

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 10TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

As I enter my first term as your Commandant a second time, I look forward to getting the momentum going through the next year. Returning to the staff we have Thaky Haqq as Sr. Vice, **Don Gee, PC** as Jr. Vice, Sam DiValentino as JA/Chaplain, **Jim Powell, PDC** as Adjutant/Paymaster and Web Sgt. and **Bob Sundling, PC** as Sgt. At Arms. I want to welcome back the Marines returning and welcome the new Marines to the staff. I'm excited to see what our leadership will be able to accomplish in the coming year.



We have our Annual Memorial Day Fund Raiser coming up on Thursday May 25th through Sunday May 28th. Jr. Vice **Don Gee, PC** has a sign-up sheet that 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 29th, 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. 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 will have a Detachment formation 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 an exciting time at the parade.

Jr. Past Bill McBride is organizing the Veterans and Youth ticket sales for 2017 and we will need to have our final ticket purchases turned in at the June 14th Meeting.

Lastly, I have been confirmed for surgery May 4th, so hopefully I will be recovered enough by the 10th's meeting. However, if I cannot attend I am sure that Thaky will be able to fill my shoes.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all at the Meeting on the 10th of May.

Semper Fi.

Commandant

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2017 DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA PISTOL MATCH
11-13, JUNE 2017
RANGE 13
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2017 DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL CONVENTION
21-25 JUNE, 2016
WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL
YORK, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Random observations about a crazy world!

There is a whole lot of hoopla going on concerning use of restrooms by people who are transitioning from one sex to the other sex. Ladies transitioning, but really still ladies want to use the men's room, and men transitioning to females want to use the ladies room. There are court battles, and lots of money being spent on lawyers, and many arguments taking place supporting or not supporting each position.

My take on this is simple. Before entering a rest room, simply check what equipment is down there. If male equipment is found, proceed to the men's room. If female equipment is found, proceed to the ladies room. Case closed!

Flying the friendly skies is not very friendly anymore. After all the security checks prior to boarding, passengers may now be subject to getting the snot beat out of them if they fail to give up the seat that they paid for, and are now sitting in. This is part of the contract that a person signs when purchasing a ticket. Greyhound buses are starting to look good to me once again. They may take way longer to get to the final destination, but a passenger will arrive with nose, and dignity still intact.

My church is laying off the most senior pastor. Attendance is about 50 percent of what it was 5 years ago. This good man is getting the axe because Protestants are still protesting, and then they leave the church in search of another church. Now this good man will be looking for a new job because we can no longer pay him.

I pray for wisdom each day, but I never get any wiser. Lord help me understand!

Semper Fi Marines!

Sam DiValentino

Chaplain

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held April 12, 2017, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 11 members present including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Joe Kier, Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell and Department District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier and NE Division Department Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller.**

New Members: Daniel Kohlbek.

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

Sick and Distressed: **Joe Kier, PC** gave an update on his upcoming Gastric Bypass surgery. More under the Chaplain's Report

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride had no report.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on Detachment strength.

Junior Vice DiValentino spoke about the parade and what we need to do to get ready. Paymaster Powell volunteered his truck to pull the float and will get with Bill McBride to make sure all is in order. He also spoke about the Audio system and discussed maybe getting some Buntings for the float too.

Paymaster Powell presented the Financial Report. It was received as presented. Reported that the Trailer Registration was renewed for 5 years and turned over the Registration Form to the Commandant. He also reported that the Post Office Box was paid for the year.

Judge Advocate Spoltore had nothing to report.

Acting Chaplain DiValentino reported that he had spoken with **Bud Pearce, PC** over the past month. His very ill with his cancer but is in good spirits. He is not taking Chemotherapy and is taking meds to cope with the pain. He would like and is expecting his brother and sister Marines to call him and keep in touch. Commandant McBride also implored everyone to call him too. Chaplain DiValentino also let the body know that he was in the hospital over the last month with a pulmonary embolism and all is good at this point.

ACTING Sergeant-at-Arms Don Gee, PC had nothing to report.

Quartermaster had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant passed around an article from the Intelligencer that was focused on the Patriot Detachment and spoke a little on the other Detachments in the county and the need for membership.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don Gee, PC provided the information that the Advertising Committee came up with when they met and gathered during the month. He provided various scenarios. One was a 1/4-page ad in the Intelligencer on Wed/Thu/Fri/Sun for \$1045. Another was Valpak of Philadelphia that goes to 40,000 people in Central Bucks County. It is a 2 sided 8.28" x 3.375" coupon type add that goes out monthly at \$845. The last was from The Bucks County Herald which also runs weekly. It would be 3 columns by 8.5" high color run 4 times for \$1900. Black and white would be slightly less. They also have an online edition which is included. After much discussion, a motion was made by **Don Parzanese, Sr., PC** and seconded by **Joe Kier, PC** to advertise in the Valpak of Philadelphia coupon book. It was passed by the body.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Powell, PDC made a motion, seconded by **Joe Kier, PC** to pay for all our allotted delegate for the Department Convention in York, PA this year. It was then approved by the body.

Jim Powell, PDC made a motion, seconded by **Don Gee, PC** to take out a full-page ad for the Department Convention Book this year. It was then approved by the body.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were installed into office by Past Commandant Bill Miller:

Commandant	Joe Kier, PC
Senior Vice Commandant:	Thaky Haqq
Junior Vice Commandant	Don Gee, PC
Judge Advocate/Chaplain	Sam DiValentino
Adjutant/Paymaster	Jim Powell, PDC
Junior Past Commandant	Bill McBride, PC

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, May 10 , 2017.





DETACHMENT CALENDAR

MAY 2017

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210, Doylestown, Pa	11	12
13	14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Armed Forces Day	21	22	23	24	25 Detachment Fund Raiser State Store, Veterans Way, Doylestown, Pa 1500-2000	26 Detachment Fund Raiser State Store, Veterans Way, Doylestown, Pa 1500-2000
27 Detachment Fund Raiser State Store, Veterans Way, Doylestown, Pa 0900-2000	28 Detachment Fund Raiser State Store, Veterans Way, Doylestown, Pa 1200-17000	29 Memorial Day Parade, Meet 0900 at the War Memorial Parking Lot, Memorial Drive, Doylestown, Pa	30	31		

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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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