

# LISTEN UP!



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## OUR JUNE 10, 2020 DETACHMENT MEETING IS CANCELLED

### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

I hope all is well in everyone's families and hopefully we will start to see an end to the stay at home orders across the commonwealth and the country.



On May 13<sup>th</sup> we had our regularly scheduled meeting, but it was held in a conference call form. It went very well, and we were able to get our officer installations done. **Bill Miller, PC** performed the installation and all elected and appointed officers were present.

Additionally, we got an update on the Memorial Day events from Jim McComb and the information was emailed out so that members wanting to participate could respond.

Last but not least, we selected and voted on our submissions for Department and National Marine of the year, **Robert A. Sundling, PC** was selected for submission for Department MOY, and Northeast Division Vice Commandant **Jim Powell, PDC** was selected for submission for National MOY. If you have any awards you would like to submit to the Department make sure you get them to me ASAP.

Semper Fi,

Joe Kier, Commandant

### MCL Schedule

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA  
OCTOBER 15 -17, 2020

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I write, over 60,000 precious lives have been lost in the United States directly connected to COVID-19. That is more than was lost in Vietnam. This pandemic tsunami will be recorded in history books for generations to come. Hopefully, along with the suffering, the pain and the whirlwind of emotions people everywhere went through will never be forgotten. The way families became closer, the way neighbors, although at a distance, helped one another, and the way health professionals went about their daily care for the sick even as they risked their own lives, will all be reminders of the human spirit and our ability to adapt to new ways of living.

Along the moments of celebration many of us have experienced as we have tried new things through the various media platforms, new recipes, new games, or glued to the internet or Netflix; there have been moments of boredom, frustration and tears. Fortunately, many are able to work out of their home while others have been let go. Some have fought with God trying to figure out how it is possible that a loving and compassionate Creator could allow such a thing to happen to us, or any other disaster whether natural or caused by human error.

Soon we will be able to gather together as a worshipping community in our sanctuaries. In the meantime, hang in there, hold onto the Lord and feel free to let God know how you feel.

Amen.

Semper fi and may God Bless America and our Corps.

*Dana R Lortie*

Chaplain



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 13, 2020 virtually due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. There were 11 members including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants **Jim Powell, Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr. and Bill Miller**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **NE Division Vice Commandant and Past Department Commandant Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, and NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**.

**New Members:**None

**Visitors:** None

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:** The Minutes of the February Meeting were adopted there were no minutes for March or April as the meetings were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Sick and distressed: Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** brother Ernie Sundling passed away.

**Cindy Powell** - had surgery and is recovering well

**Commandant Joe Kier and Adjutant Bree Ann Kier's** Mother/Grandmother Loretta Kier is sick but doing okay with Covid-19. Also a handful of their other family members have contracted and recovered from Covid-19 including members Jennifer Kier, Robert Kier and their immediate family members.

**Sr. Vice Commandant Sam DiValentino's** daughter Joy, her husband and his 3 grandchildren all tested positive for Covid-19 but are doing well.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant Kier** reported that the Department Convention scheduled for June is cancelled. It is rescheduled and will take the place of the October Membership Meeting at Headquarters in Fort Indiantown Gap. The Department of Pennsylvania will be doing a Pistol Match and he will have more information at a later date.

**Sr. Vice Commandant DiValentino** presented the Detachment Strength report.

**Jr. Vice Commandant SSgt. Sundling** had nothing to report.

**Adjutant Bree Ann Kier** had nothing to report.

**Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC** presented the Detachment Financial report for February, March and April. All were received.

**Judge Advocate McPoyle** had nothing to report

**Chaplain Lortie** had nothing to report

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

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

### COMMITTEES

**Marksmanship Committee: Commandant Kier** reported that he is still waiting to hear if the Central Bucks Detachment Pistol Match will have to be rescheduled.

**Scholarship Committee** Senior Vice Commandant DiValentino reported that he would be using form #CBD1 for our Detachment Scholarship forms.

**Fundraising/V&Y Tickets:** Let **Commandant Joe Kier** know if you would like a 2021 Calendar so that we can get the correct amount of calendars. **Commandant Kier** and **Paymaster Powell** will be doing a V&Y Ticket mailing to all Detachment Members.

**Highway Cleanup: Sargent-At-Arms Sundling, PC** will be going out to visit and clean up the little bit of trash that he had seen recently.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - Installation done by Bill Miller PC

**Commandant** - Joe Kier

**Sr. Vice Commandant** - Jim Powell, PDC

**Jr. Vice Commandant** - SSgt Robert M.Sundling

**Judge Advocate** - Robert McPoyle

**Jr. Past Commandant** - Bill Miller, PC

**Adjutant** - Bree Ann Kier

**Paymaster** - Sam DiValentino

**Chaplin** - Dana Lortie

**Sgt-At-Arms** - Robert A. Sundling, PC

**Web Sgt.** - Jim Powell, PDC

**Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC** made a motion to pay for our full delegate strength at the Department Convention in October. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and the Motion passed.

**Jim Powell, PDC** made a motion to pay for our full delegate strength at the National Convention in August, It was seconded by SSgt Bob Sundling and the Motion passed. As a note, the Department of Pennsylvania reimburses all Detachments that submit their total Delegate strength for the National Convention.

**Jim Powell, PDC** made a motion to pay for a ½ page advertisement in the Department Convention Ad Book. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and the Motion passed.

A motion was made by **Jim Powell, PDC** to submit a nomination of **Robert A. Sundling, PC** for Department Marine of the Year. It was seconded by Dana Lortie and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by SSgt Bob Sundling to submit a nomination of **Jim Powell, NEDVC** for National Marine of the Year. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC.** and the motion passed unanimously

### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Jim McComb reported that the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade is cancelled this year. However, they will still be having the flag raising and lowering and the placing of wreaths in the morning. There will be no procession or large gatherings of people permitted. All of this is weather permitting; if the weather is bad then it will be cancelled. Central Bucks Detachment will do the flag raising as usual and also the laying of the wreaths. All of this will take place Monday May 25th, 2020.

8am flag raising at War Memorial Field by Central Bucks Marine Corps League.

8:30 am flag lowering at the Old Courthouse.

9am laying of the wreaths at Doylestown Cemetery.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment will be determined at a later date and sent out via email.

On April 9, 2020 the Doylestown Borough announced the cancellation of the Memorial Day Parade. The following announcement appeared on the Borough’s website.

**2020 Doylestown Borough Memorial Day Parade is cancelled**

It is our sad duty to inform you that in light of the ongoing public health emergency, the 2020 Doylestown Borough Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. Given the importance of the parade to the community, it is not a decision we take lightly, but with the strong conviction that it is the best interests of the health and welfare of participants and spectators alike.

The Doylestown Memorial Day Parade is conducted annually for the sole purpose of honoring those American Veterans whose sacrifices in defense of our nation and its democratic ideals are responsible for the freedoms we enjoy today. In the coming weeks, we will be working to organize Memorial Day activities that fulfill this purpose while maintaining critical social distancing and thereby protecting the health of the community. Parade or no parade, Doylestown will honor its fallen heroes in 2020.

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Central Bucks Detachment members responded to the challenge. Along with other Veteran’s groups, cemetery and monument ceremonies were conducted. Paymaster Sam DiValentino provided the photo below to commemorate the ceremony.



# This Month In USMC History

## 1800's

- June 30, 1834 Congress places the Marine Corps under Navy jurisdiction  
June 23, 1836 Colonel-Commandant Henderson reports for duty in the Second Seminole War  
June 10, 1871 Fleet Marine Officer, Asiatic Squadron, Captain McLane Tilton leads 109 Marines in assault on Han River forts in Korea  
June 18, 1885 Marines land in Panama to protect trans-isthmus railroad  
June 10, 1898 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Battalion lands at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

## World War I

- June 6, 1917 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment sails for France  
June 1, 1918 "Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment in France  
June 6, 1918 Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns  
June 29, 1918 Marines from Brooklyn went ashore at Vladivostok, Siberia

## World War II

- June 17, 1940 Terms of surrender included disarmament of French forces and the occupation of two-thirds of France by Germans  
June 1, 1942 First black Marines – About 19,000 will join the Corps during WWII  
June 6, 1944 D-Day at Normandy Marines and US Army land in Normandy which began the Allied assault on German positions in France  
June 15, 1944 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Marine divisions assault Saipan  
June 21, 1945 Americans were victorious on Okinawa despite ruthless Japanese Kamikaze pilots  
June 12, 1948 President Truman authorized the first women Marines in the regular Marine Corps

## Korea and 1950's

- June 25, 1950 Korean War begins  
June 20, 1951 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division reach "The Punchbowl" in Korea  
June 22, 1954 President Eisenhower authorizes the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal

## Vietnam

- June 9, 1969 President Nixon announces first sizeable withdrawal of US Troops from Vietnam  
June 25, 1971 Last Marine ground troops departed South Vietnam leaving only a token force at the US Embassy

## Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- June 23, 1980 Following June 6<sup>th</sup> invasion into southern Lebanon to root out PLO terrorists, Marines landed in Lebanon to evacuate civilians  
June 8, 1995 Marines rescued Air Force pilot who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Central Bucks Meeting CANCELLED	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer Begins
21 Fathers Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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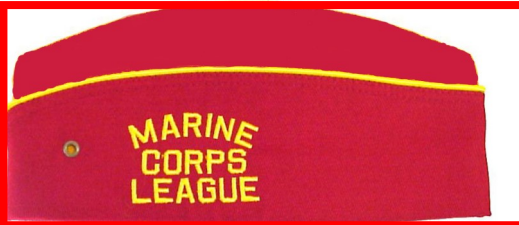


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