

The Chester County Marine

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Hello All,

From the Commandant's Desk

We have a busy first half of the month coming for November. I have listed the many events below.

4th – Staff Meeting 1900 (Moved up due to Veteran's Day being the 11th.

6th – Bingo

7th - Marine Memorial Sunday 10am muster at the Oaklands Cemetery West Chester

9th - (1800 to 2000) Ball Rehearsal @ Coatesville Country Club

10th – Be EARLY as they will start promptly at 0800 whether we are there or not.

0745 ~ Muster at Independence Hall

0800 ~ Raising the 13 star flag at Independence Hall & Taps

0845 ~ Marching to Washington Square Park laying a wreath and Taps Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

0930 ~ Muster at Samuel Nicholas gravesite 4th & Arch Streets Phila, Pa.

1100 ~ Bus transportation provided to Lunch (Deli-style) for Dignitaries @ Union League of Philadelphia, including Headquarters Marine Corps, National Commandant, Department Commandant, Division Vice Commandant.

1600 ~ Lowering the 13 star flag 12ft x 16ft – End of Ceremony

11th - Kerr Park ceremony at 1000 & Staff Meeting @ Restaurant TBD

13th - MC Ball 5:30pm to 10pm Coatesville CC

20th - Bingo

22nd - General Membership Meeting 6pm Potluck/7pm Meeting

Hoping you can join us during one of these events. Note the change for the Staff meeting to the 4th. The Ball Deadline is October 30th, so if you want to attend, please get in touch with Doug Forsythe or me.

Every regular membership meeting has a meal the hour prior. Potluck 1800, Meeting 1900. Our October meeting has a guest speaker, Marine Pamela Kubczak, giving us history of Chesty Puller. Our November meeting speaker will be Megan Walton, from the VA. She will be giving us information on benefits and programs you may qualify for.

I would love to see you all at a meeting or joining us at one of these listed events.

Semper Fidelis

Commandant Bonnie Shaw

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

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



**Next Meeting:
November 22, 2021 @
1900**

VA Welcome Kit

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

Dave Buckta (editor) 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 27, 2021

Meeting Opened: 7:19 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Nine officers present.

New Members:

Commandant Shaw recommended Brian Brody for membership. Brian served in the Marines in the late 70s; he appeared via zoom and previously submitted his application, DD-214 and paid his dues. His application was approved by a vote of the members present and he was sworn in via zoom.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 8/23/2021 were unavailable due to a technical problem.

Correspondence:

A donation to the detachment has been received from the family of Albert R. Wertz, 101, in appreciation of the detachment providing an honor guard at his funeral. Albert R. Wertz is a distant cousin of member Charlie Wertz.

Paymaster Report:

Doug Forsythe presented the paymaster's report and reported that all bills have been paid and the business account is up around \$45,000 indicating we are doing extremely well financially. A motion to receive the report subject to audit was made by Tom Tanner and seconded by Larry Samples. The motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Tom Tanner said he has attempted to contact Jim Miller without success.

Pat Powell was injured in a fall enroute to tonight's meeting. He injured his head and is home under observation.

Report of Officers:

The open house and rededication were a success with plenty of good food, though attendance was not as high as hoped. Bob McGonigle, chaplain of VFW Post 287, provided the invocation.

Jerry Myers (Golf Committee): said he plans to put the leftover white bag items, which include several golf outings and hotel rooms, on-line with suggested bids and a cut off date. We also have to decide where to hold the golf tournament next year. French Creek Country Club has been suggested. It was pointed out that the Applecross Country Club has been very generous to us. The Commandant said that we held the tournament in August because we have few events in that month.

Sergeant-at-Arms Weaver advised that 21 members were present.

Trustee Shaw said there were new items in the lockerbox which will be for sale when prices are determined.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Leo Burke (Bingo): Still need volunteers, particularly on the 16th because several volunteers will be attending a state meeting.

The Chicken BBQ will be held on 10/9/2021. Tickets are available; sales have been good so far.

(Marine Corps Ball): It is scheduled for 11/13/2021 at the Coatesville Country Club. A Bill Haley tribute band will provide entertainment. Tickets are \$50 a person, \$90 a couple. The menu will

feature salmon and carved beef. The social hour begins about 5:30 PM with the ceremony starting at 6:30 PM.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): A live fire meeting was held yesterday at Kimberton with 11 members. We are hoping to have a detachment match in November though the date has not been determined yet. You don't have to be a member of the detachment to shoot on our team.

Unfinished Business:

Locks on the detachment have been changed; there are only two keys for the building now instead of five. Sets will be issued to members who need them.

Regarding the HVAC, we are waiting for Oliver to give us an estimate.

New Business:

None.

Good of the League:

On 10/17/2021, our detachment will have a ceremony at Arlington Cemetery in Drexel Hill, Delaware County to honor Albert E. Smith, the first member of the Order of the Devil Dogs. Following that ceremony, we will move to the grave site of Sgt. John F. Mackie, the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor during the Civil War for a second ceremony. Uniform is a short sleeve white shirt and the red satin jacket.

The Beirut Memorial Ceremony will be held on Sunday, 10/24/2021 in Philadelphia at 10:00 AM.

Marine Memorial Sunday will be held on 11/7/2021 at 10:00 AM in West Chester at General Smedley Butler's gravesite.

On 11/10/2022, we will muster at Independence Hall in Philadelphia at 8:00 AM where we will join Les Rouse in hoisting a thirteen-star flag. After this ceremony, we will march to Washington Square Park where we will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown soldier of the Revolutionary War and play taps. From there we will break off and reassemble at the Friends' Meeting House at 4th and Arch Sts., and have another ceremony honoring Major Samuel Nicholas, the first Commandant of the Marine Corps. Joining us in attendance will be representatives of the USMC, Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League and other MCL detachments.

The thirteen-star flag will be taken down and folded at 4:00 PM.

On 11/10/2021, the Lionville Middle School is having their Veterans assembly at 8:00 AM.

Also in November, we will have a Veterans' Day ceremony at Kerr Park in Downingtown at 10:00 AM on 11/11/2021.

There will be a rehearsal for the Marine Corps Ball at the Coatesville Country Club on 11/9/2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

On 10/16/2021, a color guard has been requested for a 5K run at Hibernia Park in Coatesville at 8:30 AM.

Announcements:

Ken Weaver presented a book to the detachment's library written by Major General Randall West, USMC entitled "From Prayer to Victory God's Part in Desert Storm."

Closing 8:15 PM.

EVENT: Detachment Bingo **DATE:** October 2 & 23, 2021
LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street
MEMBERS: Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Joanne Brown, Dennis Brown, Deb Allen Mundy, and Lisa Sundin, Mario & Della Sheryl, Polly Ross and Pat Grubb, Bonnie Shaw. Doug Forsythe, Mike and Jeanne Rapp, Charmaine, and Ruth Thompson
PURPOSE: Bingo was held in September with 40 players. Next jackpot is \$650.
Attention: Runners are needed for bingo, will take any sort of ambulatory movement. Kitchen needs help too – See Joanne.
SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (20 hours)

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

Attn: Membership

Please pass on to membership that Doug has received 6 new membership cards and lapel pins. Please attend the October membership meeting for issue.

Don't forget that life membership is available to members in good standing at the following rates:

Up to age 35-\$500

36-50-\$400

51-64-\$300

65-over-\$200

Contact John Abitabilo at johnabitabilo@gmail.com for details.

Here is the mailing address:

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Chester County Detachment #286
P.O. Box 828
Downingtown, PA 19335-0828
Attn: Paymaster

EVENT: Annual Chicken Barbeque
LOCATION: CC MCL HQ
PURPOSE: BBQ
MEMBERS: Many

DATE: 9, 2021
SUBMITTED BY: Jeanne Rapp



246th Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Presented by the Marine Corps League of Chester County

In accordance with a directive from our 13th Commandant John A. Lejeune, our Detachment will celebrate the Birth of our beloved Marine Corps as follows:

When: November 13th, 2021 from 1730 (5pm) to 2200 (10pm)

Where: Coatesville Country Club, 143 Reservoir Road, Coatesville PA

What: Birthday Ceremony, Guest Speaker, Dinner, Live Entertainment and Dancing

Entertainment: Bill Haley Jr. and the Comets LIVE! (Bill Haley Tribute Band)

We will gather at 1700 for our Social Hour, followed by our Birthday Ceremony, Dinner, Guest Speaker, and Entertainment. This is a formal dress event.

Tickets go on sale September 1st. Deadline to purchase tickets October 30th.



For Further Details call co-chairs :

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Volunteer Activity October 2021	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (Oct)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	100
Staff Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	90
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	40	206
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe		73
Golf outing	Jerry Myers		190
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		58
Building maintenance	Bonnie Shaw		270
Membership	John Abitabilo	4	36
Financial	Doug Forsythe/John Abitabilo	4	52
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	50
Other – Boy Scouts	Larry Samples		22
Total		72	1147



Chester County Marine November 2021 EVENT Calendar

November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 CC MCL Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bonnie Shaw	5	6 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
7 Marine Memorial Sunday	8	9 REHEARSAL USMC Birthday Ball 1800-2000 Coatesville CC Bonnie Shaw	10	11	12	13 USMC Birthday Ball Coatesville CC Bonnie Shaw
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
21	22 General Membership Mtg <i>Megan Walton</i> Coatesville VA 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



Chester County Marine December 2021 EVENT Calendar

December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
5	6	7	8	CC MCL Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bonnie Shaw	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
19	General Membership Mtg 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

End of Newsletter