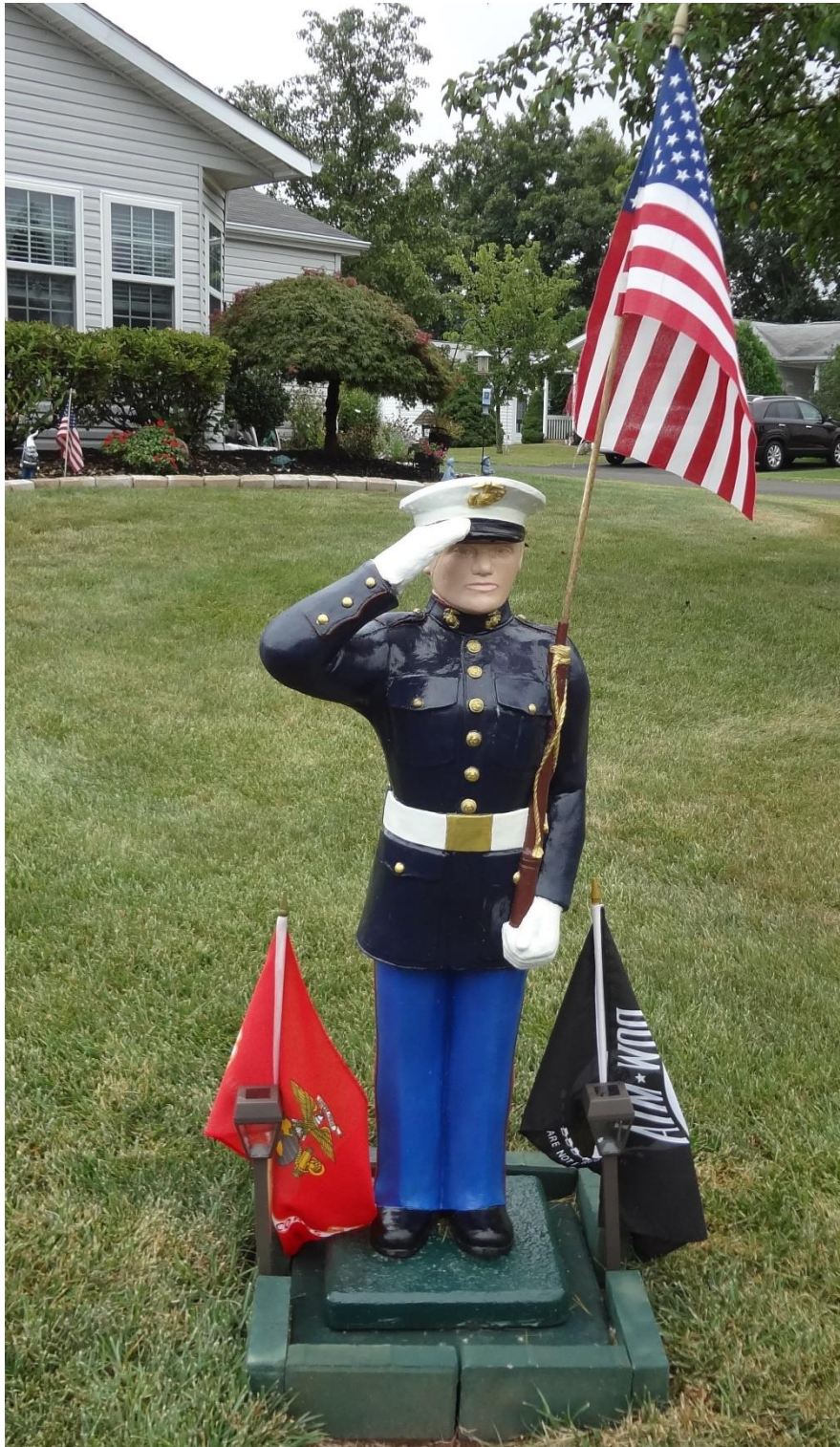


DETACHMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 2016

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1944 MajGen Harry Schmidt declares the island of Tinian secured	1950 Black Sheep Squadron executes the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1990 Marines begin participation in Operation Desert Shield		1942 1st Eng Bn reopened Henderson Field on Guadalcanal	Detachment meeting 1930			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			1942 2nd Marine Raider Bn conducts operations on Makin Island			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1968 PFC James Anderson Jr. awarded the Medal of Honor		1984 The last Marines to serve peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived home	1814 Marines fought in the battle of Bladensburg			
28	29	30	31			

PHOTO GALLERY



The Commandant shows his Marine Corps Pride with this concrete display which he hand painted. His Pride is on display 24/7 at his home. OORAH!

How do you show your Marine Corps Pride? Send in a picture with a caption.

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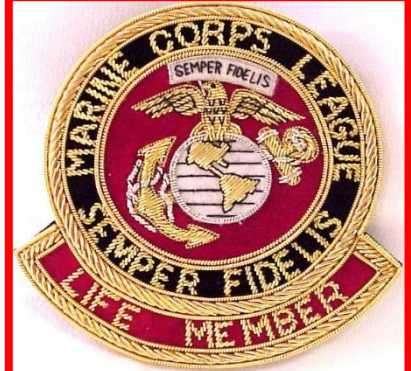
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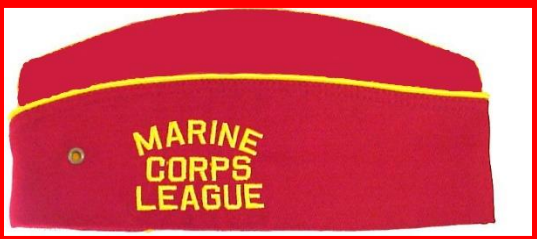
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ + _____

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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