The Chester County Marine

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Appointed Officers

Adjutant	**Jack Meighan**
Servie 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

Marines and Associates, I hope this letter finds each of you in good health and good spirits as well. We have had a tough year so far and it looks like we are heading into additional headwinds in the near future. We need to be aware of our interaction with the general public as well as within our family and fellow members of the MCL. I want to stress that we are ALL subject to contracting or spreading the virus. We all, of course, know that, however, we do not want to let our guard down. We need to use the hand cleaner and wear mask and stay home if we are not feeling well.

We are in the process of cleaning the Auxiliary room by removing the carpet and accessing additional measures to correct the mold issue. Please refrain from using the room until we have completed the work.

Fund raising is a priority for our detachment. We just completed our annual BBQ event and from all indication we were very successful. Doug Forsythe and Bonnie Shaw were co-chairs and did a great job. I also want to thank all volunteers that helped with the event. We will be getting an income report from Doug and Bonnie. For future events, Please keep in mind that PRE-ORDRS are the key. We can't rely on walk in traffic because we are off the beaten path. Our current project is the Rifle raffle. The tickets are $20.00 each and Pat Powell is donating this Rifle. The winner will be announced on March 22nd, 2021. Please see Bonnie Shaw to purchase your ticket.

We have several donated military clothing items that are available to any member for free. Please contact myself or any officer if you are interested. If you wish to make a donation, we appreciate your generosity as well.

Going forward, we are planning on a Golf Outing next year and will need the support of our members as well as the community at large. If you are still working, please ask your employer to support our event by becoming a sponsor. If you don't ask, it will not happen. This year I would like to suggest that we have a Golf Ball raffle at a cost of $25.00 each. The way it works is that each person that purchases a NUMBERED Golf Ball will be eligible for the drawing. The winner will get $500.00 the second-place winner will receive $250.00 and the third-place winner will receive $150.00. If we only sell 100 tickets the detachment will make $1600. I have seen this program work well in other organizations.

We have a few donated items left over from the Golf Outing from last year that did not take place. If you have not placed a bid for any of these items, tonight is your last chance. Please see Dave Buckta to place your bid.

We will be celebrating our Marine Corps 245th Birthday at the Detachment on 11/10. This will also be our regular meeting. Our plan is to have a cake and Mission BBQ is catering. If you plan to attend, please register with Bonnie Shaw and or Doug Forsythe.

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:
December 21, 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

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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 – September 28, 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:14 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	X
Sergeant at Arms	Ken Weaver	X
Service Officer		
Trustee	Chris Shaw	X
Trustee	Pat Powell	X
Trustee	John Abitabilo	

Eight officers present.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chester County Veterans Affairs Officer Lisa B. Luckenbach, MSGT USAF retired, addressed the detachment regarding the Chester County Veterans Court Mentor Program which has been established to meet the unique needs of veterans in the judicial system. Created in 2010, the program is seeking veteran volunteers to serve as mentors for veterans working their way through the Veteran Treatment Court in Chester County. A video describing the program can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/371727939. Lisa can be reached at (610) 937—2675.

A Distinguished Service Award was presented by Leo Burke to Dale McClure for his assistance in organizing flag retirement ceremonies at the Chester County Fire Academy.

Commandant Myers presented Leo with the 2nd annual Tom Tanner Award for his work as Sergeant At Arms, flag retirement, bingo and numerous other detachment activities.

New Members:

None.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the general detachment meeting on 8/24/2020 were provided to the members. A motion to receive the minutes was made by Dan Condron and seconded by Doug Forsythe. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

We received a request from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for a donation. Doug Forsythe made a motion that the detachment donate $100 which was seconded by Dan Condron. The motion passed.

Paymaster Report:

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

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Commandant Myers and Junior Past Commandant Forsythe attended the service for Marine Jimmy Dougherty, who had been very active in veterans' affairs.

Report of Officers:

None.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Bonnie Shaw (Chicken BBQ): Will take place on 10/10/2020 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the detachment. Tickets are $12 each. All meals will be take-out with no indoor dining.

Lee Byer (Toys For Tots): Lee introduced the new Chester County coordinator for Toys For Tots Jeffrey Smith. Bob Saenz and his wife donated $150 for the campaign which Jeff said was the first donation received.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): Nothing scheduled for the remainder of this year and no information has been received yet for next year. The final marksmanship meeting at Kimberton took place with five shooters.

Unfinished Business:
Commandant Myers advised we have approximately $1,500 worth of gifts which were donated for the golf outing. Suggestions on how to handle them were sought. It was decided that the gifts will be listed in a mass mail to detachment members with winners announced at the next general meeting.

New Business:
Copies of the proposed budget for 2020-2021 were passed out and discussed by the Commandant.
Because of restrictions related to the ongoing pandemic, our income has been substantially reduced. Dennis Brown recommended that the detachment make no unnecessary expenses until the mold situation is resolved. A motion to accept the budget as a guideline until circumstances change was made by Doug Forsythe and seconded by Dan Condron. The motion passed.

Re the mold situation, Doug Forsythe noted that condensation in the ceiling has been an ongoing issue. It has been determined that the moisture is coming from the air conditioning system. This has caused problems with the carpeting throughout the detachment particularly in the auxiliary office. Detachment member Bob Saenz, who is employed in mold remediation, was asked to look into the problem.

Bob advised he had conducted air testing to determine the types and quantities of mold per cubic meter present in the detachment. No evidence of black mold was discovered, however, there was a high concentration of penicillium aspergillus found which can produce micro toxins which can be a problem for individuals sensitive to mold or who have respiratory issues. The problem is primarily in the carpeting which has to be removed. Bob contacted a company which has been supportive of veterans to obtain an estimate for the work. J. Loew and Associates will not offer any assistance regarding the mold/carpet issues.

Good of the League:
Gary Fay donated a coffee table to the detachment from his daughter and son-in-law, a Marine Iraq veteran. Gary thanked Bonnie Shaw for the recent get-well cards he received from Marines all over the country.

While information/donation tables at Walmart and Wawa are still not allowed, the detachment did provide a color guard on Labor Day at Applecross Country Club which will bring in some dividend. Dennis Brown suggested that we request donations from our members, businesses, etc. to help fund the carpet, mold remediation and miscellaneous repairs.

Announcements:
None.

Closing: 8:08 PM

EVENT: Bugle Support **DATE:** October 21, 2020
SUMMARY: Rendered bugle honors for a Korean War Marine named Joseph A. Keenan
LOCATION: St Denis Cemetery, PA
MEMBERS: Dan Fitzpatrick
SUBMITTED BY: Dan Fitzpatrick

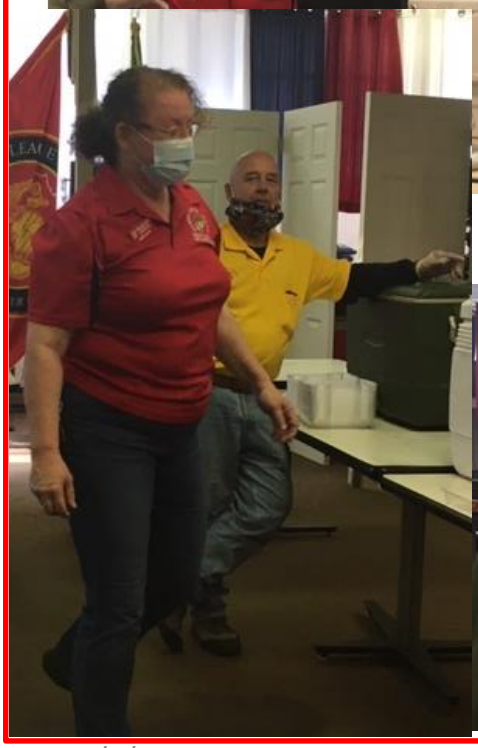
EVENT: Distinguished Citizen Award
DATE: Sept 28, 2020
LOCATION: CC MCL HQ, Downingtown, Pa
SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe
MEMBERS: Leo Burke
PURPOSE: Leo Burke presents the Distinguished Citizen Award for Doug McClure long time support of the detachments flag retirement effort.

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: 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 Fedick, Mario & Della Sheryl.
PURPOSE: Bingo operations are suspended during the pandemic.
SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke

EVENT: Tom Tanner Award
DATE: Sept 28, 2020
LOCATION: CC MCL HQ, Downingtown, Pa
SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe
MEMBERS: Jerry Myers, Leo Burke
PURPOSE: Leo Burke is the second recipient of the Tom Tanner award for outstanding service. Congratulations Leo!

EVENT: Chicken BBQ **DATE:** Oct 10, 2020
LOCATION: CC MCL HQ, PA
SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe
MEMBERS: Bonnie Shaw & Doug Forsythe (OIC), Leo Burke, Dan Fitzpatrick, Fred LeClair, Mike and Jeanne Rapp, Jack Meighan, Larry Samples,, Jim Copeland, Dennis & Joanne Brown, Charmaine Fedick, Jerry Meyers, Betty, Chris Shaw, Pat Powell. Photography by Jeanne Rapp
PURPOSE: This years Chicken BBQ was held on October 10 and it was a great success! Initially expecting a lower turn out then normal, we only ordered 250 Meals. Once we began receiving advanced orders, we soon realized that we may not have enough, so we increased it to 300 meals. Its a good thing we did.
We had a couple large orders including Miller's Insurance Agency with 66 meals and Jeff D'Ambrosio with 35 meals. That was a total of 101 meals by themselves. The rest of our advanced orders and a few additions and walk-ups totaled 172, with a grand total 273 total meals sold. We did donate meals to the Downingtown Police Dept as we always do, and it was graciously accepted.
Shout out to Rockin' J BBQ for their great job preparing the chicken and sides. The chicken and potatoes were perfect, but Mike Rapp and I had to cull a few of the smaller potatoes, for taste testing purposes. All were delicious. Thank you so much.
Thank you to all who volunteered to help this year and we especially thank all those members and supporters who purchased dinners for their friends, family and co-workers. You continue to support all that we do for our Downingtown Community and surrounding areas, for veterans and their families. You are greatly appreciated.



Volunteer Activity	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (Oct)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Jerry Myers	15	90
Staff Meeting	Jerry Myers	8	68
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	-	110
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron	-	43
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	4	88
Golf outing	Bob Campagna	-	8
Chicken BBQ	Bonnie Shaw	100	104
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		32
Building maintenance – field day	Leo Burke		30
Membership	John Abitabilo	5	15
Financial	Doug Forsythe/John Abitabilo	5	36
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	12	52
Other	Doug Forsythe	4	10
Total		153	686

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November 2020 EVENT Calendar

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

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December 2020 EVENT Calendar

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27	28	29	30	31		

End of Newsletter