

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: March 23, 2020 @ 1930

From the Commandant's Desk

Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF, Chaplains, Associates

I want to thank all those that have volunteered for the various events that take place each month. I especially want to thank Dave Buckta for preparing this Newsletter each month. Dave has stepped up to this position even though he is working full time with Pfizer Corporation. I also want to Thank all Board members for their support. I want all of you to know that the entire Detachment has great respect for what you do and we thank each of you for your SERVICE.

Many of you have been given awards for your outstanding service. Tonight we will continue that tradition by honoring additional members for their Service Above Self. Some of these awards are unique such as the Marine of the Year, given by the MOY Committee. This Year our Marine of the Year is Bob Campagna. We also have the Commandant award that is also a unique award and given only to a few. I am honored tonight to announce that your board has approved a new award. This award is in the name of Tom Tanner, "PUTTING OTHERS ABOVE SELF". Tom has served as Detachment Commandant at Smedley Butler Detachment from 1995-1996 he was also Detachment MOY for 2006. Tom served as Department Commandant from 2004-2006. Tom was awarded Department MOY in 2009. In addition to all the above awards, Tom also was selected Devil Dog of the year for 2012. It is my pleasure tonight to present Tom with this well-deserved award. Thank you, Tom, for "PUTTING OTHERS ABOVE SELF".

We are planning a Field Day in a few weeks. Our plan is to have 10-15 volunteers to work between three and four hours to make our Detachment Sparkle! As you know, Marines take pride in how they look. We should also take pride in how our Detachment looks. With your help we can make a difference. Our OIC is John Abitabilo. The date and time will be announced. Please contact John to VOLUNTEER. Our goal is to clean every inch of the DETACHMENT. We will create teams with specific assignments. If you have any cleaning supplies that you would like to donate, let John know.

New members: Your help is needed to recruit new members. There are applications available at the Ships Store as well as Business Cards for each of us to hand out when meeting a potential member.

Guest Speakers: If you know of a speaker that you would like to suggest, please let me know and we will do our best to schedule he or she to our meeting. The suggested program time for a speaker would be 10-15 minutes and allow no more than 5-10 minutes for Q&A. There are many interesting speakers that would make our meetings more enjoyable.

Social Hour: Our food tonight is provided by Royal Farms World Famous Chicken. Please make a donation to help to defray the cost. If there is any food left, please feel free to help yourself. We hope you enjoy the food. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

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

EVENT: Valentines Bingo @ VA

DATE: Feb 08, 2020

LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (16 volunteer hrs)

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

PURPOSE: 75 veterans played bingo. \$500 of prizes and coupons

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.

The views expressed herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of National MCL, Inc., Pennsylvania MCL, Inc. or the Chester County Detachment. All members and other interested parties are invited to submit articles for publication.

EVENT: VA Bingo

DATE: Feb 12, 2020

LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (12 volunteer hrs)

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

PURPOSE: 13 veterans played bingo.

VA Welcome Kit

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

4/16/2020

Minutes From Meeting on – January 27, 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:18 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Officer	Member	Present
Commandant	Jerry Myers	X
Sr. Vice-Commandant	Bob Campagna	X
Jr. Vice-Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	X
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	X
Jr. Past Commandant	Doug Forsythe	X
Adjutant	Jack Meighan	X
Paymaster	Larry Samples	X
Chaplain	Dan Condron	X
Sergeant at Arms	Leo Burke	X
Service Officer		
Trustee	Chris Shaw	X
Trustee	Pat Powell	X
Trustee	John Abitabilo	X

11 officers present. Prior to the start of the meeting, Maureen Pappas and three members of her Remax Professionals Real Estate firm of Exton, PA presented the detachment with a check for \$500 to aid a local Marine in need.

New Members:

None.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 12/16/2019 were provided to members. A motion to receive the minutes was made by Dan Condron and seconded by Bob Campagna. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

Walt Simcox's family sent a \$100 donation to the detachment in honor of Walt's father who recently passed away.

Paymaster Report:

Paymaster Samples presented the paymaster's report. A motion to receive the paymaster's report subject to audit was made by Doug Forsythe and seconded by Bob Campagna. The motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Jed Burns' wife Cindy continues to undergo chemo treatments for cancer.

Report of Officers:

None.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Bonnie Shaw (Marine Corps Ball): The ball will be held at the Coatesville Country Club on 11/14/2020 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The contract has been signed and the deposit placed. A couple of months prior to the ball, a meeting will be held to review the ceremony to consider what we need and don't need.

Dan Condron (VAVS): The Valentine Day Bingo will be held in Building 5 at the Coatesville VA Hospital on 2/8/2020, Saturday at 1:00 PM. The St. Patrick's Day Bingo will take place on Saturday, 3/14/2020 at 1:00 PM. The Smedley Butler Detachment will also participate with us.

The VA has announced that they are looking for new or like new clothes and plastic totes which patients can use when they are moving from the hospital.

Volunteers are needed for the Silver Spoons program at the hospital in which volunteers assist in feeding the senior patients at the hospital at lunch on Wednesdays in the Community Living Center, Building 138. Volunteers are also needed to drive clinic commuters in golf carts from the main parking lot to their destinations within the hospital. This would involve a couple of hours whenever available. Anyone interested should see Dan.

\$306,155 in goods and services was donated to the VA Hospital in the last quarter, \$42,000 just in cash. Jennifer Harkins has been named Acting Director of the hospital.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): The first marksmanship meeting of 2020 was held yesterday; the next meeting is scheduled for 2/23/2020 and will focus on the pistol preparing for the pistol match in June. If we hear from Upper Darby, we may shoot at their match in April. The range at Kimberton has been reserved three times for this year, the first Sunday in April, the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in September.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Good of the League:

Bonnie Shaw announced that her son has returned from deployment with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and will be attending staff school at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Distinguished Citizen Awards were authorized for the following detachment members:

Larry Samples, Leo Burke, Tom Tanner, Jack Meighan, Bill Stellfox, Doug Forsythe, Dan Condron, Bob Campagna, Joanne Brown, Pat Powell, Lou Netta, Dave Buckta, Jim Copeland, Bob Strehl, Mike Rapp, Dan Fitzpatrick, Lee Byers, John Abitabilo, and Jerry Myers.

Certificates of Appreciation were authorized for Nancy LeClaire, Christine Myters, Jeanne Rapp, Mike Whelan and Fred LeClaire.

The Commandant's Trophy was presented to Bob Strehl. The detachment received a national citation for Bob's efforts to increase our membership. Under Bob's leadership, our membership increased approximately 125%.

Announcements:

The Order of the Purple Heart Banquet will be held on 2/23/2020. A National Achievement Medal will be awarded to Bill Pinamont who was the Assistant Director of the Chester County Office of Veterans Affairs. Also the best male and female high school athletes in Chester County will be honored with scholarships.

On 2/29/2020, the Freedom Foundation Local Heroes Banquet will present the George Washington Medal to Bob Lohr who organized the Toys for Tots campaign for 21 years. Our detachment has reserved a table at the banquet and still has a couple of seats available. If interested in attending, see Doug Forsythe.

The state convention is coming up in June in Pittsburgh and the national is scheduled for August in Daytona Beach, Florida. Dennis Brown announced that he plans to attend both events and asked to be placed on the delegate list for the national convention. Commandant Myers said he plans to attend the national midwinter convention in Virginia on 2/27/2020.

Closing: 7:53 PM

EVENT: 2019 Awards Ceremony

DATE: Jan 27, 2020

SUMMARY: Distinguished Citizen Awards were authorized for the following detachment members: Larry Samples, Leo Burke, Tom Tanner, Jack Meighan, Bill Stellfox, Doug Forsythe, Dan Condron, Bob Campagna, Joanne Brown, Pat Powell, Lou Netta, Dave Buckta, Jim Copeland, Bob Strehl, Mike Rapp, Dan Fitzpatrick, Lee Byers, John Abitabilo, and Jerry Myers. Certificates of Appreciation were authorized for Nancy LeClaire, Christine Myters, Jeanne Rapp, Mike Whelan and Fred LeClaire.

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LOCATION: Detachment 286 Headquarters, Downingtown, PA

MEMBERS: All

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Buckta



EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Feb 1 and 15, 2020

LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street

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

PURPOSE: Bingo operations were conducted with a good turn out (51 + 40).

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

(75 volunteer hours)

Marine Fun Facts – F-35B and F-35C

Description

The F-35's mission is to attack and destroy surface targets, intercept and destroy enemy aircraft, provide electronic warfare support, and network enabled reconnaissance support across the full spectrum of combat operations. It has an autonomous capability to strike a broad range of moving or fixed targets, either day or night and in adverse weather conditions. These targets include air and ground threats, as well as enemy surface units at sea and anti-ship or land attack cruise missiles and it can complete the entire kill chain without reliance on external sources by using fused information from its onboard systems and/or other F-35s.

Operational Impact

The F-35 will provide the MAGTF strategic agility, operational flexibility and tactical supremacy. The JSF is the future of all TACAIR for the Marine Corps.

Program Status

The F-35B and F-35C will replace F/A-18, AV-8B, and EA-6B. The Marine Corps will procure a total of 420 F-35s (353 F-35Bs and 67 F-35Cs). The F-35B declared IOC in July 2015 with VMFA-121 at MCAS Yuma. The squadron subsequently moved to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan in January 2017. The aircraft is currently tracking to reach its full program-of-record operational capability (Block 3F) in calendar year 2018. The full transition from legacy to F-35 will complete with the transition of the second reserve squadron in 2031. The F-35C is expected to declare IOC in August 2018. FOC is expected for both variants in the late 2020's



EVENT: Monthly Bingo - Shut Ins
LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

DATE: Jan 28, 2020

MEMBERS: Dan Condron, Leo Burke, and Mike Rapp

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (15 volunteer hrs)

PURPOSE: VA Popcorn and bingo

VOLUNTEER HOURS – February 2020

Winter Department Meeting : 1/ 17-18 January, Jerry, Doug ,Lee	26 hrs ea	78
Staff Meeting 1/12/ 2020: Jerry, Bob, Bonnie, Larry, Leo, Chris, Pat, John, Dan, Lee	2 hrs	20
Bingo: Leo , Jim, Doug, Mike, Jean, Check with Leo for Jan & Feb hours	?????	75
Memorial Day Parade Meeting : 1/28 2010 Lee, Mike, Jerry, Walt, Jim	2 hrs	50
Regular Meeting: 1/27/2020 Verify with Leo 15 @	2hs	30
Awards Meeting: Jerry, Doug Crown Trophy 2/4/2020	1hr	2
VA Bingo: Dan,	?????	43
VAVS Doug: 2/06/2020	?????	
Golf Meeting: Applecross 2/4/2020 Bob, Jerry, Doug, Larry	2 hrs	8
Safe Meeting: Doug, Jerry 2/6/2/7 Phoenixville	2hs	4
2/13/2020 Meeting A1 Duct Cleaning Jerry	2 hrs	2
Staff Meeting : 2/14/2020 Jerry, John, Doug, Larry, Dave, Jim	3 hrs	18
Dave Buckta : Newsletter	8 hr	
Auxiliary: Check with JoAnne	?????	
Membership John A	3	3
Financial John A	5	5

Total : Pending hours not reported , subject to audit .

305

EVENT: Military Order of the Purple Heart 67th George Washington Birthday Banquet

DATE: Feb 29, 2020

LOCATION: St Anthony Lodge, Downingtown, PA

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe

MEMBERS: Doug Forsythe & Charmaine

PURPOSE: CAPT Bill Pinamont received the 2020 MOPH National Citation.



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.

4/16/2020 (rlstrehl@hotmail.com) or 215-421-2465 or Larry Samples, Paymaster.



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March 2020 EVENT Calendar

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
8	9	10	11 VA Bingo Dan Condron	12 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	13	14 VA Bingo St Patty's Day Dan Condron
15 MODD Growl 1430 Larry Samples	16	17	18 FREE Veteran's Musical Show "Disney's High School Musical" 1900 – 2130 Owen J Roberts High School	19 Chester County Veterans Breakfast 0830 – 1100 ChesCo Public Safety Training Center 610.344.6780	20	21 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland
22	23 General Membership Mtg 7:30pm Jerry Myers	24 VA Popcorn Dan Condron	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Chester County Marine April 2020 EVENT Calendar

April 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		

End of Newsletter
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