

LISTEN UP!



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We have had a very interesting month, first we lost one of our most active members, Past Detachment Commandant Don H. Gee to a sudden heart attack. The Detachment was very well represented at the viewing and we gave Don a respectful send off and hopefully helped the family through this rough time. Second, we have several things going on that seem to add up to a very busy time. They include the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, the Detachment Pistol Match and setting up some refurbishment on the Detachment float.



We need your support for these projects. If you can help, we need Range Officers, and Score Keepers at the Pistol Match on September 23rd. It takes place at the Palmerton Rod & Gun Club in Palmerton, Pennsylvania and anyone who can help please contact me asap. The Parade Float needs to be re-painted and we need to try to get someone who can do it or if anyone knows any Veteran friendly shop that we could get a good price should contact Junior Vice Bill McBride or myself. The Birthday Ball is set for the Waterwheel Tavern on November 18th. We need your support by getting your requests for tickets with your meal choices and number of guests to Junior Vice McBride. Getting this information is critical to the ball going smoothly. Look for the sign-up form in this newsletter or in a separate email this week.

That's all for now.

Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier

Commandant



MCL Schedule

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
RIFLE MATCH
9-10 SEPTEMBER 2017
READE RANGE
1257 WIPPERS ROAD
FALLEN TIMBER PA

DEPARTMENT/DETACHMENT
PISTOL MATCH
23 SEPTEMBER, 2017
PALMERTON ROD & GUN CLUB
225 GUN CLUB ROAD
PALMERTON PA 18071

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

Most people have a hero, a person they admire for their achievements and abilities. Sports figures, movie stars, great business leaders, even politicians can be a hero to someone.

Biblical heroes would include Joshua, a great soldier, and Jesus, who died for mankind.

Guys who can hit close to .400, and knock 50 baseballs out of the park certainly have talent. A CEO of General Motors is a tremendous achievement. A football player who has ran for over 1000 yards in 10 consecutive seasons is certainly a great running back. But are these people really heroes? They are to someone, but not to me.

My heroes are the people who lay their lives on the line for my freedom, and safety on a daily basis. Military personnel, police, firefighters, and others who could die from a hazard of the work that they perform for my benefit, these are the people I look to as my heroes.

Bill Igoe, my classmate, and football teammate died in Vietnam fighting for our country. All the men and women who are pictured on a pennant outside of Bucks County Courthouse are my heroes. My neighbor's son, Pat Scardino, served two tours of duty in Iraq. My friend Don Parzanese Sr. who went to Vietnam twice in his twenty two year career with the Marines. When I think of heroes, these are the people who I have in my mind, and heart.

Just as our Supreme Commandant gave His life for me, my heroes gave their lives, or put their lives in harm's way for my sake, and for your sake. I hold all of these heroes in the highest regard. May God bless all my heroes!

Semper Fi Marines!

Sam DiValentino

Chaplain

* Reprint from February 2014

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 10, 2017, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 13 members present including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bob Sundling, Bill McBride, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and Department Junior Vice Commandant Joe Kier**. Detachment Marine of the Year **Bill McBride, PC** was recognized.

DEDICATION: The Detachment Charter was draped in Memory of Past Commandant Don H. Gee

Visitor: John DiGiosa from the MGySgt. Zaengle Detachment

New Members: None

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

Sick and Distressed: **Chaplain Sam DiValentino** gave an update on **Bud Pearce, PC** who is now back home doing home care hospice. He is doing Physical Therapy and his breathing is improved but is still having trouble walking. He feeling better and is still looking for visits and phone call s from his fellow Marines.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appointed **Don Parzanese, Sr., PC** as Junior Past Commandant in place of **Bill McBride, PC** who was appointed Detachment Junior Vice Commandant. He announced that the Department Rifle Match will take place on September 9th at Reade Range. He was looking to see if any other Detachment Members were interested in participating. He also announced that the Detachment Pistol Match will take place on September 23rd and is looking for as much help as possible. He is looking into having a Staff Meeting prior to the September Meeting. When it is set, an email will go out to the Detachment members.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on Detachment strength.

Junior Vice McBride announced that the Detachment Highway Cleanup will take place this coming Saturday. Everyone participating should meet at the Doylestown Perkins Restaurant at 0800. He spoke on covering the trailer and will move forward with his plans. There was a long discussion on the Detachment Birthday Ball and we are working on finalizing plans for November 18th.

Paymaster Powell reported on Detachment strength for the excused Senior Vice Commandant. He then presented the Detachment Financial Report. It was received as presented subject to audit. An Audit Committee was formed to audit the Paymaster Books for the past fiscal year. It consists of Sam DiValentino, Bill Miller, PC and Bill McBride, PC. It will take place prior to the September Meeting.

Judge Advocate DiValentino reported that the Detachment had no legal problems and has not been called on to make any rulings. He will be putting together the update to the Corporate Officers list for the Pennsylvania Department of State.

Chaplain DiValentino reported on his activities for the past month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported that the Young Marines will be sponsoring a trip on September 6th to New York to visit the 911 Memorial. Anyone interested in going should contact him. He also gave an update on his son, Staff Sergeant Bobby Sundling.

Junior Past Commandant Parzanese Sr. had nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Newsletter Editor Powell announced that the deadline for putting information in the newsletter was July 20th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam DiValentino made a motion to help Detachment Charter Member Pat Parzanese, who just had hip surgery and is having some financial issues with a donation of \$500. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** and passed the body.

Jim McComb brought forward the idea of starting a Scholarship in memory of **Don Gee, PC**. There was a discussion on the subject. A committee will be formed to look into the possibility of creating a scholarship

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Corey Fisher thanked the Detachment on behalf of his mom, Iris Gee and the Gee family for everything the Detachment did during their time of need.

Jim McComb let everyone know that there are books available for anyone to take and read at the Legion hall. There were about 300 books donated by one person alone.

Tom Spoltore brought up the Detachment Breakfast and the next one is scheduled for September 12th at the Doylestown Perkins at 0900. Everyone and their families are invited.

Don Parzanese Sr., PC spoke on his attendance of the National DAV Convention in New Orleans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2017

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						1
2	3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 Department Rifle Match Reade Range 1800
9 Department Rifle Match Reade Range 0700	10	11	12	13 Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post210 Doylestown, PA	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Detachment Pistol Match Palmerton Rod & Gun Club 0800	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rain Date for Detachment Pistol Match						

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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

