

# LISTEN UP!



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**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 11TH AT 1930**

## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

MARINES,

As your new Commandant, I still have a lot to learn about the Marine Corps League and I promise to learn as much as I can quickly. My door is always "open" to any questions and/or comments and please feel free to e-mail or call me. I would like to create a "Mission Statement" with the help of our membership and I will endeavor to bolster our ranks with new members and hopefully instill a renewed interest in our activities amongst our existing membership. I realize that some members work a full time job and/or have a family that requires support and I am aware that some of our older members have physical restrictions ( i.e. night blindness and geographical location to name a few) that prevent them from attending meetings and/or activities. In some instance's we can arrange to have someone pick you up so you can attend a meeting. Please ask for assistance by calling me. We have projects/events that take place in the daylight hours and on a Saturday and your assistance/involvement on those occasions would be appreciated. It would be nice to have you attend meetings, but if you just volunteered for some of our activities it would be very helpful, rather than just a few Marine's carrying the load for the Detachment.



As for upcoming events; we will need volunteers to man the table at the Doylestown Liquor store for the Detachment fund raiser which will run from Thursday, May 26th through Sunday May 29th. Just an hour or so of your time is all that is required. Then on Monday May 30th we march in the Memorial Day Parade in Doylestown. We use our trailer/float during the Parade, so you don't have to walk. We hope to see many members of the Detachment on the trailer/float this year. My phone number is listed; so call me to find out how and when you can help.

I humbly request that if you receive a phone or e-mail message from myself or any other Detachment Officer, please respond. If you are not interested in what we are calling for that's fine but tell us. Please don't just ignore the call. Besides, sometimes we just call to say hello and to find out how you are doing.

Thank you and Semper Fi

*Bill McBride*

### Dept. Meeting Schedule

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

2016 DEPARTMENT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL  
CONVENTION  
22-25 JUNE , 2016  
DAYS INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO**

Hello Marines! I want to thank all of you for letting me serve as Chaplain for the last couple of years. I have enjoyed sending "get well" cards, visiting sick Marines, saying the prayers at our meetings, and writing the "Chaplain's Corner" each month.

At my request, Bill McBride, our new Commandant will be appointing a new Chaplain at the next meeting. I will be taking over as Jr. Vice and I want to focus my attention on the duties of that office. The Memorial Day weekend is going to take a great deal of my time with the fund raising at the State Store and the Monday parade. That Saturday starting at 5PM I will be at Doylestown Country Club for a collective 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Central Bucks High School Classes of 1963, 1964, and 1965. That is one busy weekend!

After that, planning for the Marine Corps birthday will be a priority. I want to keep it simple this year, and also give something back to the American Legion post that has been so generous to our Marine Corps League. I plan on having the Ball at the American Legion Post 210, and I will be using their designated caterer. Please plan on attending this year.

It has been a privilege to serve all of you as Chaplain. With your permission, I may sometime submit something in the way of a story for our monthly "Listen-Up" publication. I hope our new Chaplain will decide to keep us spiritually informed and nourished by writing his experiences or perspectives in "Listen-Up".

I am not signing off, just moving over to let another Marine bless us with his insights.

Semper Fi, and a Salute to all of you for your faithful service to our country, the Marine Corps, and our Marine Corps League.

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 13th, 2016, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members present including all officers except for the Adjutant, Public Relations/Newsletter Editor and Quartermaster who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr., Bud Pearce, Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Jim Powell, Department Chief of Staff Bill Miller, District 2 Assistant Vice Commandant Gene Irvin and Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling.**

**New Members:** none.

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

**Sick and Distressed:** It was reported that Cindy Powell would be going into surgery on May 6th and Tom Spoltore reported that he visited Don Warner and that Don is still weak due to his Heart condition, but is optimistic about attending future meetings. Please keep Cindy & Don in your prayers.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Gee** reported that the Department website was up and running. The internet address is [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org). He also reported on his effort to recognize all Vietnam Era veterans through the Vietnam Veteran Commemorative Program. Announced that the movie premiere, 'Tanks', will be on Saturday May 7th at 4:00 PM at the Emmaus Movie Theater.

**Senior Vice Pearce** had nothing to report.

**Junior Vice McBride** congratulated Bob Sundling on his recent retirement.

**Paymaster Powell** presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. Several pieces of correspondence were given and discussed.

**Judge Advocate Spoltore** had nothing to report.

**Chaplain DiValentino** reported that he had sent out a get well the past month.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling** reported that the Young Marines had their Boot Camp the previous weekend with 4 recruits participating. The big excitement of the event was the Black Bear that was in the area during the overnight. He also reported that his son, SSgt Bobby Sundling, was on is advanced training in the upper Michigan peninsula and was the unit's acting First Sergeant.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Highway Cleanup – Bud Pearce, PC** reported that the next cleanup would take place this

Saturday, April 16th at 0800. Anyone participating should meet at 'Back to the 50s' at the corner of Route 263 and Edison Furlong Road.

**Department Pistol Match** – anyone who wishes to participate must get the forms back to **Bud Pearce, PC** within the next 2 weeks. He will also be reserving rooms for those who participate.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **INSTALLATION**

The Installation of Officers and the passing of the Colors was conducted by the Department Chief of Staff **Bill Miller, PC** and his assistant **Gene Irvin, PC**.

Those installed were:

Bill McBride, Commandant

Thaky Haqq, Senior Vice Commandant

Sam DiValentino, Junior Vice Commandant and Chaplain

Tom Spoltore, Judge Advocate

Jim Powell, DC, Adjutant and Paymaster

Bob Sundling, PC, Sergeant-at-Arm

Don H. Gee, PC, Junior Past Commandant

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to put a full page Ad in the Department Convention Book was made by **Jim Powell, DC** and seconded by Sam DiValentino. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**Jim Powell, DC** spoke on the new Honor Guard Ribbon. Discussed the specifics on how someone qualifies for it. Also, requested an Audit Committee be formed to audit the Paymaster records.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following Appointed positions within the Detachment are available to any qualified Marine or Associate:

Chaplain

Adjutant

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor

Please contact Commandant McBride if interested.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.**



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## MAY 2016

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---------|--|---|---|---|
| 1   | 2   | 3       | 3  | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8<br>Mothers Day  | 9   | 10      | 11<br>Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210, Doylestown | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17      | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23  | 24      | 25   | 26<br>Memorial Day Fundraiser at State Store, Veterans Lane, Doylestown. Contact Jr Vice to help. | 27<br>Memorial Day Fundraiser at State Store, Veterans Lane, Doylestown. Contact Jr Vice to help. | 28<br>Memorial Day Fundraiser at State Store, Veterans Lane, Doylestown. Contact Jr Vice to help. |
| 29<br>Memorial Day Fundraiser at State Store, Veterans Ln, Doylestown. Contact Jr Vice to help. | 30<br>Memorial Day Parade, meet at 0815 at CB West Parking Lot, Memorial Dr. Doylestown | 31      |  |   |   |   |

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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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