

# LISTEN UP!



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## OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 14TH AT 1930

### COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride is putting the finishing touches on our Birthday Ball celebration plans. The Registration Form is included in this issue of LISTEN UP! and has also been sent out by e-mail. Get your reservation in as soon as you can so Bill can provide an accurate count for the dinner.

Guest of Honor for the Ball is Bucks County Director of Veterans Affairs Dan Fraley. He is a Marine Corps Veteran who saw combat in Vietnam during 1967-68.

One of the highlights of our annual Birthday Ball is the naming of the Detachment's "Marine of the Year." 2015 "Marine of the Year" Sam DiValentino chairs the Marine of the Year Committee and is accepting "written" nominations for the 2016 "Marine of the Year." If you have someone you think worthy of this, the highest honor our Detachment can bestow on one of our own, please send it to Sam or bring it with you to the October Meeting.

The Detachment now has its own Service Officer. Marine Jim McComb has completed the training course and earned his confirmation. If you have problems which he can assist you in solving, give him a yell. Congratulations, Jim!

Former Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile was able to attend the September Meeting. It was good to have him with us again.

On a sad note, it was learned that Detachment member and Chosin Reservoir Veteran Vince "Igor" Yeasted died Sept. 11. He served as a B-A-R Man in "Chesty" Puller's 7th Marines during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign in November-December 1950. Graveside services for him will be in October at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. More on this at the October Meeting.

I hope to see you all at the October Meeting and at the Birthday Ball.

Semper Fidelis,

Don H. Gee  
Commandant



**THE NEXT  
HIGHWAY  
CLEANUP IS ON  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 17TH @  
0800 AT THE  
BACK TO THE  
FIFTIES DINER ON  
RT. 263 IN  
JAMISON PA COME  
OUT FOR  
BREAKFAST ON  
THE DETACHMENT  
AND TO SUPPORT  
THE HIGHWAY  
CLEANUP**

#### Dept. Meeting Schedule

2015 FALL DEPARTMENT STAFF  
MEETING 16-17 OCTOBER  
HQ BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

2015 FALL PA PACK GROWL  
16 OCTOBER 1900  
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

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

2016 SPRING STAFF MEETING  
18-19 MARCH 2016  
HQ. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

We have many weapons at our disposal to fight the enemy. When I was on active duty I carried an M-14. The guys after me carried M-16's. Other Marines in our group had artillery, machine guns, flame throwers, tanks, jets equipped with rockets, bombs, and other lethal weapons. If the fighting gets in close and personal, we had 45's, bayonets, and fists.

In any firefight we had our weapons and expertise to defeat our enemy. What weapons do we have to defend ourselves in the many firefights we come face to face with in our daily lives?

I'm talking about firefights with illness, with job loss, with family problems such as separation, or divorce. Sometimes the weapon of choice is prayer.

Through prayer, we ask our Supreme Commandant to intervene in our lives. We ask Him to remove the source of our pain, to help us find a cure. We ask for help in finding that elusive next job. We pray that our spouse will not walk out the door. We ask that our children or grandchildren do not have to feel the pain that we feel, or pain that is their own pain.

Many times my prayers have been answered in a positive way. Sometimes though, I do not get the answer I want from Him. Sometimes we have to endure the pain, but never alone. We get the answer that He wants to give us. Somewhere in that answer is a blessing. Maybe we don't see it, or understand it, but the blessing is there for us.

James 1-12 tells us this, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised those who love Him."

Prayer is our weapon in the firefights of life, use it frequently!

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 9th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 16 members including all officers except for the Quartermaster who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Budd Pearce, 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 July Meeting as published in the August edition of *Listen Up!* were adopted.

**Sick and distressed:** none

**Guests: Brenda Hecklin, George Delia, and Lee Cannon** visited from various Veteran groups to ask for assistance and advice in an upcoming bridge re-dedication in Bensalem, the event is thought to be held before Thanksgiving at this time, **PR Officer Alex Kier, and District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier, PC** will follow through on this.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Don Gee.** Attended Terry Bergman, PDC funeral. Communication about the first Philadelphia Veterans parade, on Sunday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at Broad and Walnut Streets in Philadelphia, asking for assistance. The new National website is up and can be found at [www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org). Meghan's foundation is holding a PTSD support group at Fran's Pub in New Hope PA on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> from 1200 to 1700 for Veterans and their partners. Sgt. Mack foundation is looking for financial support for their annual Wreath's Across America program their goal is to do 10,000 wreaths to be placed at the National Cemeteries in Quantico and Gettysburg the cost is \$8 per wreath and they are looking for donations. The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation is having a sale on bricks to be placed at the USMC Museum, normally \$300 they are now \$210. The Daughters of the American Revolution are seeking a Vietnam Veteran to be a guest speaker at their meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1900 in the Abington Presbyterian Church.

**Senior Vice Budd Pearce, PC** reported the Detachment strength at 86 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. Highway Cleanup is October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Back to the Fifties Diner on Rt. 263 in Jamison, PA we meet at 0800.

**Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride** Birthday Ball sign up forms will be emailed out and included in the newsletter cost is \$50 per person \$60 for the filet mignon option. A motion was presented and passed to spend up to \$350.00 on a tarp for the parade float.

**Paymaster Jim Powell, DC** presented the Paymaster's financial report for July and August and they were adopted.

**Adjutant/Jr. Past/D2 Vice Joe Kier, PC.** Minutes from July were published in the August Newsletter.

**Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore** Our Bylaw change pertaining to the Quorum needed was approved by the Department JA Brian Natali.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 stopped by to see **Vincent Yeasted** (passed away Sept.11 2015) and visited and prayed with him.

**Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC.** The quarterly Check from the Detachment was received and appreciated by the Liberty Young Marines. Also they have several new members and seem to be growing.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher** was excused and had no report.

**Public Relations/Newsletter Alexandra Kier** items for the Newsletter are due in by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Detachment Pistol Team Captain Joe Kier, PC** Detachment pistol match is moving along well the date is October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club.

**Trailer Committee** – Jr Vice Bill McBride is moving forward on purchasing a tarp for the float.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Philadelphia Veterans parade there was no interest in participating in the parade at this time.

Motion made and passed to donate \$100 to Wreaths across America project sponsored by the Sgt. Mack Foundation.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

A Press release for the Names on a Wall event October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900 was released to the Intelligencer press officer.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dept. Commandant Jim Powell gave a report on the National Convention, we have a new Executive Director, Tom Hazlett and our board of trustees has changed and consists of Commandant Dick Gore, Sr Vice Commandant Wendell Webb, Jr Vice Commandant Dennis Tobin, JA Johnny Baker, Natl. NE Vice Commandant Leanna Dietrich. The board of trustees is in the process of correcting the issues from the past few years at the National Headquarters. A complete letter of the Convention was emailed out by Jim on August 28<sup>th</sup>. For a copy email **Adjutant Kier, PC** at joseph.kier@verizon.net.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

00: REGULAR 00: ASSOCIATE 00: DUAL 00: LIFE  
22: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS

## **2ND ANNUAL CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT SERVICE/OPEN PISTOL MATCH**



Held at the :

**Date 10/10/15** **Time**  
**7:00am Check in and Breakfast. Match**  
**begins at 8:00 am**

225 Gun Club Road, Palmerton PA 18071

For Directions go to:

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



Go to [www.mclcb.org](http://www.mclcb.org)  
for registration and  
match rules. Contact  
Joe Kier with questions  
and concerns at  
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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 larger than .22 cal. and up to .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 matches, the cost will be \$45. Registration must be done by Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 and the match will be limited to 160 shooters. The forms and hold harmless agreements are available at [www.mclcb.org](http://www.mclcb.org) and information on submitting the forms will be there as well. 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 Central Bucks Detachment, the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League, the and the MCL Foundation of PA. A greater portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Marine Corps League Foundation of PA and for more information on the foundation go to <http://mclcfpaoundation.org> . The "GROVE" next to the range is available for campers and camping for no charge; the Range just asks that we don't over use the well located in the grove. Anyone wishing to camp should let us know in advance.

**The Palmerton Rod and Gun Club will have food for sale at the range house we ask that you please get your food from the range as they donated the use of the range to us.**



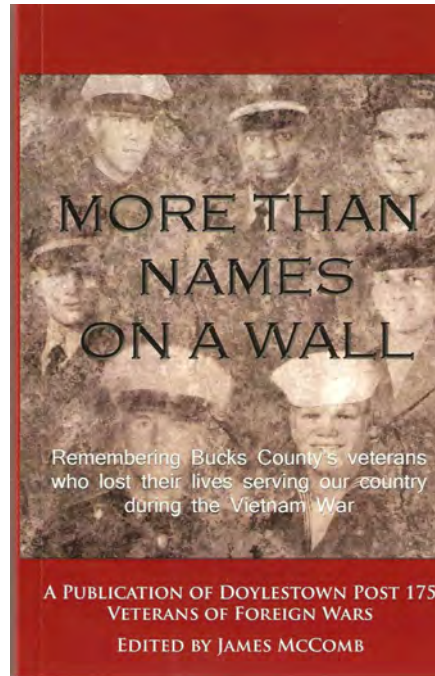


# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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Central Bucks Detachment  
Marine Corps League  
proudly presents



*Remembering  
Bucks County's  
veterans who  
lost their lives  
serving our  
country during  
the Vietnam  
War*

A presentation by James McComb

7:00 PM

Friday, October 2, 2015

American Legion Hall

315 North Street, Doylestown PA

Admission is free

Refreshments will be available

Books will be for sale at the presentation.

100% of all proceeds from book sales benefit worthy veterans  
and their families.



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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## CENTRAL BUCKS DETACHMENT

### 240<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

**DATE & TIME:** Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 1800 (6 p.m.)

**PLACE: THE BROOKSIDE MANOR**

50 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville, PA

**DINNER Choices:** Roast Sirloin of Beef

Broiled Flounder

Chicken Marsala

Filet Mignon

**PRICE:** \$50.00 per person

\$60.00 per person for the Filet option

**RSVP: As Soon As Possible**

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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 Flounder

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala

\_\_\_\_\_ Filet Mignon (\$60.00)



# DETACHMENT CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2 More than names on a wall book reading 1900 American Legion Hall	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 2nd Annual Pistol Match 0700 Palmerton Rod and Gun Club
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14 Detachment Meeting	15	16	17 Dept. Fall Staff Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween



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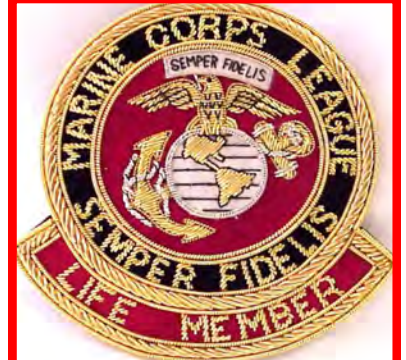
**COVER STRIPS**  
**\$5.00**



**USMC SATIN JACKET**  
**\$55.00**



**BLAZER CREST**  
**\$25.00**



**WITH OR WITHOUT  
LIFE STRIP**

**DETACHMENT COVER**  
**\$22.00**



**MCL SUNBURST  
COLLAR ORNAMENTS**  
**\$10.00**



**MARINE  
CORPS  
LEAGUE  
PATCH \$3.50**



**MCL RIBBONS  
AND MEDALS**  
**\$1.25 AND UP**

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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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Applicant's Signature