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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 13TH, 2016

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

It is my sad duty to report to the membership that Marine Don Warner passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Don's viewing was held at Campbell-Thomas Funeral Home in Richboro, PA on June 23rd and Don was laid to rest with military honors in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery. Don was a member in good standing since 2011.

Some Detachment members recently supported the VFW Post 175 by attending a stage show titled "Moon Over Buffalo" an outstanding comedy performed at the Town & Country Players in Buckingham, PA. Special thanks to Jim McComb, Bill Miller, Tom Spoltore and Bill McBride and their wives for their participation. The Detachment was busy the month of June with the MCL pistol match held on June 4th at Indiantown Gap, a color guard performance at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Maplewood Community in Doylestown and the MCL State Convention held in State College, PA from June 22nd through June 26th. The Convention was my first and is pretty much the same as a meeting at the Detachment level, except a lot more people are involved. Many awards were presented. Our Jr. Past Commandant, Don Gee, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of dedicated service. Budd Pearce was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to add to his other numerous awards and the Detachment was awarded Certificates of Appreciation for our association with the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Program and our monthly newsletter, "Listen Up".

The winners from the raffle were drawn, but unfortunately no one that I sold tickets to were winners. However, I received a new batch of raffle tickets for 2017 so everyone can try again. I also have a new batch of 2017 calendars that can be purchased. These calendars are special since they have a 3 digit number assigned to the that is directly associated with the PA daily lottery. They make great stocking stuffers for family and friends at Christmas time. Recently, the Marine Corps changed history by deleting John Bradley, a flag raiser on Iwo Jima from the photograph and replaced him with PFC Harold Schultz. This is the second time the participants have changed and I am curious as to what each member thinks about this revision to history. Please give it some thought and e-mail your thoughts to me. I have been Commandant for a couple of months now and my only regret so far is the fact that I don't know how to begin to correct the problem the Detachment has of Retention and Recruitment. If anyone has a suggestion, please send me an e-mail with your thoughts. I would very much appreciate your input.

Thank you Marines.

Bill McBride



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

We all want to be right. We want what we say, think, and do to be right. We want everyone we talk with to believe that we are right. And of course we always want our wives and children to believe that we are right. But what does it mean to be right?

We all believe that our personal political view is the right view, as opposed to the other guy's political view, which of course is wrong. The team I support in baseball is the right team and all the other teams are the wrong team.

We argue, we talk in a loud voice, we plead our case, and we believe that we are right. We get angry if someone tells us that we are wrong. We may even tick people off along the way by preaching our righteousness.

What does God consider to be righteous? Well certainly He expects us to do good deeds. He expects us to be charitable. He expects us to honor our obligations. If we are married He expects that we will honor our wives, and provide for our families.

In Genesis 15-5, God tells Abraham that "He will make Abraham's offspring more numerous than the stars."

Abraham is nearing 100 years old and his wife is almost as old. Yet Abraham believes god's promise. Genesis 15-6 states "Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited to him as righteousness."

So in God's eyes, righteousness is believing what He tells us.

If you believe in Him, that is righteousness.

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING

MINUTES

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held June 8, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 7 members present including all officers except the **Adjutant/Paymaster** and **Sergeant-At-Arms** who were excused.. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr.**

New Members: none.

Guests: Cass Forkin and Jack Regan of Twilight Wish Foundation and Jack Childs, prospective member.

Cass Forkin and Jack Regan gave an overview of the mission of the Twilight Wish Foundation. They also spoke about a local Vietnam veteran whose wife has stage 4 cancer and needs a concrete ramp to enter and exit their house. This is a registered wish with the Twilight Wish Foundation and fund-raising is currently in process for this wish.

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

Sick and Distressed: Marine Don Warner fell again while at his doctor's office. He is now in rehab at Christ Home. Senior Vice Commandant Thaky Haqq reported that his stepmother has stage four cancer and will not seek treatment.

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OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride reported on the upcoming Department Convention. Please notify him if you are going to attend and need a hotel room. Parade and fund-raiser photos are available.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on the Detachment strength which is: 44 regular; 12 associate; 23 life members; 22 delinquent for a total of 79 members.

Junior Vice DiValentino reported on the upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball. He proposed having it at the American Legion Hall. Preliminary pricing is approximately \$34.00 per person less alcohol and cake. He will solicit other venues for comparison. A final decision will be made by the members at next month's meeting.

Paymaster: no report

Judge Advocate Spoltore: no report.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Don Gee: Color Guard at Maplewood on Saturday, June 18 at 1400. The presentation of commemorative items to Vietnam War era veterans will be conducted at the July Detachment meeting. Don still needs names of those who are qualified and who will attend the July meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Highway Cleanup – the next cleanup will take place the Saturday after our July Meeting pending weather conditions.

Department Pistol Match – 3 participants this year

Unfinished Business - none

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

New Business

Tom Spoltore made a motion to donate \$500 to the Twilight Wish Foundation earmarked for the local Vietnam veteran who needs a concrete ramp at this house. The motion was seconded by Sam DiValentino and was passed with no discussion.

Good of the League

Don Parzanese, PC expressed disappointment at the turnout for this meeting. Don Gee, PC will contact the Intelligencer and Bucks County Herald to see if notices of upcoming detachment meetings appear in those publications.

Announcements - none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McComb, Acting Adjutant

The Marine Corps League

Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans: and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.





DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JULY 2016

July 2016						
◀ June						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Tri-municipal Parade 0830	5	6 1990 A-4 Skyhawk retired from service	7 1941 1 st Marine Aircraft Wing activated at Quantico, VA	8	9
10	11 1798 An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps became law	12	13 Detachment Meeting 1930	14 1993 USS Iwo Jima was decommissioned after 30 years of service	15	16 Highway Cleanup 0800 Back to the 50's
17	18 1918 4 th Brigade of Marines began the attack on Soissons	19	20	21	22	23
24 1944 V Amphibious Corps landed on Tinian in the Mariana Islands	25	26 1947 National Security Act of 1947 became law	27	28 1918 General Lejeune assumed command of the 2 nd Division, US Army in France	29	30
31	Notes:					

PHOTO GALLERY



Bill McBride, Don Parzanese Sr., Sam DiValentino, of Central Bucks Detachment 636, Marine Corps League, parade the colors in a procession to Maplewood Pavilion.

WEEKENDS AND BEYOND

Maplewood's 70th anniversary

The 70th anniversary of the founding of Maplewood in Doylestown was celebrated Saturday at the pavilion in the community.

The original concept of the community was to provide affordable housing for returning veterans of World War II. It was built across from the intersection of Court Street and Swamp Road.

The Doylestown Historical Society planned the event, which included the dedication of a plaque and laying a wreath in memory of veterans who settled in the commu-



Memorial Plaque was dedicated at South Chubb Drive and Kreutz Avenue.

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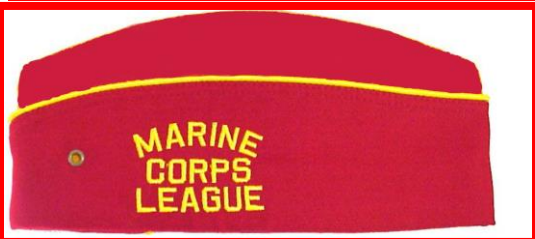
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Type of Application – New () Renewal () Membership Type – Regular () Associate () Dual ()

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")

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