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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON NOV 11TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Unfortunately, due to a lack of participation, our planned Birthday Ball has been cancelled. In its place, we will hold a formal cake-cutting ceremony as a part of our November Meeting.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride has adapted and overcome the situation and has come up with a program and special refreshments for us to mark the occasion. You don't want to miss this observance of our 240th Marine Corps Birthday.

Bucks County's Director of Veterans Affairs Dan Fraley will be our Guest Speaker and our Liberty Young Marines Unit will be in attendance

Part of the special November Meeting activities will be the naming of our Detachment's "2016 Marine of the Year" and the presentation of awards to members who have made extraordinary contributions to the Detachment during the past year. If you have someone you think is deserving of an award for his/her service to the Detachment during the past year, please send me an e-mail with the person's name and contributions as soon as possible.

The preferred uniform for the November Meeting--if you have it--is the "Casual Uniform Male/Female" which includes the Standard cover, red blazer, white shirt (no collar insignias), black tie, black trousers, black socks, black shoes, and lapel pins (optional). The ONLY "official" Marine Corps League uniform item is the standard (red) cover with appropriate emblem.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino, who filled in for Adopt-A-Highway Committee Chairman Budd Pearce for the Saturday, Oct. 17, highway clean-up informed us of a "mission accomplished." Thanks, Sam, for stepping up and handling this vital program for us. It is sincerely appreciated.

Hope to see you at the November Meeting. Have a Happy Halloween! Semper Fi,

Don H. Gee
Commandant



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THE DAY FOR
MEETINGS HAS
CHANGED TO CASUAL
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Dept. Meeting Schedule

2016 WINTER PA PACK GROWL
8 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 WINTER STAFF MEETING
8-9 JANUARY 2016
HOLIDAY INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 SPRING PA PACK GROWL
18 MARCH 2016
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING
18-19 MARCH 2016
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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Somewhere in The Good Book there is a saying about how

“Many hands make the work go fast.” We all know that is true on most work projects, and we all appreciate when many workers come to share in the work.

Our long running work service project to keep Swamp Road clean requires a minimum of 6 Marines. For the last year there has been an average of 11 people to help with the labor of keeping Swamp Road clean. That is very good except that usually only four or five of that group is made up of Marines. The rest are people from the Central Bucks class of 1964, or family members of the Marines that are present.

How much longer can we count on non-Marines keeping our commitment to clean Swamp Road? I don't know the answer to that question. Is it a good reflection on 636 to keep relying on others to help us accomplish our commitments? My answer to that question is no.

I think at a meeting soon to come we must ask the question “Can we continue to do the road cleaning project?”

We have to search our hearts, and our guts and come up with an honest answer. We can't keep saying “Yes we will,” when the actual Marine turnout continues to be below 6 members each and every road clean-up Saturday.

Semper Fi Marines!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 14th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members including all officers except for the Public Relations Officer who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. Joe Kier and Jim Powell, DC.** Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and 2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of PA District 2 Vice Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling and Detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino.**

New Members: None.

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

Sick and distressed: none.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee Attended the 58th CB West high school reunion and presented Tony Parzanese with his MCL tenure award there.

Paymaster Jim Powell, DC for the Sr. Vice reported the Detachment strength at 85 members including 71 Regular Members of which 22 are Life Members and two are Dual Members; and 15 Associate Members of which one is a Life Member. There are 21 members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride purchased a Tarp for the parade float at a cost of \$82.00. A motion was presented and seconded to cancel the Central Bucks Birthday Ball, the motion passed and the Birthday Ball was cancelled. Jr Vice McBride and Jr Past Commandant Kier will be putting together food and a cake cutting ceremony for the Nov 11th Meeting. Jr Vice McBride will check to see if our scheduled guest speaker Bucks County Director of Veterans Affairs Dan Fraley can attend that meeting.

Paymaster Jim Powell, DC presented the Paymaster's financial report for September and it was adopted.

Adjutant/Jr. Past Joe Kier, PC. Minutes from the September Meeting were published in the October Newsletter.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore announced that he will not run for JA in for 2016.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino sent a card to Vincent Yeasted family and sent the required paperwork to the Dept. of PA for the passing of Vincent.

Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC will get the young marines to attend the Nov. 11th Detachment meeting

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had no report.

Public Relations/Newsletter Alexandra Kier was excused

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Detachment Pistol Team Captain Joe Kier, PC Detachment 2nd Annual pistol match was held October 10th at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club and was well attended the match went well and we had almost double the turn out from our first year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Detachment Awards from the Dept. Convention were presented by Jr Past Commandant Joe Kier they will also be scanned and posted in the awards section of the web site.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, November 11th, 2015.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

**71: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 2: DUAL 22: LIFE
21: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS**

IF YOU HAVE ANYONE WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT UP FOR AN AWARD AT THE NOV. 11TH MEETING GET THE INFORMATION TO DON GEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE AWARD FORM IS ON OUR WEB PAGE AT [HTTP://WWW.MCLCB.ORG/FORMS/AWARD.PDF](http://www.mclcb.org/forms/award.pdf)



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day/Det. Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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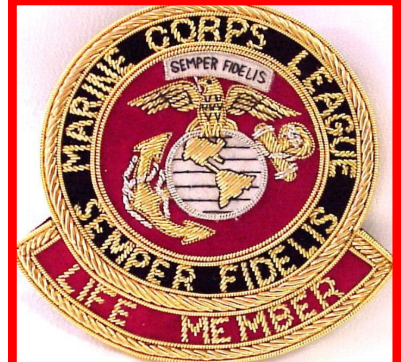
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

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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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