

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a very successful Birthday Ball on the 18th of November, the food was great, and everyone enjoyed themselves. I want to encourage everyone to join me in thanking the Birthday Ball Committee in a job well done.

We also had a very successful staff meeting on the 8th of November when we discussed staff position responsibilities and the forming of several committees for the next year. Following the staff meeting we had a wonderful time hosting the Liberty Young Marines at a USMC birthday cake cutting ceremony I think everyone had an exciting time at the event.

We will be working on forming the committees that were discussed at the staff meeting and we need your help to man these committees and continue the splendid work the Detachment does over the next year. We need everyone that can attend out to our December (and every) meeting to form these committees, so please come out and if you cannot make it please contact me about helping on one of the committees.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier

Commandant



MCL Schedule

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEMBERS MEETING
19-20 JANUARY 2018
HOLIDAY INN
604 STATION ROAD
GRANTVILLE, PA

NATIONAL MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE
1-3 MARCH, 2018
FREDERICKSBURG HOSPITALITY
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Christmastime 2017 is near and I still don't know what gift to get for my wife that she will not take back to where it was purchased. I would like to buy her the new Toyota Highlander that she has asked for the last decade of Christmas times, but it is still out of our fixed income budget. I have no luck with cloths because I still have no clue about what she likes and will wear. Forget stuff for the kitchen, she has her own system in that room, and any new stuff would get relegated to a back drawer and be forgotten until moving day.

Does this sound like a familiar problem Marines? We know we have to get something that says we care deeply, that we have put a lot of thought into finding the perfect gift. Once again I will fail in this endeavor.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 18:16 that "A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great." In my house the gift has a better chance of ushering me back to the place where it was purchased.

Merry Christmas Marines!

Sam DiValentino
Chaplain

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 8, 2017, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 10 members and 1 guest present including all elected officers, other than the Senior Vice Commandant who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bill McBride, Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Junior Vice Commandant Joe Kier** and **NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller.** Marine of the Year **Bill McBride** was recognized.

Visitors: Marine Christine Haycock

New Members: Christopher Ruoff

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

Sick and Distressed: **Chaplain DiValentino** gave an update on **Bud Pearce, PC** who he visited. He was very happy for all the calls and visits he has received and hopes it continues. He is holding his own and as he says, has good days and bad days.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier reported that the Detachment Staff held a meeting just prior to this Detachment Meeting. Due to the Marine Corps Birthday celebration with the Liberty Young Marine most of the normal business will be bypassed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill McBride, PC made a motion to had the Detachment invite and pay for Ann Warner to attend our Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball on the 18th. It was seconded by Sam DiValentino and passed the body.

Evelyn Stingo and Heather Sliwinski were awarded the Distinguished Citizen Bronze Medal by Detachment Commandant **Joe Kier.**

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commandant Kier announced that the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball that will take place on November 18, 2017 at the Waterwheel Restaurant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2017

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8
9	10	11	12	13 Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210 Doylestown, PA/ National Guard Birthday/ Hanukkah Starts	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Last Day of Hanukkah	21 Winter Solstice	22
23/30	24/31 Christmas Eve/ New Years Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29

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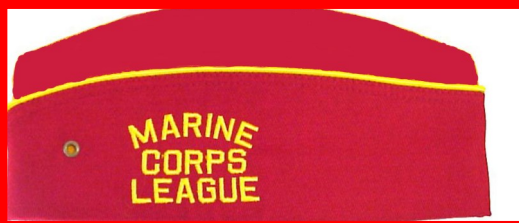
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Further, I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, * or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. 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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