

# LISTEN UP!



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 9TH AT 1930**

## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines, We had a great turn out for the Pistol Match on May 31<sup>st</sup>; all ten members that signed up came out. As I know I have said before this was a great time for connecting more with each other on a different level than just once a month at a regular meeting. I will say again just so all of you know everyone is welcome to come to these shooting events, there is no pre-qualification, and when you shoot you shoot against people who shoot at your skill level. At any rate if anyone wants to get involved in either the rifle or pistol events let me know. As I said at the meeting the official scores are not out but unofficially Jason Hoffman was the high shooter with a 468, and the rest of the

Expert Team shot a 400 or above. The new shooter team (unofficially) all shot between 300 and 400, which is very good for their first time out.

Bill Miller, Jim Powell, and I are heading out to the Department Convention this week and Jim and I are up for an elected position so keep us in your thoughts and wish us luck. The drawing for the Youth and Veterans tickets is at this convention so if you have any sold tickets you haven't turned in you need to get them to Jim or Myself by early Wednesday morning.

Lastly I want to remind everyone that we will be in the New Britain/Chalfont Independence Day Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We need to have a Color Guard which leads the Parade



(contact Bob Sundling, PC if you can help) and of course we will have the parade float and that will need to be manned. If you can we need you to come out and ride on the Float. We are meeting at the Giant on route 202 in New Britain at 0830. I hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> and/or on the 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting.

Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier

### Department/National Meeting Schedule.

2014 DEPT. CONVENTION  
25-29 JUNE 2014  
WILKES-BARRE, PA

2014 MCL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
3-9 AUGUST 2014  
CHARLESTON, WV

2014 DEPT. OF PA RIFLE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
6-7 SEPTEMBER 2014  
READE RANGE, ALTOONA, PA

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**OUR NEXT HIGHWAY CLEANUP IS ON JULY 12TH AT 0800**



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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

John 15-13, states this, "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

"On July 11, 1967 in Vietnam PFC William Igoe gave his life for his comrades as he defended his base camp from an enemy force firing mortars, rifles, and explosive charges. Bill fired back at the enemy, killing many and preventing penetration of his portion of the perimeter."

"When the enemy succeeded in breaking through another portion of the defenses, Bill continued his accurate fire though wounded by mortar fragments."

"As the battle progressed, an explosive charge was thrown into the assault vehicle but was deflected by PFC Igoe. The explosion wounded him and set his vehicle on fire, but he continued to fire on the attackers while directing others members of the crew to escape."

"As the men were leaving, a rifle round hit the vehicle and mortally wounded PFC Igoe."

The above story was in the Intelligencer in July of 1967. I knew Bill, we played football for old Central Bucks, and we graduated with the Class of 1964. He was a fine man! On Memorial Day we marched in honor of Bill, and all those who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom. Thank you Bill, and all the men and woman who showed us "no greater love than this, that they laid down their lives for us." God Bless them all.

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 11, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 17 members present including all officers except Quartermaster Corey Fisher who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Budd Pearce PC, Bob Sundling PC, Don Gee PC, Don Parzanese Sr. PC, and Jim Powell PC.** 2013 Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella. Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell, District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller** were also recognized.

**New Members:** Charles Edward Stocker was proposed for Regular Membership. A motion was made by Budd Pearce PC and seconded by Don Parzanese Sr. PC. The member was voted in by the body and took the regular membership Oath.

James Seif was proposed for Associate Membership. A motion was made by Budd Pearce PC and seconded by Sam DiValentino. The member was voted in by the body and took the associate member oath.

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

**Sick and Distressed:** A card will be sent to Robert McPoyle. A request was made to correct the spelling of Chaplain in the newsletter.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Joe Kier** requested anyone attending the Independence Day Parade to be there by 0830. There are now 2 full pistol teams (one Expert and one new). The Department Convention will be in Wilkes Barre, PA June 25-29. There was also discussion on the Color Guard.

**Senior Vice Commandant:** 77 members: 42 Regular, 23 Life Members, 1 Associate Life Member, 9 Associate Members, 4 Dual Members and 4 Delinquent Members.

**Junior Vice Commandant:** Raised over \$3000 at the Memorial Day Fundraiser. Looking into getting a portable credit card reader for the fund raising details. Vincent DeBella will investigate getting coasters and plates for the Marine Corps Ball. All Youth and Veterans tickets must be turned into the Commandant or the Paymaster before the Department Convention.

**Events:** We will be attending the Gun Show in Warminster on June 14 & 15, and the Run for the Heroes in Warminster Park on Saturday June 14. Arrive at 1030 hrs.

**Paymaster:** Paymaster's financial report presented and it was adopted. The Memorial Day fund raiser was discussed. The Go Daddy account for the webpage is about to expire. Cost: \$249.00 for a 3 Year contract. A motion was made by Sam DiValentino and seconded by Budd Pearce PC to pay for the 3 year contract.

**Adjutant:** No Report

**Judge Advocate:** No Report

**Public Relations Officer Kier** set May 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* Newsletter. Don Parzanese Sr. PC made a suggestion on placing meeting announcement in the Intelligencer and the Bucks County Herald. He also discussed Make the Connection Group is looking for people to interview on July 11, 12 and 13 to help PTSD patients and New Leash on Life – Dogs for PTSD patients.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** reported that the Young Marines had a Car Wash last weekend; it was attended by Jr Vice DeBella. He also requested anyone coming to the Warminster Run to be there at 0800 hrs. A thank you went out to the Young Marines Instructors that helped with the Color Guard and the firing detail at the cemetery on Memorial Day.

**Jr. Past Commandant Budd Pearce, PC** started a discussion on wearing uniforms to every meeting.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher:** Absent-Excused

**Report of Special Committees:** A request to get new flags for the trailer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vincent DeBella started a discussion on having the Detachment help pay for Dress Blue pants for anyone interested in participating in the Color Guard. The discussion was tabled until a later date.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

Brian Donovan mentioned that there will be a Medal of Honor presentation in Washington D.C. on June 19. He also mentioned to all members to get a Veteran's ID card from the courthouse.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Budd Pearce PC stated that the next highway cleanup will be the Saturday after the next meeting (July 12). Jim Powell PC talked about the raffle tickets. There was also further discussion on the Warminster Run.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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## VETERANS' BENEFIT FAIR

HOSTED BY

American Legion Post 210

315 North Street Doylestown, PA 18901

SATURDAY JULY 12TH 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

### OBJECTIVE

To provide comprehensive information on support services available to all veterans on critical issues that they face.

- *County 10 Program (bring your 00214 or discharge) Educational benefits (GI Bill)*
  - *Medical benefits Nursing Home benefits Legal services for veterans*
  - *Financial Management Memorial benefits Program for PTSO*
  - *Applying for disability benefits Opportunity with the National Guard*
  - *Loans (VA, Homes, SBA) Pensions Naturalization Preference*

### WORKSHOPS

There will be two workshops offered: Resume Preparation and Evaluation and Critical Interviewing Skills. These workshops are an hour-and-half of hands-on application. To ensure maximum results the workshops are limited to 20 participants. The Resume workshop starts at 10:30 AM and the Interviewing workshop will start at 1:00 PM. Pre-registration is required. Send you name, address, e-mail address and phone number to [trtl00@aol.com](mailto:trtl00@aol.com) or mail your information to T.R. Tirney, Post 210, PO Box 801, Doylestown, Pa 18901. If you e-mail your information, please state VA RESUME in the subject box. You will be contacted with what you need to bring.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

June 19, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS

DETACHMENT COMMANDANTS

**ALL MCL MEMBERS**

Subject: MARINE CORPS LEAGUE POLICY ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Marines: As the 2014 political campaigns heat up this Summer and fall in anticipation of the General elections in the Fall, I wanted to take a moment to remind you that, as a matter of League policy, Marine Corps League members wearing any part of the League uniform or identifying themselves as members of the Marine Corps League, cannot sponsor a political club; participate in any TV or radio program, or group discussion that advocates for or against a political party, candidate or cause; give interviews to the press or speak at any event promoting a political candidate or movement.

The following is the Marine Corps League's official POLICY on the aforementioned subject taken from the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Chapter One, Section 110:

**SECTION 110 – POLICY**

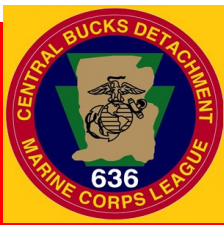
(b) The Marine Corps League shall never take part in any labor or management dispute or issue, and it shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment.

The Marine Corps League wants and strongly encourages ALL its members and families to exercise their Constitutional right and duty to vote. With that said, our membership cannot give the impression that the League supports or opposes ANY one candidate or political party.

I enjoin you, as the leadership of the Marine Corps League, to ensure all those members under your charge review the Marine Corps League's Policy as outlined above and ensure it is adhered to. Thank you for your support on this issue. God Bless America.

JIM TUOHY

National Commandant



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## JULY 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--------|--------|---------|--|----------|--|--|
| 29     | 30     | 1       | 2  | 3        | 4<br>Independence<br>Day Parade<br>Chalfont/New<br>Britian | 5  |
| 6      | 7      | 8       | 9<br>Detachment<br>Meeting 1930<br>Doylestown                          | 10       | 11   | 12<br>Highway<br>Cleanup meet<br>@ 0800 at<br>back to the<br>50's diner. |
| 13     | 14     | 15      | 16<br>Detachment<br>Staff meeting<br>1900<br>Amer. Legion<br>(pending) | 17       | 18   | 19   |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23   | 24       | 25   | 26   |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30   | 31       | 1  | 2  |



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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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