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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 8TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We are coming out of a very busy time of year for both Veterans and each of us personally. Whatever your specific holiday is, it seems to always take a lot of effort to prepare and provide a special holiday event for friends and families. I am asking that you try to remember that while all this is going on we are still at war and our brothers and sisters are going down range daily to risk their lives, as we did in the past, to ensure we are able to continue our great holiday traditions. Remember them in your hearts and deeds and keep them all in your prayers this holiday season.

We are also coming into a new year with new goals and plans for success. Make sure to share your new goals for the year with your friends and families, it helps to keep us on track. Some of the goals I would like to set for the Detachment are as follows:

- ◆ To have at least a 10% increase in our regular membership, and a 10% increase in Detachment members new and old who become involved in our Detachment events especially our regular monthly meeting.
- ◆ To have our officers, and members become more involved in Marine Corps League activities beyond our Detachment. Coming up we have a Winter Membership Meeting with the Department, a Mid-Winter National Meeting, and A North East Division Meeting which will be hosted by our own **NEDVC Jim Powell, PDC**. Make sure you check the web sites for each of these events and plan on going to at least two; it is part of your duty as an MCL Member, and Marine to attend these meetings. These meeting are for you. They are planned and held with the individual MCL members in mind. The Detachment level is where it all starts, and if we want to keep this organization going strong it is time to step up and be a part of the larger department and national organizations.
- ◆ Stop thinking of why you can't or won't do something and remember why you should. We need Marines and Associate Members at our meetings and events, although it is not a requirement, remember you are all either Marines or someone who holds the USMC and their traditions at the highest level. It is your duty, and frankly your calling, to serve and become involved in a service organization or you wouldn't have joined the USMC or MCL. As we have all heard before if your in the military for the money you made a big mistake! We are here to serve and protect the citizens of the USA, and you are not serving anyone by being a member who never gets up and gets involved.
- ◆ Lastly we need to increase our membership strength in the M.O.D.D. The Devil Dogs need the support of our regular members in the mission of supporting Children's Hospitals across the nation, and to provide a break from the meetings and have some fun together as Marines. So, when you are invited to a Growl take it very seriously because the person who invites you must think very highly of your commitment.

In closing I want to extend Michelle's and my warmest regards in the Christmas Season and want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Semper Fidelis

Joseph M. Kier
Commandant



MCL Schedule

DEPT. OF PA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 17-18, 2020

PA PACK GROWL
JANUARY 17, 2020

MARINE MILITARY EXPO
MARINE WEST EXPOSITION
FEBRUARY 6-7, 2020

MCL NATIONAL MIDWINTER
CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God shepherd us and embraces us with shepherd qualities, celebrate us, praises us, and rest fully in us. The reality is that we need his shepherding; to provide us with everything, to protect us from our mistakes, to guide us when the way is unclear, to walk us to the fullness he has intended for us. His loving-kindness wraps itself around us so that we can walk through the valley of the shadow of death because he is with us.

You are for us with tenderness and gentle guidance. You are our safety and our provision. Thank you for how you lift us up in your arms and carry us through the unsafe things in our lives. Please continue to guide and watch over us. Walk with our loved ones who are struggling through particularly difficult challenges. Please show your loving kindness to us as fully as possible so that we might grow to depend on you completely.

Bless and keep us in your mighty and tender care.

In Christ, Jesus we pray, Amen.

Semper Fi and God Bless America

Dana Lortie

Chaplain



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held December 11, 2019 at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 10 members including all elected officers except the Commandant. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants **Bob Sundling**, **Bill Miller** and **Jim Powell, PDC**. Other Distinguished members recognized were **NE Division Aide de Camp Bill Miller, Department and NE Division Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling, Past Department Commandant and NE Division Vice Commandant Jim Powell**. 2020 Detachment Marine of the Year **NEDVC Jim Powell** was recognized.

New Members: None

Visitors: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS: The Minutes of the October Meeting as published in the November edition of Listen Up! were adopted.

Sick and distressed: **Adjutant Bree Ann Kier** reported that her grandmother Loretta Kier is recovering from a stroke, she is also the mother of **Commandant Joseph Kier, PDC Jim Powell** reported the passing of **PNC Richard "Dick" Gore** and **PNC Pat Cody**.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier – excused from the meeting

Sr. Vice Commandant DiValentino reported on Detachment Strength.

Jr. Vice Commandant Sundling had nothing to report

Adjutant Bree Ann Kier – reported that a "Friend-Raiser" will be had at the 2020 Winter Department of PA Meeting on January 18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Hershey. This will be a fun get together to do a wine tasting and paint night and anyone who is interested should sign up – there is more information on the Department of PA website along with sign up sheets.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC – Paymaster gave the Paymasters report. There were no corrections or changes. It was received.

Reported to please send anything for the Newsletter into him or Cindy by the 20th so that it can be posted. Also, if anyone has any pictures that they would like added to the newsletter to please send them in also.

Judge Advocate McPoyle - had nothing to report.

Chaplain Lortie: nothing to report

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling, PC had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller, PC had nothing to report.

COMMITTEES

Budget/Audit Committee: Still working on a date to conduct the yearly audit.

Parade/Trailer: **PDC Jim Powell** reported that the trailer is still being kept at the Prime Storage in Hatfield and that if anyone has any ideas on a cheaper place to keep the trailer to please get ideas over to **Commandant Joseph Kier**.

Scholarship Committee: **Sr. Vice Commandant Sam DiValentino** went over any questions on the Scholarship Proposal brought to the last meeting. A motion to accept the Scholarship Proposal was made by **PDC Jim Powell** and seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC**. It was passed by the body.
Motion made by **SSgt Bobby Sundling** to strike point 4 under "Proposed Order of Merit to Obtain the Scholarship" and seconded by **PDC Jim Powell**. It was accepted by the body.

Fundraising Committee: **Jr Vice Commandant SSgt Bob Sundling** reported that he had sold all the calendars and that he has Veteran and Youth tickets available for sale. Please reach out to him to get some if you are interested.

Highway Cleanup: **Bob Sundling, PC** is looking at dates in early spring when the weather is a little nicer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Bob Sundling, PC reported to please see him or **Commandant Joe Kier** if you are interested in joining the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department of Pennsylvania Membership Meeting and Pack Growl will be held Friday January 17th to Saturday January 18th, 2020 at The Holiday Inn Hershey in Grantville, PA

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

This Month In USMC History

American Revolution

January 27, 1778 Captain Nichols and 26 Marines capture Fort Nassau, Bahamas

War of 1812

January 8, 1815 Andrew Jackson, including Marines under Major Daniel Carmick, defeated British at Battle of New Orleans

Second Seminole War

January 27, 1837 Colonel Henderson wins Battle of Hatchee-Lustee River against Seminoles

US Civil War

January 15, 1865 365 Marines in naval landing force attacked Fort Fisher at Wilmington, North Carolina

World War I

January, 1918 11th Marine Division was formed at Quantico, Virginia

Banana Wars and Marine Expeditionary Forces in China

January 6, 1928 1st LT Christian Schilt began 10 flights to aid besieged Marine patrol at Quilali, Nicaragua

January 25, 1928 Marines participated in Battle of El Chipote occupation of Nicaragua

January 19, 1929 Brigadier General Smedley Butler's 3rd Marine Brigade Disbanded at Tiensin, China

January 3, 1933 5th Marine Regiment leaves Nicaragua

World War II

January 17, 1944 Elements of the 1st Taks assaults Japanese on Arawe Peninsula, New Britain

January 31, 1944 American flag first raised over Japanese soil in the Marshall Islands

Korean War

January 17, 1951 The 1st Marine Division begins mopping-up operations in Pohang, Korea

Vietnam

January 20, 1968 North Vietnamese forces attack the 26th Marines at Khe Sanh, South Vietnam

January 31, 1968 Viet Cong seize the US Embassy in Saigon until driven out by American troops

Desert Storm

January 16, 1991 Operation Desert Storm Begins

January 29, 1991 First major Marine ground action of Desert Storm

Information developed through google research, Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment (web page), and USHistory.com.

Marine Corps History

Last September I visited my ailing cousin in Alabama for an afternoon of reminiscing and hearing stories about his time in the Marine Corps. Bobby Nail served on the maiden voyage of the USS Kitty Hawk and recalls the ship's role in the Cuban Missile Crisis. In October of 1962, the USA and the Soviet Union had a tense 13 day standoff due to the Americans discovering a Soviet ballistic missile deployment in Cuba.



The Mysterious
Pink Epaulette



Most people with first-hand knowledge of this event

consider it the closest the two countries came to turning the cold war into a full-scale nuclear war. The USS Kitty Hawk was stationed in the sea of Japan during the crisis and conducted some exercises to exhibit our strength to the watching Soviets. Even now, Bobby is reluctant to share some of the secrets of that mission.

Bobby is proud of his service during that tense time, and also proud to have remained on the Kitty Hawk long enough to be a part of the Marine detail that was charged with guarding President John F Kennedy on June 6, 1963 when he visited the ship to acknowledge the crew and the ship's role during those difficult days. It only took a quick google search to find the picture above, where Bobby and his fellow Marines stood alongside the podium as President Kennedy gave a speech on the deck. The President boarded the Kitty Hawk after reviewing the Pacific Fleet off the coast of San Diego, California, then gathered the ship's crew, several visiting dignitaries and the press corps for this speech.

Bobby was honored to be the lead Marine in the detail and is the one standing closest to the podium. As he described the day, he mentioned that they had required him to wear a pink epaulette, which would serve to designate his seniority as compared to the other Marines in the detail. He had not seen this specific uniform addition before or since and remains curious about it's history.

I have searched the internet and have not been able to find any information about this epaulette. The picture above, along with Bobby's stories, are the only evidence I can uncover to prove it ever existed. If there are any Marines out there that know anything about the pink epaulette, Cousin Bobby and I would both be very grateful for some help solving this mystery.

Cindy Powell
Newsletter Editor





DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Department of PA Membership Meeting PA Pack Growl	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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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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