

# LISTEN UP!



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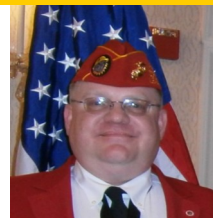
**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPT. 11TH 2013 AT 1930**

## COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a great turn out at the August Meeting, and afterwards we had a great time sitting around eating pizza and sharing some great stories. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while come out on the 11<sup>th</sup> and check out what we are doing now. Along those same lines if you want to have any input on the Birthday Ball this year, you need to come to September's meeting, when we will go over the menu and other items. We had a four man rifle team this year and the match was great at the new range (Reade Range, Altoona PA). The Team did well, although there aren't any official scores, based on the initial

Scores, **Adjutant/ Paymaster Jim Powell, PC** is our new high shooter, and regular team members **Budd Pearce, PC** and I shot the same score. New member **Marine Tom Spoltore** did a great job firing his M1 Garand, for the first time, at any rate all had a great time, I am sure when we get the official scores **Team Captain Budd Pearce, PC** will have a full report. We had a great turn out for the Highway Cleanup, 10 Members showed up for breakfast and a nice walk on our piece of road, thanks to all who showed up this is the kind of turnout we need every time. And as always special thanks to **Budd Pearce, PC** for organizing the clean-up.



We should be seeing some committee meetings in the next two months, from the Parade float committee Chaired by **Sr Vice Commandant Jack Gentile**. Also the Birthday Ball and Fundraising Committee both chaired by **Jr Vice Commandant Vince DeBella**. Anyone wishing to help out with any of these committees contact their respective Chairmen. See you on the 11th,

Semper Fi.

J.M.Kier

### 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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The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 14th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 15 members present including all officers except for Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile and Judge Advocate Bill McBride. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Jim Powell, Bob Sundling, and Don Parzanese Sr. 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.

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

**Sick and Distressed: Chaplain Sam DiValentino** reported that he received an email from Marine Jim McGunnigle from Massapequa, New York looking for help for an Army veteran with severe PTSD in the New Hope area. Jim Powell, PC will check into this and report on it next meeting. He also reported on the passing of Life Member Vernon Wersler. Corey Fisher reporting for Don Gee, PC reported that Will Haas is having problems with his eyesight and driving at night and is also having some trouble walking. He also reported that Bill Mickelson is still not doing well and losing more weight. He is also encouraging everyone to send 'thinking of you' cards to him.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Commandant Joe Kier** reported that he had Department Calendars for sale. They cost \$30 and if anyone is interested please contact him. He also report that the Department Rifle Match is coming up on August 31st. Reporting for the Senior Vice Commandant, Commandant Kier report Detachment membership at 71; with 61 regular members, 6 associate members and 4 dual members. There are a total of 25 Life Members. He also reported on the thank you letter from Rich Scott for our donation to the GWOT Memorial.

**Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella** reported on the Celtic Weekend at Graeme Park on July 20th and 21st. He along with John Ketterer and Geoff Burgess manned the table at the show. They raised \$120 along with a possible new member. He announced that our next fund raiser will be the Gun Show in Warminster on September 21st and 22nd. 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.

**Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC** presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also went over the National Bylaw changes that were adopted at the National Convention in Michigan. The following were highlighted; Navy Chaplains who have served with Marine Units are now eligible for League membership and Life membership dues were increased at the highest bracket and a slight change to the Age Brackets. Also an increase of \$2 in regular dues amount was approved in the 2014 Budget , He also announced that the Department of Pennsylvania had received a National Meritorious Unit Commendation at the National Convention. Anyone who was a member in good standing in the Department between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013 is authorized to wear the National Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon. Anyone who has questions on this can contact him for further clarification.

The Detachment received a Junior Vice Commandant award for exceeding 100% membership again this year. He also presented Junior Vice Commandant DeBella with a recruiting certificate that was awarded by National.

**Chaplain Sam DiValentino** had nothing to report on.

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

**Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC** reported the Young Marines will be holding their Boot Camp this weekend in the Poconos. There are 4 Young Marines attending this Boot Camp. Also, the Young Marine trip to 8 & I on the last Friday of August is sold out.

**Quartermaster Corey Fisher** had nothing to report.

**Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce** reported that the Highway Cleanup will take place the Saturday, August 17th. 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 presented the High Pistol Shooter Plaque to Commandant Kier for being the Detachment High Pistol Shooter at the Department Pistol Match in June.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by **Bud Pearce, PC** and seconded by **Sam DiValentino** to donate \$100 to Andrew Nerges of Boy Scout Troop 19 to support his Eagle Scout Project.

### **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

**Bob Sundling, PC** has books for anyone to borrow, read and return. He is asking for members to bring in more books and keep this program going.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jim Powell, PC** announced that the next Department Quarterly Meeting will be held on October 18th and 19th at the Headquarters Building in Fort Indiantown Gap. He also announced that the next Growl of Pound 179 will be held on September 22nd at the Chester County Detachment home in Downingtown, PA.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on**



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# CHAPLIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

We lost a brother in early August when Vern Werstler was called to his perpetual duty station by our Supreme Commandant. I got to know Vern as a member of our church. Vern was proud to carry the Marine Corps flag each Memorial Day at a special service the church had to honor our veterans. I also shared some times with Vern at his residence in Doylestown. I can say that he was proud to have served in our beloved Corps. I am sure that whatever duties he is assigned to in eternity, Vern will fulfill them with same pride and dignity that he had as a Marine.

Another brother, Bill Mickelson is sick. I have sent a card from our detachment. I'm sure Bill would like cards from more of his fellow Marines. Bill's address is 1138 Farmhouse Lane, Quakertown, PA. 18951. Please keep Bill in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to all who helped clean Swamp Road this morning. We had 10 people, our largest turnout since I joined 636. It was a nice walk in the sun, and the roadway looks good.

Ok guys, stay positive, stay focused, and may our Supreme Commandant continue to bless you and yours.



# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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.



We are pleased to invite you to a very special event honoring the 20 fallen service members from Bucks County. Following the program, a tour of the actual memorial site will be made available to meet our distinguished guest. Our presentation will provide you an opportunity to learn more about the planning and construction of the Bucks County Global War on terrorism memorial. It is our goal to provide all attendees a true insight on how Bucks county plans to memorialize those service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we currently enjoy. Our presentation setting – The James-Lorah Memorial Home – is the Village Improvement Association. This is ideal given the rich history of the home and the intentions of Miss Sarah James to support Doylestown improvement.

Please call us at **215-230-6908** to reserve your place at this important event

**LOCATION:**

James-Lorah Auditorium  
132 North Main Street  
Doylestown, PA 18901

**DATE:**

September 10, 2013  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

*Light appetizers and refreshments will be served*

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Rich Scott  
Steve Brauns  
Ruth Stonesifer

**HOSTED BY:**

Matthew Fisher  
Kathy Meyer  
John Ortolf  
Matt Pruitt

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# DETACHMENT INFORMATION

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## 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](mailto:philjodean@aol.com) for a veteran application and more details regarding the trip.



## AND WE WANT YOU!

Honor Flight Philadelphia is a non-profit 501(c)(3) dedicated to taking veterans down to Washington DC to view those memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Nationally, Honor Flight has transported over 100,000 veterans from 127 hubs at *No Cost* to the veteran.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**PATRIOT DAY/DETACHMENT  
MEETING 11 SEPTEMBER**

**MODD ALBERT E SMITH POUND 179  
MEETING  
22 SEPTEMBER**

**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**

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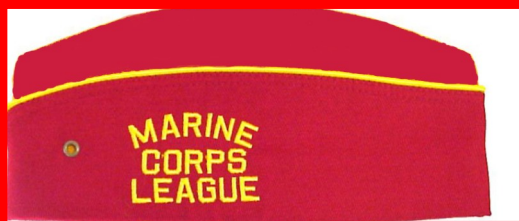
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***“ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE”***

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