

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 13TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a very informational weekend at the Fall Staff meeting, with some great education on installation reports and dues transmittals. The Detachment received the streamer and award for 100% Membership for 2013 and a few of us got some certificates of appreciation. One award which I want to mention separately was awarded to our own Jim Powell, PC who received the 3rd place individual award for the expert class in the service rifle match. He will also be the detachments New High Shooter stealing it away from Vince DeBella with a 186 6 V. The official scores came out and stand as Joe Kier 182 6V and Budd Pearce, PC 181 6V for the expert class rifle team. As I mentioned at the October meeting all of our regular team members shot higher than last year and we look forward to having a full 5 man team next year to go for another team award.



planned with a few new twists that I think everyone will like this year. Please get your forms and payment into Vince A.S.A.P. as we would like to get the money deposited before we have to pay the bill on the 16th. All are welcome and if need be last minute arrivals are welcomed but we prefer to have a close to real head count as possible before the ball. Anyone who has any transportation problems for the ball contact me so I can arrange something.

See you all at the meeting on the 13th, or if not at the ball on the 16th.

Semper Fi,

J.M.Kier

Department Meeting Schedule.

2014 JANUARY STAFF MEETING
3-5 JANUARY
GRANTVILLE, PA

2014 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
14-15 MARCH
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

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

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Vince has a great Birthday Ball

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 09th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 17 members and 1 guest present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and Judge Advocate Bill McBride who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Jim Powell** and **Bill Miller**. Other Distinguished members; **Department District 2 Vice Commandant Bill Miller, Department of Pennsylvania Senior Vice Commandant Jim Powell** and **Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella** were also recognized.

New Members: William Rodgers was accepted and took the Oath.

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

Sick and Distressed: **Commandant Joe Kier** reported Associate Member, David Gentile was in car accident and was hospitalized. We are awaiting word from Senior Vice Gentile on his condition. He also reported that Judge Advocate McBride had Eye Surgery and was recovering. Finally he reported that Bill Mickelson is still not doing well. Chaplain DiValentino will get out get well cards.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported that the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting will take place October 18th and 19th at Fort Indiantown Gap. He also reported that the Department of New Jersey will hold the Annual Carlos Hathcock Match at Cherry Ridge Range in New Jersey on October 20th.

For the Senior Vice Commandant, **Commandant Joe Kier** reported the Detachment strength at 74 with 64 regular, 4 dual and 6 associate members. Of the 74 members, 24 are life members. 1 is in delinquent status.

Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella reported on that we will be participating in the 43rd Anniversary Car Show & Flea Market located at Community Park, Bristol & Hatboro Roads, Warminster, PA. It will run from 0900 to 1530. He also talked about starting some Detachment Fundraising activities. He will be looking into getting a Small Games of Chance License so that we can run these fundraising functions. He also announced the Birthday Ball is on track for November 16th at the Brookside Manor. The cost this year will be \$45 per person.

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

Judge Advocate Bill McBride was excused.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino had nothing to report. He also reported that he had the last printed copy of the Boot Newspaper from Paris Island. It will now on be available in Digitized form. It will be auctioned off at the Birthday Ball.

Public Relations Officer Kier set October 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* Newsletter.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported the on that the Young Marines Car Wash fund raiser at Pep Boys the past Saturday was a success.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce, PC reported that the next Highway Cleanup will take place the Saturday, October 12th. All interested in participating were to meet at the "Back to the 50s" diner at the corner of Rt. 263 and Edison-Furlong Road at 0800.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill Miller, PC reported on the Eagle Scout project of Andrew Nerges, who we donated to. He spoke on it and brought photos.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Scott spoke about the progress of the Bucks County Global War On Terrorism Memorial. He presented Challenge Coins to all in attendance.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Parzanese Sr., PC celebrated his birthday today. **Budd Pearce, PC** announced that immediately after the meeting, the Marine of the Year Committee will meet to decide on the next Detachment Marine of the Year. **Jim McComb** announced on November 9th that the Plumstead Christian School will be holding their annual Veterans Brunch from 0900 to 1100. Also, on November 11th a Veterans Breakfast will be held at the Tohickon Elementary School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.



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CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Who is your enemy? You know, that person who hurt you, or made you feel angry. Maybe you were lied to, taken advantage of, or just plain embarrassed by what your enemy said about you. You would like to get even, or better yet, you would like to get ahead of your enemy and hurt him before he hurts you. In war of course it is always best to be one step ahead of the enemy, and to strike him before he strikes you. How about in your daily life as a civilian? What does our Supreme Commandant say to do to your enemy? Well He says this in Proverbs 25:21. *“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.”*

What does He mean by this? It tics off your enemy when you treat him well? From my experience I believe the Supreme Commandant to be correct. About 12 years ago I wanted to kill the guy who ran off with my wife. I told him to meet me in the park, and we were not meeting to chat. I was going to beat him with my fists. I showed up at the park looking like Rambo. He did not show, but two cops did. He called the police, the smartest move he made in his life.

I decided that the hate I felt was hurting me more than him, so I extended him an olive branch and he accepted. It took some time, but this enemy, and my former wife are now my friends, grandchildren have a way of making old wounds heel fast.

I feel normal again, and he will always have to live with the fact that it was me that started the healing process.

Semper Fi



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP AND THE LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH WILL HOST A HOMETOWN STYLE VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION AT 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL LOCATED AT 5765 OLD EASTON ROAD, PLUMSTEADVILLE PA 18949. THE CELEBRATION WILL COMMENCE WITH THE FLAG RAISING AND SINGING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM. THEN THE CEREMONIES WILL MOVE INDOORS TO HONOR THE VETERANS IN ATTENDANCE. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONIES A DELICIOUS BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED FEATURING HOMEMADE FOOD ITEMS ALONG WITH PASTRIES, COFFEE, AND JUICE. ALL VETERANS WHO ATTEND WILL BE GLAD THEY DID AND ONCE YOU ATTEND YOU WILL COME BACK TO THE EVENT EVERY YEAR.

A VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AT 0800 ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013 AT TOHICKON MIDDLE SCHOOL, 5051 OLD EASTON ROAD, DOYLESTOWN PA 18902. ALL LOCAL VETERANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. FOLLOWING THE BREAKFAST THERE WILL BE A STUDENT GUIDED TOUR OF THE SCHOOL'S WALL OF HONOR WHICH FEATURES RELATIVES OF THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY. IF INTERESTED, YOU MUST SEND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO JIM MCCOMB, JIM_MCCOMB@VERIZON.NET. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL JIM AT 215-489-7711.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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LIBERTY YOUNG MARINES KEEP WARRINGTON SAFE

WARRINGTON, PA – ON SATURDAY, OCT. 12, TWO LIBERTY YOUNG MARINES, ALEXANDRA ARNOLD AND MICHAEL GAIN, LEAPT INTO ACTION AT A CRITICAL MOMENT SAVING SEVERAL CHILDREN FROM SERIOUS INJURY AT WARRINGTON DAYS, HELD AT LOWER NIKE PARK IN WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARNOLD WAS MANNING THE INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE WHEN SEVERE WINDS SWEEPED IT OFF OF THE GROUND INTO A VERTICAL POSITION, WHILE THERE WAS STILL A YOUNG CHILD INSIDE, APPROXIMATELY 8-10 YEARS OLD. THE INFLATABLE WAS ORIGINALLY TETHERED DOWN BUT WAS ABOUT TO BLOW OVER AND ROLL DOWN A STEEP ROCKY EMBANKMENT. THE CHILD FELL OUT OF THE INFLATABLE BUT ONE OF THE TETHERING ROPES WRAPPED AROUND HER WAIST AND WAS DRAGGING HER ALONG WITH THE RIDE'S DESCENT DOWN THE HILL. WITHOUT HESITATION, ARNOLD SWIFTLY RAN TO THE CHILD'S RESCUE PULLING HER TO SAFETY JUST BEFORE THE INFLATABLE WENT OVER THE HILL.

ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, PRIVATE MICHAEL GAIN WAS MANNING THE INFLATABLE SLIDE WHICH ALSO WAS HOISTED INTO THE AIR BY THE STRONG WINDS. HE QUICKLY GRABBED HOLD OF THE TETHERING ROPE PULLING THE INFLATABLE SAFELY BACK TO THE GROUND, SPARING ABOUT 10 YOUNG CHILDREN FROM INJURY.

BOTH 15-YEAR OLDS, ALEXANDRA ARNOLD AND MICHAEL GAIN, RECENTLY JOINED THE LIBERTY YOUNG MARINES, BASED IN WILLOW GROVE, THIS SUMMER. THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE RECRUIT TRAINING CYCLE, CULMINATING WITH AN INTENSE PERIOD OF INSTRUCTION REFERRED TO AS BOOT CAMP, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER RECRUITS AND BECAME YOUNG MARINES AT A CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 25. ARNOLD WAS SELECTED BY THE INSTRUCTORS AS AN HONOR RECRUIT, RECEIVING A PROMOTION TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WHILE GAIN WAS NAMED A PRIVATE AND ALSO RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM HIS FELLOW RECRUITS, BESTOWED WITH THE GUNG HO AWARD. ARNOLD AND GAIN ARE SOPHOMORES AT NORTH PENN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE THEY WERE TODDLERS, GROWING UP TOGETHER ON THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IN NORTH WALES.

THE LIBERTY YOUNG MARINES IS ONE OF OVER 300 YOUNG MARINE UNITS BELONGING TO THE NATIONAL YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM'S GOAL IS TO INSTILL POSITIVE, ENDURING VALUES IN TODAY'S BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 8-18 AND TO PROMOTE A DRUG FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WHILE INSTILLING THE CORE VALUES OF HONOR, INTEGRITY AND PRIDE IN PARTICIPATING YOUTH THROUGH MENTAL, PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGES. ARNOLD AND GAIN'S UNIT IS LOCATED AT THE WILLOW GROVE NAVAL AIR STATION WHERE THEY MEET IN THE AIR FORCE BUILDING EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MRS. EVELYN STINGO AT ESTING7389@AOL.COM.



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238th BIRTHDAY OF THE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE & TIME: Saturday, November 16, 2013, at 1800 (6 p.m.)

PLACE: THE BROOKSIDE MANOR

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DINNER: Roast Sirloin of Beef

or Broiled Salmon

or Chicken Breast with Wild Rice Stuffing

PRICE: \$45.00 per person

RSVP: As Soon As Possible

but NOT LATER THAN 1 November 2013

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HALLOWEEN

31 OCTOBER

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME ENDS

3 NOV

ELECTION DAY

5 NOVEMBER

USMC BIRTHDAY

10 NOVEMBER

VETERANS DAY

11 NOVEMBER

DETACHMENT MEETING

13 NOVEMBER

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CELEBRATION

16 NOVEMBER

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28 NOVEMBER

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11 DECEMBER

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Type of Application – New () Renewal () Membership Type -- Regular () Associate () Dual ()

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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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