

The Chester County Marine

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Hello All,

From the Commandant's Desk

We have a busy season coming up. I would like to speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary and Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

We have so many active members in our detachment that attend regular meetings every month and I thank you for that. Our auxiliary needs members as well. They are facing the possibility of losing their charter if they can't increase their numbers. Please consider asking your wives if they would like to join them. They participate in all of our activities, and we appreciate their support for bingo, events, and fundraising. We invite potential members to come to a meeting, same night as our general meeting, and see what they are all about.

Our Military Order of the Devil Dogs (MODD) Pound #179 is looking for new members. This is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League and we would like you to be a part of it. Please speak to any of our members at the next meeting. You can tell them by the MODD Patch on the right side of their cover. If you show an interest, you will be invited to join. We meet once a quarter, and our next meeting is June 12th @1400. Our fundraising benefits Children's Hospitals across the country and always benefitting local shelters for our furry friends.

Our April 25th general membership meeting @ 1800 will have Mission BBQ providing our meal. We will also honor our current Marine of the Year, Jerry D. Myers. Normally we would hold a banquet in honor of our MOY, but per his wishes, he didn't want all that trouble on his behalf, so we came to a compromise with this solution. After a brief meeting, we will have a roast of Jerry, so bring your one liners and jabs at his expense.

The PA MCL foundation has over \$250K in funding available for grants in the form of Scholarships and Assistance. There is a one-page application to submit for consideration. Friends, family, and you do not have to be a member to receive financial assistance. If you know someone in need, please let us know.

Buddy Check. We have a list of members that we should be contacting on a regular basis. If you would like to be on the buddy call fire team, please let me know and I will assign you 3 buddies to call or visit.

April

2 - Bingo
14 - Staff Meeting
16 - Bingo
24 - Albert E Smith Graveside Ceremony
(MODD Namesake) @1100
25 - General Membership meeting with MOY
Jerry Myers Roast @1900

May

7 - Bingo
12 - Staff Meeting
21 - Bingo
23 - General Meeting
29 - Samuel Nicholas Graveside
Ceremony (1st Commandant of the MC)

Semper Fi!
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:
April 23, 2022 @ 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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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 – February 28, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:06 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Officer	Member	Present
Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	X
Sr. Vice-Commandant	Larry Samples	X
Jr. Vice-Commandant	David Keith	
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Myers	
Adjutant	Jack Meighan	X
Paymaster/Trustee	Doug Forsythe	X
Chaplain	Rick Corbett	X
Sergeant at Arms	Ken Weaver	X
Service Officer		
Trustee	Chris Shaw	X
Trustee	Pat Powell	X
Trustee	Emil Messikomer	X

Nine officers present. Jack Meighan was sworn in as Adjutant.

New Members:

District II Vice-Commandant Gene Irvin and his wife Barbara, who are Life Members of the Valley Forge Detachment, applied to be dual members of our detachment. They were approved by a vote of the members present and were sworn in as dual members of our detachment and Valley Forge.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 1/24/2022 were provided to members prior to the start of the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Tanner and Rick Corbitt. It was subsequently pointed out that Jennie Rueber's name was misspelled in the January minutes.

Correspondence:

A note of appreciation was received from the family of Robert “Bob” Nichols who had served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Marines. The family had difficulty in locating his DD-214 and had reached out to different veterans’ organizations for an honor guard. Jerry Myers was contacted and Jerry, Doug, Leo Burke, Emil Messikomer and Jim Copeland served as an honor guard.

Paymaster Report:

Doug Forsythe presented the paymaster’s report. The Smedley Butler Fund balance as of 1/31/2022 was \$5,344.96. The business account balance is \$21,462.58. Bingo receipts have been very good thanks to Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Mike Rapp and Steve Annan. Our bills have been paid and the detachment’s finances are strong.

Doug said some stains on the floor were noticed coming up through the epoxy. The contractor will be returning to resolve those as well as applying epoxy to the ladies’ auxiliary floor which will cost \$600. A motion to accept the paymaster’s report subject to audit was made by Kathy Van Gorder and seconded by Gene Irvin; the motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Jim Doedderlien’s wife Kathy passed away from cancer on 2/10/2022; services were held on 2/18/2022 and the detachment sent flowers. Jim expressed his appreciation to Doug, Jed Burns, Emil Messikomer, and Jerry Myers for standing guard at the urn.

Gene Irvin advised that George Saunders’s wife died and asked if anyone was checking on George. Doug said he would do so.

Jerry Myers’s wife Martha is suffering from a hairline fracture of the hip and was diagnosed with Covid; Jerry is negative for Covid but is in quarantine with her.

Report of Officers:

Commandant Shaw reported that it has been proposed by Doug Forsythe that the name of the detachment be changed to honor Cpl. Brandon M. Hardy, USMC; the proposed name would be the Cpl. Brandon M. Hardy Detachment. The process to do so requires the completion of a form with the proposed name, obtaining the family’s permission and proving through the minutes that it has been voted on and approved by the detachment.

Once approved by national, a new charter will be issued with the new name. The original incorporation date would stay the same. Discussion regarding the name change took place which included possible costs, changing covers, uniforms, etc. The Commandant said she would not approach the Hardy family until the detachment voted to approve the change. Four possible sample logos were provided for review so members could see how the name change would appear on our detachment flag. The Commandant said the vote would be to agree we should change our detachment’s name to honor Brandon M. Hardy and asked for a motion on the floor for incorporating Brandon Hardy’s name into the name of our detachment.

Kathy Van Gorder made a motion to incorporate Brandon M. Hardy's name into our detachment name. Steve Annan seconded the motion which passed.

Rick Corbitt made a motion to reimburse the Bob Nichols' family up to \$100 for the cost of the bugler at the Nichols' funeral. Ken Weaver seconded the motion which passed. The Nichols family had already arranged for the bugler not knowing that the detachment honor guard would include a bugler. Jerry Myers felt it would be a nice gesture to pay for the bugler because the family had already had such difficulty in finding support for Lt. Nichols' funeral.

Sergeant-at-Arms Weaver said 33 members and guests were present.

Chris Shaw said covers were ordered again.

Standing Committees:

Leo Burke (Bingo): Proceeds for January were over \$1,000.

Commandant Shaw (Marine Corps Ball): The tentative date for next year is 11/12/2022. Members are needed for the committee. A venue has not been selected.

Special Committees:

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): There was a meeting yesterday at the detachment to dry fire and go over safety procedures. There were nine shooters, two of whom were new. The next marksmanship meeting will be live fire at Kimberton on 3/27/2022. Shooters will meet at 9:00 AM at Mike Rapp's house and then convoy to the club.

On Sunday, 3/6/2022, there will be a work party to reupholster additional chairs. The golf outing will be 8/15/2022. A venue has not been obtained yet for the Marine Corps Ball in November.

Proposed fund raisers for this year include:

Downingtown Fall Fest on 9/25/2022 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM;

Texas Roadhouse dinner;

Possible information/donation table in front of Leoni's Restaurant in Downingtown;

Downingtown Mac & Cheese Cook Off; and

Downingtown Good Neighbor Day on 7/4/2022.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Good of the League:

Joe Rubin has offered to do a CPR/AED class at the detachment for \$22.00 or a First Aid and CPR/AED class for \$85.00. Contact Bonnie if interested.

Mannequins are needed to display uniforms; contact Doug.

Kathy Van Gorder thanked Jim Doedderlien for taking the time to call her after her stroke within days of his wife's death. She said she was reminded of a message from the national commandant urging us to watch each other's backs and to check on members who may not be showing up for meetings. Kathy noted she has been very sick for the past four or five years but only Jim and Doug Forsythe have ever called her to ask how she was doing. Kathy said she has been a member of the detachment for over 25 years and her husband who is disabled is an associate member. She suggested that four or five volunteers work with the detachment chaplain to make telephone calls to members who have been missed at meetings. Kathy said she will be the first volunteer. The Commandant said the detachment will work on putting together a volunteer program to improve communication with our members.

Bonnie gave out the following awards and personal gifts (mugs):

Community Service Ribbons to Leo Burke and Dan Condron for their work with VAVS;

Meritorious Commendation Award to Dennis Brown, and Lee Beyer,

Distinguished Service Award to Chris Shaw, Pat Powell (bronze), Dan Condron (with citizen medal, bronze award), Doug Forsythe (citizen medal with bronze award), Ken Weaver (with citizen medal), Larry Samples (citizen medal), Mike Rapp (citizen medal), Joanne Brown (citizen medal with bronze award), Jack Meighan (citizen medal), Dan Fitzpatrick (citizen medal), Leo Burke (citizen medal), and Dave Buckta (citizen medal);

Third Annual Tom Tanner Award to Doug Forsythe;

Detachment Staff Ribbon (Elected) to Chris Shaw, Pat Powell and Doug Forsythe;

Detachment Staff Ribbon (Appointed) to Larry Samples, Ken Weaver, Jack Meighan, and Dan Condron;

Certificate of Appreciation to Jeanne Rapp.

Announcements:

Closing 8:45 PM.

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: March 05 & 19, 2022

LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street

MEMBERS: Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Joanne Brown, Dennis Brown, Mario & Della Sheryl, Polly Ross and Pat Grubb, Bonnie Shaw. Chris Shaw, Doug Forsythe, Mike and Jeanne Rapp, Charmaine, and Ruth Thompson, Steve Annan

PURPOSE: Bingo was held in March with 39 and 41 players.

Attention: Runners are needed for bingo, will take any sort of ambulatory movement. Kitchen needs help too – See Joanne.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (30 hours)

EVENT: Detachment 2021 Awards
LOCATION: CC MCL HQ
PURPOSE: App
MEMBERS: Various
SUBMITTED BY: Jeanne Rapp

DATE: February 28, 2022



EVENT: All Divisions Detachment
LOCATION: Detachment
MEMBERS: Jerry Myers, Doug Forsythe
PURPOSE: Swearing in
SUBMITTED BY: Jerry Myers

DATE: March 16, 2022



3/27/2022

Attention Veterans



WE WANT YOU!

for a day of honor and recognition which you truly deserve !

Honor Flight Philadelphia, a local non-profit organization, is currently looking for veterans who would like to travel with us to Washington, D.C. on June 25, 2022 where they will have the opportunity to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country."

Transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a USO show will be provided at NO COST to the veterans.

We can never repay you for all that you have given but we can show you our appreciation



For more information please contact:

Andrew: 610-662-1812

andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org



Join Us..

*... as we welcome home over
125 veterans from their
"Tour of Honor" in Washington, D.C.*



*Hug a Vet! Thank a Vet!
...for the freedoms
they preserved for us!*

Saturday, June 25, 2022

**Sts. Simon and Jude Parish
8 Cavanaugh Ct
West Chester, PA 19382**



Arrival Time: 6:15 PM

For Additional Information
Andrew 610-662-1812 andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org
www.honorflightphiladelphia.org

This event is open to the public.

2022 CCDMCL Committees

League Activities:	Chair(s)	Comment
Americanism -	Dan Condron	
Audit -	Trustees	
Budget/Finance -		
Building Maintenance -	Leo Burke	For Now - Need Replacement
Color Guard -	David Keith	Doug Forsythe (Assistant)
By Laws -	Jim Copeland	
Donations -	Doug Forsythe	
Eagle Scouts -	Larry Samples	
Flag Retirement -	Leo Burke	
IT Sgt/Newsletter -	Dave Butka	
Investments -		
Marksmanship -	Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp	
Medal of Honor Cemetery -	Doug Forsythe	
Membership -	Jim Copeland & John Abitabilo	
Memorial Day -	Jim Copeland/Bonnie Shaw/Mike Rapp/Glenn Gilbert	
Nominating -	Jerry Myers (Past Commandant)	
Quartermaster (Locker Box) -	Chris Shaw	MODD & MCL
Scholarships -		
VAVS -	Dan Condron	
Finance -	Larry Samples	
Special Events:		
Bingo -	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	
Chicken BBQ -	Bonnie and Doug	Need Back Up
Fundraising -		Need New Chair
Golf Classic -	Bonnie, Doug, and Jerry	Need Back Up
Marine Corps Ball -	Doug and Bonnie	Need Committee Members
Marine of the Year -	Jerry Myers	
Rifle Raffle -	Bonnie	Need Committee Members
Toys for Tots -	Lee Byer & Phil Murray	



Smedley Butler Society

of the Marine Corps League of Chester County



The Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League is always striving to do more and be more to our surrounding community. The Smedley Butler Society (SBS) has been established to further enhance our commitment to our members, their families, friends, and our community. Donations to the SBS will give us the ability to continue to carry out this mission.

This giving opportunity is outside the realm of our regular dues and as these donations grow, the interest received will be used for community outreach, veteran's direct assistance, scholarships and other membership approved expenditures. We are also preparing for the future, including events beyond our control. For example, at some point we may need to relocate our detachment. This may involve leasing space or purchasing our own property and we must prepare for such possibilities. Our regular fundraising opportunities will continue as soon as we are permitted to do so and those funds will continue to be part of our outreach activities and current home maintenance funds. Funds collected under this SBS program will be deposited into our Smedley D. Butler Home fund account.

Our principle will not be spent. It will continue to build until \$100,000 is reached. Then any interest gained will be used towards our community programs and activities. Principle limits may be increased as needed.

Our future as a detachment, to carry out our mission as assigned, depends on our ability to be present in this community. We must be unwavering in our commitment and our duty is clear.

We ask that you consider donating to the Smedley Butler Society and becoming a sustaining member by pledging an Annual Monetary Contribution or a One Time Gift to assist us in this mission.

There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights. ~ Smedley D. Butler

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to: **CCDMCL**

Annual Contribution

One Time Gift

\$100 \$200

\$500 \$1000

Other \$ _____

Please note that your privacy is of the utmost importance to us and we will not share your information and will only use it for official business. All Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law. Once processed, a copy of this form will be returned to you for your records.

OFFICE USE:	Check#: _____	Check Date: _____	Check Amount: _____
Deposit Date: _____	Donation Ltr Date: _____		

Volunteer Activity March 2022	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (Mar)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	20
Staff Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	20
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	60
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe		
Golf outing	Jerry Myers		
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		28
Building maintenance - chairs	Bonnie Shaw	10	10
Membership	Robert Strehl	2	4
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	8
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	8
Other – Toys for Tots	Lee Beyer/ Doug Forsythe		
Total		70	158



Chester County Marine April 2022 EVENT Calendar

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 CC MCL Staff Meeting 7:00pm Bonnie Shaw	15	16 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland/ Leo Burke
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 General Membership Mtg 7:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30

End of Newsletter