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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 10TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The Doylestown Memorial Day Parade and our annual fund-raiser at the State Store are upon us.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride has put together a schedule of members who will be taking part at the State Store, and Marine Jim McComb, who is the Parade Marshal for what is arguably the oldest Memorial Day Parade in Pennsylvania, has organized the largest parade yet--109 units at last count. Our Color Guard, organized by Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, is ready to lead the Parade. And, for the second year, our Detachment will be providing the Honor Guard (Firing Squad) for the Memorial Service at Doylestown Cemetery. We still need volunteers to serve on this. If you can help with the Honor Guard, please give me a call at 215-822-6898. We hope to have a good showing for the Parade.

Jim was at our May Meeting as was Marine Mike Waldron who we

haven't seen in some time and Marine Rich Scott, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, presented an award to the Detachment in appreciation for the donation we made to the Bucks County Global War on Terrorism Monument. It was great to see these Marines attending the meetings again. I hope those of you have stopped attending meetings will start attending again. We need your support for and participation in Detachment activities are necessary if we are to continue to grow and serve our community. If you need a ride to the meetings, give me a call at: 215-822-6898 or e-mail at: usmccca@aol.com, and we'll arrange to have you picked up and returned home after the meeting.

We have the 4th of July Parade in Chalfont-New Britain coming up and need members to ride on our float for this event. More information on this parade will be given at the June Meeting. Semper Fidelis,

Don H Gee



Marines, Arrangements for Memorial Day Parade have been finalized. Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride and Marine Don Parzanese Jr. have completed checking out our float and found everything satisfactory.

Senior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, Bill, and Don, will have the float in the parking lot at Lenape Middle School (across from Central Bucks West High School) on the 25th, ready for the finishing touches. The MCL Short Sleeve Undress will be the uniform of the day.

Reminder: There will be the traditional flag-raising ceremonies at Bucks County Courthouse at 8 a.m. and War Memorial Field (Central Bucks West) at 9 a.m.

The parade will kick off promptly at 10 a.m.

See you at the parade. Don Gee, Commandant

Dept. Meeting Schedule

DEPARTMENT OF PA
SERVICE/OPEN PISTOL MATCH
MAY 29-31 2015
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA

DEPARTMENT OF PA
ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 24-27 2015
STATE COLLEGE PA

DEPARTMENT OF PA
FALL STAFF MEETING
OCTOBER 16-17 2015
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

The War has been won, but the battles continue everyday. What does that statement mean? It means exactly what it states. The war against death was won by our Supreme Commandant when He died on a cross. The battles we fight every day of our lives are the battles common to many human beings.

We fight to do what is right, to be honest, to be faithful, to do a good days work, to have courage. When we fail in our daily battles, we have an advocate to speak on our behalf. The advocate tells the One who would judge us that He has already paid the price for what we do wrong.

There is nothing we did to earn this forgiveness. We just believe and the forgiveness is given to us. This forgiveness covers all past lost battles, and all future lost battles. When we appear before our Maker, we will be perfect in His eyes.

Marines, I am not making this story up. Read 1 John 2, versus 1 and 2. You will see that John, a man who witnessed the life of Jesus proclaim what he saw, and what he knows.

Yes the battles will go on every day for the rest of our lives, but you can face each battle knowing that the war has already been won, the enemy has been defeated. The enemy has no hold on you as long as you follow our Supreme Commandant.

OK Marines, lets kick some Satan butt today, and everyday!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 13th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members present including all officers except for the Chaplain, the Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor Alex Kier and Quartermaster Corey Fisher who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Joe Kier and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of Pennsylvania Chief of Staff Bill Miller, Department of Pennsylvania District Two Vice Commandant Joe Kier, and Department of Pennsylvania Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling.**

New Members: None

Meeting Dedication: None.

Sick and Distressed: Don Warner is still very ill, Joe Kier, PC was diagnosed with liver disease.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee Marine Rich Scott presented the Detachment with a plaque for our participation in the funding of the Bucks County GWOT Memorial.

Senior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC reported on the Detachment strength 87 total, 74 regular, 23 life, 4 dual, 13 associates including 1 associate life member.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride reported on the annual Memorial day fund raiser held at the Doylestown liquor store on May 21th -24th for details contact him at [215-962-1446](tel:215-962-1446) (**CELL**) (**ALTERNATE NUMBER 267-491-5681**) . Reported that the Detachment sold 1000 Youth and Veterans ticket this year.

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

Adjutant Joe Kier, PC presented the Minutes of the April Meeting as published in *Listen Up!* and they were adopted.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore is working on getting a new up to date set of by-laws printed.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino Excused

Jr Past Commandant Joe Kier, PC reported that he would be attending the Department Convention in June with Dept. Commandant Jim Powell PC, Dept. Chief of Staff Bill Miller PC, and Dept. Sgt. at Arms Bob Sundling PC. He mentioned that it would be great to see more faces from the Detachment out there, and if anyone needed a room to contact him.

Public Relations Officer Alex Kier was excused, so Jr. Past Commandant Kier, PC reported that April 20th was the cutoff for anything to go into the next newsletter.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC is setting up a color guard for the Memorial Day Parade, and a Rifle detail for the cemetery.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Pistol Match May 29-30th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Sgt at Arms Sundling, PC invited members of the detachment to the upcoming Devil Dog growl. Dept. Commandant Jim Powell, PC gave a report on the doings at the National Headquarters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a Church Service on Memorial Day at the 1st Baptist Church starting at 0845 if you are planning to attend you should wear your uniform.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, June 10th, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

74: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 4: DUAL 23: LIFE



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Detachment meeting 1930	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24 Department Convention Begins	25 Convention	26 Convention	27 Department Convention Ends
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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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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