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## OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 14TH AT 1930

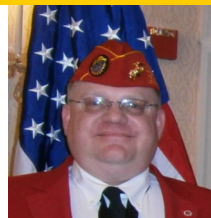
### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

As I enter my third term as your Commandant I would like to thank the 2013-2014 Staff for an outstanding year, and I look forward to keeping the momentum going through the next year. Returning to the staff we have Vince DeBella as Jr.Vice, Jim Powell as Paymaster and Web Sgt., Bob Sundling as Sgt. At Arms, Sam DiValentino as Chaplain, John Ketterer as Public Relations Officer, and Corey Fisher as Quartermaster. New to the staff we have Tom Splotore as Judge Advocate, John Ketterer new to the Adjutant position, and not really new but returning Don Gee as Sr.Vice. I want to welcome back the Marines returning and welcome the new marines to the staff and I am excited to see what our new staff will be able to accomplish in the coming year.

We have our Annual Memorial Day Fund Raiser coming up on Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Jr.Vice DeBella has a sign-up sheet that We

needs to be filled out by the end of the May meeting at the latest; at the meeting he will be able to identify the most needed time slots for the event. The Memorial Day Fundraiser is the largest fund raiser we do, and we need to make sure we have Marines to man the table.

Following our fundraiser is the Memorial Day parade on May 26<sup>th</sup>, we need everyone that can to come out and ride on the float for the parade. The details on the Memorial Day Parade are we will meet at the War memorial Field Stadium parking lot at 0730 to set up the float and get ready to form up for the 0900 flag raising. This year we will have the Detachment formed up at the flag by 0850, Budd Pearce will give the commands to the Veterans group and I will raise the flag. After which we will proceed to our staging area and finish up anything that needs to be done on the float. We are due at the staging area by 0900 but at the



Parade Meeting I confirmed that we could arrive immediately after the flag raising. We have agreed to be the Color Guard for the Parade, and have a firing detail at the cemetery ceremony. As usual the preferred uniform is the short sleeve undress; however red hats are fine too. If you don't have a red hat come on out with your USMC tee shirt and ball cap either way we stand to have a great time at the parade.

Thanks to the efforts of the Parade Committee, Chaired by Jack Gentile, the float will be ready and in a safer condition this year. That's all for now, I hope to see you all at the Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Semper Fi.

#### Department Meeting Schedule.

2014 DEPT. OF PA PISTOL CHAMPINOSHIPS  
31 MAY TO 1 JUNE 2014  
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2014 DEPT. CONVENTION  
25-29 JUNE 2014  
WILKES-BARRE, PA

2014 DEPT. OF PA RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
DATES TBA  
READE RANGE, ALTOONA, PA

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The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 9th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 19 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Geoff Burgess and Judge Advocate Bill McBride who were absent. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members; **Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell, District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller and his Aide de Camp Bob Rup** was also recognized.

This meeting was dedicated to the 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Carl Mundy who passed away on April 3rd.

**New Members:** Tom Hoffman, Robert Timmons, Justin Ortega and Shane Camardo, all active duty Marines were accepted as Regular Members. Michael Gentile was accepted as an Associate Member and took the membership Oath.

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

**Sick and Distressed:** Commandant Kier reported that Associate Member Anthony Lozzi had his back broken while on the job when a piece of concrete fell from a building. He also reported that he too was having some health issues with his liver and underwent testing and is awaiting the results.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Joe Kier** reported on the Detachment Staff Meeting held on April 2nd. There were 10 new member packets put together and 4 were already delivered to past new members who did not receive them. He is working on 20 more for future use. He then discussed the new Detachment recruiting Tri-Fold he is working on. He passed some out and a discussion ensued on how to make it better. He also reported on the Department Pistol Match and asked all those who were interested in shooting with the Detachment to contact him ASAP.

**Senior Vice Commandant** was absent and no report was given.

**Junior Vice Commandant** on the Detachment's attendance of the Military Excellence Competition held on the campus of Villanova University on April 5th. It was a military type competition between several school ROTC cadets. We set up our table and while we did not make a lot in donations we did recruit 5 new members for the Detachment. He also discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Fund Raiser and had a signup sheet for those were willing to help. He is also waiting to hear back from the Doylestown Car Show to see if we can set up a fund raiser at that event. It is scheduled for July 19th.

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

**Judge Advocate** was absent and no report was given.

**Public Relations Officer Kier** set April 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* Newsletter. Don Gee, PC then reported on the Eadle Scout Court of Honor that he attended on April 5th.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** had nothing to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** had nothing to report. He will be looking for Color Guard participants for the Memorial Day Parade.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher** had nothing to report.

**Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC** announced that the next highway cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 12th. We meet at the "Back to the 50s" diner at 0800, located at the corner of RT263 and Edison-Furlong Rd.

**Trailer Committee** - Chairman Jack Gentile reported on the progress of our trailer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commandant Kier brought up submissions for the Department and National Marine of the Year. He proposed nominating Marine Jim Powell for those awards. He then read the nominating letters that he put together to the body. Don Gee, PC then made the motion to nominate and it was seconded by Bud Pearce, PC. It was passed by the body. He also read a letter received from Andrew Nerges, thanking us for our helped with his Eagle Scout project.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

The Department Installation team of District 2 Vice Commandant, Bill Miller and his Aide de Camp Bob Rup with assistance from Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC performed the Installation of Officers ceremony for the Detachment. Prior to the Installation, Don Gee, PC removed his name for Office of Judge Advocate and was nominated for Senior Vice Commandant. Tom Spoltore was nominated for Judge Advocate. Both were unanimously elected.

Those taking the Oath were:

**Elected:**

Commandant	Joe Kier
Senior Vice Commandant	Don Gee, PC
Junior Vice Commandant	Vince DeBella
Judge Advocate	Tom Spoltore
Paymaster	Jim Powell

**Appointed:**

Adjutant/Public Relations	John Ketterer
Chaplain	Sam DiValentino
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Sundling
Quartermaster	Corey Fisher
Web Sergeant	Jim Powell
Newsletter	Joe Kier
Mess Sergeant	Vince DeBella

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

Update pages for the Department Calendar for the month of July were available as the original page had errors. Paymaster Powell informed the body that updates to the Website will be made over the next month. Those updates will include a Forms Page and will contain a League Membership Application, an expense voucher and an Award recommendation form. Changes to the current online applications will be made. The Department Youth and Veterans tickets will be sent to members to help with our fund raising endeavors. **District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller** presented **Commandant Kier** his gold life card.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jim Powell, PC** announced he will be running for Department Commandant at the Department Convention in Wilkes-Barre in June.

**District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller** announced he will stepping down this year.

**Commandant Kier** announced he will be running for Department District 2 Vice Commandant at the Department Convention in Wilkes-Barre in June.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.**



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# CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

We all have our goals, our ideals if you will. Much like the bull's eye at the end of the rifle range, our ideals are what we aim to shoot for. Our ideals are a picture in our mind of how we want to behave, how we want to act, the person we are striving to be.

When we shoot for our ideals, we don't have a precision rifle like our old M14. We have our fallible self to hit the target that we set. Much like a gust of wind, or a flinch of the finger can cause us to miss the target with our M14, so also our attempts to reach our ideals are often thrown off target.

When our spouses, our children, our friends, or our enemies observe that we have missed the mark, they are quick to point out our failure. Sometimes we may be called hypocrites because we have fallen short of our self-proclaimed ideals.

Our Supreme Commandant tells us in Romans 3-23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Yes, all of us will miss our marks many times. He knows we will fall short, and He forgives us. What He expects is that we get up, dust ourselves off, ask for forgiveness, and keep on aiming at the target.

When we fall short, we need to do the same with those who expect us to always hit the bull's eye. Look these people in the eye, admit you have fallen short, ask for another chance, and try harder to aim straight and true, and squeeze gently. Most of time you will hit the bull's eye. Sometimes you will be close. Every now and then, the Maggie's drawers will fly past.



## DETACHMENT INFORMATION

Sgt. At Arms Bob Sundling, PC with Col. Barney Barnum, Marine MOH, Vietnam at the USMC Law enforcement gathering.



2014 Officer Installation, April 9th 2014. Installing Officer DVC District 2 Bill Miller, PC, Aide de Camp District 2 Sgt. At Arms Bob Rupp, Chaplain District 2 Budd Pearce, PC. Installed Officers (from L to R) Adjutant-John Ketter, Chaplain-Sam DiValentino, Quartermaster-Corey Fisher, Sgt.at Arms-Bob Sundling, PC, Judge Advocate-Tom Splotore, Jr.Vice Commandant Vince DeBella, Commandant Joe Kier, Sr.Vice Commandant - Don Gee, PC, Paymaster-Jim Powell, PC.



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 MODD Pound #179 1430 at Chester county  Pound #188 1430 at Doylestown Am Legion	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 Detachment Meeting 1930 Am. Legion Doylestown	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Memorial Day Fundraiser at Doylestown Liquor Store from 1600-Close	23 Memorial Day Fundraiser from 1600-Close	24 Memorial Day Fundraiser from 0900- Close
25 Memorial Day Fundraiser from 1000- Close	26 Memorial Day Parade meet at flag raising area parking lot at 0730	27	28	29 J.F.K.'S birthday	30 Dept.of PA Pistol Match safety brief 1900 HQ bldg. I Gap	31 Dept.of PA Pistol Match  I Gap range 14 0700

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