

LISTEN UP!



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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marine's, we have the 241st celebration of the Birthday of the Marine Corps scheduled for November 12th at our meeting venue at the American Legion Post 210 located at 315 North Street, Doylestown, Pa. The event starts at 6pm and is being catered by Michele's Caterers. All Detachment members and their spouse or date are invited to attend at no cost. All Marine's are asked to come "in MCL Uniform" if you have it. We will have alcoholic beverages (Beer & Wine) for your enjoyment, but you may bring your beverage of choice. We will also have a 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for assorted gifts. The proceeds of which will help defray the cost of this event. We would like to have a head count so that we have enough food and drink for all, so please respond to our inquiry via e-mail which will be sent later this month. All replies should be sent to Sam DiValentino, Jr Vice Commandant or myself as soon as possible. Please support your Detachment and the effort we have put into this event.

The annual Detachment pistol match was held on October 1st at the Palmerton Gun Club. The event was organized by Joe Kier with assistance by his daughter Alec. We had (4) relays and even though the weather was somewhat chilly, all the attendees had a good time and shot well. Lunch was provided and awards were given to the best shooters by class. Pictures were posted on the Detachment F/B page. During the September meeting the Detachment had a second vote regarding the Swamp Road clean-up detail. It was decided to continue doing the clean-up and the next clean-up is scheduled for October 22nd. We have six people assigned for this detail which will commence with breakfast at the "Back to the Fifties" diner in Furlong, Pa. at 8AM. I was happy with that decision since Marine's never fail the mission. Our next mission will be the Toys for Tots campaign, details to be announced. Thank you for your support. Semper Fi

Thank you Marines.

Bill McBride



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BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

In John 2, 1-11 Our Supreme Commandant performed His first miracle by changing water to wine at a wedding. This wine must have been the best ever made on earth since it was made by the maker of the universe.

When we pray, in most cases we are asking God to change something in our lives that is not going very well into something that is much better. In other words, we are asking Him to change the water of our lives into wine. We want something better than what we currently are stuck with. This may be more money, better health, a better job, a better relationship, or just a better situation.

Of course we want the answer to our prayer to be the very best answer, which is for Him to give us exactly what we are asking Him to give us. Most of us are very disappointed when we do not get the answer we feel we deserve. We want the wine of life, not the common, ordinary water.

In our lives, we must accept the water as the answer to our prayers. He must give the good wine to other people. But remember that water is what sustains life. Our Supreme Commandant sustains us all as He delivers what we need to live each day of our lives.

So we can keep praying for the very best champagne, the Chateaux de Paris, but be ready to drink the Ripple, or the Thunderbird. And be joyous that you received some of the fruits of His blessings. But most of all, be glad that you receive the water that sustains all life. (John 4, 7-14)

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held September 14, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members present including all elected officers. 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 August Meeting as published in Listen Up! were adopted.

Guests: Dawn Byers, representing State Senator Kathy Watson, spoke on the upcoming November 10th Honoring Vietnam Veterans Program. They are working with State Representative Chuck McIlhinney to recognize Vietnam War Era Veterans. It will be held at Buys Choice, near County Line Road and Rt. 202 from 1830 to 2030. David Christian will be special guest.

Sick and Distressed: None

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride presented correspondence that he received during the past month. First was a solicitation from the Sgt. Mac Foundation and second was a solicitation from the Washington's Grossing Foundation for their scholarship program. Finally he received a solicitation from the Marine Corps Foundation for their scholarship program. And he also received information on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Cold War Historical Society.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on the Detachment strength. There are a total of 18 delinquent members.

Junior Vice DiValentino spoke on our upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball. It will be held at the American Legion Hall where we meet. **Bud Pearce, PC** made a motion to set the price for guests at \$40.00 for the Ball. It was seconded by Sam DiValentino and failed to pass the body. Alcohol and cake will be supplied by the Detachment. The Junior Vice is looking for help finding a guest speaker.

Paymaster Powell presented the Financial Report. It was received as presented. He also presented correspondence that he received the past month.

Judge Advocate Spoltore: Asked the membership to kindly contact him as early as possible if they have any legal question that they intend to bring up at a meeting so he has the time to investigate an answer.

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 17 members.

Junior Past Commandant Gee reported that the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall will be coming to Pendel on July 14th to 16th next year. Also, a new Navy ship will be named after Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient Barney Barnum during the next year. He also has some Memorial Day Parade pictures and will be sending them to Liz McCleaster.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Detachment Pistol Match – **Joe Kier, PC** presented the final information on the Detachment Pistol Match that will take place at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club on October 1st. Anyone interested in helping, participating or with questions should contact **Joe Kier, PC**. The information and forms are on the Detachment Website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Last month it was decided to drop the Detachment Highway Cleanup program. **Bud Pearce, PC** contacted the State Highway Department to inform them of the decision. The person he spoke with was disappointed that we were ending the program and he found out that it is only required to perform the trash pickup only twice a year. Also anyone 14 or older are allowed to participate with the trash pickup. **Bob Sundling, PC** made a motion to keep the program going. It was seconded by **Joe Kier, PC**. After discussion it passed the body.

NEW BUSINESS

An Audit Committee was created for this year's Financial Audit. The team will consist of **Joe Kier, PC** and Sam DiValentino.

Paymaster Powell will be in Florida from November to the middle of January and needs an Assistant to handle the Paymaster duties while he is gone. **Commandant McBride** appointed **Joe Kier, PC** to that position.

The new Marine Corps League Ceremonial Guard Ribbon was awarded to **Bob Sundling, PC**, Bobby Sundling and Don Parzanese Jr. for their participation in 10 or more Color/Honor Guard functions since January 2010. Anyone who has performed at least 10 Color/Honor Guard functions since January 2010 should contact **PDC Jim Powell**.

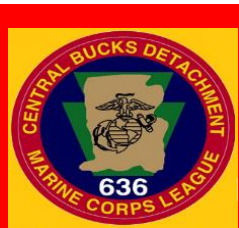
GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Next month, recommendations and voting for the next Detachment Marine of the Year will take place immediately after the meeting by the members of the Detachment Marine of the Year Society. If anyone has written nominations they should be given to MOY Society Chair, **Joe Kier, PC**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joe Kier, PC announced that District 2 will be hosting the Hospitality Room at the upcoming Department Staff Meeting in October. He is looking for volunteers. Please contact him if you can lend your time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.



BIRTHDAY BALL ANNOUNCEMENT

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 12th

From 5PM 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. 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.

We need your RSVP by October 31st so that the caterer will know how much food to prepare for the ceremony.

We look forward to greeting you on November 12th.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2016

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30	31					
	Halloween					

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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