

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 11TH 2015 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

This is coming out very late this month, between health, PC, and Internet issues it has been hard for Alex or Myself to get this together. I am re-writing this on Wednesday the 11th because I want to let everyone know that I am hoping to be online soon today. Well the Tech just got here and got us online so I will email this out but I will still bring a few copies to the meeting tonight. There is not much going on still however I am looking forward to getting out to the Staff meeting on the 20th. I do hope everyone has been contacting Jr Past Pearce with the election information he needs. On that

issue I hope everyone is doing a little soulsearching to decide if they are ready to step up and help lead the detachment. If anyone has any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me or one of the officers for help. Hope to see you all at the meeting Semper Fi.

Pics top to bottom L to R
Colorguard
 Commandant Kier, Don Gee PC,
 Wm McBride, Sam DiValentino

25th Anniversary Dignitaries
 J. Powell PC, Commandant B.
 Pearce, Dept. Commandant N.
 Corley, NE Division vice
 Commandant Dennis Tobin

Detachment Past Commandants
 Don Gee, Bud Pearce, Jim Powell,
 Bob Sundling, Bill Miller, Don
 Parzanese, Sr.

Detachment Tenure Awards
 Dept. Commandant N. Corley,
 D. Pazanese, Pat Parsonese, Bob
 Sundling, NE Div Vice
 Commandant Dennis Tobin



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
 20-21 MARCH 2015 FORT
 INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2015 DEPT CONVENTION
 24-27 JUNE 2015
 STATE COLLEGE PA

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

This story is about one of our brothers who has since passed on. The Marine was elderly and lived with his ailing wife in a local senior living center.

My wife and I went to visit him and his wife at their residence after church one Sunday. His wife was not doing well. He was struggling to care for her and for himself. During our conversation he mentioned to me that he had a way to make all these physical problems they were experiencing go away. He said he had a 45 caliber pistol and that he thought about using it to end both his wife's and his infirmities.

I asked if he would give the pistol and ammo over to me, but he said no to my request. I asked if he would give the pistol over to a Marine Officer that we both knew from church. He said he would like to talk to the Officer.

With that answer I called the Marine Officer, and a respected church elder. I was fortunate to be able to contact both men very fast. They both lived close by and arrived in less than 15 minutes. They took turns talking to him and finally he agreed to turn over his weapons and ammo to the Marine Officer. He handed over three pistols and a lot of ammo.

God in His kindness allowed this man and his wife to pass away not too long after this incident occurred. We averted what may have been a tragic end of life, and allowed God to work out the lives of this couple according to His plan.

Our Supreme Commandant has a plan for all of us. We need to let Him work in our lives so that we can follow what He wants us to do. Trust your hard times to Him, and thank Him for your good times. He has a plan for you, let Him work His plan in your life.

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 11th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 10 members present including all officers except for the Commandant and Public Relations/Newsletter Editor Alex Kier who were excused and the Junior Vice Commandant and Junior Past Commandant who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bill Miller, Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Chief of Staff Bill Miller, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and Detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino**.

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: Acting Commandant **Don Gee, PC** reported that the Detachment received word that Life Member Bill Mickelson had passed away some time ago in 2014. The Meeting was then dedicated to his memory.

OFFICER REPORTS

Acting Commandant and Senior Vice Don Gee, PC reported on the Detachment Strength and announced that February 20th would be the cutoff date for submissions to the next newsletter.

Acting Junior Vice McBride reported that his community, Buckingham Springs, holds a memorial day celebration every year and that all veterans are welcome to participate. He will report on it more as the time gets closer. He also reported that a vacation resort in Orlando Florida, Shades of Green, caters to Retired and Active Duty by giving great rates to those that qualify. He also talked about the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Additionally, Buckingham Springs will be sponsoring a trip to West Point in the fall. You can contact him for more information. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball has been finalized and will be at the Brookside again with the cost at \$50.

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

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore reported that the proposed bylaw changes were sent out and that voting will take place at the March Meeting.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino had sent out 6 get well cards the past month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC had no color guard requests. For the Young Marine; they had their cold weather training during Super Bowl weekend. It was very cold, but only had 1 foot of snow this year. They were invited to a local gun club, and got to shoot many different weapons.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported he had sales of \$71 since the last Meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Trailer Committee – Marine Gentile reported that the trailer is still being worked on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to have the Detachment Birthday Ball at the Brookside Manor was made by Sam DiValentino and seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC**. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Bob Sundling, PC announced that he had books for sale and that it should be ongoing item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Powell, PC announced that the National Mid-Winter Conference will be held this Thursday thru Saturday. The Department Quarterly Meeting will take place the 3rd weekend in March and the National Northeast Conference will take place the 4th weekend in March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, March 11, 2015.



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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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