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*** THE JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED *** OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 10TH 2013 AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The Newsletter is coming out a little later than usual so I can cover some items we would have covered in the June meeting.

First of all I want to tell you how much I missed being at the May meeting, however my Daughter and I were able to look at and talk to four Ivy League schools, so it was something we really had to do and it was only a one night event.

We had the Department Pistol Championships Saturday June 1st. We had a five man team representing the Detachment. Shooters were Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce, PC (last years high shooter), Adjutant/ Paymaster Jim Powell, PC (last years 1st place Marksman shooter), Sr Vice Commandant Jack Gentile, Marine Steven Gentile, and Commandant Joe Kier. A full report on the match will be given at the July meeting.

We had a very successful Memorial Day. The flag raising at War Memorial Field went off without a hitch. We then proceeded over to the parade the new items and refurbishing of the parade float was no less than awesome.

Thanks to Sr Vice Jack Gentile, Marine Steven Gentile, and Jim Kier Jr. for all the hard work done on the float. I received many comments on the float from regulars at the parade; most of them asked me if we purchased a new trailer.
At any rate we had one of the best floats at the parade and will represent the Detachment and the League very well on Independence Day. We then went to the Cemetery and did the wreath laying and our Detachment performed a firing squad

Cemetery and did the wreath laying and our Detachment performed a firing squad consisting of Acting Sgt. at Arms Don Gee, PC, and Marines on the rifles, Jr Past Budd Pearce, PC, Sgt. at Arms Bob Sundling, PC, and Judge Advocate Bill McBride. Sometimes not mentioned but always working hard in the background at the cemetery was, Quartermaster Corey Fisher. Thanks to everyone who made it a great day.

Well that's all for now hope to see you in July at the meeting, Semper Fi.

J.M Kier, Commandant



Department Meeting Schedule.

- 2013 Department of PA Pistol Championships Fort Indiantown Gap, PA 31 May– June 2
- 2013 DEPARTMENT OF PA CONVENTION , MECHANICSBURG, PA 12-15 JUNE
- 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION GRAND RAPIDS, MI
 4-10 AUGUST

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*** INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE ***
WE WILL BE MEETING AT TOWN CENTER PLAZA , ON RT. 202 IN NEW
BRITAIN AT 0830 ON JULY 4TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 8th, 2013, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 14 members and 3 guests present including all officers except Commandant Joe Kier who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Bud Pearce, Bob Sundling, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr. and Department of Pennsylvania Junior Vice Commandant and Past Detachment Commandant Jim Powell. Detachment Marine of the Year Vince DeBella was recognized.

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

Sick and Distressed: Bob Sundling, PC reported that his son and Detachment member Bobby Sundling sustained a severe cut on his eye while grinding a tree stump and they are not sure if his vision will be permanently affected. He is still recuperating at this time. **Bud Pearce, PC** reported that Associate member Larry Sheetz had a procedure to add another stint to his heart.

New Members: Marion Konopitski and Patrick Glozzer were voted on, accepted and give the Oath of Membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant's Report – Senior Vice Jack Gentile filling in the Commandant Kier reported on the progress of the Trailer repair. Pictures of the trailer were passed around for everyone to view. He also reported that we have been asked to attend a Memorial Service will be held on May 11, 2013 at First Baptist Church, Lansdale, for Marine Alphonse "Chuck" Craig. His brother in law is a MCL member in NJ and asked for our help. The widow and MCL member asked if we could get some members in Red Blazer, and Black trousers to attend the memorial service and place an Eagle Globe and Anchor up with the urn. No Chaplin services will be required. He asked that those who could attend to contact Commandant Kier. He reminded everyone that we will be meeting at the Lenape Middle School parking lot on May 27th at approximately 0815 for the parade and that we will be doing the flag raising ceremony at the High School field at 0900. He also asked about volunteers for the firing squad at the cemetery.

Senior Vice Commandant Jack Gentile reported that the Detachment has a total of 69 members of which 63 are regular members and 6 are associate members. Of the regular members, 43 are annual members and 25 are life members. Of the associate members, 5 are annual members and 1 is a life member. We have 4 dual members which do not count towards Detachment voting strength.

Junior Vice Commandant Vince DeBella reported on the World War II weekend held on April 20th and 21st at Graeme Park on County Line Road in Willow Grove. Due to illness he only manned the Detachment table on Sunday from 0900 to 1300. During that time the Detachment received \$106 in donations and the 2 new members who join this evening came from recruiting at that event. He reported that we have been invited to the Celtic Weekend in June which attracts over 3000 spectators. More information will be forthcoming. The upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Fundraiser was discussed. A signup sheet was put out and anyone wishing to help was encouraged to sign it or contact Junior Vice DeBella for more information.

Adjutant/Paymaster Jim Powell, PC presented the Paymaster's financial report and it was adopted. He also reported that the Detachment Roster has a lot of corrections that need to be fixed and that he is working with the Department Paymaster and Assistant National Comptroller Allen Ferguson to get that taken care of. He also received a copy of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce Directory and put it out for anyone to look at. He read an invitation from the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans to the members of the Detachment to attend the 28th Flag Memorial honoring veterans of all wars. It will take place on June 15th and 16th at the Falls Township Commission Park, 9125 Mill Creek Rd. Levittown, PA. Also received was an invitation from the Montgomery Community College Veterans Club to attend their Military Appreciation Day on July 13th from 1000 to 1700. It will take place on the Montgomery Community College campus located on DeKalb Pike in Blue Bell, Pa. Announced that the Department Convention will take place June 12th thru June 16th and looking for those who wish to attend. Discussed the passing of Detachment member Greg Burch and his attendance for the Division Vice Devil Dog Bill Reilly. He discussed the Independence Day Parade on July 4th in Chalfont and New Britain. Don Gee made a motion that we attend. It was seconded by Bud Pearce and passed the body.

Judge Advocate Bill McBride reported that there were no outstanding issues.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)



Chaplain Sam DiValentino reported that his services were not need the past month.

Public Relations Officer Jack Gentile again filling in for **Commandant Kier** set May 20th as the deadline for submitting material for the next *Listen Up!* Newsletter.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling, PC reported on the Young Marines upcoming Car Wash at Pep Boys on Street Road and their flashlight fundraisers. He also is looking for volunteers for the parade Color Guard. He too spoke to the Detachment about the Honor & Courage Wounded Warrior Run, Roll and Stroll 5K which will take place on June 15th at Warminster Park. It is being sponsored by Operation Ward 57 which is a non-profit organization that helps wounded soldiers, their families & loved ones based out of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Quartermaster Corey Fisher reported that he had \$150 of income since last meeting.

Junior Past Commandant/Committee Coordinator Bud Pearce reported that the Highway Cleanup that was supposed to take place the Saturday after our last meeting was cancel due to non-participation. He announced that we would try again this coming Saturday and the rain date would be the Saturday following.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don Parzanese Sr, PC thanked the Color Guard that participated in the Doylestown Hospital Color Guard during their special event to honor their volunteers on April 18th. Those that participated were Commandant Joe Kier, Don Gee, PC, Chaplain Sam DiValentino and Judge Advocate Bill McBride.

Don Gee, PC brought up the Samuel Nichols Headstone Dedication in Philadelphia on June 1st. Anyone interested in presenting the Detachment Colors at the ceremony should contact Commandant Kier or Adjutant/Paymaster for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

Bud Pearce, PC made a motion to place a \$50 Ad on the Warminster Cheerleader Website. It was seconded by Don Parzanese Sr, PC and passed the body.

Sam DiValentino made a motion to donate \$100 to the Honor & Courage Wounded Warrior Run, Roll and Stroll 5K. **Don Gee, PC** seconded and it passed the body.

Rich Scott got up and spoke on the Global War on Terrorism Memorial that will be built in Doylestown to honor the sons and daughters of Bucks County who made the ultimate sacrifice defending their country. It is being sponsored by VFW Post 175, Doylestown, Pa. **Don Gee, PC** made a motion to donate \$250 to the Memorial. It was seconded by **Jim Powell, PC** and failed to pass. It will be brought up at a later date, after our Memorial Day weekend fundraising event.

Don Gee, **PC** made a motion to reimburse all costs of the trailer refurbishing to those parties that laid out personal funds. It was seconded by **Bob Sundling**, **PC** and passed the body.

Don Gee, PC made a motion to suspend the June Detachment Meeting. It was seconded by Bud Pearce, PC and passed the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Jim Powell requested an Audit Committee and got 2 volunteers prior to next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Powell announced that he is running for Department Senior Vice Commandant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, July 10, 2013.



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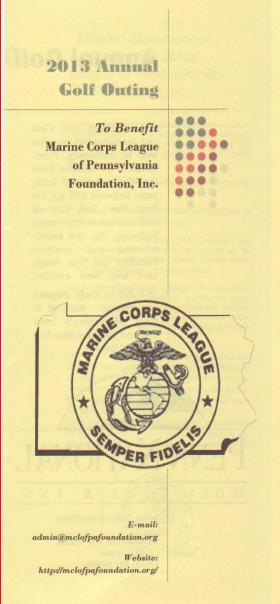
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Commandant Kier standing with Marine Chuck Craig's Urn. We started the ceremony in the church with a two man Honor guard placing the Urn on the altar and then placing a small folded flag with Eagle Globe and Anchor attached on the Urn.





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