

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 12TH AT 1930 AND WILL BE HELD AT BUCKINGHAM SPRINGS VILLAGE

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had another great meeting this past month; although it was the night the big storm was coming in we still held a meeting. I spoke to some who didn't come because they thought the meeting was cancelled, and I just wanted to let everyone know that I will notify everyone if we need to cancel a meeting. I usually use email, however if anyone who doesn't have email is questioning if we are having a meeting give me a call.

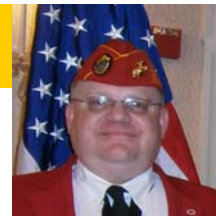
We are having the March meeting at Buckingham Springs Village 1490 Durham Rd, (rte. 413) New Hope, PA, its about 6 miles South of Old York Rd and about 3 miles north of 2nd street pike on 413. When you turn into the development, at the stop sign, turn left, the clubhouse is on your immediate right, plenty of parking. Entrance to the clubhouse faces the parking lot. The reason we had to move the meeting is

that the American Legion is having a district meeting on the 12th at the same time as our meeting. Anyway this is where Bill McBride and Budd Pearce live so it should be a good place. We need everyone to make it out to the meeting who can we have our nominations and elections at the meeting.

We have two meetings this month, the North East Division Conference March 14-15, and the Dept. Spring staff meeting March 21-22. As always anyone who wants to go or have more information on these meetings give me a call.

I hope to see you all at the meeting in March,

Semper Fi,



Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2014 NATIONAL NE DIV CONFERENCE
15-16 MARCH ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
- 2014 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
22-23 MARCH 2014
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA
- 2014 DEPT. CONVENTION
25-29 JUNE 2014
WILKES-BARRE, PA

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The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 12th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 10 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Geoff Burgess, Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella and Judge Advocate Bill McBride, who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Don Parzanese Sr. and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** was also recognized.

New Members: None.

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

Sick and Distressed: Bill Mickelson and Wil Haas are still have their ongoing issues.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier spoke about getting our committees squared away. Currently we have a Trailer Committee, Highway Cleanup Committee, Fund Raising Committee and Shooting Team Committee. He will speak more about this at the next meeting due to the low turnout. He want to put more Committee information in the newsletter on a regular basis.

Reporting for the Senior Vice, Commandant Kier reported the Detachment strength at 79 with 65 regular, 4 dual and 10 associate members. Of the 79 members, 25 are life members and 2 are in delinquent status.

Junior Vice Commandant No Report.

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

Judge Advocate Bill McBride had nothing to report.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported on the funeral for Corpsman Joe Falco that he attended..

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported that the Young Marines postponed their Cold Weather Training in the Poconos to this coming weekend and again invited anyone interest to join them for that weekend.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jack Gentile spoke about our trailer and **Don Gee, PC** made a motion to appropriate up to \$1200 to make the necessary repairs to get it to pass inspection. **Bob Sundling, PC** seconded. After discussing the matter, the body passed the motion.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

Commandant Kier presented **Budd Pearce, PC** two certificates; a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Pennsylvania for his help at the Pistol and Rifle match and a Certificate of Appreciation for his 20 years of Service leading the Highway Cleanup Committee, it authorized the wearing of the MCL VAVS ribbon.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budd Pearce, PC announced that nominations and elections for the slate of new Officers for the coming year will be held at the March meeting. Anyone interested in running for Office should contact him as soon as possible.

Commandant Kier announced the National Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 14th and 15th in Falls Church, VA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.





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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Most people have a hero, a person they admire for their achievements and abilities. Sports figures, movie stars, great business leaders, even politicians can be a hero to someone.

Biblical heroes would include Joshua, a great soldier, and Jesus, who died for mankind.

Guys who can hit close to .400, and knock 50 baseballs out of the park certainly have talent. A CEO of General Motors is a tremendous achievement. A football player who has ran for over 1000 yards in 10 consecutive seasons is certainly a great running back. But are these people really heroes? They are to someone, but not to me.

My heroes are the people who lay their lives on the line for my freedom, and safety on a daily basis. Military personnel, police, firefighters, and others who could die from a hazard of the work that they perform for my benefit, these are the people I look to as my heroes.

Bill Igoe, my classmate, and football teammate died in Vietnam fighting for our country. All the men and women who are pictured on a pennant outside of Bucks County Courthouse are my heroes. My neighbor's son, Pat Scardino, served two tours of duty in Iraq. My friend Don Parzanese Sr. who went to Vietnam twice in his twenty two year career with the Marines. When I think of heroes, these are the people who I have in my mind, and heart.

Just as our Supreme Commandant gave His life for me, my heroes gave their lives, or put their lives in harm's way for my sake, and for your sake. I hold all of these heroes in the highest regard. May God bless all my heroes!

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IMPORTANT DATES

DETACHMENT MEETING
12 MARCH
BUCKINGHAM SPRINGS
VILLAGE

NE DIV CONFERENCE
14-15 MARCH
ATLANTIC CITY NJ

ST. PATRICKS DAY
17 MARCH

DEPT. OF PA SPRING
STAFF MEETING
21-22 MARCH
FT. INDANTOWN GAP

DETACHMENT MEETING
9 APRIL
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ + _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

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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