

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 8TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We have a big event in a couple of weeks, the Annual Central Bucks Pistol Match; details will be on the Detachment page in this newsletter. What I need from you is some support, the week before on Saturday September 27th there is a range cleanup at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club; I need people to meet me up there at around 9 AM. If anyone wants to ride up with me I can take six in my van, this is something we really need support on. Also we need people to help at the match, we need people to help at registration, and during the match to keep scores calculated so we will be ready to give out awards shortly after the match ends. I also want to make sure all who want to come out to shoot, remember this is a service/open match, so you can shoot almost any pistol you have. It just has to be between .22 Cal and .50 Cal. As far as volunteers go this is not a Central Bucks Shooting team event, this is a Detachment event. I hope to see you all there; it looks like it is going to be a great event.

We also have our Birthday ball coming up soon even though we will have a meeting in November before the Ball if you want to have any input on the event you should come to the meeting on October 8th. The next Highway cleanup will

be on October 11th this is another event we need people to attend; we need six people to do the cleanup effectively. The last highway cleanup Chaplain Sam DiValentino brought six people from his graduating class, which was great, but we should have more members than outside volunteers at one of our events.

The last topic I want to touch on is our committees, I had put a message out for the committee chairpersons to contact me (ideally by email) to let me know how the committees are going and if there is anything they need from me or the Detachment. The active committees I am aware of are the Highway Cleanup, Toys for Tots, Parade/Trailer, Fundraising, and the Birthday Ball. I need a short report from all of the committee chairs' as soon as possible.

That's all for now, Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier
Commandant



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2014 FALL DEPT. STAFF MEETING
17-18 OCTOBER 2014
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

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 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JUNE 2015
STATE COLLEGE, PA

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THE NEXT HIGHWAY CLEANUP IS OCTOBER 11TH AT 0800



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Commitment is a strong word that means a person has promised to do something for himself, his family, or an organization that he has joined.

When we repeated our Oath of Membership on the day we joined Detachment 636, we made a commitment to uphold and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and of the Marine Corps League.

If you take a close look at the Oath of Membership, you will see that the phrase "I will never" appears some four times in the Oath. Yes, we will never do certain things as long as we are members of the Marine Corps League. I do not see the phrase

"I will never help" included in the Oath.

There are things that as members of Detachment 636 we need to do for our organization. We are committed to raising money for our good purposes such as giving scholarships, helping other organizations, or for whatever good cause we deem necessary. We are committed to having a color guard in the Memorial Day Parade, and in the Fourth of July Parade.

We committed to cleaning Swamp Road four times per year.

These commitments are not optional, we took them on with the understanding by our Oath, that our members would be there as many times as possible to help honor our commitments.

We need all of us working together to honor the commitments of Detachment 636. For you Marines that are there helping whenever time permits, thank you very much for helping honor the commitments of Detachment 636. Semper Fi!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 10th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members present including all officers except for the Senior Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate and Sergeant at Arms who were excused, the Junior Vice Commandant, Adjutant and Quartermaster who were absent. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bill Miller, Don Parzanese Sr., 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 and District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier**.

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: Don Parzanese Sr., PC reported his brother and Detachment member Tony, had a serious emergency eye surgery due to a torn retina. He is doing okay and recovery will take at least a month. **Commandant Kier** discussed his medical issues from last month and is doing fine.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier reported on the Detachment Pistol Match on October 4th and the work party on September 27th at that the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club. He also reported on the Department Rifle Match on September 6th. Received correspondence on an offer for Veterans Appreciation Night tickets for the Philadelphia Flyers on November 6th. Anyone interested should contact him. He also shared the Washington's Crossing Foundation Newsletter he received.

Senior Vice was excused and **Commandant Kier** reported the Detachment strength at 90 with 77 regular and 13 associate members. There are 6 delinquent members.

Junior Vice was absent and **Commandant Kier** reported that we have 2,000 Youth and Veterans Tickets and will be getting them out in the near future. The Birthday Ball is squared away and more information will be in the upcoming newsletter. We do have roses and will be setting up a fundraising weekend soon.

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 was excused, no report.

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

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that he sent out 4 get well cards the past month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC was excused, no report.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher was absent, no report.

Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce, PC had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trailer Committee Chair Jack Gentile reported on the progress of the trailer. He is in the process of trying to get the trailer repainted. He is also trying to get a new EGA for the trailer built.

Commandant Kier presented the new Detachment Trifold with application included and if anyone wants to take some please do.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant Kier asks that anyone who can help at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club with the work party on September 27th or even if those not shooting at Detachment Pistol Match on October 4th and can help with the match should contact him ASAP.

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 next Highway Cleanup will take place on October 11th at 0800. We will meet at the 'Back to the 50's' diner at the intersection of Rt. 263 and Edison-Furlong Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

TOTAL 90: REGULAR 77: ASSOCIATE 13:

6: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS



ANNUAL CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT SERVICE/OPEN PISTOL MATCH



Date: 10/04/2014

**Time: 10:00 AM (registration starts
at 9:00AM)**

225 Gun Club Road, Palmerton PA 18071

Held at the :

For Directions go to:

<http://www.palmertonrgc.org/prgcdirections.php>

Match costs are as follows \$30 for one match and \$45 for both. Match will follow the regular NRA service pistol 25 yard match, the open match will follow the same except any pistol may be fired between .22 and .50 cal (center fire only).

CALL JOE KIER @ 267-249-4882 for more information and match rules.





DETACHMENT INFORMATION

CONTINUED

This is a Service Pistol and Open Pistol Match, competitors in different classes will be given different color score cards. The Match rules will follow the NRA service pistol 25yd match. The open match will run under the same rules, except weapon type is any CENTER fire weapon between .22 cal. and .50 cal. All competitors must be 18 years old on the date of the event, sign a release and hold harmless agreement, and supply their own ammo. The cost for each shooter is \$30, if you wish to shoot both classes, the cost will be \$45. Scores from the service match will be eligible for the MCL National postal match as long as the shooter is a member in good standing in the Marine Corps League and pays the \$10 fee, more details will be available at the event. This match is sponsored by the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League, and a greater portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Marine Corps League Foundation of PA. I have secured a special rate of \$85.00 per night at the Hotel listed below, as long as reservations are made by Sept. 25th and you mention the Marine Corps League Pistol Match on October 4th. This location is 2 miles from the range and is directly off exit 74, of the PA turnpike Rt.476.

Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Lehighton (Jim Thorpe), PA

1619 Interchange Road, Lehighton, PA 18235 | 610-379-5066

The Palmerton Rod and Gun Club will have food for sale at the range house.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Detachment Pistol match Palmerton Rod and Gun Club. 0900
5 Pound 188 Growl Doylestown 1430	6	7	8 Detachment Meeting Am Legion Hall 1930	9	10	11 Highway cleanup 0800 Back to the 50's resturant
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17 PA Pack Growl 1930	18 Department of PA Staff Meeting 0800
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1

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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

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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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