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### OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 9TH AT 1930

## **COMMANDANT'S COLUMN**

Marines,

We had a great turn out at our September meeting, including three new regular members and one guest we hope to see come join at our meeting in October. These new Detachment members were contacted by Marine Geoffrey Burgess, and Jr Vice commandant Vince DeBella at the last gun show. In our Detachment information section this month is a flyer for the next and last gun show of this year, and we need to

have more members out there at the table with Geoff and Vince. After just meeting with Geoff and Vince two times in the last three days to have a fundraising committee and Birthday Ball Meeting, we have been talking about increasing our participation at these events. We need you out there to show our strength, and if you are on one of the shooting teams you need to be out there at least one of the days. Jr Vice DeBella will be filling us in at the October meeting on some great things coming up in the future, like a car show and a basket of cheer raffle. At the October



meeting we will be finalizing everything for the Birthday Ball so if you want to have any input make sure you come out on the 9<sup>th</sup>. I mentioned the parade float committee and the only information I have so far is that we are going to wait until spring to get the new tires, that's all for now. Hope to see you all at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Semper Fi,



# Department Meeting Schedule.

2013 FALL DEPT. STAFF MEETING
18-19 OCTOBER
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2014 JANUARY STAFF MEETING 3-5 JANUARY 2014 GRANTVILLE, PA

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

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

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OUR NEXT HIGHWAY CLEANUP WILL BE ON SATURDAY OCT. 12TH @ 0800 AT THE BACK TO THE 50'S RESTURANT.

#### MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING

# MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 11th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 20 members and 1 guest present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and Chaplain Sam DiValentino 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: Lauren Ben, Jean Keating and Carl Castellano were accepted and took the Oath.

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

Sick and Distressed: Commandant Joe Kier reported that Bill Mickelson is still not doing well.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Commandant Joe Kier reported that the Toy for Tots meeting will take place on October 22nd in Quakertown. Volunteers are needed for Jamieson, Warrington and Doylestown. Anyone interested in helping can contact him or **Don Gee, PC**.

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. 3 are in delinquent status.

Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella reported on the Gun Show on September 7th and 8th. He along with Geoff Burgess manned the table at the show. They raised \$171 along with 3 the new members who joined today and another 4 possible new members. He announced that the next Show will take place on December 7th and 8th. Anyone interested in participating should contact him. He also discussed the Birthday Ball which will be held on November 16th at The Brookside Manor again this year. It is located at 50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA. The cost will be finalized in the next week and be posted in the next newsletter. Also, the next fund raising event will be at Rice's Market in Solebury on Black Friday. Anyone interested in helping should contact him promptly.

Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. Asked for anyone interested in helping to paint the Department Headquarters building

Judge Advocate Bill McBride had nothing to report.

Acting Chaplain Budd Pearce, PC had nothing to report on.

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

# MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED



Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported the on the Young Marines trip to 8 & I on August 30th. He also reported that there will be a Fund Raiser for Tunnel to Towers Foundation at Brian's Harley Davidson in Langhorne this Sunday and special guest Cpl. Todd Love will be in attendance.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported that he had a couple of Red Jackets for sale.

Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce 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. He also reported on the Department Rifle Match at Reade Range. Everyone had a great time and shot well. Sr. Vice Powell was team high shooter this year.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commandant Kier presented Judge Advocate Bill McBride his Life Member Gold card.

#### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**Bob Sundling, PC** reminder the membership to bring in books for the Book Exchange program he is running for the Detachment.

#### <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Jim Powell, PC announced that the next Growl for Pound 179 will be held on September 22nd at the Chester County Detachment home in Downingtown, PA. Election and Installation of Officers will take place at that Growl. Also the next Department Staff Meeting will be held on October 18th and 19th at the Headquarters Building in Fort Indiantown Gap. Budd Pearce, PC announced that after the October meeting the Marine of the Year Committee will meet to decide on the next Detachment Marine of the Year. Anyone may submit a nomination. Nominations should be in writing and adhere to the guidelines in Detachment Bylaws. Bill Miller, PC reported that his grandson would complete in the next week, his Eagle Scout project that the Detachment donated to. Commandant Kier announced that anyone can recommend other members for awards and should contact Senior Vice Gentile or him as soon as possible with those nominations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.



# CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT, INC. #636

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# **CHAPLIN'S CORNER**

#### BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

While vacationing at Cape May, New Jersey, I met a World War II Army veteran. We struck up a conversation while I was waiting for my wife as she shopped one of the many ladies stores located at the Cape May Pavilion.

He told me he fought in France, and then went on to Germany. He told me he walked most of the way, and got an occasional ride on a tank.

He and his wife revisited the area in France where he fought. At first he was apprehensive about going back to France, but he overcame his emotions and ended up having a wonderful time with his wife.

In Cape May he was also revisiting the hotel where he and his wife spent a week each summer for 25 years. This time was different though because he was by himself. His wife had passed on three years ago. He did not think that he would ever come back to Cape May, but he wanted just one more time to remember the great times he shared with his spouse. He stayed at the same hotel, and he said he felt good to be in a place they both enjoyed so much.

As we parted I asked our Supreme Commandant to bless this old soldier for both his service, and his faithfulness to his country and his spouse. It is men like him that have kept America strong and free. Semper Fi



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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#### **NEWS FOR ALL VETERANS.....**

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1957 to December 31, 2001, and planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it! Soc Sec website: http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm. This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 to December 31, 2001. FYI - this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has. I know this may be too early for some of you to think about social security but, keep living and you will get there.





## **CALL TO DUTY**

#### ARE YOU A WORLD WAR II VETERAN?

#### DO YOU KNOW A WORLD WAR II VETERAN?

#### Time is of the essence!

Honor Flight Philadelphia is looking for WWII veterans to honor with a trip to their National Memorial in Washington, D.C. on November 2, 2013 for a day of honor and recognition, a day they so richly deserve. During this trip the World War II veterans will be recognized, thanked and admired as the conquering victors that saved the world.

An Honor Flight trip is simply a small token of our appreciation for their service and sacrifice, for all that they have given to our great nation.

Transportation, breakfast, lunch, dinner as well as a Welcome Home and USO style show will be provided at **NO COST** to the veteran.

Please contact JoDean DeSilva at 610-627-1494 or philjodean@aol.com for a veteran application and more details regarding the trip.



## DETACHMENT INFORMATION

# Valley Forge Gun Show - 2 Great Locations 2013 Gun Show Schedule

**Lancaster County Convention Center** 25 S. Queen Street

Lancaster, PA 17603

April 20 & 21

September 14 & 15

**SMG Sports Plex** 

654 York Road Warminster, PA 18974

April 6 & 7

June 22 & 23

September 7 & 8

December 7 & 8

Admission: \$8
(12 and older)
Under 12, admitted free with
parent.
Ages 12 to 18, must be
accompanied by an adult.

OPEN HOURS: Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 4 pm

FREE APPRAISALS

Warminster: Free Parking

#### BUY - SELL - TRADE

Rifles, Shotguns, Handguns, Antique Firearms,
Military Surplus, Ammunition, Nylon and Leather Accessories,
Hunting and Collectible Knives,
And much more!

OUR DETACHMNET WILL BE MANNING A TABLE AT THE SMG COMPLEX EVENT ON DECEMBER 7TH ND 8TH. WE WILL BE RECRUTING AND ACCEPTING DONATIONS AS USUAL. HOWEVER FOR THIS EVENT WE WILL HAVE A TOYS FOR TOTS BOX. CONTACT JR.VICE DEBELLA TO COME OUT AND MAN THE TABLE, IF YOU CANT MAKE IT COME OUT AND DROP OFF A TOY.

# CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT MARINES ON THE NET

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DETACHMENT MEETING
9 OCTOBER

COLOMBUS DAY 14 OCTOBER

DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY
MEETING/MODD GRAND GROWL
18-19 OCTOBER
FT. INDIANTOWN GAP PA

HALLOWEEN 31 OCTOBER

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 3 NOVEMBER

ELECTION DAY
5 NOVEMBER

USMC BIRTHDAY
10 NOVEMBER

VETERANS DAY
11 NOVEMBER

DETACHMENT MEETING
13 NOVEMBER

CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT
USMC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
16 NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING DAY 28 NOVEMBER

DETACHMENT MEETING
11 DECEMBER

MODD ALBERT E. SMITH POUND
#179 GROWL AND HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
1430, 15 DECEMBER CHESTER
COUNY DETACHMENT HOME
DOWNINGTOWN, PA

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DETACHMENT COVER \$22.00



USMC SATIN JACKET \$55.00



BLAZER CREST \$25.00



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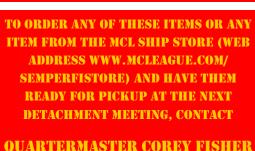
MCL SUNBURST
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\$10.00



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PATCH \$3.50



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AND MEDALS
\$1.25 AND UP



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#### ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



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