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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON DEC 9TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines.

Our November meeting was highlighted by our celebration of the 240th Anniversary of the founding of our Corps. We had the Liberty Young Marines Unit and several of their members' parents as guests.

Bucks County Veterans Affairs Director Dan Fraley, a Marine Vietnam Detachment during the past year. Veteran. Chaplain Sam DiValentino offered "The Marine's Prayer" while Department District 2 Vice Commandant and Detachment Adjutant Joe Kier, PC, delivered the Traditional Birthday Message. Department Commandant and Detachment Paymaster Jim Powell, PC, be addressed to Detachment Toysdelivered his Birthday Message and I read Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller's Birthday Message.

Prior to the traditional cake-cutting ceremony, Senior Vice Commandant Budd Pearce, PC, explained to those in attendance the significance of the presentation of the first two pieces of birthday cake to the youngest and oldest Marines present, respectively.

Detachment Member Dick Kleva, at 93 years of age, was the oldest Marine present. He had not attended a Detachment Meeting in some time and it was good to have him with us for this birthday observance.

Another highlight was the presentation of awards to deserving members. The top award--our Marine of the Year award--went to Junior Past Commandant Joe Kier in recognition of all of his work for the Detachment and

his representation of the Detachment at the Department level. Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride earned a Distinguished Service Medal for his dedicated service throughout the past year. Chaplain Sam DiValentino was Guest Speaker for the ceremony was presented an Individual Meritorious Ribbon for his contributions to the

> This month is our Toys for Tots donations month. We ask our members to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting for donation to the Central Bucks County Toys-for-Tots program. Any questions about the program should for-Tots reps Adjutant Kier (215-822-1036) or Quartermaster Corey Fisher (215-822-6898). Please make every effort to show support for this most worthwhile program.

> For those of you who will not be attending the December Meeting, on behalf of your Detachment officers our warmest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous Happy New Year.

Hope to see you at the December Meeting. Semper Fidelis,



Don H. Gee Commandant



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2016 WINTER PA PACK GROWL 8 JANUARY 2016 HOLIDYA INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 WINTER STAFF MEETING 8-9 JANUARY 2016 HOLIDYA INN HARRISBURG/HERSHEY

2016 SPRING PA PACK GROWL 18 MARCH 2016 HO. BUILDING FT. INDIANTOWN GAP

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

I arrived at the 5th grade classroom about a half hour before the kids were scheduled to arrive. As a substitute I normally looked on my desk for any notes written to me by the absent teacher. Sure enough there was a note and on it was stated "If Mary Jones (the name has been changed to protect the innocent) does not bring in the paper that her mother promised to sign, Mary is not to be allowed out to recess."

As I began to look at the schoolwork that I would be going over with the kids, I felt a little tap on my right arm. I turned right to see the biggest pair of sad brown eyes that I have ever had the chance to look into in my life. It was little Mary and she said this to me, "Mr. D can I please go out to recess today? My mother forgot to sign the paper again."

Time to make a fast decision. I could make her stay in by punishing her for a crime she did not commit, or I could let her go out at recess and experience the fun of being a 5th grade student.

When her teacher found out that I let her go to recess, I doubt very much that I would be asked to sub for her in the future. But this was not about my future; it was about the future of a 5th grade girl.

"Yes Mary, you certainly can go out to recess today. Ask your mother to remember to sign the paper and bring it with you tomorrow."

In Colossians 3:21, the Good Book tells us this,

"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

I did not follow orders for the sake of the child. The teacher could punish her tomorrow, or her mother could sign the paper and send Mary to school. I never did get asked back to that school. I think I did the right thing for Mary, and above all, I did not want to discourage her in her quest for an education. I hope Mary turned out to be a good kid. Only God knows the answer to my hope.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING

MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held November 11th, 2015, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 16 members including all officers except for the Public Relations Officer who was excused. There were 16 guests 15 from the Liberty Young Marines Detachment and our guest of honor Dan Frailey, Marine and Bucks County Department of Veterans Affairs Director. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Budd Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Joe Kier, Bill Miller and Jim Powell, DC. Other Distinguished members recognized were; Department of Pennsylvania Commandant and 2014 Department Marine of the Year Jim Powell, Department of PA Chief of Staff Bill Miller, PC Department of PA District 2 Vice Joe Kier PC, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling PC and Detachment Marine of the Year Sam DiValentino.

New Members: Mike Clark (to be sworn in at the January Meeting)

The **Minutes** of the October Meeting as published in the November edition of *Listen Up!* were adopted.

Sick and distressed: sent cards to Budd Pearce and Don Parsoneze Sr.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Don Gee . We have a new Veterans Service Officer sertified through the Marine Corps league, Jim McComb, info is listed on the officer strip on p2 of the newsletter.

Sr. Vice Budd Pearce reported the Detachment strength at 85 members including 71 Regular Members of which 22 are Life Members and two are Dual Members; and 15 Associate Members of which one is a Life Member. There are 21 members delinquent in their dues.

Junior Vice Commandant Bill McBride no report

Paymaster Jim Powell, DC presented the Paymaster's financial report for October and it was adopted. \$1035.00 profit from the Central Bucks Pistol Match.

Department of PA Commandant Jim Powell PFC Neil William Wientraub bridge dedication in Bensalem on Bensalem Blvd. Dec. 14th at 1300. Sgt. Mack foundation is doing the wreath project is looking for voulenteers to help lay wreaths at the cemetaries at Quantico, and Gettysburg. Message from the National Jr. Vice Dennis Tobin, we are making a push to get the delinquents and drop offs back there will be a drawing for the members who get reinstatements or new members with a first prize award of \$1000.00. PA war veterans council has been working on something over the last year or so, the issue is the there are service officers charging to help veterans apply for benefits which is illegal. The council put together a poster about this issue the posters would be available if anyone wants to hang one up. Contact Adjutant Kier for more information.

Adjutant/Jr. Past Joe Kier, PC. Minutes from the October Meeting were published in the October Newsletter.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore no report

Chaplain Sam DiValentino He and Jr Vice McBride attended the funeral of a retired MSgt who served for 21 years.

Sergeant-at-Arms/Young Marines Bob Sundling, PC we have a request for a color guard for Wreaths Across America and the New Brittan Church. The event is Dec.12th at Noon we need voulenteers, Contact Sgt. At Arms Sundling, PC for more information.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher had no report.

Public Relations/Newsletter Alexandrea Kier was excused

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rfifle/Pistol Team did not shoot in Sept at the Dept service rifle match due to the weather. The Detachment Pistol Match brought in \$1035.00, Associte member Bob Kier built 40 target stands with Joe Kier, PC and PR Officer Alex Kier, these new stands are mobile and very small so it worked out very well.

<u>Trailer Committee</u> Chaplian DiValentino inquired on getting our Eagle Globe and Anchor large emblem for the float replaced as the current one (made by Will Haas) is very old and falling apart. He spoke to a sign shop reguarding a new metal sign same size colored silver and gold the 2D version is \$600.00 and the 3D is \$1600.00. He asked that we concider this for the next meeting he will bring the old sign in so everyone can view it at the December meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Tree of Lights is looking for donations, motion was made and seconded to donate \$100.00 to the tree of lights foundation.

On Decmber 1st they will do the Tree of light ceremony and all are invited by Gen. Gray.

Newsletter Editor Award 3rd place from the Dept. of PA went to Alexandrea Kier.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Birthday Cake and Awards after the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, December 9th, 2015.



DETACHMENT INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT from the SR. VICE

71: REGULAR 13: ASSOCIATE 2: DUAL 22: LIFE

21: DELINQUENT OVER 30 DAYS



Tony Pasoneze gets his tenure award from Commandant Don Gee



MOY prsented to Jr Past Joe Kier by Commandant Gee



Bucks County VA Rep. Dan Frailey gets a K-BAR from Commandant Gee



Guest of Honor and Commandant cut the cake





The oldest and youngest Marine present share cake



Distinguished Service Award presented to Jr Vice Bill McBride by Commandant Gee



Liberty Young Marines in attendance for the cake cutting



Individual Meritourious Acheviement Award presented to Chaplain Sam DiValentino by Commandant Gee



DETACHMENT CALENDAR DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Chanukah begins at sundown	7	8	9 Regular Detachment meeting 1930	10	11 Final Toys for Tots Toy donation day for Bucks County	12
13	14 Chanukah ends at sundown	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	New Years Day 2016	2

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