

LISTEN UP !



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 8TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

I can't believe that it is almost March already; this year seems to be on light speed. In March we will elect Detachment Officers for the 2017/2018 year. The question is, who will step up and assume those responsibilities? I am not seeking re-election to Commandant for the simple reason that I lack the imagination and the energy to improve the status of our Detachment and I hope that the new Commandant and his supporting Officers take a more positive initiative at the Commandant's direction than I did. It is more productive for some people to take a supporting role rather than one of leadership. I like to take this time to thank the membership for their patience during my tenure and to apologize for not possessing the necessary vision to improve the status of our Detachment.



Semper Fi

Bill McBride
Commandant

Dept. Meeting Schedule

2017 DEPARTMENT OF
PENNSYLVANIA QUARTERLY
STAFF MEETING AND SPRING
PACK GROWL
17-18, MARCH, 2017
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
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

When I think of tough Marine leaders, I usually think of Smedley Butler, Chesty Puller, and Mad Dog Mattis, and all the Marines that have ever served the Corps. There was a man in the Bible who may have been the first Marine in world history. The man was named Abraham, and he exhibited all of the same traits as every man who has served the Marine Corps.

First Abraham had guts. When his nephew Lot and all of Lot's family were captured and taken as slaves by the combined forces of four kings, Abraham gathered 318 of his finest fighting men. Abraham waited until night, divided his men, and attacked and routed the soldiers of the four kings. He freed his nephew Lot, and all the other people. Abraham and his men were outnumbered by many soldiers, and yet with wisdom and courage, he was able to defeat the enemy.

Marines are successful because we always follow orders. Abraham followed orders given to him directly by God. The orders were for Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac to God.

Abraham did not question God, but dutifully and faithfully went into the desert to carry out God's order. When God saw Abraham's faithfulness, God told Abraham not to go through with the sacrifice of his son Isaac. Now that degree of carrying out an order is what is known as Semper Fidelis!

Abraham was not the first Marine, we needed Smedley Butler to get the Corps started. I think when Major General Butler was planning the Marine Corps, he must have read about Abraham's bravery, and faithfulness. With Abraham in mind, General Butler, and every Marine who ever wore our uniform helped to make the Marine Corps the greatest fighting force in the world.

Semper Fi Marines!

Sam DiValentino
Jr. Vice Commandant

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 8, 2017, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 12 members present including all elected officers except for the Commandant who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., Bob Sundling, Bill Miller and Jim Powell**. Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant Jim Powell, Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling and Northeast Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**.

New Members: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: **Junior Vice DiValentino** reported he spoke with Bud Pearce, PC and that his bone cancer was not doing well.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride had no report. He told the body that he still had 3 Department Calendars that needed to be sold. They were then sold to **Don Gee, PC**.

Acting Commandant reported on Detachment strength.

Junior Vice DiValentino had nothing to report.

Paymaster Powell presented the Financial Report. It was received as presented.

Judge Advocate had nothing to report.

Acting Chaplain DiValentino reported that he sent out a sympathy card last month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported that the Young Marines were doing well and had about 20 members.

Quartermaster had nothing to report.

Junior Past Commandant had nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CON- TINUED

MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Powell, PDC made a motion to donate \$100 to the MCL of PA Foundation as a Hole Sponsor for their Golf Tournament Fund Raiser. It was seconded by **Don Parzanese Sr., PC** and was passed by the body.

Don Gee, PC made a motion to donate \$500 to support the proposed POW/MIA Statute to be placed in Philadelphia in the Vietnam Memorial area. It was seconded by Tom Spoltore. Upon discussion a motion was made by **Don Parzanese, Sr., PC** to table the motion until more information is given to the body. It was seconded by Thaky Haqq and passed the body.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Jim McComb brought up the fact that he will be stepping down from the United Veterans of Doylestown in June and that he was concerned about the future on the organization. To him it seemed that none of the Veterans Groups had any interest in keeping it going. It was discussed that the UVD should discuss with borough that they should take over sponsoring the Memorial Day parade again.

Jim McComb also brought up the Bucks County Tour of Honor and the he had applications. If anyone has interest, they should contact him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.





DETACHMENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Marine Corps League Mid- Winter Confer- ence, Fredricksburg, VA	4 Marine Corps League Mid- Winter Confer- ence, Fredricksburg, VA
5	6	7	8 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210, Doylestown	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Dept of PA Quarterly Staff Meeting, HQ Building, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA	18 Dept of PA Quarterly Staff Meeting, HQ Building, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
19	20	21	22	23	24 NE Division Conference, Seaview Resort, Galloway, NJ	25 NE Division Conference, Seaview Resort, Galloway, NJ
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

Full Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ + _____

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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