

LISTEN UP !



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 14TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We lost another Marine this month, Bob Leimer. The Detachment attended his Memorial service on the 8th and gave our final salute. His family was very appreciative of our support and thanked the Detachment for all that we do.

On the 19th PDC Powell, Sgt. at Arms Sundling, PC and myself attended the Pack Growl held at the Grantville Holiday Inn and then the membership meetings on Saturday the 20th. Sgt. At Arms Sundling, PC gave the Commandant's report at the Commandants Council and represented the Detachment well. The Detachment received a \$100 stipend check for our work in the VAVS program. The Detachment members who contributed to our VAVS efforts are Don Parzanese Sr., PC, Sgt. at Arms Bob Sundling, PC and JA/Chaplin Sam DiValentino and I want to thank them for their continuing efforts to the Veterans in our Community.

Finally, I want to let everyone know we have our Detachment Breakfast on February 6th at 0930 at the Perkins Restaurant off of Rt.313 in Doylestown. I will be sending out a text on Monday to remind everyone. If you are not on the Detachment text list send me a text at 267-249-4882 with a good phone number to text you and I will put you on the list. Hope to see you all at the Breakfast and at the Meeting on the 14th.

Semper Fi,

Joe Kier, Commandant



MCL Schedule

NATIONAL MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE
1-3 MARCH, 2018
FREDERICKSBURG HOSPITALITY
HOUSE HOTEL & CONFERENCE
CENTER
2801 PLANK RD.
FREDERICKSBURG VA 22401

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEMBERS MEETING
16-17 MARCH 2018
HQ BUILDING
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP
ANNVILLE, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Aging is part of life, and all of us will age, if we are fortunate. The thing that we all strive to do as we age is to remain productive. Many of us are retired. Doing things like taking an active part in the Marine Corps League, volunteering at a community church or hospital, or a charity are all examples of retired people remaining productive. Throw hobbies into the mix and retired people may wonder how they ever had time to hold down a full time job. Our current Marine of the Year, and one of the oldest members of our detachment is a great example of a very productive retired man. Way to set the example Bill!

For people who are still working, the job itself provides an outlet for productivity. Consider that many of the working members are still raising a family and one can see just how much productivity a younger married person can accomplish.

Abraham was close to 100 years of age when God called on him to start a new nation. Abraham was not sure how he would accomplish this huge task, but he was faithful that God would provide the way for him to successfully complete this Divine assignment.

When God spoke about righteous old men He said "They will still bear fruit in old age." This means that we can all look forward to remaining productive as we age. Even if we do not feel great, we can still accomplish whatever we set out to achieve. We may take longer and we may need to work smarter, but we can accomplish our goals. Set your sights high Marines, work smart, pace yourself, and you will succeed.

Sam DiValentino

Chaplain

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held January 10, 2018, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 8 members present including all elected officers except the Junior Vice Commandant who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bill Miller, Bob Sundling and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, Department Junior Vice Commandant Joe Kier and NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**.

Visitors: None

New Members: None

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

Sick and Distressed: **Commandant Kier** reported that **Bill McBride, PC** has been under the weather with the flu. Chaplain DiValentino also reported that **Don Parzanese, Sr., PC** was not feeling well too.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier reported that this weekend there will be a working party at the Department Headquarter and that anyone interested in helping is welcome. The Pack Growl will take place at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA on Friday, January 19th and the Department Membership Meeting will take place on January 20th at the same place. He discussed his idea on his Department Junior Vice Commandant Fundraiser. He read the note the Detachment received from Suzanne Pearce. He also discussed getting the Detachment material that **Budd Pearce, PC** had before his passing. He spoke about the delinquency rate throughout the League and that rate is much better than average.

Senior Vice Commandant Haqq reported on the Detachment strength.

Junior Vice Commandant was excused. No report given.

Judge Advocate/Chaplain DiValentino reported that he sent a listing of our Ceremonial Rifle serial numbers into the Department and reiterated of his filing of the Detachment Officers to the Pennsylvania Department of State. As Chaplain he sent out 1 card during the past month to Don Parzanese Jr. who broke his leg.

Adjutant/Paymaster Powell gave his financial report. He also spoke about the agreement between the Department and National on the Card/Label program. Discussed his meeting with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He also discussed he attendance at the Lehigh Valley Detachment and how young they are and how they see the future of the League.

Junior Past Commandant Parzanese Sr. was excused. No report given.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported the Young Marines are still doing well and had no requests for color guard. He also again spoke about the book written by Detachment Member Joe Tyson about his time in Vietnam as a Tanker. He then spoke about trying to put together a Color Guard for the Memorial Day Parade by the April meeting. He is frustrated that we have been the Color Guard together at the events they are needed for.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Marksmanship Committee:	Will be trying to attend the Palmerton Rod & Gun Club meeting in February to get a commitment for the 2018 Detachment Pistol Match.
Budget/Audit Committee:	Will meet sometime prior to our next budget year (July 1st)
Parade/Trailer Committee:	No Report.
Color Guard:	No Color Guards were requested during the past month.
Funeral Detail:	No Report.
Scholarship Committee:	Plan on meeting in February.
VAVS/Boy Scout/T4T/ Americanism Committee:	Submitted the Detachment hours to the Department for the last quarter. Will be scheduling a meeting prior to the Department Convention on submitting an Americanism Book for the Detachment.
Birthday Ball Committee:	No Report.
Fundraising Committee:	No Report.
Membership Committee:	Commandant has been calling some of the Delinquencies to see if we can get them to renew.
Highway Committee:	No Report.
Nominating Committee:	Will be starting up in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Powell, PDC made a motion to purchase the \$10 of Raffle Tickets received from the Washington's Crossing Foundation. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and passed the body.

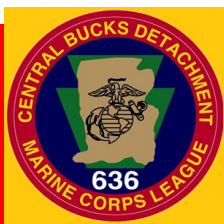
GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Discussed our reply to the renaming of stadium at CB West.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6 Detachment Breakfast 0900 Perkins Doylestown, PA	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Detachment Meet- ing 1930 American Legion Post 210 Doylestown, PA Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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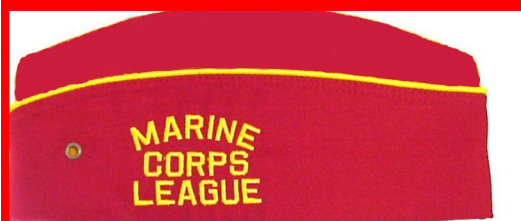
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ + _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

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")

Sponsor (where applicable)

Applicant's Signature