

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 8TH 2014 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN



Marines

We are nearing the end of the holiday season, and the end of another great year. We are also approaching the half-way point of the fiscal year of the Marine Corps League and have twice as many new members as we did all year in 2012-2013. We are also in the best financial situation that the Detachment has been in several years, we stand to do a lot of good this year in the Local Community, State and Nationally. We need to make sure that the funds go back to where they are used the most and do the most

good. Luckily we have a great organization to help fund and we know that all the money donated will go to the proper place. The Marine Corps League Department of PA Foundation, Inc. if we keep up the good work we are doing we should be able to deliver a substantial check at the Department Convention this year.

We have our work cut out for us in getting the parade float up to the standards in safety that it should be, and we are going to do many more cosmetic improvements before the parade season is here.

We need to start getting a head count for the pistol match so we can put together teams, we should be able to have two teams this year, and I want to start setting up the teams and everything.

I want wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we'll see you on the 8th, Semper Fi,

JM Kier
Commandant

Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2014 JANUARY STAFF MEETING
3-5 JANUARY 2014
GRANTVILLE, PA
- 2014 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
14-15 MARCH 2014
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2014 DEPT. OF PA PISTOL MATCH
DATE TBD
FT 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 December 11th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile who was absent. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell, Department of Pennsylvania District 2 Vice Commandant** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella** were also recognized.

New Members: None.

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

Sick and Distressed: Commandant Kier reported that he received a phone call from Wil Hass's son who indicated that Wil has severe dementia and is not doing well. He is in Pine Run Retirement Community, 777 Ferry Road, Doylestown, Room 320 for those who would like to visit.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported on Veteran Administration ID Card issues with stolen information. The cards have bar codes on them which contain all your personal information. Criminals are stealing the information by reading the bar codes off the cards with electronic devices. These electronic devices only have to be near the card and do not have to physically see the cards. Everyone is encouraged to guard these cards by using appropriate means. He also report that he and his daughter conducted 3 Toys for Tots sign ups at the Legion Hall and that in the future we need to get out the word better for these signups as there were only 7 families that signed up.

For the Senior Vice Commandant, he reported the Detachment strength at 79 with 65 regular, 4 dual and 10 associate members. Of the 79 members, 25 are life members. 1 is in delinquent status.

Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella on 2 events from the past month. The first being A Soldier's Christmas where we received \$105 in donations, 2 Barrels of toys and a check for \$51 for the Toys for Tots drive. Going he recommends that this event only be a Toys for Tots event as he felt that the work involved to make it a Detachment fund raiser was not worth the effort. The second was the Gun Show in Warminster where he and Marines Burgess, Ketterer and McBride worked the Detachment table brought in \$320. They also have several prospective members from this event.

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

Judge Advocate Bill McBride had nothing to report. He also started to put together a Detachment Americanism Book and requested that anyone who had pictures or articles to get them to him for inclusion.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that he sent out a card the past month.

**MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING
CONTINUED**

MINUTES

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported the on that 2 weeks ago the Young Marines went to Walter Reed Hospital and delivered Christmas Stocking to the wounded troops. He also is looking for volunteers to do a Wreaths Across America ceremony at the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery on Saturday, December 14 at 1130. Please contact him if interested.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported \$81 in sales as of the last meeting.

Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce, PC had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by **Don Gee, PC** and seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** to donate \$50 to the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House Christmas Dinner fund. Motion was passed.

Motion made by **Bud Pearce, PC** and seconded by **Don Gee, PC** to donate \$100 in memory of Marine Ray Krout to the Bucks County Opportunity Council Give a Christmas fund through The Intelligencer. Discussion ensued. Motion was passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Department Staff Meeting will be held January 3rd and 4th at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA. The Albert E Smith, Pound 179 Winter Growl will be held on December 15th at the Chester County Detachment home in Downingtown, PA at 1430.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich Scott announced that the 25th annual Vietnam Veterans Tree Ceremony will be held this Saturday, December 14th at the Bucks County Court House courtyard. He also discussed Warrior Weekend. It takes wounded military out on hunting and fishing trips. They are running a raffle fund raiser with tickets at \$20. He also updated the Detachment that the GWOT Memorial Fund has reached \$135,000 towards their goal of \$200,000. Bill Miller updated the Detachment on his grandson's Eagle Scout project that we donated to. His project is completed and he will have pictures as soon as the weather allows.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.



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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Merry Christmas! That is one of the happiest expressions in our language. We say it to friends, relatives, and strangers at this time of year.

This merry holiday was started by our Supreme Commandant over 2000 years ago. He wanted to establish a new covenant with mankind, and do away with the old law.

Now this is amazing! He who extinguished the entire Egyptian Army in the Red Sea, He who tore the walls of Jericho down and delivered it's people to Israel, He who never lost a battle that He wanted to win, decides to come to Earth as a baby.

This newborn baby would grow up to be a pacifist, one who does not fight back. Yet because of His willingness to be here among His people, He, without so much as swinging one sword, or throwing one punch, defeated the two biggest enemies of all mankind. Our Supreme Commandant defeated Satan, and our Supreme Commandant defeated death.

With those two enemies out of the picture, we can shout MERRY CHRISTMAS to the entire world. Merry Christmas to you and yours!



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

Show your support of PA's nearly one million **VETERANS!**

The Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF), administered by the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), provides funding to assist and support Pennsylvania veterans and their families. The VTF will issue grants to statewide charitable organizations that assist veterans, veterans service organizations and county directors of veterans affairs. The fund can assist veterans in need of shelter and with necessities of living.

How can you help?

The next time you apply for or renew your Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID or renew your motor vehicle registration, you will have an opportunity to make a \$3 tax-deductible contribution to the VTF. You don't need to be a veteran to show your support of veterans by purchasing the "Honoring Our Veterans" license plate. This plate is available for passenger cars and light trucks up to 10,000 pounds and costs \$35. Fifteen dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the VTF. You can make a tax-deductible grant, gift or donation directly to the VTF.

Learn more at:

PA Veterans' Trust Fund

Bldg. 0-47 Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003

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**CHRISTMAS EVE
24 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
25 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 DECEMBER**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
1 JANUARY 2014**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
8 JANUARY 2014**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
20 JANUARY 2014**

**GROUNDHOG DAY
2 FERUARY 2014**

**DETACHMENT MEETING
12 FEBRUARY 2014**

**ST. VALENTINES DAY
14 FEBRUARY 2014**

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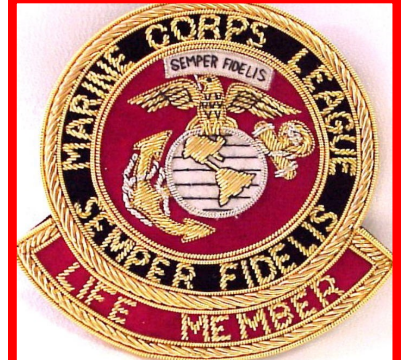
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

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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")

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