

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOV 12TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We have the Birthday Ball this month which looks like it is going to be an awesome event. We have Col. John Church as our guest speaker, and if you haven't heard him speak you're going to want to make it to the Ball, he is one of the best speakers I have ever heard. That being said we need your support at the Ball, coming out to the Ball is how you can support the Detachment. The uniform will be Mess Dress, or Red Blazer if you don't have them the short sleeve undress uniform is fine. If you don't have anything but the Red Cover come dressed nice, either way it is going to be a great time.

We also have Veterans Day, and many things are going on for that as they do every year. Alex will put all of the events that are planned in our area in the Detachment section of the Newsletter.

This month has a lot of reminders of giving with Veterans Day and

Thanksgiving, and we all need to remember what our mission is as Marines, and Leaguers. It's time to recommit to something or maybe commit to something new, an easy way to start is to start coming to every meeting you can possibly make it to. The meetings are where you are going to see what is going on, and then you can plan out your next commitment to your fellow Veterans or the community. If you have any questions there are several people who give most of their free time that can help you at one of the meetings. There is not one event that I attend in the Marine Corps League that I couldn't easily make an excuse to get out of. We all have some sort of work, some sort of family, or some kind of other commitments than the League that would hinder us from coming to the meetings or volunteering for something that our Detachment does. The first step is to make a commitment it gets a lot easier after that first step. As I look back it seems that we have fewer and fewer people participating, there are almost less than a handful of us who actually

contribute to the Detachment and our Membership is higher than ever.

You can do a lot for many years with the Detachment, and you may earn the right to have a leadership position in the Detachment but you should never get to the place where you say you have done enough so if you used to come to the meetings let's get back out there and get to a meeting. If you have issues getting to the meeting you need to contact me a.s.a.p. we can work it out for example; if you don't or can't drive. Anyway that's enough for now remember brothers we need you; see you at the next meeting, Semper Fi!



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 WINTER STAFF MEETING
9-10 JANUARY 2015
HOLIDAY INN GRANTVILLE, PA

2015 SPRING DEPT. STAFF MEETING
20-21 MARCH 2015
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2015 DEPT. PISTOL MATCH
30-31 MAY 2015
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP PA

2015 DEPT. CONVENTION
JUNE 2015
STATE COLLEGE, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

It sure is good to have friends! You know when you need help, they will be the first to offer a hand. When they need help, you are right there with them in their time of need.

How about when a friend is moving? You are there with other friends to take the belongings out of the old house, put them on a rented truck, or your own truck, and deliver them to the new house.

When a friend is in the hospital, you may stop by to visit him or her, even if the hospital is way out of your local neighborhood.

How about home improvement projects? You bring your expertise to your friend's project and see to it that the home improvement gets completed.

Nothing is more enjoyable than sharing a meal and an evening of entertainment, then doing so with a dear friend.

In times of sorrow, friends gather to comfort one another. In times of loss, friends gather to remember the departed friend.

Our Supreme Commandant had a friend named Lazarus. When Lazarus got sick and died, Jesus brought him back to life.

Well we certainly can't do that, but in many ways our friendship helps our friends to live their life assured that they do not have to face hardships alone.

I am lucky to have a few good friends. I think I will just look them in the eye this week and tell them that I am thankful, and grateful that they think of me as a friend. Semper Fidelis!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 8th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 15 members present including all officers except for the Junior Vice Commandant who was absent and the Quartermaster who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese Sr., Bud Pearce, Don Gee, Bob Sundling, Bill Miller and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Chief of Staff Bill Miller, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier.**

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: **Bill Miller, PC** reported that his wife is on the mend and doing much better. **Commandant Kier** discussed his ongoing medical issues. Marine Warner discussed his heart issue the past couple of months.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported on the successful Detachment Pistol Match held on October 4th at the Palmerton Gun Club. He also asked if we wanted to donate money to the Legion or speak to them on helping out around the building to pay them back for using the building

Senior Vice Don Gee, PC reported the Detachment strength at 90 with 77 regular and 13 associate members. There are 9 delinquent members.

Junior Vice was absent and **Commandant Kier** reported on the upcoming Birthday Ball.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. Presented several correspondences received throughout the past month.

Adjutant is vacant, no report.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore reported there were no outstanding issues.

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor Alex Kier announced that October 20th is the cutoff date for anything to be put into the next newsletter.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported that there were no requests for the Color Guard, He then reported on the Young Marines attendance at the Basilone Parade in Raritan, NJ in September. He then reported on their upcoming boot camp.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher was absent, no report.

Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC reported that the highway cleanup will be the upcoming weekend if the weather holds out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trailer Committee Chair Jack Gentile reported on the progress of the trailer. It was brought up that a plaque honoring Marine Hass and Marine Krout should be part of the upgrades on the trailer. Marines Hass and Krout were instrumental over the years of getting and outfitting the trailer.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Gee, PC made a motion to donate \$500 to the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation. It was seconded by **Budd Pearce, PC** and passed the body.

Don Gee, PC made a motion to donate \$100 to the Marine Corps Youth Foundation Tree of Lights. It was seconded by **Budd Pearce, PC** and passed the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Bob Sundling, PC announced that he had books for sale and that it should be ongoing item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commandant Kier announced the Department Staff Meeting will be October 17th and 18th at the Department Headquarters in Fort Indiantown Gap.

Bud Pearce, PC announced that the Detachment Marine of the Year Committee would meet immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until
1930 on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.**



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

77: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE and 9: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS

The Detachment would like to thank the following members for helping with the Department 2014 Youth and Veterans Ticket sales:

Carl CASTELLANO

Michael CONCORDIA

Sam DiVALENTINO

Brian DONOVAN

Phil EMERY

Don GEE

Vincent HAGAN

Bud HEALY

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Joseph KIER

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Bob SUNDLING

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Don WARNER

Charles WILSON Jr.

Leland WIMER

Charlie WURST

Vincent YEASTED



DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONT.

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT
239th BIRTHDAY OF THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

DATE & TIME: Friday, November 14, 2014, at 1900 (7 p.m.)

PLACE: THE BROOKSIDE MANOR

50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA

DINNER: Roast Sirloin of Beef

or Broiled Salmon

or Chicken Breast with Wild Rice Stuffing

or Filet Mignon

PRICE: \$45.00 per person

\$55.00 per person for the Filet option

RSVP: As Soon As Possible

but NOT LATER THAN 8 November 2014

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BY CHECK or MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, MCL

Name: _____ **No. of People Attending:** _____

Please write in the amount of each meal needed

_____ Roast of Sirloin Beef

_____ Broiled Salmon

_____ Chicken Breast

_____ Filet Mignon (\$55.00)

WE NEED TO GET AS MANY OF THESE BACK AS POSSIBLE BY NOVEMBER 8TH



DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONT.

The
Philadelphia Regional Office
CLAIMS CLINIC and OPEN HOUSE
with Veterans, Family Members, and Survivors
Hosted by Diana Rubens, Philadelphia Regional Office Director

WHO: *Veterans, their Families and Survivors, and any organization or individual who works with or on behalf of Veterans*

WHAT: *Claims Clinic and Open House*

WHERE: *Philadelphia Regional Office
5000 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia PA 19144*

WHY: *To share information, hear feedback, and answer questions on VA compensation, pension, insurance, loan guaranty, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and education benefit programs*

WHEN: *Monday, November 10, 2014 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
(There were also be a claims clinic preceding the Open House from 4:00pm-6:00pm)*

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

or

Copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://event.celebrations.com/phlro-openhouse>



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of Veterans Affairs



DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONT.

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY HONORS YOUR SERVICE! VETERANS DAY AT IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY NOVEMBER 11TH

Immaculata University welcomes Veterans, Active Military, Guard and Reservists, their families and the public to celebrate the past and continuing contributions of service men and women.

Join us at Immaculata University.
All sessions are free and open to the public!



Brigadier General
Carol Eggert



6:30 p.m. Speech & Dessert Reception GREEN ROOM

Brigadier General Carol Eggert recently retired as the Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania National Guard and also Deputy Commandant - Reserve Affairs, at the United States Army War College.

Brig. Gen. Eggert is the recipient of multiple military awards and decorations including the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Action Badge, Legion of Merit, and Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.

To RSVP log onto:
iuvetday2014.eventbrite.com
or contact The College of
LifeLong Learning at
610-484-3238

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (ALL FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

- 9:00 a.m. FRONT CAMPUS FLAGPOLE: Flag Raising with Bagpipes
- 9:30-9:50 a.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: The Military Industrial Complex and the Environment
- 10-10:50 a.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: The Science of Modern Warfare
- 11-11:50 a.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: The Modern Veteran in Today's Economy
- Noon GABRIELE LIBRARY: Mass Dedicated to Veterans
- 1-1:50 p.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: World War I – Looking Back: A Century of Perspective
- 2-2:50 p.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: The Return of the Modern Veteran as Mediated Through Film
- 3-3:50 p.m. GABRIELE LIBRARY: Homeland Defense: A Short History




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DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONT.



Honoring All Who Served

Bridge Valley Elementary would like to invite you to a special tribute to honor all Veterans. The Bridge Valley family would like to present you with our Honorary Trailblazer Award to express our respect and appreciation for all you have done to serve our country.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 4, 2013 at nine thirty a.m. in the Bridge Valley Elementary gymnasium.

Bridge Valley Elementary School

2280 Sugar Bottom Road

Furlong, PA 18925

267-893-3700

Please RSVP by October 28, 2014 so we have appropriate seating.

Contact: Ms. Katie Melberger, Student Support Counselor, kmelberg@cbsd.org



DETACHMENT INFORMATION CONT.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
NOON - 2 PM
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WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY**

The pleasure of your company is requested as our community comes together to thank and honor those who have served our nation.

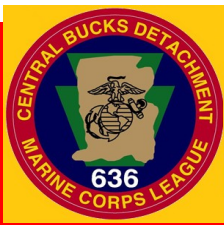
Lunch will be served - Event open to our military community & their families.

Please RSVP to Karen Birmingham at 215.348.8131, x1186 or kbirmingham@cbfymca.org.



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DETACHMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6	7	8
9	10 U.S.M.C. 239TH BIRTHDAY	11 VETERANS DAY	12 REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING 1930	13	14 CENT BUCKS DET BIRTHDAY BALL 1900 BROOKSIDE	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ + _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

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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