

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

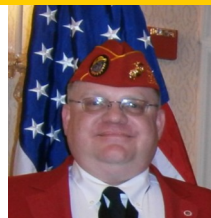
Marines,
We had a great time at the National Convention, this being my first one it was exciting to see how the Organization operates at a larger scale. Also I was able to go through my initiation for Pedigree Devil Dog which must be done at the National Convention.

We are preparing to go to the Rifle Match in Altoona PA, and although we only have two shooters it will be a great match.

We have been a little busy here with the start of school so the newsletter is coming out a little late this month, but as long as everyone has an opportunity to read it before the meeting everything should be fine.

I have gotten commitment from one member to help on September 27th at the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club to help with the range cleanup and target repairs. I need some more help one that day please contact me if you can help. I also will need some help on October 4th in the early AM to set up the range and targets so I am looking for people to help with that too. We put some information on the match on page 5 of this newsletter, so if you can make it let me know a.s.a.p., thanks in advance for any help you can give with this project.

Lastly I want to mention a couple things we have coming up from the Jr Vice; this weekend we have



the gun show at the SMG complex in Warrington, PA. We also have Youth and Veterans Tickets for next year to sell, if you need some contact Vince DeBella. We will be sending some out to members who can't make the regular meetings later on in the year. Also the date for our Birthday Ball has been set for November 16th at 1800 at the Brookside Manor, more info will follow after this meeting, see you on the 10th, Semper Fi,

Dept. Meeting Schedule

- 2014 DEPT. OF PA RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
6-7 SEPTEMBER 2014
READE RANGE, ALTOONA, PA
- 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

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BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

It was apparent to me at our August meeting that we have Marine brothers who are facing some serious challenges.

One of our brothers is caring for his wife. This is a 24 hour a day challenge to keep her on the road to full recovery. Please pray for Bill Miller as he continues to care for his wife. And please pray that she will have a full recovery.

Our brother John Ketterer is hurting from an injury, and also because of the recent diagnosis of his girlfriend. Please remember them in your prayers.

Don Warner has had a pacemaker put into his chest. Let's pray that this will enable him to resume all of his normal activities.

Our Commandant, Joe Kier had a procedure, at the VA Hospital, this Wednesday. Keep Joe in your prayers that the doctors did exactly what they needed to get Joe back up and running on all cylinders.

These are the brothers that we know are hurting, others may be hurting and just did not let us know. We need to remember all of our brothers.

In Matthew 11:28,29 Jesus says this "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Let's lean on Him with prayer, and let's lean on each other. Marines cover each other's back. You know how to reach Him, and you know how to reach me.

Sam DiValentino, Chaplain MCL, Detachment 636

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 13th, 2014, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members and 2 guests present including all officers except for the Senior Vice Commandant and the Public Relations Officer who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller 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, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling and District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier**.

New Members: Thaky Haqq.

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

Sick and Distressed: Commandant Kier reported that he will be having a procedure next week. Marine Ketterer reported that he had an accident with his Motorcycle and that he was also having issues with his neck. He also reported that his girlfriend was having health issues. **Judge Advocate Spoltore** reported that Marine Warner was having issues with his defibrillator and was hospitalized for a time and not doing well. **Bill Miller, PC** reported on his wife's continuing issue from her accident as she underwent her third surgery and his ongoing nursing duties.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier report on his attendance at the National Convention held in Charleston, WV. He reported that the 2015 National Convention will be held in Scottsdale, Az. and the 2016 National Convention will be held in Tulsa, Ok. Also attending with him were Detachment Members **Jim Powell, PC** and **Bill Miller, PC**. He also reported on the Detachment Pistol Match that will be held on October 4th at the Palmerton Gun Club. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

Senior Vice was excused and Paymaster **Jim Powell, PC** reported the Detachment strength at 90 with 77 regular and 13 associate members. There are 7 delinquent members.

Junior Vice Commandant reported on his participation in the Operation Gratitude Mud Run. He announced that the next SMG Gun Show will be September 6th and 7th in Warminster. Anyone wishing to help should contact him asap. He also reported that the Detachment Birthday Ball is on track and he is awaiting return calls from potential guest speakers. Finally he reported that he will be getting married the next weekend.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also spoke on his attendance at the National Convention. He made available the National Convention Ad Book and 75th Anniversary MODD Supreme Growl Book for viewing. He presented the Sgt.-at-Arms with our Flag Streamer from the National Convention.

Adjutant is vacant, no report.

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore had nothing to report.

Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that he sent out 2 cards the past month and got one request to perform a marriage ceremony.

Public Relations/Newsletter Editor was excused and **Commandant Kier** announced that August 20th is the cutoff date for anything to be put into the next newsletter

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported that the Young Marines were currently doing their water survival training. He also reported on their trip to 8th&I. It will be on the last Friday in August and there are still some seats available. Anyone interested, the cost is \$55 and should contact him asap.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher was absent.

Junior Past Commandant Bud Pearce reported that today was the cutoff for anyone who wishes to shoot in the Department Rifle Match. For those who are late they must make their own arrangements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chaplain DiValentino made a motion to purchase a Flag Case to travel with our colors to the Department and National Conventions. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and was approved by the body...

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Department Commandant Jim Powell handed out the 2014 Department 1st Runner up Recruiter Award to **Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella** for his outstanding recruiting work this year. Marine Tom Short spoke on his involvement with Meghan's Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commandant Kier announced he had the Department Calendars and anyone wishing to purchase one should contact him.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

TOTAL 90: REGULAR 77: ASSOCIATE 13:
7: 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 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 Dept. of Pa Service rifle match Gun Show
7 Gun Show	8	9	10 Detachment Meeting 1930	11	12	13
14 Albert E Smith pound #179 Growl	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Detachment pistol match Palmerton PA

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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