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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JAN 13 2016 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I sincerely hope you and yours' are having a joyous holiday season and that you have a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

The 2015 Toys-for-Tots Drive concluded in mid-month and was from all accounts

extremely successful.

Past Commandant Joe Kier, Public Relations Officer Alexandra Kier and Quartermaster Corey Fisher made major contributions toward making the Detachment's involvement in the drive the best we have had in years.

Looking ahead to 2016, we have Detachment elections coming up. The Nominating Committee will be appointed during the February Meeting. The election will be held during the March Meeting and the Installation will be conducted during the April Meeting.

If you are interested in serving the Detachment as one of its elected or appointed officers, please let me know. If you know someone who would make a good Detachment officer, please don't hesitate to nominate him or her.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino has researched having a new Marine Emblem for our float. As those of you who participate in the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July Parade with the Detachment know, the current emblem made many years ago by the Late Wil Haas many years ago is in very bad shape. Consequently, Sam found a sign maker who will handle the project for a reasonable cost and have it completed in time for the Memorial Day Parade. Thanks, Sam, for your efforts.



Sam will also be looking for nominations for induction into the Chapel of Four Chaplains "Legion of Honor" at the January Meeting. Information about the Chapel and its awards were emailed to all those members for whom we have email addresses. If you know anyone who qualifies for this prestigious honor, let Sam know or bring your nomination to the January Meeting.

Hope to see you at the January Meeting

Don Gee
Commandant

Dept. Meeting Schedule

- 2016 WINTER PA PACK GROWL
8 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY
- 2016 WINTER STAFF MEETING
8-9 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY
- 2016 SPRING PA PACK GROWL
18 MARCH 2016
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP
- 2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING
18-19 MARCH 2016
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

A long time good friend of mine passed away in November of 2015. He was 76 years old. I met him at Merck & Co. where we both worked for over 30 years. He was the kind of guy who was there for his friends, and family.

About a year ago he went to his doctor for a check-up because he was experiencing some difficulty with balance. He told me that the physician gave him some advice that would make walking a bit easier.

I knew something was wrong when I called to invite him to breakfast at Zoto's. He would always meet me there, but he said he could not make it that morning. He asked if I could come over to his house for lunch. He offered to make my favorite sandwich, grilled cheese. I got to his place at noon.

He limped around the kitchen and put together two grilled cheese sandwiches that we both sat down and enjoyed. We talked about old times and agreed that it was good to have each other as friends. We parted with a man hug.

A few weeks later another friend called and told me that Dick had passed away that morning. He died of pneumonia, caused by lesions on the pancreas. He only told his wife that he was sick. He did not want to undergo the physical and financial pain of chemo and radiation. He used his remaining time to put his affairs in order and requested that he not have a public memorial service. He made all the decisions related to his demise. I was not surprised because he always wanted to help others, and not focus attention on himself. I ask that God bless him, and welcome him into His presence. May he rest in peace.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish.

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held December 9th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members including all officers except for the Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, and the Public Relations Officer all were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Budd Pearce, Joe Kier and Jim Powell, DC.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and 2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of PA District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling.**

New Members: None.

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

Paymaster Jim Powell, DC presented the Paymaster's financial report for November and it was adopted.

Sick and distressed: none.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee Lots of activity with TFT. We received a message from Commander Bill Luckenbill copied below as sent and as read by the Commandant;

Don,

I just wanted to clarify some items for you about use of the Legion hall so you can pass it along to your membership as their Commandant. It is obvious that we have made some significant improvements in the hall due to a grant which took us three years to get and an investment of over 900 hours of work by our Legion membership.

We also had help from VFW and DAV and one individual from the VVA.

We don't ask for any fees to use the space which costs us in heat and electric, but we do ask that we get some help for events for veterans; Memorial Day and general clean up.

Doors are not to be propped or tied open at any time and I have found this quite often.

Tables and chairs will not be dragged over the new floor creating marks and gouges.

We are working on getting the funds to replace them, but don't have it yet.

We ask that you give Meghan's foundation a 15 minute window to clear out before you move in. Don't park in front of the handicapped ramp, please. We only ask for a little

extra care in the use of the facility as we have worked hard to improve it. We enjoy having the other organizations in our facility and we only ask that we all work together.

Thanks,

Bill Luckenbill

Commander

Albert R Atkinson, Jr

American Legion Post 210

PO Box 801

Doylestown, PA 18901

The Commandant stated that with only being able to move into set up for the meeting at 1915 we may have trouble starting the meeting by 1930, a motion was made seconded and passed that we would not change the official start time of the regular meetings on our literature but we all understand that the official start of the meeting may be between 1930 and 1945.

Commandant Gee asked that we send Christmas cards to the ACLU at 125 Broad Street New York, New York. The Commandant asked for clarification on our Facebook page, it was explained that Jim Powell PC, Bill McBride, and Joe Kier PC are administrators for the Detachment Facebook page and between Bill and Jim we will try to keep the pictures up to date on both the Facebook page, and the Detachment web page.

Sr. Vice Commandant Budd Pearce reported the Detachment strength at 84 members including 71 Regular Members of which 22 are Life Members and two are Dual Members; and 15 Associate Members of which one is a Life Member. There are 21 members delinquent in their dues. There was a discussion on how we recruit new members, and that we should get a commitment from new members to help with some of the projects we have. Budd stated that we need to follow through better with our new members. Bill McBride stated that we should concentrate on the mentoring program.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride. Announced that we have two Department Calendars left that we will raffle off as the second and third prize at January's meeting in the 50/50.

Adjutant/Jr. Past Joe Kier, PC. Minutes from the November Meeting were published in the December Newsletter.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore was excused

Chaplain Sam DiValentino none

Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC color guard at the church in Doylestown this Saturday. The Young Marines are doing well.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher was excused.

Public Relations/Newsletter Alexandra Kier was excused

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trailer; Sam DiValentino presented the new Eagle Globe and Anchor sign for the parade float. Motion was made and passed to get the regular scan mounted on an aluminum background for \$500.00. A motion was made that we will be asking for donations from the Detachment members to cover the cost; details will be on the Detachment page of the Newsletter, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the Bucks County opportunity council which helps people in need in Bucks County, motion passed. Motion made to donate \$500.00 to the American Legion post 210 home fund, motion passed. Motion to donate \$625.00 to the MCL foundation of PA from the 2nd Annual Central Bucks Detachment pistol match motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Community Service ribbon Awarded to Don Parzanese Sr. for long service in the Detachment adopt a highway cleanup project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Sundling, PC invited all members to the MODD pound 188 growl Saturday December 12th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, January 13th, 2016.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

**71: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 2: DUAL 22: LIFE
21: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS**

We are asking the Membership to send Donations to the Detachment to help fund the new Eagle, Globe, and Anchor sign for the Detachment Parade Float. This would replace the wooden sign that was made by Marine Will Hass many years ago, the new sign will be made of high quality Aluminum with a lithograph of the Eagle Globe and Anchor on it. Any question can be directed to Chaplain Sam DiValentino, and donations can be sent to the Detachment Paymaster Jim Powell, DC at 500 Longacre Drive Cherryville, PA 18035-9707. We need everyone's support on this, it is your opportunity to help out if you cannot make the Detachment programs, meetings, parades, or fundraisers.

PLEASE READ THESE TWO VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGES

We will be adding two additional prizes to the January 50/50 held at the meeting on the 13th. We will have a second and third place drawing using the tickets bought for the 50/50 for a Department of PA Calendar; the value of the calendar is \$30.00 and has monetary values assigned to each day of the year. Each calendar has a three digit number assigned to it and if your number comes out straight on the PA evening daily number you win the prize assigned to that day, come you have to attend the meeting and purchase 50/50 tickets to have a chance to win, see you on the 13th.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Pa Pack Growl 2000-??	9 Dept of PA Staff Mtg 0800-1600
10	11	12	13 Regular Detachment Meeting 1930 Am Legion Post 210	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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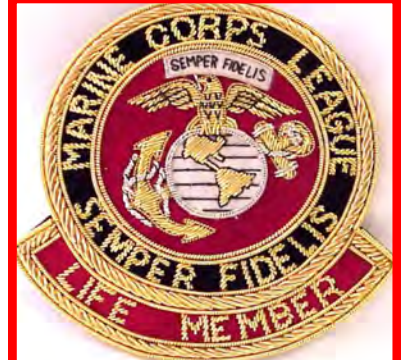
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

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")

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