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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We had a very productive meeting in March, we nominated and elected a full slate of officers:

- ◆ Commandant—Joe Kier, PC
- ◆ Sr. Vice Commandant—Sam DiValentino
- ◆ Jr. Vice Commandant—SSgt. Robert Sundling
- ◆ Paymaster—Jim Powell, PC
- ◆ Judge Advocate—Robert McPoyle



I have asked all appointed officers, and Committee Chairs to retain their posts if they are able and to let me know if anyone can't so we can find a replacement as soon as possible.

- ◆ Chaplain—Dana Lortie
- ◆ Sergeant-at-Arms—Robert A. Sundling, PC
- ◆ Adjutant/Public Relations/Newletter/Social Media—Bree Ann Kier
- ◆ Mess Sergeant—VACANT

I also have asked Dept. of Pennsylvania Commandant Bob Ziltz to come in-stall us on April 10th and he has accepted my invitation. The Uniform of the Day will be the casual dress uniform, red jacket, black trousers, black shoes and cover. Any other form of the uniform is acceptable, down to just a cover, but if you have a red jacket, I ask that you wear it. I hope to see all of you on the 10th for the installation.

Semper Fi,

Joe Kier, Commandant

MCL Schedule

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
PISTOL MATCH
7-9 JUNE, 2019
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP
ANNEVILL, PA

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
CONVENTION
JUNE 19—23 2019
RAMADA INN
GREENSBURG PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thank you Lord, for this day. Draw near to us this morning oh God. Help us to understand our lives better today. Help us to understand it from a kingdom perspective and not a worldly perspective. We repeatedly submit all of ourselves to you and kneel at the foot of your cross. Speak your loving truth into our hearts Lord and help us live the lives you have planned for us today. In Christ, Jesus we pray for one another and those around us Lord. As we ask so much of you oh God, we also ask what it is we can do and be for you on this day. Use us wherever we are and bring your purpose to others through us. Thank you Jesus for being the only one who can do it all, you are our everything. Bless us oh Lord and keep us under our wing.

In Christ, Jesus we pray, Amen

Semper fi, and God Bless America and our Corps

Dana Lortie

Chaplain



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held March 13, 2019 at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 11 members including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants **Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr., Bill Miller** and **Jim Powell, PDC**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling, Past Department Commandant and Department Paymaster Jim Powell** and **NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**. Detachment Marine of the Year **Bobby Sundling** was recognized.

New Members: Harry Hartman

Visitors: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS: The Minutes of the January Meeting as published in the February edition of Listen Up! were adopted. No meeting was held in February due to weather.

Sick and distressed: The passing of Richard Parsonese was discussed. PDC Powell spoke with Mike Mattie and reports that he has been through treatment for his cancer and is doing very well.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Joe Kier He reported that the Pack Growl is on Friday March 25th and the Department of Pennsylvania meeting is on Saturday March 16th at Fort Indiantown Gap. He also reported that Adjutant Bree Ann Kier will be representing the detachment at the Department of Pennsylvania meeting on Saturday. He also reported that the Borough of Doylestown had raised money for their GWAT memorial and had gotten tiles made. There was left-over money after the memorial was completed and it was split up between the VSO organizations in the Borough and we received a check in the amount of \$1,625.00.

Sr. Vice Commandant Sam DiValentino presented the Detachment Strength report.

Adjutant Bree Ann Kier reported that everything for the detachment newsletter is due to her by March 20th. Also, if anyone was interested in joining the detachment or department Facebook page to see her and she will help get them set up. The Department of Pennsylvania meeting on Saturday will be streamed live on the Facebook page if anyone was interested.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC presented the Detachment Financial reports for January and February. They were both received. Reported that some airlines were giving discounts for flying out to Billings Montana for the National Convention the first week of August. He can be contacted if interest in attending the Convention. He also announced that he is running for National Division Vice Commandant this year.

Judge Advocate Bobby Sundling had nothing to report.

Chaplain Dana Lortie reported that he had sent out a card for Richard Parsonese's family.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC had nothing to report.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller, PC reported that we were having our nominations and elections tonight.

COMMITTEES

Marksmanship Committee: Commandant **Kier** reported that the Department Pistol Match will be held at Fort Indiantown Gap at Range 14-A from June 7th to 9th. He also reported that he is thinking about moving the detachment pistol match out west farther so that we can get more people involved and raise more money. He is thinking of changing the earmarking of the proceeds from the MCL of Pennsylvania Foundation to our scholarship fund.

Scholarship Committee: **Jim Powell, PDC** reported that they had met and discussed a proposal for a Detachment Scholarship program. The proposal will be included in the April Newsletter for everyone in the detachment to review. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

VAVS Committee: Commandant **Kier** reported that Sam DiValentino and **Don Parzanese Sr. PC** are still doing their volunteer work at the hospital.

Audit Committee: Bobby Sundling and Thaky Haqq met with Paymaster **Powell, PDC** on January 16th and performed an audit of the Detachment Financials. They reported that everything checked out.

Trailer Committee: **PDC Jim Powell** reported that **Bill McBride, PC** contacted him and that the tarp on the parade trailer had been shredded by the high winds and that an old tarp was used to patch the roof sections, but the sides are open. Commandant **Kier** suggested that we get a heavy-duty tarp to put on the trailer as had been previously approved.

Birthday Ball Committee: Committee Chair Sundling reported that he will start working on this soon but is thinking about doing it at the Plumsteadville Inn again this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Commandant – Joe Kier

Sr. Vice Commandant – Sam DiValentino

Jr. Vice Commandant – Bobby Sundling

Judge Advocate – Robert McPoyle

Paymaster – Jim Powell, PDC

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

The Installation of Officers will be held at our next meeting in April. If you have been elected or appointed, please make sure to wear your uniform with red blazer if you have one.

NEW BUSINESS

PDC Jim Powell made a motion, seconded by Sam DiValentino to allow **Bob Sundling, PC** to sandblast, prime and paint the trailer to get it ready for parade season with a budget of \$250.00. After discussion, it was passed by the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Sergeant-at-Arms **Bob Sundling, PC** reported that he had Marine Corp decals on the back table for anyone that would like one. He also recommended that the Detachment create a Life Membership installment plan.

Paymaster **Jim Powell, PDC** let everyone know that the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation is doing a fundraising project for their Humanitarian Aide Program. They are doing a Gun Raffle for \$5 a ticket and that he has ticket for purchase. .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All officers to wear their full uniform with red blazer to the next meeting for the installation and pictures to be taken for the May Newsletter.

Commandant **Kier** is going to ask Department Commandant Bob Ziltz to install the new officers at our next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Members,

At the April Meeting we will be discussing and hopefully voting on the following proposal that has been talked about for some time now. We, the Detachment Scholarship Committee hope you can support this endeavor.

The Scholarship Committee:

Jim Powell
Sam DiValentino
Bill McBride
Joe Kier

SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL

To start, we would like to fund two \$500.00 scholarships per year and build a scholarship endowment of at least \$20,000.00 to fund these two (2) \$500.00 scholarships in perpetuity. One scholarship shall be named the Don H. Gee Memorial Scholarship and the second shall be named the Ellis "Budd" Pearce III Memorial Scholarship.

Funding:

To fund these Scholarships, it is proposed that the Central Bucks Detachment donate a minimum of \$1000.00 each year to the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program until they become self-sustaining in perpetuity. The money will be deposited with the Scholarship Administrator designated by the Department of Pennsylvania.

Our endowment fund can be built to a level that makes it self-sustaining which is believed to be the amount noted above. The endowment could be built via the following:

- a) Fundraising of the Detachment (i.e. Rose Program, Memorial Day)
- b) Solicitation from MCL Detachment 636 membership
- c) Solicitations from local businesses (i.e. Doctors, Car Dealers, etc.)
- d) Solicitations from general public.

Proposed Scholarship Rules:

These Memorial Scholarships will be administered with the following rules applied in the listed order.

Eligible Applicants:

(1) Central Bucks Detachment Member sponsored applications. The sponsor member must be in good standing. Eligible applicants are the member, their spouses, children and grand-children. If there are none then;

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

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(2) Applications sponsored by Members of any MCL Detachment in Bucks County Pennsylvania. The sponsor member must be in good standing. Eligible applicants in this category are the member, their spouses, children and grandchildren. If there are none then;

(3) Applications sponsored by Members of any Detachment in the Department of Pennsylvania. The sponsor member must be in good standing. Eligible applicants in this category are the member, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Determination of Scholarships:

The Don H. Gee Memorial Scholarship will be awarded first and the Ellis “Budd” Pearce III Memorial Scholarship will be awarded next.

(1) If there are more than two (2) Central Bucks Detachment Member Sponsored applications then:

(a) A family* shall only be eligible for one of these scholarships. If a family has two (2) or more Member Sponsored applications the person who is entering the higher year of education shall be the person eligible to receive the scholarship. An example is if a member has a spouse going into their 3rd year of school and a child going into their 2nd year of school, the spouse is the eligible person.

(b) If after resolution of 4(a) above there are still more than two (2) Central Bucks Detachment Sponsored applications the following order of priority is to be followed:

(i) Member Sponsor is a Detachment Elected Officer (note 1)

(ii) Member Sponsor is a Detachment Appointed Officer (note 1)

(iii) Member Sponsor is a Detachment Member (note 1)

(2) If there are one (1) or two (2) Central Bucks Detachment Member Sponsored applications they shall be awarded without any additional criteria.

(3) If there is one (1) Central Bucks Detachment Member Sponsored application it shall be award without any additional criteria.

(4) If there are still Memorial Scholarships available then:

(a) **Eligibility Section (2)** will be followed first and if there are still no eligible Sponsored applications then **Eligibility Section (3)** will be followed.

(b) If there are more Eligible Applicants than there are available Scholarships then the following order of priority is to be followed:

(i) Department Elected Officer Sponsor (note 1)

(ii) Department Appointed Officer Sponsor (note 1)

(iii) Department Member Sponsor (note 1)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

(CONTINUED)

Administration:

We are proposing that this program will be administered by Department of Pennsylvania. Scholarship Committee using the rules set forth above.

Also, we are proposing that an endowment fund be built and that it be managed by the Program Administrator as determined by the Department of Pennsylvania in conjunction with their Investment Management Company (Morgan Stanley as of this time).

It is also proposed that the monies be invested and/or managed as per the official investment policy of the Department of Pennsylvania and the Program Administrator.

* a family is considered to be a member in good standing and anyone they are sponsoring.

(note 1): if 2 or more, Member Sponsors with most years of Marine Corps League membership is used to determine order. If after determining most years of membership there are still 2 or more eligible applicants then they are to be awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Detachment Meeting & Officer Installation	11	12	13 Albert E Smith Pound 179 Memorial Ceremony
14 Palm Sunday	15 Tax Day	16	17	18	19	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Easter Monday	23	24 Administrative Professionals Day	25	26	27
28 Orthodox Easter	29	30				

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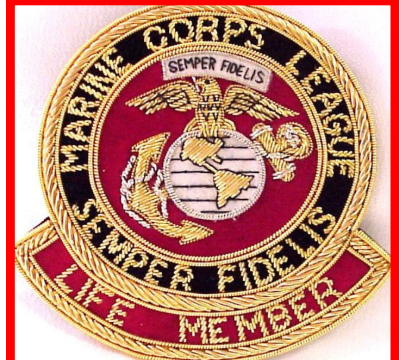
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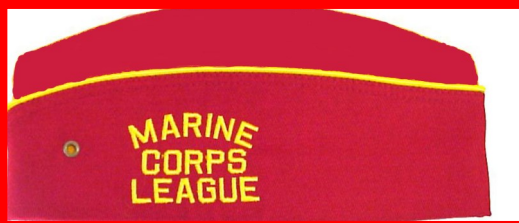
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Full Name _____ Phone _____

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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")

Sponsor (where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

