

LISTEN UP !



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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

The February meeting was not very well attended, and we started nominations for the election in March. We are having our March meeting on Thursday the 15th at 1930, and we need to have a much larger attendance, and some Marines to step up and fill in some open positions. What we are looking for is a Junior Vice Commandant and a Judge Advocate. We also have appointed positions that remain open from last year; News Letter Editor/ Public Relations, Adjutant, Mess Sgt. and Quartermaster. Let's pull together and get these positions filled.



On another subject we have Youth and Veterans Tickets to sell and will need to set up the Memorial Day Fundraiser at the Doylestown Liquor Store in May where we will be requesting to be set up outside the store from May 24th thru the 27th. Anyone who is available on any of those days please contact me so we can start a schedule. The times for Thursday and Friday will be 4PM to 10PM, Saturday will be 9AM to 10PM and Sunday will be 11AM to 7PM. As far as the Y&V Tickets go we will be sending out packets of tickets to those we do not see regularly at the meetings, we also could sell these tickets at an event or at a store front so anyone who has any ideas let me know asap.

The Department Cookbook has been sent in for publishing and I would like the membership to consider buying some of them from the Department and then we can sell them from there. Anyway, hope to see you all at the March 6th Detachment breakfast, or at the March meeting.

Semper Fi,

A handwritten signature of Joe Kier.

Joe Kier, Commandant

Pictures of the
Department 75th
Anniversary Ribbon
and Medal



MCL Schedule

**NATIONAL MID-WINTER
CONFERENCE
1-3 MARCH, 2018
FREDERICKSBURG HOSPITALITY
HOUSE HOTEL & CONFERENCE
CENTER
2801 PLANK RD.
FREDERICKSBURG VA 22401**

**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MEMBERS MEETING
16-17 MARCH 2018
HQ BUILDING
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP
ANNVILLE, PA**

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”

These words can be found in Matthew 9:37. Jesus was talking to His Disciples about the huge crowds of people that were coming to hear Him preach. He noted that these people needed much work done on their behalf because the people were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

There were simply not enough people willing to come forth to help these people in their time of trouble.

We have the same sort of problem in Detachment 636. There is a lot of work to be done and not enough people willing to step up to accomplish the tasks. At our next meeting we will be electing officers to perform various duties and to direct the work needed to accomplish the goals of the Marine Corps League and Detachment 636. We have open positions to fill and people have not stepped up to fill them.

There are already guys doing the work of holding two or more positions. Our Commandant is also the Mess Cook, and the Quartermaster. Our Paymaster is also the Adjutant/Public Relations/Historian. Our Judge Advocate is also doubling as Chaplain.

Our Jr. Vice does the work of three men and receives a double ration of baloney for his efforts. He also performs upkeep on the trailer. Our Sergeant-at-Arms is also helping to run our Young Marines program. Our Sr. Vice is also on Color Guard.

We have between 10 to 15 Marines that always attend meetings. We need all men to help out with the work of 636, take over some of the double and triple duty that other guys are shouldering. Many hands lighten the load.

Sam DiValentino
Chaplain

The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 14, 2018, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 9 members present including all elected officers except the Sergeant-at-Arms who was excused. Distinguished members in attendance included **Past Commandants Bill McBride, Don Parzanese Sr. and Jim Powell.** Other Distinguished members in attendance were **Past Department Commandant/NE Division Marine of the Year Jim Powell** and **Department Junior Vice Commandant Joe Kier.** Marine of the Year **Bill McBride, PC** was recognized.

Visitors: None

New Members: None

The Minutes of the January Meeting as published in the updated Listen Up! was adopted.

Sick and Distressed: Marine Lortie discussed his knee replacement surgery that went well. Marine Spoltore reported that Detachment Member Hugh McGinnis was in the hospital as he had open heart surgery and recovering. **Commandant Kier** also reported on Ashley McCleaster's health issues. Ashley is a member of the Zaengle Detachment and daughter of Department Public Relations Officer Liz McCleaster.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier discussed lack of participation in the Detachment and attendance at the meeting. We need to find ways to increase attendance and participation. If anyone has any ideas please contact him.

Senior Vice Commandant Haqq reported on the Detachment strength.

Junior Vice Commandant gave his report. There is nothing at this time on the Birthday Ball. The Trailer still in good shape and has held up over the winter. The Highway Cleanup will be announced at a later date. And finally, the sale of the Department Youth & Veterans tickets is starting and if anyone wants or needs them, should contact him.

Judge Advocate/Chaplain DiValentino had nothing to report as Judge Advocate. He sent out a couple of cards during the past month as Chaplain.

Adjutant/Paymaster Powell gave his financial report. He spoke about the National Bylaws rewrite that will be presented at the National Convention in August. He spoke on the M1 Garand Raffle being held by the Department of Pennsylvania Foundation. Tickets are \$10, if interested. He also spoke on the upcoming 75th Anniversary of the Department. Ribbons and Medals will be available.

Junior Past Commandant Parzanese Sr. Had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling was excused and no report was given.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Marksmanship Committee: Will be trying to attend the Palmerton Rod & Gun Club meeting February to get a commitment for the 2018 Detachment Pistol Match.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING CONTINUED

MINUTES

Budget/Audit Committee:	No Report.
Parade/Trailer Committee:	No Report.
Color Guard:	No Report.
Funeral Detail:	No Report.
Scholarship Committee:	Will meet on February 27th.
VAVS/Boy Scout/T4T/ Americanism Committee:	No Report.
Birthday Ball Committee:	No Report.
Fundraising Committee:	No Report.
Membership Committee:	Mo Report.
Highway Committee:	No Report.
Nominating Committee:	Presented nominees to the body.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NOMINATIONS

Don Parzanese Sr, PC held Officer nominations for the upcoming year.

The following were nominated:

Commandant:	Joseph Kier, PC and Samuel DiValentino
Senior Vice Commandant:	No Nominee
Junior Vice Commandant:	No Nominee
Judge Advocate:	Don Parzanese Sr., PC
Paymaster:	James J. Powell, PDC

NEW BUSINESS

The American Legion building will be unavailable next month so the Board of Trustees will determine the date of next month's meeting and send it out to the membership in as many forms as possible.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Commandant Kier spoke on the upcoming Department Cookbook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDC Powell announced that the National Mid-Winter Conference will take place March 1-3 in Fredericksburg, VA.

The next Detachment Breakfast will be held at Perkins in Doylestown on March 6th at 0930.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the Board of Trustees sets the next meeting place, time and date which be announced.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 National Mid Winter Conference Fredericksburg, VA	2 National Mid Winter Conference Fredericksburg, VA	3 National Mid Winter Conference Fredericksburg, VA	4
5	6 Detachment Breakfast 0930 Perkins Doylestown, PA	7	8	9	10	11 Daylight Savings Time Starts
12	13	14	15 Detachment Meeting 1930 American Legion Post 210 Doylestown, PA	16 Department Membership Meeting Fort Indiantown Gap, PA	17 Department Membership Meeting Fort Indiantown Gap, PA Saint Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Spring Starts	21	22	23	24	25 Palm Sunday
26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Passover	

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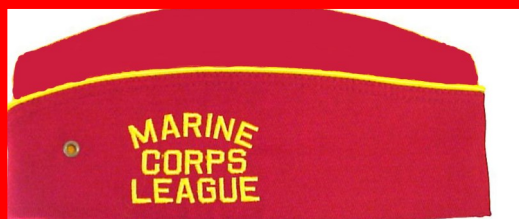
COVER STRIPS

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DETACHMENT COVER

\$22.00



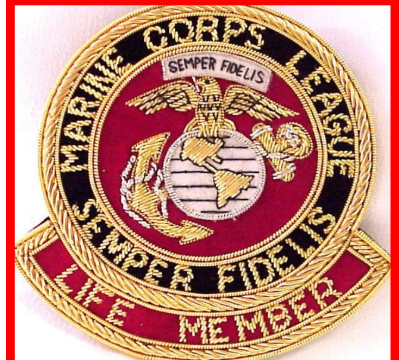
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“ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE”

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")

Sponsor (where applicable)

Applicant's Signature

