

The Chester County Marine

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Appointed Officers

Adjutant	Jack Meighan
Service Officer	Doug Forsythe
Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
Chaplain	Dan Condron
Sgt. at Arms	Ken Weaver

From the Commandant's Desk

Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF, Chaplains, Associates

It has been some seven months since we were told to avoid large gatherings and to wear a mask. Several events have been cancelled and the use of social media in conducting meetings has replaced many in person meetings. This October 17 our Department Convention will be held virtually starting at 9:AM. I would like to invite our staff and a limited number of members to attend this meeting at the Detachment. With the large TV screen and the help of Dave Buckta, if possible, we can attend this meeting and get the latest details of our Department programs and updates on future events. I would like to limit the number of those attending to 25. If you wish to attend, please contact me by 10/12/ 2020.

I want to thank all of you that bought Duck Race Tickets. We sold 267 tickets to individuals for a total of \$1,335.00. The remaining unsold tickets (33) worth \$165.00 belong to the Detachment. We purchased 300 tickets for \$1,500.00 We get \$4.00 credit for each ticket for selling 300 tickets. $300 \times 4.00 = \$1,200$. $\$1,500.00$ minus $\$1,200.00$, minus $\$1,335.00 =$ NET PROFIT of $\$1035.00$ plus any winning tickets to individuals or the Detachment. THANK ALL WHO BOUGHT TICKETS! We had 9 winning tickets at the event on 9/16. As soon as I get the names of the winning tickets holders. I will advise each winner.

Our Annual Chicken BBQ is coming up, October 10/2020. Please support this event with YOUR PURCHASE, ASAP. Please see Bonnie Shaw or Doug Forsythe TONIGHT TO PLACE YOUR ORDER; Check or cash only! Our Goal is to sell ALL 250 meals for a gross income of \$3,000. Check with your friends and family and have all orders placed by contacting Bonnie or Doug. We will need help during the event as well, so sign up with Doug or Bonnie. Your support is MUCH APPRECIATED.

HANDICAP ACCESS is available at the Detachment. If you or anyone you know needs one floor access to the Detachment, we have that ability. There is an existing ramp in place just outside the Kitchen entrance on Chestnut St. The ramp takes you thru the kitchen area and brings you into the main room, This entrance eliminates using any stairs. Please let any staff member know if you need this access for any reason. We also have a wheelchair and walker available. WE ARE HERE TO HELP IF NEEDED.

Tonight's Speaker : We have a presentation by Lisa B. Luckenback USAF, MSgt, Retired on The Chester County Veterans Court Mentor Program. This will be a 4:29 minute video that gives an overview of the program, followed by Q&A.

According to the CDC : 90 % of the U.S. Population is SUCCEPTABLE to COVID -19. We all need to do our part and WEAR A MASK.

If there is anyone, family or individual in need, please contact one of our STAFF in CONFIDENCE and we will do what we can to help.

Semper Fidelis – Jerry

**Meetings: 4th Monday
of every month @1900**

430 Acorn Lane
Downingtown, Pa 19335
Entrance on Chestnut St.
Also park in rear of bldg

**Next Meeting:
October 26, 2020 @ 1900**

VA Welcome Kit

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

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

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.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is in effect as follows:

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

Marine Corps League Uniforms available online:

<https://www.mclnational.org/store.html>

Minutes From Meeting on – August 24, 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:04 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Six officers present. Prior to the start of the meeting, Jed Burns thanked the members of the detachment for the support and prayers offered for his wife Cindy.

New Members:

Dr. Louis “Tod” Guernsey, retired Major General Delaware National Guard applied to be an associate member. He provided a copy of his DD-214 reflecting that he served ten years on active duty with the U.S. Army and 21 years with the Delaware National Guard. Tod filed out an application and paid his dues. He was approved by a vote of the members present and sworn in as an associate member of the detachment.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the general detachment meeting on 7/27/2020 were provided to members. A motion to receive the minutes was made by Doug Forsythe and seconded by Pat Powell. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

A letter has been received from the Department Commandant advising that elections will be held via e-mail on 9/11/2020.

Paymaster Report:

Paymaster Forsythe presented the paymaster's report. A motion to receive the paymaster's report subject to audit was made by Fred LeClair and seconded by Bonnie Shaw. The motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

None.

Report of Officers:

None.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): All matches have been canceled. The pistol match at Palmerton, Bucks County has been cancelled. The range at Kimberton is still scheduled for 9/13/2020 assuming work on the range has been completed.

Bonnie Shaw (Marine Corps Ball and Chicken BBQ): Our Marine Corps Birthday Ball will not take place this year because of the coronavirus restrictions. The Coatesville Country Club will be asked to roll over our deposit for the 2020 ball to next year when hopefully the ball will take place on 11/13/2021. The Chicken BBQ will not have outdoor seating and will be take out only. Dinners will be \$12 each.

Leo Burke (Flag Retirement): We are hoping to have a flag retirement ceremony in the middle of September; we have about 4,000 flags on hand.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Tickets for the rifle raffle are available for \$20 each. The rifle will be assembled by an FFL gunsmith and will be transferred from Pat Powell to the winner as long as the winner has passed a background check. The winner must be a Pennsylvania resident. The drawing will take place at

the 3/22/2021 general meeting. The AR-15 will come with a cleaning kit, bayonet and scabbard, a sling, scope mount and scope, as well as a new canvas case.

Commandant Myers advised that a preliminary budget has been prepared for 2021 and will be presented to the detachment at the September general meeting. The Marine Corps birthday ball and golf tournament will not be held this year; it is not known if we will be able to hold bingo for the rest of this year.

Good of the League:

District One Vice-Commandant George Souder has had a serious stroke; he cannot speak at present and has limited motion. The Department Commandant has appointed Doug Forsythe as the District One Vice-Commandant until George recovers.

The Commandant advised that the application submitting Doug's name as the department Marine of the Year has been sent to Harrisburg.

Pat Powell has donated a thermal thermometer for the detachment's use.

Kay Croll has advised that Jim Miller does not have a computer or smart phone and has requested that a newsletter be sent to him. The Adjutant will see to this.

Dave Buckta is looking into obtaining a new printer, copier, scanner which will cost approximately \$340 at Staples. Dave recommended that we obtain the extended warranty as well. The Commandant requested a motion to pay up to \$400 for the printer, etc. Fred LeClair made a motion to pay up to \$400 at Staples for a combination printer, scanner and copier with extended warranty which was seconded by Leo Burke; the motion passed.

Dave also advised that the Ladies' Auxiliary conducted a detailed inspection of their bulkhead, decks and overhead and discovered black mold on two overhead ceiling tiles. The ladies requested that this be taken care of ASAP. The Commandant said Pat Vollmer will be contacted regarding a possible leak from the roof or air conditioner. Detachment member Bob Saenz, who works remediating mold, will be asked to examine the area as well.

Announcements:

None.

Closing: 7:58 PM

EVENT: Monthly Bingo - Shut Ins	DATE: No bingo
LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A	SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke
MEMBERS: Dan Condron, Leo Burke, and Mike Rapp	
PURPOSE: VA Popcorn and bingo suspended during the pandemic	

EVENT: Color Guard Ceremony

DATE: September 07, 2020

SUMMARY: Labor Day Color Guard Ceremony at the Applecross CC Benefit Golf Outing.

Photos: Char Fedick

LOCATION: the Applecross CC , PA

MEMBERS: Ken Weaver, Joe Springer, Doug Forsythe

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe



EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: None

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 are suspended during the pandemic.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

EVENT: Funeral Service for Jim "Doc" Dougherty

DATE: Sept 17, 2020

LOCATION: 3rd & Fayette St
Conshohocken, Pa

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe

MEMBERS: Jerry Myers, Charlie McMahon,
& Doug Forsythe

PURPOSE: Funeral Service

Jim Dougherty USMC receiving the Bronze Star.

Jim also received 4 purple hearts during two tours in Vietnam I Corps
serving with 26th Marines.



EVENT: Installation of Officers
LOCATION: Upland, PA
SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe
MEMBERS: Doug Forsythe
PURPOSE: Installation of officers for Del Cty Detach 288

DATE: Sept 11, 2020

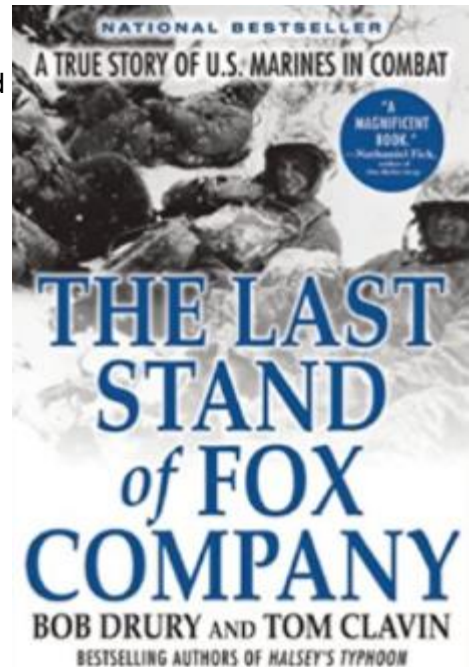


Book Recommendation (Thanks Fred LeClair)

The Last Stand of Fox Company: A True Story of U.S. Marines in Combat
By Bob Drury and Tom Clavin 2009

November 1950, the Korean Peninsula: After General MacArthur ignores Mao's warnings and pushes his UN forces deep into North Korea, his 10,000 First Division Marines find themselves surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered by 100,000 Chinese soldiers near the Chosin Reservoir. Their only chance for survival is to fight their way south through the Toktong Pass, a narrow gorge that will need to be held open at all costs. The mission is handed to Captain William Barber and the 234 Marines of Fox Company, a courageous but undermanned unit of the First Marines.

Barber and his men climb seven miles of frozen terrain to a rocky promontory overlooking the pass, where they will endure four days and five nights of nearly continuous Chinese attempts to take Fox Hill. Amid the relentless violence, three-quarters of Fox's Marines are killed, wounded, or captured. Just when it looks like they will be overrun, Lt. Colonel Raymond Davis, a fearless Marine officer who is fighting south from Chosin, volunteers to lead a daring mission that will seek to cut a hole in the Chinese lines and relieve the men of Fox. This is a fast-paced and gripping account of heroism in the face of impossible odds.



EVENT: Flag Retirement

DATE: Sept 9, 2020

LOCATION: Wes Chester, PA

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

MEMBERS: OIC Leo Burke, Bugler Dan Fitzpatrick, Chaplain Fred LeClair, Fire Marshal Dale McClure, Hose man Jack Meighan, Transporter Lee Beyer, Igniters Bob Strehl, Doug Forsyte, Jim Copeland, Dennis Brown, Photography by Mike Rapp

PURPOSE: We asked for good looking, able bodied Marines but had to settle for this crew. Bob Strehl flew in from Michigan for this event (thanks Bob). This shows we can be serious and still enjoy the comradery of fellow Marines. Special thanks to Dale McClure. Approximately 2,000 flags. 30 volunteer hours.



Rest in Peace
Bill Kennedy

We miss you.

Volunteer Activity	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (July)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Jerry Myers	15	75
Staff Meeting	Jerry Myers	8	68
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	-	110
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron	-	43
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	9+3	84
Golf outing	Bob Campagna	-	8
Chicken BBQ	Bonnie Shaw	4	4
Flag retirement	Leo Burke	30	32
Building maintenance – field day	Leo Burke		30
Membership	John Abitabilo	5	10
Financial	Doug Forsythe/John Abitabilo	5	31
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	8	40
Other	Doug Forsythe	4	6
Total		89	541

**Marine Corps League Chester County Detachment
Presents...**

21st Annual Chicken BBQ



**10 October 2020
(Noon to 5pm)**

\$12

Meals Ready to Eat will include: Fresh Lancaster Half BBQ Chicken, Petite Potatoes, additional side, dinner roll, dessert, and a beverage.

PREORDERS:

Available by attending one of our upcoming Detachment Events & reserving in person, or by mailing a check/money order to:

CCD #286 Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 828

Downingtown PA 19335

Please Include your Name, Phone, & payment for the # of Dinners x \$12ea

WALK-IN ORDERS:

Available until 4pm Day of BBQ

at our Detachment Headquarters located at 430 Chestnut Street, Downingtown (around the corner from Victory Brewing)

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, so we encourage preorders if possible.

BBQ Contacts:

Doug Forsythe: 610-827-9281

Bonnie Shaw: 267-934-9583

Cash or Check Only



Prepared By:

Rockin' J BBQ

Jonathan Stolfus, Owner

Atglen PA

Semper Fi Marines and Thank You to our Community!

All proceeds benefit the Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its many community activities supporting veterans and their families.



Chester County Marine October 2020 EVENT Calendar

October 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Bingo??? 5:30pm Jim Copeland
4	5	6	7 VA Bingo Dan Condron ??????????????	8 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Bingo??? 5:30pm Jim Copeland
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 General Membership Mtg 7:00pm Jerry Myers	27 VA Popcorn Dan Condron ??????????????	28	29	30	31

2020 Department of
Pennsylvania Virtual--
Online Convention





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29	30					

End of Newsletter