

# LISTEN UP!



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 13TH 2015 AT 1930**

## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving as your Detachment Commandant. You'll find in the coming months that your team of Detachment officers is here to serve you and not for you to serve them. My major concerns at this point are increasing member attendance at Detachment meetings, getting more members involved in Detachment activities, and having the Detachment become more visible in the community. The Central Bucks Detachment is one of the best represented at the Department level. For the first time in our history, four of our Past Commandants hold key offices in the Department of Pennsylvania. Past Commandant Jim Powell is the Department Commandant. Joe Kier is the District Two Vice Commandant. Bob Sundling is the Department Sergeant-at-Arms. Bill Miller is the Department Chief of Staff. We can be justifiably proud of these Marines and their

commitment and service to our Detachment and Department. We are looking for more Marines of this caliber to join the Detachment and become involved in the Marine Corps League at all levels. If we are to continue with our service to our community and the League, we need YOU to become involved. The Central Bucks Detachment is YOUR Detachment and we need YOU. As Commandant, I am dedicated to serving YOU. If you have ideas which will improve our Detachment or achieve any of our goals, I implore you to share them with me and/or your other Detachment officers. We need your attendance, your participation and your input to continue our success. Won't you join us at our next meeting? And, hang around afterward to share in the camaraderie for which Marines are known.

Respects & Semper Fidelis,

Don H. Gee



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DEPARTMENT OF PA  
SERVICE/OPEN PISTOL MATCH  
MAY 29-31 2015  
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA

DEPARTMENT OF PA  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
JUNE 24-27 2015  
STATE COLLEGE PA

DEPARTMENT OF PA  
FALL STAFF MEETING  
OCTOBER 16-17 2015  
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Dear Supreme Commandant,

I read in Your Book that a man will live 3 score and 10 years. Using old math, I figure that comes to 70 years. I am fast approaching that age and I would like to request an extension.

My reason for this request is that I do not believe that I have completed the assignment that you expected me to accomplish while living on planet Earth.

You asked me to lead others to Your Son, and I have tried. But most times I am met with a great amount of skepticism when I talk about Him. I tell them that John and all of His original disciples, except Judas, saw Him die on a cross, then saw, and spoke with Him alive three days later. I explain that more than 500 people saw Him dead, and later, saw Him alive. You see I tell them this, and yet they will not believe unless You give them faith.

I need more time so that I can continue to tell the story. Please give me the right words to say to help people learn to put their faith in Him for salvation. I would like to get more people on board, and then if you decide to call me Home, I will be ready.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve You. I look forward to whatever assignment You choose for me in eternity.

Your Servant,  
Sam DiValentino  
Chaplain, MCL  
Detachment 636

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members present including all officers except for the Judge Advocate, the Public Relations/ Newsletter Editor and Quartermaster who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Detachment Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Bud Pearce, Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of Pennsylvania Chief of Staff Bill Miller, Department of Pennsylvania District One Assistant Vice Commandant Dan Murray, Department of Pennsylvania District Two Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and Detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino.**

**New Members:** None

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

**Meeting Dedication:** None.

**Sick and Distressed:** Don Warners heart problems are being resolved.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Joe Kier** Reported on his column in Listen Up! Pistol Match is scheduled for May 29-30, please get your paperwork in if you intend to shoot. The Department Convention will be held the last week of June in State College this year.

**Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee** reported on the Detachment strength of 87 of which 74 are regular members, 23 life members, 4 dual members and 13 associates including 1 associate life member.

**Acting Junior Vice McBride** spoke on the West Point trip his community is sponsoring, the down payment is \$25 and due ASAP. Spoke on attending an open house for detachment member Jessica Clymer to show her rebuilt house. He also spoke about getting the trailer title for Detachment records. Trailer inspection due by the end of May, and it was suggested that the Paymaster hold the paperwork for the trailer. We discussed who would tow the trailer and we came up with borrowing a truck from Thompson Toyota in Doylestown. The schedule for the liquor store fund raiser was worked out. He also discussed the Youth and Veteran tickets.

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

**Judge Advocate** No Report.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** had sent out 2 get well cards the past month. His son is getting married on Memorial Day weekend. Sam donated a hitch ball for the parade float.

**Jr Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC** reported that the Detachment Highway Cleanup will take place on this Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Relations Officer** was excused, so **Commandant Kier** reported that April 20<sup>th</sup> was the cutoff for anything to go into the next newsletter.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** Reported that he is looking for a color guard for the Memorial Day Parade.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**INSTALLATION**

Installation was performed by **Dept. Chief of Staff Bill Miller, PC** and **Dept. Assistant Dist One Vice Dan Murray, PC**. Those installed were:

Commandant	Don Gee, PC
Senior Vice Commandant	Bud Pearce, PC
Junior Vice Commandant	Bill McBride
Judge Advocate	Tom Spoltore
Paymaster	Jim Powell, PC
Sgt. at Arms	Bob Sundling, PC
Adjutant	Joe Kier, PC
Chaplain	Sam DiValentino

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Commandant Gee** stated that he would like all appointed officers to retain their positions, and that the parade marshal asked us to do the firing detail at the cemetery.

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dan Murray was asked to ask us if a representative from the Delaware Valley Veterans home could visit the Detachment and explain what they do and the requirements to get into the home. **Jim Powell PC**, announced that he would be running for Department Commandant again this year. Dan Murray announced his intentions for District One Vice Commandant, and **Joe Kier PC** announced his for District Two Vice Commandant.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015.**



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

74: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 4: DUAL 23: LIFE

April 14, 2015

I traveled to Andy's Diner, home to 1210AM radio in Conshohocken, Pa to meet four Medal of Honor recipients. Approximately at 9:30am a white SUV with Police escort arrived. The first occupant to debark was Marine Hershel W. Williams, wearing Marine Corps League uniform with the unmistakable MOH Medal around his neck. Very agile and jovial along with the other MOH recipients, they posed for pictures outside the diner. Since I was in uniform as well, I caught his eye and he gave me a thumbs up and said, "Semper Fi Marine".

Marine Williams has the distinction of being the last living MOH recipient from the WW2 battle for Iwo Jima in Feb/Mar, 1945. The other MOH recipients were from the Vietnam era. They were Col. Barney Barnum, USMC, Michael E. Thorton, USN Seal, and Brian Thacker, USA. All of these heroes were patient, gracious and very inviting; signing autographs and having pictures taken with the crowd.

A once in a lifetime thrill to be "up close and personal" with men who made history.

William McBride, Jr. Vice Commandant

Central Bucks Detachment, MCL





# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## MAY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Pound 188 Growl @ AM Legion 1400	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Detachment Meeting 1930	14	15	16
17 Pound 179 Growl @ Chester Cnty Home	18	19	20	21 Memorial Day Fundraiser starts @ about 1530 @ the Doylestown Liquor Store	22 Memorial Day Fundraiser	23 Memorial Day Fundraiser
24 Memorial Day Fundraiser	25 Memorial Day Doylestown Parade	26	27	28	29 Dept of PA Pistol Match	30 Dept of PA Pistol Match
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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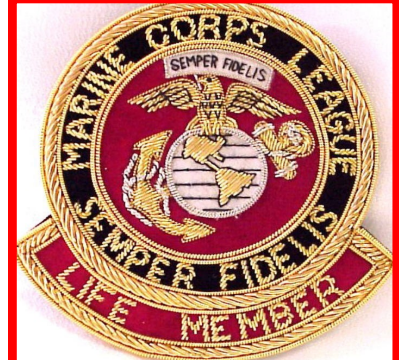
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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES ( ) NO ( ) If YES is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the Marine Corps League.

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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