

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 8TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Well Marine's, my first meeting as Commandant was not an example of proper Protocol as I was corrected by each of the Past Commandants for errors and/or omissions. Being Commandant is definitely a "learning process" and hopefully, I will improve as time goes by. We held our first Swamp Road "clean up" detail for 2016 on April 16th and it was a successful event. The weather was clear and the turnout was encouraging. The next highway clean up is planned for July. The issue that is most disturbing is the lack of interest by our current membership as a whole. We currently have (22) members who are delinquent. The Detachment is being run by the same ten Marine's from month to month. This is a deplorable situation and I don't have a remedy at hand as to how to generate interest in what we do as a group. They say it takes a village to raise a child; well it takes Marine's to maintain a Detachment. We need Marine's that are going to step up and work with this Detachment, not Marine's who just want their name on a membership list. I hear the same excuses, I have to take my kids to sporting events or I have to work or I live to far away. It's once a month people; surely you can make a meeting once in awhile. Is it really too much to expect attending a meeting at least four times a year. We need your input and your assistance or we will cease to exist. Ten people doing everything is not acceptable. If you are a active duty Marine and are transferred to a new duty station, please update the Detachment, it just requires a phone call and its common courtesy. You need to stay in touch! I am sorry to rant, but I am worried about the health of our Detachment. The Marine's who came before us worked very hard to establish and maintain this Detachment, please do not allow their dedication and camaraderie to fall by the wayside. May is a busy Month, the Jr Vice and the Commandant presented the Colors at the CB West Spring Festival on May 19th. I definitely recommend that the Detachment members attend this Concert next year as these kids really put on a show of theatrical talent. Beginning May 26th the Marine's of our Detachment will man our yearly station at the Wine & Spirits store in Doylestown. The proceeds from this four day & night endeavor will support our charitable programs for the coming year. We need everyone's help to make it a success, so if you haven't signed up to give an hour or two, please volunteer by contacting the Jr Vice Commandant. The Memorial Day parade is as scheduled, culminating at the Cemetery where Memorial Services will be held. Everyone's involvement would be appreciated.



Semper Fi Marine's

Bill McBride

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2016 PA PACK SUPREME
GROWL
24 JUNE , 2016
DAYS INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA

2016 DEPARTMENT OF
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL
CONVENTION
22-25 JUNE , 2016
DAYS INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

I relived some of my ancient history last Thursday night at good old Central Bucks West High School. Commandant Bill McBride and I volunteered as the Color Guard for the Central Bucks West Choir Spring Concert. We were accompanied by our wives, Nancy and Janice.

Bill and I marched from the rear of the auditorium onto the stage. We presented the Colors as the choir sang our National Anthem, then we marched off the stage.

While the students were singing their planned program, I showed Bill around the school that I graduated from way back in 1964. I showed him a plaque embedded into the entranceway hall floor. The plaque is brass and is shined each year by the newest class officers. I told Bill that it was at that very plaque that I first noticed the woman who would become my wife. She was there in her cheerleader uniform leading the cheers as the class officers polished the plaque.

Fast-forward to 2001 and I see a beautiful lady at a reunion. I am single and she appeared not to be with anyone, so I introduce myself to her. She is the same person who was the young cheerleader at the plaque back in 1963. We were married in 2003.

Bill and Janice, Nancy and I enjoyed the choir singing, the magic act performed to music program, which featured a tremendous rendition of Prince's hit, "Purple Rain".

Bill and I marched to the front carrying our Colors, presented arms for the final song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic". We completed our duty by marching off to a standing ovation.

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 11th, 2016, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members present including all officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr., Bud Pearce** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Jim Powell** and **Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling**.

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: Paymaster Powell, DC reported that his wife, Cindy, had successful surgery but got pneumonia and was still hospitalized. She is expected to be home this coming weekend. **Bud Pearce, PC** reported that his PSA count was up and that his bone cancer was acting up again.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride reported that he received the application for the Chalfont-New Britain Independence Day parade. It will be submitted so we can participate. He reported that for the Memorial Day Parade we will be meeting at the CB West Stadium parking lot at 0800. He also reported that on June 18th the Detachment was asked to do a Color Guard for the Doylestown Historical Society at Maplewood. He already has 3 volunteers.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on the Detachment strength.

Junior Vice DiValentino reported on the upcoming Memorial Day Fund Raiser. He solicited volunteers and ask for those helping to sign up for specific time slots. He also spoke on this years' Birthday Ball and proposed having the Ball at the American Legion we meet at.

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

Judge Advocate Spoltore, PC had nothing to report.

Acting Chaplain Pearce had nothing to report.

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Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling, PC reported that the Young Marines will be participating with us in Memorial Day Parade. He also reported that we will be doing the Color Guard for the Memorial Day parade and the Firing Squad for the Cemetery Ceremony.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Highway Cleanup – Bud Pearce, PC reported that the next cleanup would that place the Saturday after our July Meeting

Department Pistol Match – Bud Pearce, PC reported that our Detachment will have 3 participants this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sam DiValentino reported that an Audit of the Detachment Finances for the past 3 years was conducted by the Audit Committee and everything was found to be in order.

Don Gee, PC reported that the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Ceremony will be held at our next meeting in July and all Vietnam War Era Veterans will be recognized with a certificate and pin.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by **Bud Pearce, PC** and seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** to donate \$100 to the Guardians of the National Cemetery for their Memorial Day Rose Program. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made by **Bud Pearce, PC** and seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** to pay for all of our Convention Delegates. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant McBride announced that his community, Buckingham Springs will b having a flea market on Friday and Saturday. He will be there selling raffle tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Sundling, PC announced that the Young Marines will be sponsoring a trip to the National Marine Corps Museum, dinner at 8&I and then attending the Night Parade. For anyone interested the cost is \$60.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, June 8, 2016



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Department Pistol Match, Fort Indian- town Gap	4 Department Pistol Match, Fort Indian- town Gap
5	6	7	8 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210, Doylestown	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Department Convention, State College, PA	23 Department Convention, State College, PA	24 Department Convention, State College, PA	25 Department Convention, State College, PA
26 Department Convention, State College, PA	27	28	29	30		

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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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