

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 8TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The Fourth of July Parade in Chalfont-New Britain is upon us. Hopefully, we will have as good a turnout this year as we have had in the past. Our participation in parades keeps our Detachment visible in our community. Providing our float and Color Guard for the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, conducting the Memorial Day Flag Raising at Central Bucks South's War Memorial Field, providing the Honor Guard for the annual Memorial Service at Doylestown Cemetery following that parade, and taking part in the Fourth of July Parade are major opportunities to show our stuff and keep the Marine Corps image before our public. Our Color Guard under Sergeant-at-Arms **Bob Sundling, PC**, leads off the Chalfont-New Britain parade. Plan to join us on the Fourth.

Historically, attendance at our monthly meetings dwindles due to vacations and other family and business commitments. If you can make the time in

spite of t other demands on your time, we want you to attend the meetings. We also welcome new members as you know. So, please keep recruiting in mind. Remember, it's YOUR Detachment and we need your input and support of our programs to keep it going.

We were pleased to have longtime Life Member Marine Pat Paronese at the meeting we haven't seen her at a meeting in a while. It was good to have her back.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore has informed us that our By-laws amendment concerning what constitutes a quorum for meetings has been approved. Although we now need fewer members to conduct business, we still need YOU to make it work. Hope to see you on Saturday at the Chalfont-New Britain parade. Semper Fi,



THE NEXT HIGHWAY CLEANUP IS ON JULY 11TH AT 0800. WE WILL MEET AT THE BACK TO THE 50'S RESTURANT AT THE CORNER OF RT. 263 AND EDISON-FURLONG ROAD IN JAMISON. COME OUT TO JOIN US AND HAVE BREAKFAST ON THE DETACHMENT WE NEED YOU OUT THERE TO HELP. SEMPER FI BUDD PEARCE, PC CHAIRMAN

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 FALL DEPARTMENT STAFF MEETING 16-17 OCTOBER
HQ BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2015 FALL PA PACK GROWL 16 OCTOBER 1900
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2016 WINTER STAFF MEETING 8-9 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP
DATE AND TIME TBD

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Have you ever had what you thought was a rock solid plan for your life only to realize that someone higher than you has another plan that you must follow?

In 2008 my wife Nancy and I were getting ready to leave the Fort Lauderdale area and head over to Naples, Florida . We were going to spend as much time as we wanted on the Florida West coast. Then we got a call from my daughter Joy. She was very sick and needed help. She was up in Rhode Island. We put our two year tour of the USA on hold and drove up to my brother's in South Carolina, parked our RV, and headed to Rhode Island via our car.

We nursed Joy back to health, and realized that we should move back to the Doylestown area. We were not sure why we wanted to move back here, but my wife and I felt a calling. Sure enough when we moved back, one of Nancy's dear friends was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Nancy and other ladies from our church cared for her for two years, until she passed away.

While Nancy was caring for her friend, I became involved in the Marine Corps League. I was reunited with a man that I served with, a guy I admired and respected while in the Corps. I now had a chance to serve the League as Chaplain. My Marine buddy also got me a good volunteer job at Doylestown Hospital. So instead of laying in the sun for the past several years as we had planned, God arranged for us to come here and serve. I was also able serve the Central Bucks Class of 1964, The CB Hall of Fame Committee, Delaware Valley College Alumni Association, and First Baptist Church.

I now believe that we are being called to South Carolina. I'm not sure what His plans are for us, but I have to believe that He wants us to serve in another capacity. I want all my Marine brothers to know that I have greatly enjoyed serving our beloved Marine Corps League with all of you. I will continue to serve until we move, at which time I plan to become a Life member.

In Romans 5:4 God says that we should rejoice in our suffering because suffering produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. So even though our move back to the Doylestown area started with suffering, it ended by producing two people with better character, and hope. I want to thank all of you for contributing to the building of my character, and for my hope in the future . Thanks Marines, I Salute all of you!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 10th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members including all officers except for the Adjutant, Public Relations Officer and Judge Advocate who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling and detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino.**

New Members: None.

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

Sick and Distressed: It was reported that Marine Don Warner was still having heart issues and awaiting a decision on whether surgery is an option. He did participate in the Memorial Day Parade. There was also a discussion on whether anyone had heard from Gary Smith lately and if anyone knew where he had moved to.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee reported he attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and presented Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Certificates to five new Eagle Scouts from Troop 230 of Yardley, PA.

Senior Vice Bud Pearce, PC reported the Detachment strength at 88 members including 73 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 19 members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride reported:

- * The Detachment Fund Raiser at the Doylestown/Cross Keys State Store was the most successful we've ever had. He thanked those Detachment members who participated in the fund raiser.
- * He reported the Department Raffle tickets sales have concluded.
- * He also reported he had contacted Gen. Ron Nelson about being the Guest of Honor for the Birthday Ball. Since he did not receive any reply, Bucks County Veterans Affairs Director Dan Fraley has been asked to be the Guest of Honor and he has accepted. A formal invitation will be sent to him. Sgt. Grit will provide a K-Bar and case at no cost as a gift for the Guest of Honor.

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

Adjutant Joe Kier, PC was excused and the Paymaster reported the following correspondence:

- * A communication from the Department stating Detachments are now being encouraged to appoint a Service Officer to assist members seeking Veterans assistance.
- * A notice from a non-profit organization which provides dogs to Veterans with PTSD and related ailments and injuries is seeking the names of Veterans in need of their services. They apparently pair Veterans with dogs to help with both the training of the dogs and the therapy for the Veterans.
- * The Lancaster Detachment which because of changing games of chance laws, recommends obtaining donated funds from non-profit organizations which have bars, etc. The Toys for Tots Coordinator at the Detachment sent out a letter to entities which were covered by the laws explaining the different programs which the Detachment supported and that the Detachment would be happy to receive the funds they are now required to disburse to charities. The Paymaster recommended our Detachment consider a similar effort. The Lancaster Detachment raised more than \$3,000 from the mail out.
- * He also reported on the upcoming Department Golf Tournament. Various levels of sponsorship are being sought. Participants are also being sought. Former Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway is the special guest for the event.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

* A letter was received from the County Recorder of Deeds concerning "Honor Flight Bucks County" for WWII and Korea Veterans which was held in September 2014. A second Honor Flight is scheduled for October 15. He is looking for organizations to take a 1/4-page ad for \$550 in the October Veteran ID Card Directory to help underwrite the flight.

* A Job Fair is being held at Ft. Indiantown Gap on June 25.

* The "Sergeant Mac Foundation" is trying to raise \$8,000 for its wreath program. Last year they obtained 9,000 wreaths. This year they want to acquire 10,000.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore was excused, no report.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported he had sent a card to Marine Don Warner and further requested that he be informed about any member or member's family member in need of his services. Paymaster Powell noted that two of our deceased members are still being carried on the roster promulgated by Marine Corps League Headquarters. He asked if the Chaplain or anyone else had any MCL Death Certificates with which we could report the deaths. No one had any on hand.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported he was seeking Color Guard members for the 4th of July Parade in Chalfont. He also thanked Marines Bobby Sundling, Sam DiValentino and Don Parzanese Jr for participating in the Memorial Day Parade Color Guard. **Quartermaster Corey Fisher** had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant Kier was excused, no report.

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor Alex Kier was excused and **Commandant Gee** announced that June 20th is the cutoff for anything that is requested to be put into the next newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Detachment Pistol Team Captain Bud Pearce, PC reported the Pistol Match went off as scheduled but the results of the competition were not known as yet.

Trailer Committee – Jr. Vice McBride reported thank the trail was awaiting it's next duty at the Chalfont 4th of July Parade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by **Bob Sundling, PC** and seconded by **Jim Powell, DC** to give a \$50 gratuity to all future members providing a towing vehicle for the Detachment Float in parades. It was then passed by the members..

A motion was made and withdrawn to underwrite the \$50 per person Birthday Ball cost with \$20 from the Detachment treasury.

A motion was made by **Jim Powell, DC** and seconded by **Bud Pearce, PC** to register all of our allotted delegates for the Department Convention. It was then passed by the members.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Paymaster **Jim Powell, DC** announced that Marines Tony Parzaneze and Don Parzaneze Jr. will receive Tenure Awards this year at the Department Convention.

Marine Jim McComb will be the Detachment's Guest Speaker at the September Meeting. He will talk about his book "More Than Names on a Wall" concerning Vietnam Veterans listed on the Bucks County Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Detachment will muster on Saturday, July 4, at 0800 at the Chalfont-New Britain Shopping Center to participate in the 4th of July Parade.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

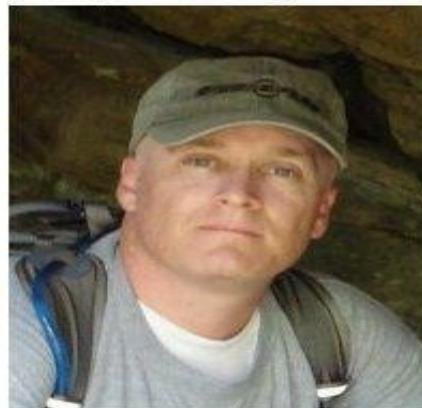
MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

73: REGULAR 15: ASSOCIATE 02: DUAL 22: LIFE
19: DELINQUENT AT LEAST 30 DAYS

Announcement: This year's Guest Speaker at our annual Birthday Ball will be Marine and Director of Veterans Affairs for Bucks County, Pa, "Dan Fraley". The Birthday Ball will be held on November 14th at **The Brookside Manor in Feasterville, Pa.** Please mark your calendar and plan to be there to celebrate the 240th Birthday of our beloved Corps. **Complete information will be forthcoming via mail or Newsletter.** Any questions, please contact Bill McBride, Jr. Vice Commandant.

These Are The 13 Rules Of Gunfighting Everyone Should Know

- 1) Guns have only two enemies: rust and politicians.
- 2) It's always better to be judged by 12 than carried by 6.
- 3) Cops carry guns to protect themselves, not you.
- 4) Never let someone or something that threatens you get inside arm's length.
- 5) Never say "I've got a gun." If you need to use deadly force, the first sound they hear should be the safety clicking off.
- 6) The average response time of a 911 call is 23 minutes; the response time of a .357 is 1400 feet per second.
- 7) The most important rule in a gunfight is: Always win – cheat if necessary.
- 8) Make your attacker advance through a wall of bullets... You may get killed with your own gun, but he'll have to beat you to death with it, cause it'll be empty.
- 9) If you're in a gun fight:
If you're not shooting, you should be loading.
If you're not loading, you should be moving.
If you're not shooting, moving or loading, you're probably dead.
- 10) In a life and death situation, do something... It may be wrong, but do something!
- 11) If you carry a gun, people call you paranoid. Nonsense! If you have a gun, what do you have to be paranoid about?
- 12) You can say 'stop' or 'alto' or any other word, but a large bore muzzle pointed at someone's head is pretty much a universal language.
- 13) You cannot save the planet, but you may be able to save yourself and your family.



"Peace is that brief glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading," — Thomas Jefferson



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JULY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 Yoga 4 Vets 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg.	2	3	4 Independence Day Chal-Brit Parade meet at 0800 at the Giant in Chalfont
5	6 AM Legion 210 meeting 1930	7	8 Yoga 4 Vets 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg. Cent Bucks Detachment MCL Meeting 1930.	9	10	11 Detachment Highway Cleanup meet 0800 at the Back to the 50'S resturant.
12	13 VFW 175 meeting 1900 at AM Legion 210 bldg.	14 DAV Chapter 17 meeting 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg.	15 Yoga 4 Vets 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg.	16	17	18
19 Semper Fi families meeting 1330 at AM Legion Bldg.	20 AM Legion 210 meeting 1930 VVA Chapter 210 meeting 1930 at AM Legion Bldg.	21	22 Yoga 4 Vets 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg.	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Yoga 4 Vets 1800 at AM Legion 210 Bldg.	30	31	1

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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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