

# LISTEN UP!



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## OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FEB 12TH AT 1930

### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines, we had a great meeting in January. If you missed it, you should really try to make the February meeting, so you don't miss out on the information and camaraderie..

We have several things we need to take care of coming up, first of all is officer nominations and then elections. As usual, Jr. Past Budd Pearce will be handling all the election details. If you have any questions give him a call. Next we have to nominate, through a motion, a Marine to be sent up for Department and National Marine of the Year. If you have someone you would like to nominate, the nomination needs to be accompanied by the proper paperwork as described in the

National and/or Department By-Laws. It consists of basically a write up on why you think the Marine you are nominating should be awarded the award. Without this letter, the nomination cannot be processed.

One final set of tasks I would like to tackle at the next meeting is reorganizing the special committees within the Detachment, and having more structure of the committees than we have in the past. The current committees we have that I know of are; Awards- G. Burgess chair, Fundraising- V. DeBella chair, G. Burgess vice chair, Parade- J. Gentile chair, Jim Kier vice Chair, Highway Cleanup program- B. Pearce Toys for Tots- Joe Kier chair, A. Kier vice chair,

,Marksmanship- Joe Kier chair, B. Pearce- vice chair, M.O.Y. - V. DeBella chair, J. Powell vice chair. If I missed any let me know at the Feb meeting or by email.

What we need to do first is have more committee meetings, and have minutes from these meetings turned in. Also when we have an event, i.e. Memorial Day Fundraiser, do after actions report with times, people attending, and hopefully some pictures. We will get into it more at the Feb meeting, I will also bring an example of an after action report.

Well, that's all I have for now. See you in February. Semper Fi.

### Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2014 NAT'L MID WINTER STAFF CONFERENCE  
14-15 FEB FALLS CHURCH, VA
- 2014 NATIONAL NE DIV CONFERENCE  
15-16 MARCH  
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
- 2014 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING  
22-23 MARCH 2014  
FORT 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 January 8th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 18 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and Chaplain Sam DiValentino who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants 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:** None.

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

**Sick and Distressed:** None.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

**Commandant Joe Kier** with the approval of the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and appointed Marine Geoff Burgess to fill his remaining term.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Joe Kier** reported his attendance of the Department Staff Meeting. There were discussions on the AD&D Insurance that every League member has. Cards being sent out by the Insurance Company do not have to be signed and returned. The companies are using them as a means of contacting members for possible sales calls. He also discussed the Fund Raisers that National use to create income for the League. He went on to discuss the trailer and where everything stands with it at this time. He let the body know about the Department Pistol and Rifle Matches. Anyone interested in join the one or both of the shooting teams should contact him.

**Junior Vice Commandant Geoff Burgess** reported the Detachment strength at 79 with 65 regular, 4 dual and 10 associate members. Of the 79 members, 25 are life members and 2 are in delinquent status.

**Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella** spoke on upcoming Fund Raising events. The Warminster Gun Show will take place on June 14th and 15th and the Bristol Car Show will take place on May 1st. Anyone wishing to participate should contact him.

**Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC** presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted.

**Judge Advocate Bill McBride** had nothing to report.

**Acting Chaplain Don Parzanese Sr.** had nothing to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** reported that the Young Marines will be doing their Cold Weather Training in the Poconos and invited anyone interest to join them for that weekend. He also reported that his son Bobby is up for Staff Sergeant.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher** had nothing to report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Presented the Sergeant at Arms with the National 100% Membership Streamer, Presented Associate Member Corey Fisher with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work with the Toy for Tots. It authorizes the Community Service Ribbon.

The body discussed the Department Americanism Book Award criteria and the possibility of doing a book.

Don Gee brought in an article from the Intelligencer recognizing us for our donation to the Give a Christmas program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by **Rich Scott** and seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** to donate \$100 to Warrior Weekend. The motion was passed.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

Bruce Sergeant spoke about a book he read on Chosin Reservoir. It is titled "Give me Tomorrow" by Patrick O'Donnell. Commandant reported that the Department has books from the South Korean Government titled "Korea Reborn – A Grateful Nation" that are to be given out to any Korea Era Veteran. Wil Hass and Ed Hoth are Korea veterans.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Ketterer thanked the Detachment for their support with his wife's funeral.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.**



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# CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Have you ever read what our Supreme Commandant says about how we are supposed to honor our wives?

In Proverbs 31, verse 28 He says” Her children arise and call her blessed: her husband also, and he praises her:”

He calls on us as husbands to praise our wives. What is praise?

The definition of praise is this, “to express approval of: to commend, to glorify.”

If you read Proverbs 31 in it’s entirety, you get a picture of the perfect woman. Are there any perfect women? The answer to that is found in another question, are there any perfect men? The answer to both questions is no, not one perfect man, not one perfect woman.

What Proverbs 31 asks is for us all, as couples, to put our spouse first. To put our spouses needs ahead of our needs.

Wow, now that is a whole new ball game for many married couples. Can you imagine the benefits of each spouse doing the very best to serve their spouse? Can you feel how good it can feel if both people praise the selfless acts of their spouse.

As Marines we follow the orders passed down in our chain of command. As husbands we should follow the orders passed down by our Supreme Commandant in His book. Our orders are clear, we are to praise our wives. We are to love, honor, and respect our wives.

We can do this guys, we are Marines, we can do anything!

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**DETACHMENT MEETING  
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