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OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 11TH AT 1930

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

We are entering into our nomination and elections phase. Our Detachment, nominations and elections will be held at the next Detachment meeting on March 11th, 2020. If you are interested in an elected position contact Jr. Past Commandant Bill Miller to let him know your intentions. Don't forget to ask someone at the meeting to nominate you. If you are looking for a staff position you should contact the elected Commandant after the elections to seek appointment to a Staff (non-elected) position.



All nominating and election procedures can be found in the Detachment, Department, or National By-Laws and/or Administrative Procedures (AP). You should look over the positions and get to know the duties of each officer, especially if you are seeking election or appointment for 2020-21. To find out the information at the Detachment level you should first go to the current Detachment By-Laws. If the information you are looking for is not listed, go to the next higher set of By-Laws and/or AP's which would be Department and so forth. If you have any questions you can contact the Judge Advocate Bob McPoyle for clarification. Remember the Detachment is the heart of the Marine Corps League, and we continually need Members to step up and fill the Detachment positions.

Anyway, enough of the boring stuff! NEDVC Jim Powell and I headed to Norfolk, VA. last week and attended the National Mid-Winter conference. We are bringing back lots of info to pass on to the Detachment. Additionally, we intend to have firm Pistol, and Rifle dates before our Spring Department meeting so look out for them. Note that we have our Annual Pistol Match set for Sept. 26th, 2020 so save the date. We need the Detachment out there to help with the match.

That's all for now see you all at the meeting.

Semper Fidelis

Joseph M. Kier
Commandant

MCL Schedule

**DEPARTMENT OF PA SPRING
MEETING
MARCH 20-21 , 2020**

**NE DIVISION CONFERENCE
MAY 1-2, 2020
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, PA**

**75TH DEPARTMENT OF PA
CONVENTION
JUNE 19-20, 2020**

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The beauty of falling snow cannot be adequately described. The whisper of snow landing on the surfaces around you, the whirling flakes spun about on eddies of wind, the unique structure of each flake, and the powerful bleaching of the dirty, the broken, the ugly into a glorious quilt that covers the world around you. The powerful blood of Jesus does this to our lives. His blood bleaches the dirty, the broken, and the ugly of our sin and transforms it into a glorious quilt of purity that the Father looks down and sees and calls us clean.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing Love, according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Father, God,

We praise you for your justice. We praise you for your faithfulness in being true to the very essence of who you are. Thank you that you have provided a way for us to join you in this life and the next. We praise you for Jesus, the perfect Lamb sacrificed so that we may be washed as white as snow. We thank you for the joy of our salvation given to us so that we may grow in you. We are a burdened people and ask for you to come alongside our fellow Marines who are struggling in so many ways. Please walk with us. Guide us. Provide for us.

Bless and keep us in your mighty and tender care.

In Christ, Jesus we pray. Amen

Semper fi and God Bless America and our Corps

Dana Lortie



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held February 12, 2020 at the Albert R. Atkinson American Legion Post, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. There were 11 members including all elected officers. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants **Jim Powell Bob Sundling, Don Parzanese Sr., and Bill Miller**. Other Distinguished members recognized were; **NE Division Vice Commandant and Past Department Commandant Jim Powell, Department Sergeant at Arms Bob Sundling, and NE Division Aide-de-Camp Bill Miller**.

New Members: None

Visitors: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS: The Minutes of the January Meeting as published in the January edition of Listen Up! were adopted.

Sick and distressed: Loretta Kier, mother of **Commandant Joe Kier** and grandmother of **Adjutant Bree Ann Kier** is currently recovering from a stroke and has moved to a rehab center making slow progress.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Kier excused from the meeting.

Sr. Vice Commandant DiValentino presented the Detachment Strength report.

Jr. Vice Commandant SSgt. Sundling nothing to report.

Adjutant Bree Ann Kier nothing to report.

Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC presented the Detachment Financial report for January and it was received.

Judge Advocate McPoyle - nothing to report

Chaplain Lortie: nothing to report

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling, PC – nothing to report

Junior Past Commandant Bill Miller - nothing to report.

COMMITTEES

Scholarship Committee Senior Vice Commandant DiValentino reported that the committee will be working on the application for our scholarship and when completed they will present to the Detachment.

Parade/Trailer: Senior Vice Commandant DiValentino reported that when received he will be getting the picture over to see if we will be able to get a free space for the trailer in the parking garage in Doylestown.

Fundraising/V&Y Tickets: Jr. Vice Commandant SSgt Sundling reported that we need more people to help sell Veteran and Youth tickets to be able to reach our goal.

Highway Cleanup: Sargent-At-Arms Sundling reported that we will be doing a clean up when the weather gets nicer. Date to come.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Sr. Vice Commandant DiValentino reported that he had received correspondence from 2nd Lt. Maddie Hunt. She is hoping to make it to our July Detachment Meeting and is expecting a promotion come August.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Don Parzanese PC wanted to invite everyone to the Detachment Breakfast that is held at the Perkins in Doylestown the first Tuesday of each month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 28-29 National Mid-Winter Conference in Norfolk VA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1930 on Wednesday, March 11th, 2020.

This Month In USMC History

Revolutionary War and 1800's

- March 3, 1776 First Marine Landing on hostile shores in the Bahamas.
- March 31, 1801 Site for Marine Barracks, 8th & I, Washington, DC selected.
- March 25, 1804 Secretary of the Navy approved first formal Marine Corps uniform.
- March 12, 1824 Marines quelled prison riot in Boston, led by Brevet Major Robert D. Wainwright. On the same day, Brevet Captain Alvin Edison led attack at Quallah Battoo, Sumatra. Sailors and Marines from the *Potomac* captured the city against stiff opposition.
- March 9, 1847 Captain Alvin Edson leads Marine battalion ashore with Army forces at Veracruz, Mexico. Battles occurred at San Gabriel and La Mesa.

Post World War I

- March 16, 1927 The 4th Marines sailed to Shanghai, to protect American citizens and property in Shanghai's International Settlement.
- March 8, 1928 Captain Merritt A. Edson began a Coco River patrol to hunt for elusive Augusto Sandino.
- March 6, 1932 John Philip Sousa, who became leader of the Marine Band, died at age 79 in Reading, PA.

World War II

- March 21, 1945 General Alexander A. Vandergift becomes the first Marine 4-star general.
- March 26, 1945 Iwo Jima secured. Marines suffer 25,851 casualties.

Vietnam

- March 8, 1965 Vietnam War began for the USA. 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at Da Nang, South Vietnam.
- March 30, 1972 North Vietnamese swept south in Easter offensive.

Somalia

- March 3, 1995 Marines complete withdrawal of United Nations forces from clan war in Somalia.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

- March 19, 2003 The beginning of the Iraq "decapitation attack" got underway when the US launched Operation Iraqi Freedom. The first air strike pin-pointed Saddam Hussein and other top officials in Baghdad.
- March 20, 2003 US 3rd Division and 1st Marine Expeditionary Force invaded southern Iraq from Kuwait. Marines began assault on Iraqi port of Umm Qasr.
- March 23, 2003 An Iraqi ambush, using massive artillery, inflicted heavy casualties on US Marines in the city of Nasiriya.
- March 28, 2003 Three Marine infantry battalions occupied parts of Nasiriya. The US's longest helicopter air assault operation took place as hundreds of coalition soldiers were dropped into Baghdad suburbs.
- March 29, 2003 Along the Euphrates River, US Marines and Iraqi fighters exchanged heavy munitions fire for control of Nasiriya.

Information developed through google research, Marine Corps League Outer Banks Detachment (web page), and USHistory.com.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Central Bucks Detachment Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Department of Pennsylvania Spring Meeting	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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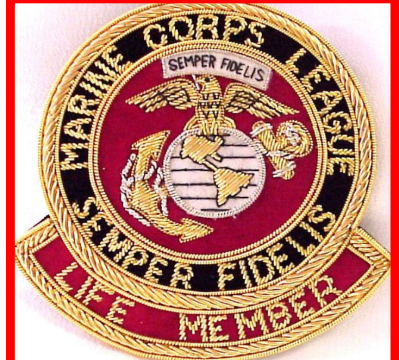
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Application for Membership—Marine Corps League

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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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