

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 9TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The Detachment Meeting this month is one of the most important of the year.

It is the meeting in which you have the opportunity to chose who will serve as your next Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Paymaster.

As in any election process, participation by voters is paramount. In addition to being the time of year when our voices are really heard in a material way, it gives us the chance to weigh the desires of those running for elected office. Has he shown his desire to serve the Detachment by past performance? Is he willing to take on the challenges of the office for which he vies? And, in spite of all else, do we think he is sufficiently motivated to perform his duties in the best interests of the Detachment?

Junior Past Commandant Joe Kier will present a slate of nominees for our consideration and vote. BUT, YOU have to be there to make the process

complete. Please plan to attend the March meeting.

The Detachment, in coordination with the Third Marine Division Association and the Department of Defense Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, will pay tribute to our Vietnam Era Veterans at a future Detachment meeting. Each Vietnam Era Veteran, whether having served "in country" or not, will receive a specially designed commemorative lapel pin and a personalized Certificate of Distinction (see p.5-6). Anyone who served on active duty during the Vietnam War is eligible to receive both the pin and the certificate. If you were on active duty during the Vietnam War, please provide your name to me so we can make the proper preparations to honor you at a Detachment meeting. You can reach me at 215-822-6898 or at usmccca@aol.com.

Hope to see you at the March Meeting.

Semper Fidelis,
Don H. Gee
Commandant



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2016 SPRING PA PACK GROWL
18 MARCH 2016
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING
18-19 MARCH 2016
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

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

2016 DEPT. CONVENTION
22-26 JUNE 2016
DAYS INN
STATE COLLEGE, PA

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

What is your definition of service? In my mind I think of using my time to promote a cause, or to help people to accomplish something that they need to complete. The dictionary provides a very long definition of service. The one that struck a cord with me was this, "to be of use, or to benefit someone other than yourself". So service is doing something to help a person, persons, or an organization.

Jesus said this in Matthew 20:27 to his disciples about serving,

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

We all know that many of our brother and sister Marines, and many other service members gave their lives in serving their country. That is the ultimate service. Giving in any other form to help people in need, or to promote the good of an organization that helps people is also a high calling of service.

When I look at of our Marine Corps League I see examples of good and faithful service. Members spend their own time helping to raise money, working on gaining new members, serving the community by participating in parades, or keeping local roads clean, by serving on color guard duty, mentoring Young Marines, showing our colors on the rifle and pistol ranges, visiting sick Marines, being there for a Marine and his family as we lay one of our brothers to rest.

Marines of Detachment 636, and Marines all over the world, we are servants! Do we want to identify, or debate who is the greatest among us? I say let the service of each Marine speak to the sacrifice of time, and resources that person has made in the service of his country, and for his brothers, and for this organization.

Let us be proud of our work. Let us be proud of our individual, and detachment accomplishments of service. Who is the greatest? The One who went to the Cross for you. To Him be the Glory! Amen.

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 10th, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 9 members present including all officers except for the Senior Vice Commandant, Adjutant and Public Relations/Newsletter Editor who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling** 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 January Meeting as published in *Listen Up!* were adopted.

Sick and Distressed: Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that Don Parzanese had knee replacement surgery and was recuperating.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee reported that our donation to the Christmas Make-a-Wish was reported on in the Intelligencer Newspaper. He also reported on the National Recruiting initiative and also sent in a Boy Scout Report to the Department. He also received a Thank You letter from the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation for our donation.

Junior Vice McBride reported that he had Department Youth and Veterans tickets and encouraged Detachment members purchase them.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also reported on the Detachment strength for the Senior Vice who was not present.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore reported that the Detachment Bylaws were amended with the Section 108 change that was passed by the Detachment and approved by the Department.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that he had sent out a get well and a sympathy card the past month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC had nothing to report on this month.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had nothing to report on this month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion made by **Bob Sundling, PC** and seconded by San DiValentino to take old trailer EGA and give it to Detachment member Joe Tyson who will use it at his property in the Poconos. Motion was passed by the body.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to donate \$200 to the United Veterans of Doylestown to help with Memorial Day Expenses was made by **Jim Powell, PC** and seconded by Bob Spoltore. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Tom Spoltore spoke on the need for a mentor program so that new members can feel more part of the Detachment and understand on what is going on during the meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Powell, PC announced that the National Mid-Winter Conference will be held March 3rd through March 5th. The Department Quarterly Meeting will take place the 3rd weekend in March and the National Northeast Conference will take place the 1st weekend in April.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

71: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 2: DUAL 22: LIFE
21: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS



Distinguished Vietnam War-era Veteran
We pay special tribute to you for your military service to the
United States of America and for advancing the universal
hope of freedom and liberty for all.



Presented on behalf of the
Third Marine Division Association





DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONTINUED



Fact Sheet

The United States of America
Vietnam War Commemoration

Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

... a lasting memento of the nation's thanks!

- **Purpose:** To recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War period.
- **Eligibility:** Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.
- **Presentation:** These lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during public events held in their communities by Commemorative Partners. Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instance when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during a private ceremony.
- **Symbolism:**
 - **Eagle** - The eagle represents courage, honor and dedicated service to our nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned with distinction on numerous military insignia.
 - **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice. The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.
 - **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity and strength.
 - **Stripes** - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
 - **Stars** - The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.
 - **Message** - "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You" is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer, along with the Commemoration's name.



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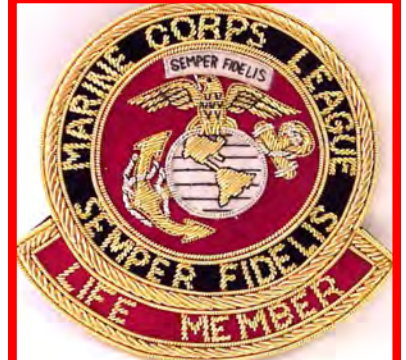
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\$25.00



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LIFE STRIP**

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\$22.00



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“ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE”

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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Applicant's Signature