

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 11 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines, I was disappointed to miss the November Meeting, however I had a very severe case of bronchitis and was not advised by my Doctor to go out until Friday at the earliest. I was able to make it to the Birthday Ball however and it was a great time for all.

We did have a great time at the Birthday Ball, another great job by 2013 MOY Vince DeBella. The guest speaker Major Eric Martindale gave a great speech and was very much honored to join us for the Birthday. One thing the Major said several times is that he has been to four Balls this year and ours was the best by far he has been to. I plan to keep in touch with the Major to do some shooting and hopefully he will join the Detachment.

Coming up we will have three to four dates for the Toys for Tots sign up and toy distribution. We will have all the TFT events at the American Legion Hall; all we have to do is lock in a few dates and advertise them. My daughter Alex will be organizing and leading the event, so if anyone is interested in helping out let

me know. We have another Devil Dog meeting on December 15th, anyone who is interested in looking into it let me know. We can all ride together to the meeting.

We have had about ten new members this year so far let's keep it up, and see if we can get an award at the convention this June.

Well that's all for now, have a Happy Thanksgiving, and we'll see you on the 11th.

Semper Fi,



Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2014 JANUARY STAFF MEETING
3-5 JANUARY 2014
GRANTVILLE, PA
- 2014 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
14-15 MARCH 2014
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2014 DEPT. OF PA PISTOL MATCH
DATE TBD
FT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2014 DEPT. CONVENTION
25-29 JUNE 2014
WILKES-BARRE, PA

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The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 13th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 15 members and 4 guests present including all officers except for Commandant Joe Kier, Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile who were excused and Quartermaster Corey Fisher. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella** were also recognized.

New Members: James Kier, Christopher Clayton, Tom Kline and Anthony Lozzi were accepted and took the Oath as Associate Members.

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

Sick and Distressed: No report.

OFFICER REPORTS

Acting Commandant Vince DeBella reported on the upcoming Birthday Ball. He also reported on the Car Show & Flea Market held at Community Park, Bristol & Hatboro Roads in Warminster. The Fundraiser brought in \$123. He reported that he intends to do a fundraising day at the Soldiers Christmas event at Graeme Park on November 30th from 1200 to 1800. Anyone interested in helping should contact him immediately. He discussed on how we will create a roster for next year's fundraising activities so Members can sign up in advance.

For the Senior Vice Commandant, he reported the Detachment strength at 74 with 64 regular, 4 dual and 6 associate members. Of the 74 members, 24 are life members. 1 is in delinquent status.

Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He discussed correspondence he received throughout the month.

Judge Advocate Bill McBride had nothing to report on.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino had nothing to report. He discussed his article in the October Newsletter and everyone encouraged him to continue with the monthly articles.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported the on that the Young Marines who received Awards from the Department and our Detachment for their heroic acts at Warrington Days on October 12th. He also is looking for volunteers to do a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery on Saturday, December 14 at 1130. Please contact him if interested.

Acting Quartermaster Don Gee reported \$24 in sales.

Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce, PC reported that the last Highway Cleanup went well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marine Ketterer reported that the Detachment Facebook page is alive and well and that we are increasing our "friends" to the page..

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, December 11, 2013.





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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

How many men do you consider to be “men of their word?”

A man who promises to do something, and then actually does what he promises is a man of his word.

Look at some of the promises we have made as men. When we joined the Marine Corps we took an oath (promise).

When we borrowed money for a house, or a car, we signed a mortgage, or note. This is a promise to pay back to the lender the money we borrowed.

How about when men get married? We make a promise to our wives to love, honor, and cherish, till death do us part. When we have children we promise to take care of them until they are able to be independent.

You can tell a lot about a man's character by the promises he makes and keeps. You want spouses to keep their promises, you want friends to keep their promises. When someone breaks an oath, or promise, you tend to lose faith in that person.

Our Supreme Commandant talks about his requirements for oaths in Matthew 5:37. He says this” Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’, and your ‘No’ be ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

He takes oaths, or promises very seriously, and men, we must also honor all of our promises. It is the very stuff that men are made of. Your character is dependent on your ability to keep your word. We all strive to be men of our word, we all must strive to be men of character.

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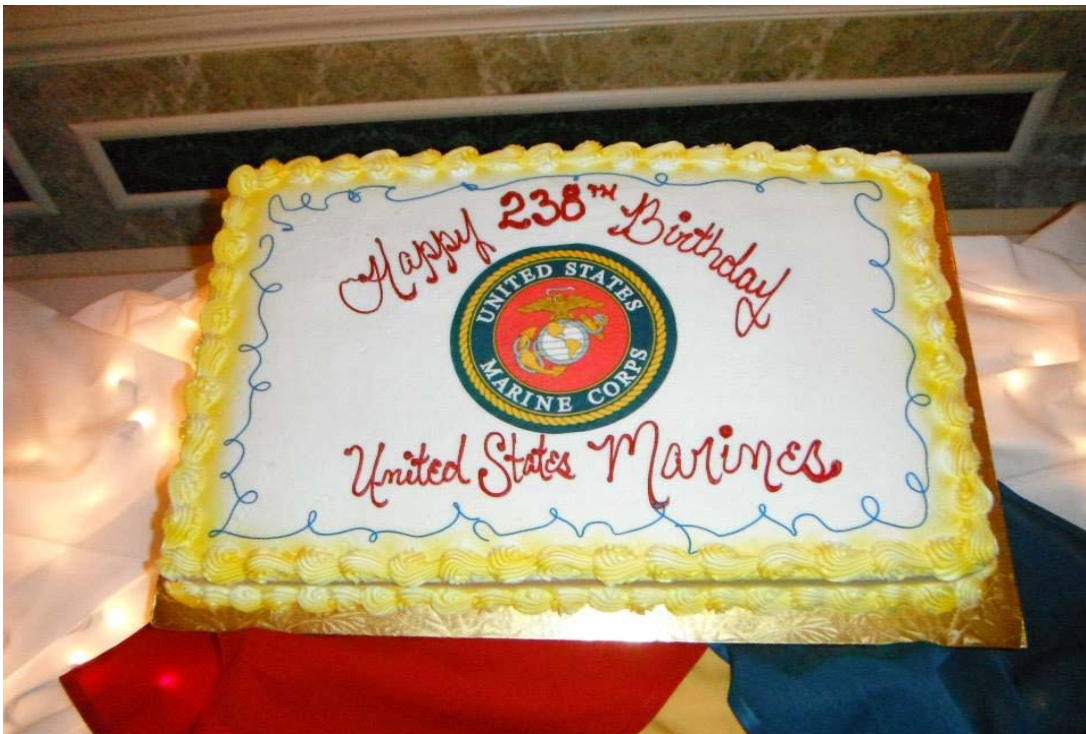
DETACHMENT INFORMATION

The Central Buck Detachments 238th Birthday Ball Celebration

All Photos are on the Detachment Facebook Page

Click link to view: <https://www.facebook.com/CentralBucksDetachment>

Photos by Public Relations Officer John Ketterer





DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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Liberty Young Marines Keep Warrington Safe

Warrington, Pa -- On Saturday, Oct. 12, two Liberty Young Marines, Alexandra Arnold and Michael Gain, leapt into action at a critical moment saving several children from serious injury at Warrington Days, held at Lower Nike Park in Warrington Township.

Private First Class Arnold was manning the inflatable obstacle course when severe winds swept it off of the ground into a vertical position, while there was still a young child inside, approximately 8-10 years old. The inflatable was originally tethered down but was about to blow over and roll down a steep rocky embankment. The child fell out of the inflatable but one of the tethering ropes wrapped around her waist and was dragging her along with the ride's descent down the hill. Without hesitation, Arnold swiftly ran to the child's rescue pulling her to safety just before the inflatable went over the hill.

Almost simultaneously, Private Michael Gain was manning the inflatable slide which also was hoisted into the air by the strong winds. He quickly grabbed hold of the tethering rope pulling the inflatable safely back to the ground, sparing about 10 young children from injury.

Both 15-year olds, Alexandra Arnold and Michael Gain, recently joined the Liberty Young Marines, based in Willow Grove, this summer. They successfully completed the recruit training cycle, culminating with an intense period of instruction referred to as boot camp, along with several other recruits and became Young Marines at a ceremony on September 25. Arnold was selected by the instructors as an Honor Recruit, receiving a promotion to Private First Class while Gain was named a Private and also received special recognition from his fellow recruits, bestowed with the Gung Ho Award. Arnold and Gain are sophomores at North Penn Senior High School and have been friends since they were toddlers, growing up together on the same neighborhood street in North Wales.

The Liberty Young Marines is one of over 300 Young Marine units belonging to the National Young Marines of the Marine Corps League Program. The program's goal is to instill positive, enduring values in today's boys and girls aged 8-18 and to promote a drug free healthy lifestyle while instilling the core values of honor, integrity and pride in participating youth through mental, physical and intellectual challenges. Arnold and Gain's unit is located at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station where they meet in the Air Force Building every Wednesday night. For more information, contact Mrs. Evelyn Stingo at esting7389@aol.com.

FOLLOW UP– *On November 6th 2013 Dept. Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell, PC, Don Gee, PC, Bob Sundling, PC, and Commandant Kier presented these Young Marine heroes with awards at their weekly meeting. Sr. Vice Powell, representing the Department, gave two awards to the two Young Marines mentioned in this press release. Commandant Kier gave awards to Sgt. Luke Sliwinski and Recruit Nicholas Kunkel who weren't mentioned above but were part of the life protecting actions listed above.*

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**THANKSGIVING DAY
28 NOVEMBER**

**PEARL HARBOR DAY
7 DECEMBER**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
11 DECEMBER**

**ALBERT E. SMITH POND 179
GROWL AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
15 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS EVE
24 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER**

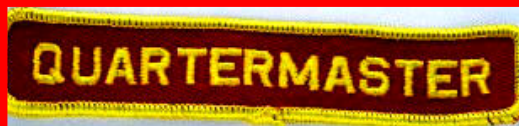
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1 JANUARY 2014**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
8 JANUARY 2014**

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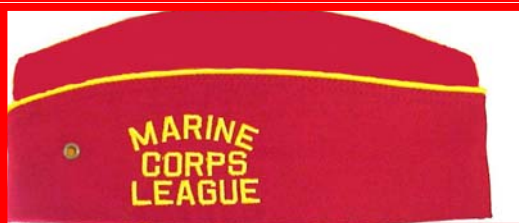
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Type of Application – New () Renewal () Membership Type -- Regular () Associate () Dual ()

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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