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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 12TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We just returned from the Winter membership meeting in Grantville PA and if you weren't there you missed a great time. Besides all the information we got about what is going on in the league, we attended a "Friend Raiser", Wine and Paint night. There was good food, wine tasting and an instructor who walked us through creating a patriotic painting.



What I have to bring back to the Detachment is that we are focusing on Veteran Suicide issues. At the Detachment level, we need to form a suicide prevention committee and I would like to get someone to come speak about suicide prevention at one of our upcoming meetings. We are also cleaning up the Department roster by confirming what Marines are in which Detachment. If a Detachment has been closed we will move those Marines into an active Detachment.

Another task we need to work on in the Detachment is to start to identify Marines and Associates who are ready to step up in the Detachment and take on some more responsibility. In just a little over a month we will need to start looking at officers who will be nominated in the Detachment and we are actively looking for a Paymaster and will most likely need a Jr Vice Commandant. Anyone looking to step up can contact me at any time. Our Past Commandants can also be a wealth of knowledge on Detachment officer duties. Also, we need to identify a Marine to submit for Department Marine of the Year and any other Department level awards for which we would like to recognize our Marines or Associates.

That's all for now. I hope to see you all at the February Meeting.

Semper Fidelis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Kier".

Joseph M. Kier
Commandant

MCL Schedule

**MARINE MILITARY EXPO
MARINE WEST EXPOSITION
FEBRUARY 6-7, 2020**

**MCL NATIONAL MIDWINTER
CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020**

**DEPARTMENT OF PA
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
MARCH 14, 2020**

**DEPARTMENT OF PA SPRING
MEETING
MARCH 20-21, 2020**

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

With Christmas behind and the New Year ahead, many folks are turning their minds to new resolutions, new ideas, new version of themselves that they want to cultivate in the new year. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past year and determine which areas in your life might need more intentional cultivation. The scripture, Ephesians 4:32, "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ". Is one that all of us can add to our interactions and create a new thing in the relationships which God has placed us.

Dear Lord,

You demonstrate a patient, sacrificial, pursuant love toward us that cannot be matched by anything this world has to offer. Please cultivate this kindness in our lives. Help us to be your children, living in a way that encourages the world to see your light shining through us. May we be your vessel that pour out a gentle word, a thoughtful moment, a kind heart, and winsome witness. Please walk with those who are struggling in big ways and small. Be for us the fullness of the Father's love, completely overwhelming our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Bless and keep us in your mighty and tender care.

In Christ, Jesus we pray, Amen.



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held January 8, 2020 at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 8 members including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants **Bob Sundling**, **Don Parzanese Sr.**, and **Bill Miller**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **Department Senior Vice Commandant Joe Kier**, **Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling**, and **NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**. .

New Members: None

Visitors: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS: The Minutes of the December Meeting as published in the January edition of Listen Up! were adopted.

Sick and distressed: Loretta Kier, mother of **Commandant Joe Kier** and grandmother of **Adjutant Bree Ann Kier** is currently recovering from a stroke and has moved to a rehab center.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier reported that he is currently looking for a detachment member to give the Commandant's report at Commandants Council on January 18th in Grantville, PA

Sr. Vice Commandant DiValentino presented the Detachment Strength report.

Jr. Vice Commandant SSgt. Sundling excused from the meeting.

Adjutant Bree Ann Kier had nothing to report.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC excused from the meeting. **Commandant Joe Kier** presented the Paymasters Report and reported that we are thinking about changing banks for the detachment funds.

Judge Advocate McPoyle excused from the meeting.

Chaplain Lortie had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling, PC had nothing to report (excused from meeting).

Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller nothing to report.

COMMITTEES

Marksmanship/CB Pistol: Commandant Kier reported that the 7th Annual Central Bucks Detachment Pistol Match is tentatively set to be held on September 26th at Palmerton Rod and Gun Club. Adjutant Bree Ann Kier added that the committee is going to need help from the Detachment this year to keep things running smoothly and we would be asking for people to sign up to help, more information to come.

Scholarship Committee Senior Vice Commandant DiValentino reported that the committee would be meeting January 21st and/or 28th to get more information together for the detachment at large.

COMMITTEES (continued)

VAVS Committee: Commandant Kier reported that VAVS numbers were submitted to the VAVS chair and they will be getting a stipend check at the Membership meeting on January 18th.

Parade/Trailer: Commandant Kier reported that they are working on getting information over to Dan Frialety to see if we can park the trailer in the parking garage in Doylestown. Adjutant Bree Ann Kier is going to get pictures over to Sam DiValentino that they are requesting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 17th, 2020 PA Pack Growl at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA

January 18th, 2020 Department of PA Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, PA and the Paint and Wine Friendraiser

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

This Month In USMC History

War of 1812

February 20, 1815 Marines serving aboard the *USS Constitution* (“Old Ironsides”) victorious over *Cyane & Levant* off the coast of Africa. Battle was 3 days following the end of the war, however none of the crews had received word that the war had ended.

Spanish– American War

February 15, 1898 29 Marines among 250 Americans killed when USS Maine explodes in Havana, contributing to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the following April.

World War II

February 13, 1943 US Marines Corps Women’s Reserve formed.
February 6, 1945 VBM-613 loses PBJ and 7 Marines in a bombing mission over the Ponape.
February 19, 1945 4th and 5th Marine Divisions assault Iwo Jima.
February 23, 1945 Men of the 5th Marine Division raise flag on Mount Suribachi.

Cold War Era

February 20, 1962 USMC aviator, Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr becomes first American to orbit the earth.

Vietnam

February 28, 1967 Pfc James Anderson Jr becomes the first black Marine to win the Medal of Honor.
February 2, 1968 Operation Hue city, Tet Offensive begins.
February 19, 1970 Combat patrol of 7th Marines are charged with deaths of 11 civilians at Son Thang, North Vietnam.

Desert Storm

February 24, 1991 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions breach Iraqi defensive positions.
February 28, 1991 Operation Desert Storm ends.

Information developed through google research, Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment (web page), and USHistory.com.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Military Expo Marine West Division	7	8
9	10	11	12 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting	13	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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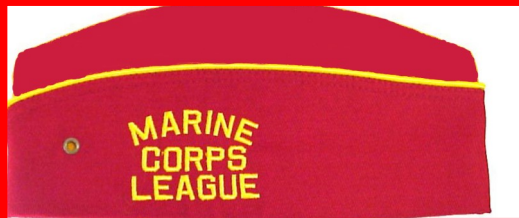
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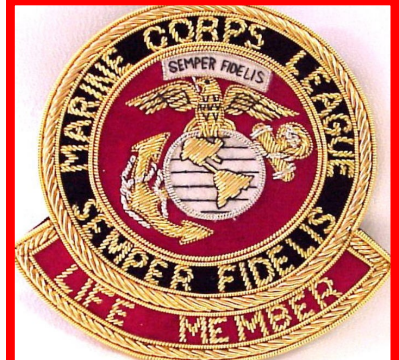
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