

# ***LISTEN UP!***



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**THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

## **COMMANDANT'S COLUMN**

The end of the year 2016 is quickly approaching and maybe it's time for us as Marine's to re-affirm our commitment to the Detachment. The core of our Detachment is getting older and less able to meet the obligations that we have taken an oath to uphold when we joined the Marine Corps League. I have voiced my concerns regarding the lack of attendance at our meetings, the indifference shown by many when the call is made for Marine's to help when we have a need for a Color Guard, or attendance at Parades or for our long standing commitment to the Swamp Road clean-up. We have planned our celebration for the Birthday of the Marine Corps for November 12th and have sent out E-mails requesting your attendance and have even waived any costs involved. We would like to have your attendance and definitely need a reply so that our Jr Vice Commandant can complete his preparation for this event. We have given you advance notice and would very much appreciate your attendance at this last event of the year. Show your Marine Pride, don your red cover if that's all you have and come to the celebration.

Thank you Marines.

*Bill McBride*



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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO**

Proverbs 17:28 says "Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue." Benjamin Franklin said the same thing this way, "It is better for a man to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt." I am not sure what to say tonight so maybe I don't want to sound like a fool, but here goes the words.

Detachment 636 is almost ready to celebrate the birth of the United States Marine Corps. Our celebration will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in Doylestown. We had meetings, formed a committee, met with the caterer, selected the food. Then we decided to pass the bill for the party on to the Detachment 636 treasury.

This has not been easy. There have been some heated discussions about the venue, the food, the door prizes, the raffle, and so on.

I would like to see the members and wives enjoy the meal, the ceremony, and the evening. I would like to see gratitude to our hosts, The American Legion for allowing us to use their facility free of charge. I would like to see a true reverence for the sacrifices of every man and woman who was fortunate enough to wear our beloved Marine Corps Uniform. I would like to see all of us as Marine brothers and sisters appreciate all that each of us do to make our detachment a success. God Bless all who are here tonight, and all who serve our country tonight.

Happy Birthday USMC!

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held October 10, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 10 members present including all elected officers except for the Judge Advocate who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, Bud Pearce, Joe Kier and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and Department District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier.** Detachment Marine of the Year **Joe Kier** was recognized.

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: None

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Commandant McBride** brought in and showed the member the mug to be given out at the Birthday Ball. He also spoke on door prizes and auction items he has received so far.

**Senior Vice Haqq** reported on the Detachment strength. There are a total of 17 delinquent members.

**Junior Vice DiValentino** spoke on our upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball. It is set for November 12th at the Legion Hall where we meet. Also, the Audit Committee will convene at his residence prior to the November meeting.

**Paymaster Powell** presented the Financial Report. It was received as presented.

**Judge Advocate:** excused.

**Acting Chaplain Pearce:** had nothing to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling** reported that the Young Marines are doing well as they are growing. At the present time they are up to 18 members.

**Junior Past Commandant Gee** reported that Bridge Valley Elementary School on Furlong Rd. will be holding a Veterans Day program on November 10th at 0930. Also Central Bucks East High School will be welcoming veterans on November 11th at 0755.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Detachment Pistol Match – **Joe Kier, PC** presented the final results on the Detachment Pistol Match that took place at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club on October 1st. The Pistol Match brought in \$1,130.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Commandant McBride** presented Thompson Toyota a Certificate of Appreciation for allowing us to use a loaner truck to pull our float.

# MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

# MINUTES

## NEW BUSINESS

**Jim Powell, PDC** made a motion to donate \$900 to the MCL of Pennsylvania Foundation. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and passed by the body.

**Joe Kier, PC** made a motion to donate \$100 to the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club for generous offer to allow us to use their Range for our Pistol Match at no charge. It was seconded by **Bud Pearce, PC** and passed by the body

**Commandant McBride** presented Sam DiValentino a Ceremonial Guard Ribbon for his participation in 10 or more Color/Honor Guard functions since January 2010.

## GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

The Detachment Marine of the Year Society is to meet immediately after the meeting to nominate and vote on a new Detachment Marine of the Year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim McComb announced that there will be 2 Veterans Day Celebrations. The first will be at the Plumsteadville Christian School on November 12th at 0900 and the second will be at the Doylestown YMCA at 1200.

**Joe Kier, PC** announced that the Department Staff meeting will take place this coming Friday and Saturday at the Headquarters Building on Fort Indiantown.

**Commandant McBride** announced that the next Highway Cleanup will take place on Saturday, October 22nd. Anyone interest should meet at the "Back to the 50s" diner at the corner of Rt. 263 and Edison-Furlong Rd. at 0800.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.



# BIRTHDAY BALL

## REMINDER

### 2016 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

The Central Bucks Detachment of the Marine Corps League requests the honor of your company at the 2016 Marine Corps Birthday celebration.

The celebration will take place on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>

From 6PM until 10PM at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion located at 315 North Street, Doylestown, PA. 18901

The evening is provided compliments of Detachment 636, Marine Corps League for current members and their spouses. The cost for non-members is \$37.00 per person.

Michele Katarski Catering will prepare and serve the celebration meal. The Marines will perform the famous cake cutting ceremony. There will be door prizes. There will be adult beverages and soft drinks provided.

Don Gee will be the Master of Ceremonies and provide us once again with his wit and wisdom. We are seeking a guest speaker for the event.

You can send your RSVP to Sam DiValentino at [samathome1218@yahoo.com](mailto:samathome1218@yahoo.com). You can also call Sam at

215-718-6944. You can mail your reply to him at

149 Old Orchard Road, Chalfont, PA. 18914. Non members can mail their check made out to Detachment 636, MCL to Sam's home address.

I look forward to greeting you on November 12<sup>th</sup>.



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2016

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Saving Time ends		Election Day	Detachment meeting	Marine Corps Birthday	Veterans Day	Central Bucks Detachment Birthday Ball 1800
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Thanksgiving		
27	28	29	30			

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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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