

LISTEN UP !



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 14TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We have our largest fund raiser coming up starting the 25th and ending on the 28th the day before the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, if you have time any of those days get in touch with Jr Past Commandant Bill McBride.

We will be assembling at the War Memorial Field parking lot to square away the Parade Float at 0800, at 0845 we will be going over to raise the flag at War Memorial Field as we do every year. The flag raising will go off at 0900 and only takes a few minutes after which we will go to the staging area with the Parade Float, make sure you're out there to help with the float at 0800.

I received the get well soon card from the Detachment and would like to thank everyone for their support during this time. We have the Department Pistol Championships on June 10th with a June 11th rain date anyone who wants to come out let me know a.s.a.p. it should be an exciting time so come on out. On June 21st we will be kicking off the 2017 Department Convention and anyone who can come out at least for Friday and Saturday should try to make it, it is in York this year so it's close. We will be nominating a new District 2 Vice Commandant and I have made my intentions known to the Dept. Commandant that I will be running for Dept. Jr Vice Commandant this year and I would like everyone's support. That's all for now, see you on the 29th at the parade.

Semper Fi,

J.M. Kier

Commandant



Dept. Meeting Schedule

2017 DEPARTMENT OF
PENNSYLVANIA PISTOL MATCH
10-11, JUNE 2017
RANGE 13
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA

2017 DEPARTMENT OF
PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL
CONVENTION
21-25 JUNE , 2016
WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL
YORK, PA

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

I would love to buy a new Lexus to replace my 2000 Ford Ranger truck, or my wife's 2002 Toyota Camry, but paying \$400.00 per month for a new car would put a burden on our fixed income. So I just keep replacing parts on both old vehicles, and they keep on running.

Much like my old car's parts are wearing out, so are some of the parts on my body. My knees hurt, my joints have arthritis, and my stomach rumbles after eating. The really bad thing is that my body is turning against me! My immune system that is supposed to protect me is now killing off good cells in my small intestines. This is called Crohn's Disease. There is no known cure. Drugs such as prednisone, a steroid, and mesalamine, a NSAID help to control symptoms. These drugs really don't work that great, so the next step is a biological called Remicade, given by infusion.

These drugs are expensive. I have dropped into the dreaded Medicare Donut Hole. That means that the insurance company has paid \$3900 and I now have to pay the next \$4900 out of pocket for drugs. In real math, this means that the mesalamine which cost \$40.00 pre Donut, now costs \$400.00 in Donut, a whopping 1000% increase. The 400 bucks covers one month of drug therapy.

For \$400 per month I can be driving a Lexus. I decided to skip the drug, buy the Lexus, and die in style. As the Bible says, "the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away." Maybe He is thinking about "taking" me away sooner rather than later.

Marines, and time keep marching on, and Marines stay in step!

Semper Fi Marines!

Sam DiValentino

Chaplain

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held May 10, 2017, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 11 members present including all elected officers except Junior Vice **Don Gee, PC** who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Parzanese, Sr., Bob Sundling, Bill McBride** and **Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell** and **Department District 2 Vice Commandant Joe Kier**. Detachment Marine of the Year **Bill McBride, PC** was recognized.

New Members: None.

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

Sick and Distressed: **Commandant Joe Kier** gave an update on his Gastric Bypass surgery. **Chaplain Sam DiValentino** gave an update on **Bud Pearce, PC**. He explained that he has good days and bad days and that right now he dealing with it and as always is looking for phone calls and visits. **Bill McBride, PC** gave an update on his Rotator Cuff surgery. It is still somewhat painful and is doing therapy. **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** reported that his sister and Detachment member Pat Pazanese will be going for a hip replace operation next month.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier reported that he will be working with the Palmerton Rod and Gun Club to schedule the Detachment Annual Pistol Match this fall. He spoke about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade. He also let everyone know that the Officers of the Detachment have fiduciary duties and that everyone should be aware what they are. He received a Thank You card from the Intelligencer for our Give-a-Christmas donation.

Senior Vice Haqq reported on Detachment strength.

Paymaster Powell presented the Financial Report. It was received as presented. He also presented correspondence from the Valley Forge Military Academy that they were looking to hire a few TAC officers. Also, the American Military University is sponsoring 2 full scholarships to regular Marine Corps League members. Anyone interested should contact them.

Judge Advocate DiValentino reported that he is working on learning the bylaws at every level.

Chaplain DiValentino reported on his activities for the past month. Paymaster Powell added that the Department's Junior Vice Commandant's wife passed away.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported that he will need volunteers for the Parade Color Guard. He also reported on the Young Marine boot camp at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in New Jersey. They graduated 12 recruits. He also explained how they get promoted.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

Junior Past Commandant told everyone that the Swamp Road Cleanup was cancelled this coming Saturday due to the rain forecast. Also, the World War1 Memorial Service has also been cancelled for this coming Saturday.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Powell, PDC made a motion, seconded by **Bob Sundling, PC** to make a \$50 donation to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Fund. It is attempting to build a monument to 2 Marine Aviators that crashed on the Battlefield while flying over a Civil War re-enactment. After discussion, it was passed by the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant Kier announced the upcoming Department Pistol Match and Convention in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim McComb announced that on May20th at 1100 there will be a Retirement Ceremony for the Banners of those Killed in Global War on Terror. They are located at the Court House. On May 28th there will be a special service at the Light House Baptist Church for Veterans. **Commandant Kier** announced that he will be a candidate for Senior Vice Pack Leader and Department Junior Vice Commandant at the upcoming Department Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.



The Swamp Road Cleanup Crew Breakfast.



Signing off until next Month!



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2017

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match Ft. Indiantown Annville, PA
10 Department of Pennsylvania Pistol Match Ft. Indiantown Annville, PA	11	12	13	14 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210, Doylestown, Pa	15	16
17	18 Fathers Day	19	20	21 2017 Department of Pennsylvania Convention York, PA	22 2017 Department of Pennsylvania Convention York, PA	23 2017 Department of Pennsylvania Convention York, PA
24 2017 Department of Pennsylvania Convention York, PA	25 2017 Department of Pennsylvania Convention York, PA	26	27	28	29	30

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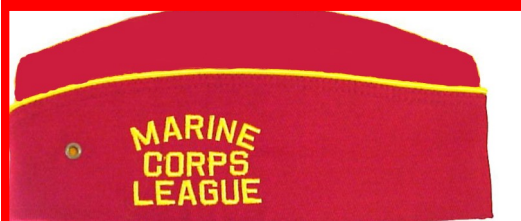
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

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Date of Birth _____ E-mail address _____

Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____ Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation _____

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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Applicant's Signature