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THE NEXT DETACHMENT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Its been 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War and finally those Veterans who put their lives on the line in defense of our country and the South Vietnam government are being recognized and honored for their sacrifice. There are many commemorations being held throughout the state.

Our local event is being held at Byers Choice in Horsham, Pa. on November 10th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. All Marine's from our Detachment who served between 1955 and 1975 are invited to attend the event. Additional information can be found at http://www.kathywatson144.com/vietnamevent.apx

If you plan to attend, please register by phone (215-343-8090) or online at the following link: http://www.senatormcihinney.com/vietnam-veterans-50th/

On September 11th the Detachment will present an Honor Guard during ceremonies being held at the Central Park Pavillion located on Wells Road in Doylestown, Pa. The event starts at 11am and pays tribute to all our Veterans and our civilian volunteer firemen and emergency personnel for their sacrifices to our Country and community. If you plan on attending, bring seating or a blanket and water with you. Remember, the Detachment Birthday Ball celebration is on November 12th. There is no charge for Detachment members in good standing. Please put the date aside and plan on attending in uniform if you have it, but it is not a requirement. Complete information will be forthcoming by October.

Again, I must point out that attendance at our monthly meetings is at a all time low. Everyone cannot be busy with other things every month of the year. Try to clear your calendar for one Wednesday at least 3 to 4 times a year and possibly participate in a parade or some other activity during a given year. We need your input and attendance. During our last meeting those in attendance voted to terminate our participation in the Swamp Road clean up because we could not get six Marine's to do an hour's work three times a year even after buying them breakfast.

Thank you Marines.

Bill McBride



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

BY ACTING CHAPLAIN SAM DIVALENTINO

I met an old man at Doylestown Hospital yesterday. He was wearing a shirt that had "NAVY" printed on the front. He needed to find a certain location and I told him I would escort him to that department. He was not walking very well so I asked if he would like me to wheel him in a chair. He smiled and declined my offer saying that he is slow, but would rather walk. He asked if he could hold my elbow while he walked next to me.

On our journey he told me that he was a 32 year veteran of the Navy, and was an aviator his entire career. He served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He flew many bombing missions and also flew close combat support for the Marine Corps. I told him that Don and I both served in the Marine Corps.

He told me a story about flight school at Corey Field in Pensacola Florida. I told him I was stationed at Corey Field. His story was about how he would try to get pilot trainees who were not doing very well to resign. He said that he would make a bet with them, and if they lost, they would have to resign. I will tell you what the bet was in a little bit.

He would take them up in a jet that he was piloting. He would execute a roll and a dive from about 20,000 feet, then he would pull out of the dive just a few feet above the ground. He would then circle and land the jet.

After exiting the jet, he would have the trainee stand at attention while he inspected him. If the trainee did not have a load in his pants, then the trainee was allowed to continue in the program.

After a lot of laughter, I dropped him off at the Medical Records Department. I gave him a proper Marine Corps salute, which he acknowledged with a hand salute.

In 1 Timothy 3:10, God says "They must first be tested; and if there is nothing against them, let them serve"

This old Naval Officer sure new how to test!

Sam DiValentino, Jr. Vice Commandant

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING



The regular meeting of Central Bucks Detachment #636, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 10, 2016, at the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. American Legion Post 210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA. The meeting was opened at 1939. There were 10 members present including all officers except the Senior Vice Commandant and Adjutant/Paymaster who were excused. Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Budd Pearce, Don Gee, Don Parzanese Sr., and Bob Sundling Sr. Other Distinguished members in attendance were Past Department Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sundling,

New Members: none.

Guests: none.

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

Sick and Distressed: Pat Parzanese is recovering from eye surgery. Don Parzanese is scheduled for surgery in August.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant McBride read a request for donations from the Army Historical National Museum. The scheduled guest speaker was a no-show so Bob Sundling Jr. reported in her place that State Rep. Kathy Watson will host a 50th anniversary celebration of the Vietnam War on 10 November.

Senior Vice Commandant - no report.

Junior Vice DiValentino presented several options for the upcoming Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

A motion for Michele Kotarski to be the caterer was made by Don Parzanese, seconded by Bob Sundling Jr. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Bob Sundling Jr. to pay for a bartender at the ball. Seconded but not recorded. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Bob Sundling Sr.for the Detachment to pay for liquor/wine/etc for the ball. Seconded by Budd Pearce. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Don Parzanese to subsidize the ball up to \$500. Seconded by Don Gee. An amendment was made by Budd Pearce to subsidize the ball entirely for detachment members and their significant others – no outside guests. Seconded by Bob Sundling Jr. The amended motion was approved.

A motion was made by Bob Sundling Sr. to purchase 50 glasses for gifts. Seconded by Don Parzanese. The motion was approved

Commandant McBride presented the July Financial Report in place of Paymaster Jim Powell, PDC

Opening balance = \$9.819.15

Closing balance = \$9,714.26

A motion to accept the Paymaster's report was made by Don Gee. Seconded by Bob Sundling Jr. The motion was approved.

Judge Advocate: no report.

Acting Chaplain DiValentino - no report

Sergeant-at-Arms Sundling reported a request for a color guard for a ceremony on 9/11/16 at Central Park.

MONTHLY DETACHMENT MEETING (CONTINUED)

MINUTES

Young Marines

Membership is increasing; now 15-16 kids Boot camp – Fall 2016 Trip to 8th and I end of August John Basilone parade – September Warrington Days - September

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Budd Pearce to present a Certificate of Appreciation and fruit basket to Thompson Toyota for the use of their vehicles in parades. Seconded by Bob Sundling Sr. The motion was approved.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

Judge Advocate Tom Spoltore recommended that future meetings be conducted per protocol.

A certificate of appreciation for marksmanship programs was presented to Budd Pearce.

Vietnam War 50th anniversary certificates were presented to:

Pat Parzanese Budd Pearce Tom Spoltore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photos of the Detachment in the Memorial Day Parade appeared in the Bucks County Herald.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2039 until 1930 on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.



DETACHMENT CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
				1	2	3		
					1945 Japan officially surrenders to the Allies			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
	Labor Day			1942 1st Raider Bn. Lands on Guadalcanal				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
			Detachment meeting 1930	1950 3/5 landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
						1873 Marines landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia to protect American lives		
25	26	27	28	29	30			
		1944 The American flag was raised over Pelieiu, Palau Islands symbolizing the island was secure			1945 III Amphibious Corps landed in North China to assist in the surrender of Japanese troops			

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BLAZER CREST \$25.00



DETACHMENT COVER \$22.00





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CHALLENGE COIN
\$7.50

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"ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE"

A	Application for Membership—Mar	ine Corps League						
Full Name	Phone							
Street Address	City	State	ZIP	+				
Date of Birth E-mail add	ress							
Date of Enlistment/Commissioning	t/Commissioning Date of Discharge/Retirement/Separation							
Type of Application - New () Renew	val () Members	hip 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 thebership.	Det achment, 1	Marine Corps League and en	close \$	for one year's mem-				
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 Bylanes, Article 6, Section 600")								
Sponsor (where applicable)		Applicant	t's Signature					