

The Chester County Marine

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**Meetings: 4th Monday
of every month @1930**
430 Acorn Lane
Entrance on Chestnut St.
Also park in rear of bldg
Downingtown, Pa 19335

Next Regular Meeting-- Date: January 27, 2020 @ 1930

From the Commandant's Desk

Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF, Chaplains, Associates

I hope that all of you are ready for the big event of Christmas. If there is anyone that is in need or wish to request help this Holiday season, please contact me, IN CONFIDENCE, and I will do all that is possible to make certain that your request is honored. Our Detachment is blessed to have Marines, Associates, Auxiliary, FMF Corpsman and be in a position to help those in need through our various support programs. Taking care of our own should be a priority. As many of you know there are many veterans that need our help and support. Thanks to Dan Condron, Tom Tanner, Doug Forsythe, Tom Logan, and others, we have been able to bring comfort to many Veterans at the Coatesville Veteran's Hospital through their volunteer program. If you have the time, please stop by and register to help our veterans. For specific areas in need of volunteers contact Dan Condron . He can guide you in the areas of service needed.

I would like to keep track of all the Volunteered hours that our detachment gives during the next year. We can track all of the hours when we submit our event report by including the total hours in our report. The hours should include travel time to and from each event. We have been blessed with many volunteers and look forward to your continued support. We will be publishing each month a list of needed volunteers. Please review the list of areas of needed HELP and contact the OIC in charge.

I want to thank all the members for supporting our Social Hour and hope that you have enjoyed the food and socializing. We have been a bit short with contributions to cover the cost of the food, so I would like to suggest that we bill ONLY those in attendance a minimal fee of \$8.00. We could bill each person on an annual basis, if all are in agreement. If this system is not approved, please make a contribution for what you think is fair. We are not looking to make a profit. We are only hoping to cover our actual cost.

With your help our Detachment will continue to grow and to be in a position to support the various programs that have made a difference in the past. Our Scholarship Program, Toys for Tots, Golf Outings, Bingo, etc. are all successful and require our continued support.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to each of you for your service this past year. It has been a pleasure and an honor serving as your Commandant for the year ending 2019.

Semper Fidelis – Jerry

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is effective 15 Oct, 2019 as follows:

- Red Cover
- Long Sleeve White Shirt with Tie
- Black Trousers
- Black Shoes & Socks
- Red Blazer or Satin Jacket when appropriate

Marine Corps League Uniforms available online:
<https://www.mclnational.org/store.html>

Dave Buckta is publishing the CC Marine Newsletter.
Please send all of your newsworthy items, including
photos and links to CCMarineNews@Verizon.net

Detachment 286 Parking Lot Lights

The light for the parking lot has been replaced with an LED light set on a timer from 1500 to 2400. Special thanks to Electrician John Marbach, Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Doug Forsythe and Sunbelt Lifts.

Note: Please do not call for illumination rounds for the parking lot.



NEWSLETTER POLICY

Chester County Marine, the only publication paid for by Chester County Detachment MCL #286, is published monthly as a service to the membership and other interested organizations. We will reprint any article deemed to be newsworthy and not political. The editor reserves the right to modify any items selected for printing.

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VA Welcome Kit

https://www.va.gov/va_welcomekit_color.pdf

1/25/2020

Minutes From Meeting on – November 25, 2019

Meeting Opened: 7:27 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Officer	Member	Present
Commandant	Jerry Myers	X
Sr. Vice-Commandant	Bob Strehl	
Jr. Vice-Commandant	Bob Campagna	X
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	X
Jr. Past Commandant	Doug Forsythe	X
Adjutant	Jack Meighan	X
Paymaster	Larry Samples	
Chaplain	Dan Condron	X
Sergeant at Arms	Leo Burke	X
Service Officer		
Trustee	Lou Netta	
Trustee	Pat Powell	X
Trustee	Tom Tanner	X

9 officers present.

New Members:

Fran Digian, who served on active duty in the Marines in the early 1970s, submitted an application and a copy of his DD-214 and paid his dues. He was approved for membership by a vote of the members present and sworn in as a member of the detachment.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 10/28/2019 were provided to members. A motion to receive the minutes as amended was made by Jim Copeland and seconded by Dan Condron. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

A letter has been received from the Military Order of the Purple Heart thanking the detachment for our \$100 donation.

Paymaster Report:

Junior Past Commandant Doug Forsythe presented the paymaster's report. A motion to receive the paymaster's report subject to audit was made by Tom Tanner and seconded by Bob Campagna. The motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Jed Burns sent a message thanking the detachment for the card regarding his wife Cindy. Jed asked that we continue to think of Cindy in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill Kennedy is still struggling at home. He has lost 40 pounds and doctors have removed two quarts of fluid from his lungs though they don't yet know the reason for his condition.

Commandant Myers advised that his niece, Nicole Prusack, has been told the cancer in her hip has not spread. She will have surgery on 12/6/2019.

Report of Officers:

Judge Advocate Jim Copeland said he is reviewing the detachment's filing system and plans to have anything older than ten years shredded. Five or six DD-214s were discovered and will be shredded.

Standing Committees:

Doug Forsythe (Nominating Committee): The nominating committee recommended the following detachment members for detachment offices:

Commandant: Jerry Myers was nominated; there were no other nominations for Commandant;

Senior Vice-Commandant: Bob Campagna was nominated; there were no other nominations for Senior Vice-Commandant;

Junior Vice-Commandant: Bonnie Shaw was nominated for Junior Vice-Commandant; there no other nominations for Junior Vice-Commandant;

Judge Advocate: Jim Copeland was nominated for Judge Advocate; there were no other nominations for Judge Advocate.

Trustees: Chris Shaw, Pat Powell, and John Abitabilo were nominated for Trustee at the November meeting; there were no other nominations for Trustee.

There will be a third round of nominations followed by a vote at the December general meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Leo Burke, Chaplain Dan Condron, Adjutant Jack Meighan, Paymaster Larry Samples, and IT Supervisor Dave Buckta said they would continue to serve in their appointed positions.

Special Committees:

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): The first marksmanship meeting of 2020 will be on 1/26 at 2:00 PM at the detachment. Members will snap in and take care of any outstanding paperwork. Dennis said he will gradually transition from his position in charge of the marksmanship team. Mike Rapp will take over for Dennis with assistance from Pat Powell. Commandant Myers thanked Dennis for all the years he has guided the marksmanship team.

Bonnie Shaw (Marine Corps Ball): There were 73 attendees who had a good time. Bonnie was thanked for her work in organizing the ball. Doug said there has been discussion about combining our ball with another detachment, perhaps the Smedley Butler detachment, which only had 40 people at their ball. The 2020 ball will be held on 11/14/2020.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Jim Copeland made a motion to advance up to \$900 to purchase toys for the Toys For Tots sale at the Chester County Bar Association Christmas party. The toys would be sold to lawyers and judges and the money returned to the detachment. Doug Forsythe seconded the motion, which passed.

Good of the League:

Mike Rapp was given his permanent associate membership gold badge.

Bob Campagna was selected as the 2020 Marine of the Year (MOY) and presented with a MOY medallion.

Bonnie Shaw made up recruitment posters and encouraged members to place them in grocery stores and other commercial establishments.

Announcements:

The December general meeting will be on 12/16/2020. There will be a third round of nominations followed by voting and our holiday party. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Closing: 8:16 PM

EVENT: Toys for Tots

DATE: Dec, 2019

SUMMARY: Detachment personnel showed up in uniform to pick up Toys for Tots from West Chester Area lawyers.

LOCATION: West Chester, PA

MEMBERS: Leo Burke, Dan Condron, Bill Shields, Jim Copeland

SUBMITTED BY: Beverly Buckta



EVENT: Breakthrough Rehab Ceremony

DATE: 11 Dec, 2019

SUMMARY: Breakthrough Rehab Ceremony

LOCATION: Breakthrough Rehab Ceremony, PA

MEMBERS: Jerry Myers, John Altibilo, Jed Burns

SUBMITTED BY: John Altibilo



EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: December 07 and 21

LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street

MEMBERS: Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Dave Mundy, Mike & Jeanne Rapp, Joanne Brown, Dennis Brown, Deb Allen Mundy, and Lisa Sundin, Mario and Della Sheryl.

PURPOSE: Bingo operations were conducted.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

EVENT: Monthly Bingo - Shut Ins

DATE: Dec 11, 2019

LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

MEMBERS: Bill Kennedy, Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Tom Tanner, and Dan Condron

PURPOSE: Presented \$175 in Canteen Books and Ice Cream & Tasty Cakes to 15 vets.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

EVENT: Wreathes Across America
DATE: December 14, 2019
SUMMARY: Wreathes Across America.
LOCATION: Paoli Battlefield, Paoli, Pa
MEMBERS: Dan Condron
SUBMITTED BY: Dan Condron



EVENT: New Detachment Member Swearing In
SUMMARY: Detachment 286 welcome new member Fran Digian. Fran served from 1972 to 1978 and duty stations included Paris Island Platoon 1004, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton and Camp Fuji, Japan. Fran is President of Environmental Design Solutions and resides in East Fallowfield. His dad was USMC WWII and brother USMC Vietnam. Welcome Fran!!
MEMBERS: Fran Digian, Jerry Myers
SUBMITTED BY: John Abitabilo & Dan Condron

DATE: November 25, 2019



EVENT: West Chester University Military Scholarship Donation
SUMMARY: Catherine Wolf of West Chester University receives a scholarship donation to be awarded to a WCU student who is a veteran or Army ROTC Cadet.
LOCATION: WCU Alumni Center, West Chester, Pa
MEMBERS: Doug Forsythe and Jerry Myers
SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe
DATE: November 26, 2019



USMC Fun Facts – Rifle Squad

In the United States Marine Corps, a rifle squad is usually composed of three fireteams of four Marines each and a squad leader who is typically a sergeant or corporal.

Other types of USMC infantry squads include: machinegun (7.62mm), heavy machinegun (12.7 mm (.50 cal.) and 40mm), LWCMS mortar (60-mm), 81-mm mortar, assault weapon (SMAW), antiarmor (Javelin missile), and anti-tank (TOW missile). These squads range from as few as three Marines (60mm LWCM squad) to as many as eight (Javelin Missile squad), depending upon the weapon system with which the squad is equipped. Squads are also used in reconnaissance, light armored reconnaissance (scout dismounts), combat engineer, law enforcement (i.e., military police), Marine Security Force Regiment (MSFR), and Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST) companies.

On 9 May 2018, it was announced that a USMC squad will be reduced to 12 Marines, with three fire teams of three Marines each with two new positions: an assistant squad leader and a squad systems operator.

CC MCL Life Membership as of July 2019

Lee C. Beyer	Rogers C. Flanigan	James J. Miller	William F. Shields
Dennis Brown	Douglas R. Forsythe	Richard J. Morrow	Walter W. Simcox, Jr.
Daniel W. Bullock III	Jamie Goncharoff	Dave Mundy	James G. Snyder
Leo Burke	Donald Goodwin	Phillip Murray	Bob Spano
Gerard (Jed) F. Burns	Bob Gross	Jerry D. Myers	William E. Stellfox
John J. Ceschan Jr.	Michael Guyer	Louis Stephen Netta	Robert G. Stone
Daniel J. Condron	Albert B. Harper Sr.	John F. O'Brien	Robert L. "Bob" Strehl
James Copeland	John E. Hinckley	Jay F. Patton	Peter R. Supplee
William J. Corcoran	Leif Jacobsen	Mark A. Peterson	Tom Tanner
Kay M. Croll	Steven G. Jefferis	Julius Pinter	Steven W. Talley
Henry A. Detering	Joseph J. Kay	Patrick B. Powell	Kathy A. Van Gorder
John DiMatteo	William G. Keers	Michael Rapp	Elmer S. Van Gorder
Gerry DiNunzio	Walter Kutz	Jack Ribble	Mark A. Wahn
Dominic DiSciullo	Fred LeClair	Les Rouse *	Dennis P. Walsh
James Donegan	Thomas M. Logan	Patrick Rundle	Albert R. Wertz
Robert F. Donovan	Bill Mackey	Larry L. Samples	Charles T. Wertz Jr.
Robert L. Dormer	Michael Maginnis	Robert Saenz Jr.	William E. Woodward
Joseph E. Dulin Jr.	Jim McIlhenney	Jeff Sanders	James Yocum
Craig S. Evans	Charles McMahan	Mario M. Scherl	
Gary N. Fay	John "Jack" Meighan	Kenneth Schweitzer	
Daniel V. Fitzpatrick Jr.	Donald W. Meyer	Raymond E. Sheldon	* Life Mbr Delaware Det.

If you are interested in becoming a MCL Life Member. Memberships are available for all those in "good standing." Just send your check for the appropriate amount and proof of age to Larry Samples, Det. Paymaster. Rates are based on your current age as follows:

Over 65	\$200
51-64	\$300
36-50	\$400
35 & Below	\$500

If you have any questions regarding life memberships. Please contact Bob Strehl, Sr. Vice.



Chester County Marine January 2020 EVENT Calendar

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
5	6	7	8 VA Bingo Dan Condron	9 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 General Membership Mtg 7:30pm Jerry Myers	28 VA Popcorn Dan Condron	29	30	31	

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Chester County Marine February 2020 EVENT Calendar

February 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 VA Bingo Dan Condron	13 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	14	15 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						
23	24 General Membership Mtg 7:30pm Jerry Myers	25 VA Popcorn Dan Condron	26	27	28	29

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