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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 14, 2016

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

The Birthday Ball was a really nice event, everyone in attendance had a nice time, and special thanks to Sam DiValentino for his efforts ensuring that the party would be a success. Don Gee, as Master of Ceremonies did another fantastic job hosting the event. Thanksgiving has passed and we now look forward to Christmas and New Year's Eve to bring the holiday season and this year to an end.

The first few months of 2017 will be quiet times and hopefully those members who have not been active, will make a New Year's resolution to take an active part in Marine Corps League activities. Hopefully we will meet Marines and help them to decide to join our ranks and bring new ideas into our Detachment.

As your Commandant, I would like to wish each and every member of our Detachment and their family a very joyful and safe holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

God Bless you, your family and the United States of America.

Thank you Marines.

Bill McBride



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BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

These words are followed by a long list of things where there is a specific time span for life's events to happen in a person's lifetime. What the author is telling us is that in our time, events are appointed to us, we perform them, and then we stop performing them either because we have completed them, or they exhausted us.

When my enlistment in the Marine Corps came to an end, I went on to civilian life. When my career at Merck was completed, I retired. Time just expires on our desire to do certain things, and we search for other things to do.

What I want to say Marines is that it is time for me to go on inactive duty with the Marine Corps League. I am going to be one of the guys that pays his dues, but only shows up on occasion. It is just time for me to move on to the next phase in my life.

I want all of you to know that I learned something about life from each of you, all the regulars that have faithfully come to meetings and have served in other functions. I thank all of you for helping me in the tasks that I performed while serving in 636.

It has been my pleasure to serve with all of you. I will be at the December meeting to make an orderly transition, and to return things that belong to Detachment 636.

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 9th, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 8 members including all officers except Sr Vice Haqq, and Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller, and Joe Kier**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **National aid de camp Bill Miller, PC Department of PA District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling**. **The 2016 Detachment Marine of the Year Joe Kier, PC was recognized.**

New Members: none

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

Temporary Adjutant/Paymaster Joe Kier, PC Audit was performed in late October by Sam DiValentino, and Joe Kier PC. The Paymaster's financial report for October was presented and it was adopted. Spoke about the way the Detachment would handle the new way dues would be paid to the Detachment.

Sick and distressed: Thaky Haqq was in the ER with a bleeding ulcer, released this evening. Bob Sundling, PC's brother is in the hospital with a heart attack.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bill McBride Has tickets for the Margaretville Blender.

Sr. Vice Commandant (excused)

Junior Vice Commandant Sam DiValentino. Menu change for the ball, and added expense of appetizers to the menu. Reported that he hired a bartender for \$100 to pour wine and hand out beer/soda.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore no report

Temp. Chaplain Sam DiValentino no report

Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC no report

Quartermaster Corey Fisher no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TFT committee, Don Gee is bringing a barrel for toys that will be in the legion until Dec. 14th 2016, Jim McComb is notifying the UVD that we are having a barrel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and seconded to agree that the Detachment will only charge half of the regular Detachment portion of the dues.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE none

MODD PA Pack is raffling off a home defense kit worth \$800 and two runners up \$100 awards, tickets are \$20 each and there only 300 tickets for sale. There is a Vietnam ceremony at Buyers Choice in Chalfont this Thursday night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, December 14th 2016.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2016

DECEMBER 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor 1941			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bucks County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Christmas tree ceremony 1800			Detachment meeting 1930			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day						New Year's Eve

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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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