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Biden Meets With Gun-Safety, Victims Groups

Vice President Joe Biden on Wednesday heard personal stories of gun violence from representatives of victims groups and gun-safety organizations as he drafts the Obama administration's response to the shooting at a Connecticut elementary school. He pledged that action would be taken.

"I want to make it clear that we are not going to get caught up in the notion (that) unless we can do everything we're going to do nothing," Biden said. "It's critically important (that) we act."

The meeting was part of a series Biden is holding this week to build consensus around proposals to curb gun violence after the Dec. 14 shooting in Newtown, Conn. Twenty school children were killed.

Biden meets Thursday with the National Rifle Association and other gun-owner groups. Meetings with representatives of the video-game and entertainment industries also are planned.

President Barack Obama wants Biden to deliver proposals by the end of the month. Obama has vowed to move swiftly on the package, which is expected to include legislative proposals and executive action.

Participants in Wednesday's meeting with Biden included the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence and groups from Arizona, Illinois and Wisconsin, states with spates of gun violence that garnered national attention, including the shooting in Arizona of then-Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Also present were two survivors of the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech that killed 32 people, as well as a stepfather of a victim of last July's massacre at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., in which a dozen people were slain. Attorney General Eric Holder also attended.

But as the shock and sorrow over the Newtown, Conn., shooting fades, the tough fight facing the White House and gun-control backers is growing clearer. Gun-rights advocates, including the powerful NRA, are digging in against tighter gun restrictions, conservative groups are launching pro-gun initiatives and the Senate's top

Republican has warned it could be spring before Congress begins considering any gun legislation.

Obama wants Congress to reinstate a ban on military-style assault weapons, close loopholes that allow gun buyers to skirt background checks and restrict high-capacity magazines.

Some of those steps could be taken through executive action, without the approval of Congress. White House officials say Obama will not finalize any actions until receiving Biden's recommendations.

Gun-rights lawmakers and outside groups have insisted that any policy response also include an examination of mental health policies and the impact of violent movies and video games. To those people, the White House has pledged a comprehensive response. "It's is not a problem that can be solved by any specific action or single action that the government might take," said White House spokesman Jay Carney said. "It's a problem that encompasses issues of mental health, of education, as well as access to guns."

Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2013 NATIONAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND STAFF MEETING 9-11 FEBRUARY FALLS CHURCH, VA
- 2013 SPRING DEPARTMENT MEETING, 15-16 MARCH HQ BUILDING I-GAP
- 2013 NATIONAL NORTHEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE 21-23 MARCH MATAMORAS, PA

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District 2 vice Commandant Bill Miller PC, Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell PC, and I had a great time at the Department Meeting on January 4th – 5th; my full report is in the Detachment information section of this Newsletter. There was some discussion at the January meeting on some of the by-law changes and some of the new wording in the member application, and I just wanted to reiterate that if you want to make a difference or have a say in the changes that happen above the Detachment level, you have to go to the Department Meetings and the Department and National Conventions. At these meetings is where you can make a difference. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to attend one or all of these meetings. I usually go and have a room to myself that I would share with anyone wanting to go to a meeting. FYI the application attached to the end of this newsletter is the new member application. I mentioned at the January meeting that we are going to start having regular staff meetings, and that these meetings are open to any member that wishes to attend. I will be sending out an email shortly on the date and location of our first meeting of 2013.

I am ready to start accepting the paperwork for the upcoming Pistol match at the end of May. As soon as it is available on the

Department website, I will send out an email when it becomes available. The link for the Rifle match paperwork is up and anyone who wishes to attend that shoot should get the paperwork together and turn it in so we can do the same as soon as possible. The link to the paperwork is <http://www.pamcleague.org/Rifle.htm>. You can fill it out online and then print, sign and get it to Budd Pearce PC. There is only one page so it should be pretty easy. Below is the letter just released about the match;

2013 DEPT of PA SERVICE RIFLE MATCH READE RANGE, ALLEMANS, PA.

It is Official! The 2013 Department of PA Service Rifle Match will be held on 31 August – 1 September 2013. The location of the match is on READE Range, Allemans, PA. This is an All Service Rifle Match so break out your M1's, M-1A's, M14's or your M-16's or AR-15's. I will begin accepting Applications now! Please make your teams up prior to July and submit early. Team Captains, please let me know if you are planning on shooting ASAP, that way I will know how many teams to expect. Since we have the range for 2 days, you only have to be there on the day you fire. Volunteers are welcome to stay both days to help out

or if you just want to stay and watch you are welcome to do so. Cost of shooting remains \$30 per shooter; you are responsible for your own sleeping arrangements and for your own chow. Camping is permitted on site however you cannot be within the camp site areas when firing is being conducted. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Remember, registration is now open! READE RANGE, HERE WE COME!

Thomas W. Hazlett – Chairman.

Well that's all for now see you on February 13th, Semper Fi,



SGT-AT-ARMS Bob Sundling, PC at Parris Island, with Mascot, for one of our Young Marines Graduation



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

Winter Staff Meeting, January 5th 2013 Grantville Holiday Inn

(Report given by Commandant Kier at the January Detachment Meeting)

Commandants Council I reported on our Birthday Ball and selection of 2012 Marine of the Year, and various color guards and ceremonies we attended since the last Commandants Council in October.

I reported on our final Toys for Tots numbers and the success of the Bucks County Program.

I reported on the Gun Show fundraiser, and the Young Marines activities since October.

Department Officer Reports and Education session MCL dues are going all electronic in the near future. In the meantime still do not rely on snail mail notifications, simply send your renewal to the Detachment paymaster on the month it is due. When we send a transmittal for a new Member the original signed application must accompany the form.

The educational session was from the Professional Development Program (available on the National Website) on Meetings, lesson plan 6. This will be the topic of our first Detachment Staff Meeting of 2013.

National by-law changes Detachment elections can now be held between September 1st and May 15th.

Delinquent Members can be re-instated without the re-instatement fee.

Chapter 18– change in the cover lettering (see picture on page 4).

Other changes that can be reviewed from the National Website are, Article 6 section 640 Members at large, Chapter 8– 990 information clarified, and Chapter 9 procedure for when a member receives a felony charge.

Department Scholarship Program If the forms are not filled out correctly, you will not be notified. You or your sponsor will just not be eligible for a scholarship. Forms are accepted Feb. 1st through May 31st. Need to have a letter of acceptance if it is you or your sponsors first year attending a College.

Announcements MCL foundation is looking for hole sponsors for this years Golf Tournament. The Department convention is in Mechanicsburg, 12-16th of June 2013. The Dept. Commandant asked for proposals for the 2015 Dept. Convention. YPF event at Parkland HS in Allentown, is April 20th 2013.

Marksmanship Pistol match is 5/31-6/2/2013 at Indiantown Gap, with a special shoot and possible center fire postal match on Sunday. Rifle Match is 8/31-9/1/2013 at Reade Range in western PA. This is an **All Service Weapon** rifle match which basically follows the NRA service rifle match rules. Registration starts on March 1st 2013. **Anyone wishing to shoot in either match please contact myself or Budd Pearce A.S.A.P.**



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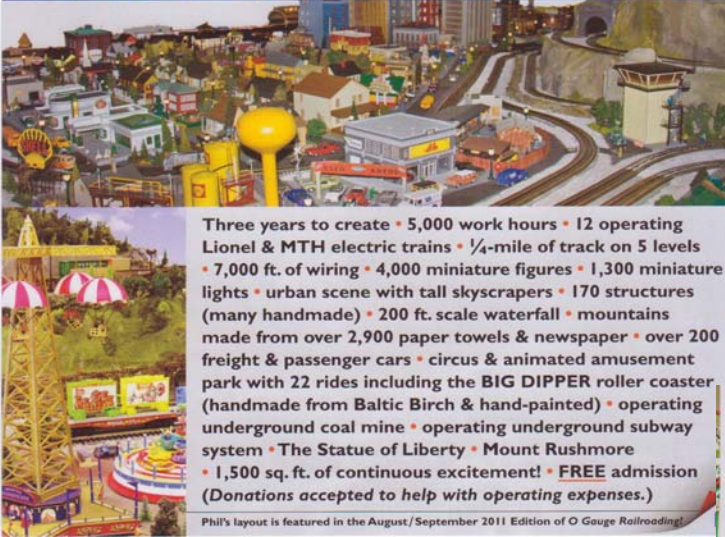
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(CLOCKWISE).***

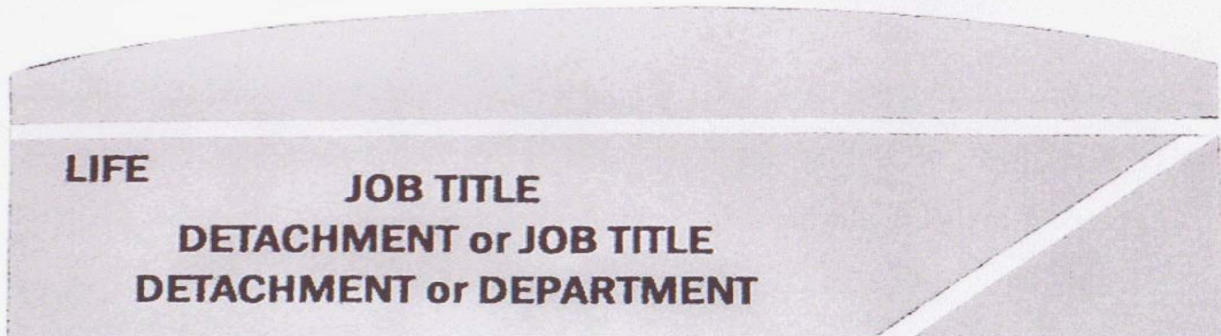
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VETERANS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Panetta Authorizes Hiring Freezes, Furlough Plans

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has ordered the military services to take steps to prepare the Defense Department for sequestration cuts that would force the military to cut \$52 billion out of its fiscal 2013 budget in six months.

Defense Department leaders authorized such measures as civilian hiring freezes, contract award delays, and furloughs of up to 30 calendar days. Panetta said the Pentagon will have little time if Congress waits until March 1, the new deadline set on Capitol Hill to determine sequestration cuts. Panetta and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, issued their sternest warnings yet Thursday, telling Congress the U.S. military will be unprepared in one year to protect the country if the Defense Department sustains the sweeping potential budget cuts.

"We'll be unable to reset the force following a decade of war," Dempsey said. "Our readiness will begin to erode. Within months, we'll be less prepared. Within a year, we'll be unprepared."

Panetta outlined how the convergence of three deadlines in March threatens to "hollow out" the military. He explained that the March 1 deadline to determine sequestration cuts, the expiration of the Continuing Resolution that's funds the Defense Department, and the debt ceiling debate will work in confluence. Panetta called it a "perfect storm of budget uncertainty."



Defense Secretary Leon Panetta

SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE, GETS A REPRIEVE

HARRISBURG – Jan. 3, 2012 – Three weeks after state Sens. Tim Solobay and Richard Kasunic asked the Corbett Administration to delay the reporting requirements of Pennsylvania's new Small Games of Chance law, the state Department of Revenue has announced a one-year reprieve.

"This is great news for hundreds of important organizations across Pennsylvania that are struggling with the complexity of the new law," Solobay said. "I applaud the governor for recognizing the consequences that heavy handed enforcement could have had."

In a Dec. 12 letter to Corbett, co-signed by Senate Democratic colleagues, Solobay and Kasunic urged the administration to postpone an administrative February 1 deadline for organizations to file reports under Act 2 of 2011, a sweeping revision of Pennsylvania's Small Games of Chance regulations.

Understaffed volunteer groups, Solobay said, have had difficulty understanding the law, as well as the further revisions passed late last year.

"This one-year delay will give the legislature a chance to fix the problems the law has created," Kasunic said. "Without the moratorium, many organizations that are part of the fabric of life in Pennsylvania could have been forced to close their doors. That would have been a catastrophe for communities and for taxpayers."

Solobay and Kasunic both indicated lawmakers are already working on revisions to the law based on hundreds of letters and emails from community leaders concerned with the overreach of Act 2.

"Some of us with experience as volunteers and as organization leaders predicted some of these unintended consequences when the bill was making its way through the legislature," Solobay said. "But we couldn't convince everyone of the threat. Now, I think, everyone has heard from leaders in their communities and we're ready to make sure that the law preserves the viability of the organizations that desperately need the money to continue the work they do in the community."

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The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held January 9, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, Pennsylvania. There were 15 members present including all officers except the **Sgt-at-Arms Bob Sundling**, PC who was excused and **Quartermaster Corey Fisher**. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Department of Pennsylvania District 2/Past Detachment Commandant Bill Miller, Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant/Past Detachment Commandant Jim Powell, Past Department of New Jersey and Past National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Ed Hoth** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Vice DeBella**.

NEW MEMBERS: Vicenc Feliu submitted his application, awaiting DD214.

Minutes of the December Meeting as published in Listen Up! were adopted with corrections.

SICK and DISTRESSED: **Marine Wil Haas** reported through **Don Gee**, PC that **Marine Bill Mickelson** is still not doing well and would appreciate cards or a visit. **Associate Dave Rubin's** mom passed away on December 26th.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Commandant Joe Kier reported on his attendance at the Department Quarterly Meeting in Grantville. There was much discussion with the body on many of the changes made at National this year and Department information that was disseminated. The Scholarship Committee will no longer send forms back to respondents for corrections. Any scholarship form improperly filled out will be disqualified as per scholarship committee rules. Commandant Kier also reported that the Marine Corps League Foundation of Pennsylvania is looking for sponsors for this year's fundraising Golf Tournament at Penn National Golf Course. It will take place on August 24th and the entry fee for golfers will be \$100. Also, the Department Convention will take place June 12th thru 16th at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The annual Youth Physical Fitness meet will take place at Parkland High School in Allentown on April 20th. Anyone wishing to help should contact Commandant for more information. The Department Rifle Match will take place at Reade Range this year August 31 and September 1st. It is a all service rifle match and will be fired over 2 days. Shooters will only have to attend the day they are actually shooting. The Department Pistol Match will take place May 31st and June 1st at the range on Fort Indiantown Gap. Anyone wishing to help should contact Tom Hazlett, the Rifle/Pistol Committee. Also, we will be having monthly staff meetings, announcements will be sent to all members, but only staff will be able interact during these staff meetings.

Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported that the Detachment had 39 regular members of which 2 are dual, 25 life members and 6 associates for a total of 70.

Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella reported he contacted the Guns Show in Oaks for information. During the discussion it was decided that Commandant Kier would contact the Detachments in that area to see if we would be able to possibly attend. Also, the next Gun Show in Warminster will be April 5th and 6th. Anyone willing help man a both should contact Junior Vice DeBella.

Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC, presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was received by the body. Reported that we received a Thank You card from the Philadelphia Comfort House and a receipt from the Tree of Light for our donations. Also reported that the IRS has corrected our EIN situation and everything should now be squared away with them.

Judge Advocate Don Parzanese Sr., PC, had nothing to report.

Public Relations Officer Joe Kier set November 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the Listen Up!.

Chaplain Don Parzanese Jr. had nothing to report.

Sgt-at-Arms Bob Sundling was excused as he was attending a former Young Marine's graduation from boot camp at Paris Island.

Junior Past Commandant announced that there will be elections upcoming and anyone interested in running for or being appointed to an office should contact him as soon as possible.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher was absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

District 2 Vice Commandant Miller presented Certificates of Appreciation to **Bud Pearce**, **Jim Powell** and **Joe Kier** for their participation with the Rifle Match Committee by helping during the Department Rifle Match.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The Detachment discussed our membership in the Doylestown Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Miller, PC discussed a email he received from John Henan from the Patriot Detachment. It was about a Council Rock school board member who made comments about Marine Corps recruiting practices. A lengthy discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, February 13th, 2013.

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2 FEBRUARY**

**DETACHMENT STAFF
MEETING
4 FEBRUARY**

**MCL NATIONAL MID-
WINTER CONFERENCE
9-11 FEBRUARY**

**LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
12 FEBRUARY**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
13 FEBRUARY**

**VALENTINE'S DAY
14 FEBRUARY**

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