

The Chester County Marine

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Hello All,

From the Commandant's Desk

Busy, Busy, Busy end of the month. The schedule is below. Please contact one of the staff if you are able to assist with any of these.

We also have to plead once again to see if any of our members wives, daughters, friends will consent to join our Auxiliary. They are in dire need of members. They have 3 members and are a great group of women. They have activities/meetings at the general meetings and conventions, so won't you consider joining them?

Our Paymaster Doug Forsythe is also our District #1 Vice Commandant, and he conducted his first District meeting on Sunday, May 15th. He shared information with us and each detachment Commandant present gave us an update on their activities. This event was held at the Upper Darby detachment headquarters. Beautiful, old Victorian style home that has been converted into their barracks. If you get a chance to visit, I encourage you to do so. Lunch and deserts were provided, and their auxiliary did a really nice job.

Whitford Country Club will be the site of this years Marine Corps Ball on November 12th. We are still looking for entertainment for the evening. If you know a local DJ that would like to give us a quote for the event, let me know.

Memorial Day Weekend activities:

- May 29th – Sunday. 0930 we will muster at the detachment to carpool to Philadelphia for our first of three graveside services for our First Commandant Major Samuel Nicholas, begins at 1100. Friends Meeting house at 320 Arch Street in Philadelphia.
- May 30th – Monday. Summer Dress Attendees and Color Guard
 - 0800 Northwoods Cemetery Service
 - 0900 Color Guard (**ALL DRESS BLUES**) at Applecross Country Club for their Memorial Day Golf Outing.
 - 0900 St. Joseph's Cemetery Service
 - 1000 Memorial Day Parade begins at Beaver Creek Elementary in Downingtown
 - 1045 Wreath tossed into the Brandywine from the bridge
 - 1100 Kerr Park Memorial Day Ceremony and Flag Raising
 - 1200 VFW 845 for lunch for participants and ceremony

June brings on the PA Dept Convention. Deadline to register for a room in the block is June 1st. Convention is June 22nd to the 26th. Hope to have a strong delegation present.

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:
June 27, 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

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 – April 25, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:04 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Officer	Member	Present
Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	X
Sr. Vice-Commandant	Larry Samples	X
Jr. Vice-Commandant	David Keith	X
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	
Jr. Past Commandant	Jerry Myers	X
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	
Trustee	Emil Messikomer	X

Jessica McBrearty of Mission BBQ provided dinner for the detachment.

Jerry Myers was honored as the Marine of the Year following the meeting.

Ten officers present.

New Members:

None.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 3/28/2022 were provided to members prior to the start of the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jerry Myers and seconded by Tom Tanner. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the Boy Scouts of America asking for our 2022 pledge. Jerry Myers made a motion to contribute \$100 to the Boy Scouts which was seconded by Rich Corbett; the motion passed.

Paymaster Report:

Doug Forsythe presented the paymaster's report as of 6/30/2022. The General Smedley D. Butler Memorial Foundation Fund balance is \$5,546.27. Our twelve-month CD balance is \$48,243.27 and our business (checking) account balance is \$16,310.04. Proceeds from bingo have been excellent with deposits for the month of \$1,499.26.

A motion to accept the paymaster's report subject to audit was made by Gene Irvin and seconded by Jerry Myers; the motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Pat Powell is on dialysis three days a week and is getting around and looking good. A get-well card has been sent to Pat as well as Jim Miller and Dave Mundy (still alive). Jim Miller has been measured for a prosthesis and has had a fitting. He hopes to receive the prosthesis in a week or two.

Bob Strehl's son is having some medical issues; a get-well card will be sent to him as well.

Report of Officers:

The Commandant advised that the family of Brandon Hardy is having their memorial service on Thursday, 4/28/22 at their home at 139 Bernard Av., Cochranville, PA at 6:00 PM. Members of the detachment are invited to the service. Brandon Hardy's name has been added to our detachment; Brandon was killed in Iraq serving with the Marines on 4/28/2006. The Hardy family considers detachment members as members of their family. Mike Rapp described how the Hardy family has ensured that Brandon's name is not forgotten. They have sponsored a motorcycle rally that over the years has raised over \$130,000 for individuals who are entering military service. The family has also been very supportive of our detachment and the military particularly the Marine Corps.

The motorcycle ride is held on the third Saturday in July (7/16); the donation for the ride is \$25.00. T-shirts commemorating Brandon will also be sold. Our detachment will provide a color guard.

Sergeant-at-Arms Weaver said 28 members and 1 guest were present. The 50-50 pot was \$118.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Dave Keith said color guards and will be needed for Mission BBQ on 5/21/22; Chester County Courthouse on 5/22; Samuel Nicholas ceremony in Philadelphia on 5/29 and cemetery ceremonies and the Downingtown Memorial Day Parade on 5/30/22.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): There was a live fire yesterday at Kimberton. There were seven shooters. The next marksmanship meeting will be a live fire at Kimberton on 5/22/2022. Shooters will meet at 9:00 AM at Mike Rapp's house and then convoy to the club. There will be a pistol match on 6/25/22 at the Delaware County Field & Stream Club. There will be another live fire at Kimberton on 6/26/22.

Bonnie said this year's Marine Corps Ball will take place on 11/12/2022 at the Whitford Country Club. Doug, Bonnie and Jerry will meet with the club this week to go over the menu and other details.

Bonnie (Golf Tournament): Eventcaddy.com is up and running for payment and reservations. One foursome has already signed up.

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 pending;
Car show at the Freedom Foundation, a table has already been secured;
Information/donation table in front of Leoni's Restaurant in Downingtown; and
Downingtown Mac & Cheese Cook Off.
Still waiting to hear from Walmart.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Duck Race tickets are available for \$5 each; see Jerry Myers.

Re Buddy's Fire Team, Bonnie has created fire team lists. The lists serve as a call tree; the leaders should be officers and staff. The lists will be distributed at the May meeting.

2025 will be the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps. Discussions are taking place re planning.

Doug Forsythe said the detachment's Ladies Auxiliary has been operating on a very limited budget and suggested a donation be considered. Jerry Myers said a proposed budget should be in place first and the Commandant agreed. Bonnie pointed out that the auxiliary and bingo are supposed to be self-supporting.

Good of the League:

Jerry Myers had issued a challenge to the detachment in which he will meet or beat any donation up to \$1,000 to the Smedley Butler Foundation. Bonnie and Chris Shaw accepted Jerry's challenge and donated \$1,000 which triggered Jerry's donation.

Former detachment Commandant Fred LeClair has written an article re the first Marine Corps Commandant Samuel Nicholas which has been submitted to Semper Fi Magazine.

Announcements:

On Thursday, 4/28/2022 Professor Kodosky of WCU will be taking students and others via bus to Washington, DC to visit the Vietnam Wall and to meet Representative Chrissy Houlihan. Individuals interested should meet at the campus at 9:00 AM and returning at 5:30 PM.

The Pennsylvania Department convention will be held in Camp Hill from 6/22/22 to 6/25/22; so far, the Commandant, Trustee Shaw and Dennis Brown are scheduled to attend.

Closing 8:03 PM.



EVENT: Annual Golf Classic **DATE:** August 15, 2022
LOCATION: Applecross Country Club
PURPOSE: In Memory of Brandon hardy
LINK: [Event home page - Annual Golf Classic - Marine Corps League of \(eventcaddy.com\)](#)
SUBMITTED BY: Bonnie Shaw



EVENT: Detachment Bingo **DATE:** May 07 & 21, 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 May.
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)

Membership Update

May 16, 2022

We presently have 87 Life Members in our Detachment (81 Marine & 6 Associate members)

John Abitabilo	Dominic DiSciullo	Walter Kutz	George R Partridge Jr	Walter W. Simcox, Jr.
Cheryl Armstrong	James Donegan	Fred LeClair	Jay F. Patton	James G. Snyder
Tony C Armstrong	Robert F. Donovan	Thomas M. Logan	Mark A. Peterson	Bob Spano
Lee C. Beyer	Robert L. Dormer	Bill Mackey	Patrick B. Powell	William E Stellfox
Brian L Brody	Joseph E. Dulin Jr.	Michael B. Maginnis	Michael Rapp	Robert G. Stone
Dennis Brown	Craig S. Evans	James Mazzone	Jack Ribble	Robert L. "Bob" Strehl
Daniel W. Bullock III	Gary N. Fay	Jim McIlhenney	Jerry Ross	Peter R. Supplee
Leo Burke	Daniel V. Fitzpatrick Jr.	Charles G. McMahon	Patrick Rundle	Steven W. Talley
Gerard (Jed) F. Burns	Rogers C. Flanigan	John "Jack" Meighan	Robert Saenz Jr.	Tom Tanner
John J. Ceschan Jr.	Douglas R. Forsythe	Donald W. Meyer	Larry L Samples	William H. Tomlinson
Daniel J. Condron	Eric Fussenegger	James J. Miller	Jeff Sanders	Kathy A. Van Gorder
James Copeland	Jamie W. Goncharoff	Richard J. Morrow	Mario M. Scherl	Elmer S. "Van" Van Gorder
William J. Corcoran	Donald Goodwin	Dave Mundy	Kenneth Schweitzer	Mark A. Wahn
Kay M. Croll	Bob Gross	Phillip Murray	Bonnie Shaw	Dennis P. Walsh
Henry A. "Hank" Detering	Michael Guyer	Jerry D. Myers	Chris Shaw	Charles T. Wertz Jr.
John DiMatteo	Leif Jacobsen	Louis Stephen "Lou" Netta	Raymond E. Sheldon	William E. Woodward
Gerry DiNunzio	Joseph J. Kay	John F. O'Brien	William F. Shields	James Yocum
				Allen Yusko

I would also like to recognize Robert D. Wagner III as our newest Life Member. Marine Corps League Life memberships are available (based on age) for members in good standing as follows:

Over 65	\$200
51-65	\$300
36-50	\$400
35 and below	\$500

Outstanding Dues

The following member's dues are outstanding and need to be paid to restore their "good standing" in the League by sending a check to: **Chester County Detachment 286, Marine Corps League, Attn: Paymaster, PO Box 828, Downingtown, PA 19335-0828**

Current Year 2022: 9/1/21 thru 8/31/22 (\$35 total)

Clifford L. Barnett	Robert L. Concordia	Michael R. McCarty	Julie McKenrick (Wiley)
Val Cianci	Frances "Fran" Digian	Tim O'Hara	William L. White

Previous Year 2021: 9/1/20 thru 8/31/21 and Current year 2022: 9/1/21 thru 8/31/22 (\$70 total)

Ray Crossan	Geogory W Everet	Frankie Light	Daniel C. Shappell
Timothy R. Delany	Jonathan E. Gilbert	Richard Lorah	Russell Snyder

If anyone has any questions related to Life Membership applications or their individual dues. Please contact Bob Strehl (Membership Chair) at (215) 421-2465, strehlrl@gmail.com or Doug Forsythe (Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com



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: _____	

2022 Detachment 286 Officers and Standing Committees

<u>Elected Officers:</u>				
Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	(267) 934-9583		
Sr. Vice Commandant	Larry Samples	(610) 269-9067		
Jr. Vice Commandant	David Keith	(302) 388-4229		
Past Commandant	Jerry Myers	(610) 721-2112		
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	(215) 823-9856		
Trustees:	Emil Messikomer	(610) 213-3036		
	Pat Powell	(610) 952-5045		
	Chris Shaw	(267) 934-9538		
<u>Appointed Officers:</u>				
Adjutant	Jack Meigan	(484) 888-2972		
Service Officer	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389		
Paymaster	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389		
Chaplain	Rich Corbitt	(484) 787-9146		
Sgt. At Arms	Ken Weaver	(484) 356-6132		
<u>Standing Committees:</u>			Assistant	
Americanism	Dan Condron	(610) 458-0797	Need	
Audit	Trustees			
Budget/Finance	Larry Samples	(610) 269-9067	Need	
Building Maintenance	Leo Burke	(610) 913-6212	Need	
By Laws	Jim Copland	(215) 823-9856	Need	
Color Guard	David Keith	(302) 388-4229	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389
Det. By Laws	Jim Copeland	(215) 823-9856	Need	
Det. Donations	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389	Need	
Eagle Scouts	Larry Samples	(610) 269-9067	Need	
Flag Retirement	Leo Burke	(610) 913-6212	Need	
IT Sgt/Newsletter	Dave Buckta	(610) 827-1928	Need	
Investment	Open		Need Chair & Members	
Marksmanship	Dennis Brown	(610) 692-4782	Mike Rapp	(610) 405-4161
Medal of Honor Cemetery	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389	Need	
Membership	Bob Strehl	(215) 421-2465	Yonas Reinholdson	(612) 360-6305
Memorial Day	Jim Copeland	(215) 823-9856	Need	
Nominating	Jerry Meyers	(610) 721-2112	Need	
Quartermaster (Ships Store)	Chris Shaw	((267) 934-9538	Need	
Scholarships	Phil Murray	(610) 636-2204	Need	
VAVS	Dan Condron	(610) 458-0797	Need	
<u>Special Events:</u>				
Bingo	Jim Copeland	(610) 883-0283	Leo Burke	(610) 913-6212
Chicken BBQ	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389	Need Committee Members	
Fund Raising	Open		Need New Chair	
Golf Classic	Doug Forsythe	(610) 656-1389	Jerry Myers	(610) 724-2112
Marine Corps Ball	Bonnie Shaw	(267) 934-9583	Need Committee Members	
Marine of the Year	Jerry Meyers	(610) 721-2112		
Rifle Raffle	Bonnie Shaw	(267) 934-9583	Need Committee Members	
Toys for Tots	Lee Byer	(610) 633-9322	Phil Murray	(610) 636-2204

Volunteer Activity May 2022	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	40
Staff Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	8	36
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	90
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	David Keith	8	8
Golf outing	Jerry Myers	12	24
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		28
Building maintenance/SAA	Bonnie Shaw	5	20
Membership	Robert Strehl	3	13
Financial	Doug Forsythe	2	12
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	14
Other – Toys for Tots	Lee Beyer/ Doug Forsythe		
Total		81	315