

# The Chester County Marine

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## June 2022

Hello All,

**From the Commandant's Desk**

I hope this edition finds you well. We have exciting news to pass along to all members at Monday's meeting. Information from the convention and awards for our various activities. I hope to see you all there. Potluck is at 1800, bring a dish. Meeting begins at 1900. We could potentially have 4 new members as well to swear in.

July:

- 9 - Bingo
- 14 - Staff Meeting
- 16 - Brandon's Ride
- 23 - Bingo
- 25 - General Membership Meeting

August:

- 6 - Bingo
- 11 - Staff Meeting
- 15 - Annual Golf Outing and National MCL Conventional begins
- 20 - Bingo
- 22 - General Membership Meeting

September:

- 3 - Bingo
- 8 - Staff Meeting
- 17 - Bingo
- 26 - General Membership Meeting

Semper Fi!  
Commandant Bonnie Shaw

**Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
of every month @1900**

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



**Next Meeting:  
July 25, 2022 @ 1900**

**VA Welcome Kit**

[https://www.va.gov/va\\_welcomekit\\_color.pdf](https://www.va.gov/va_welcomekit_color.pdf)

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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 – May 23, 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	X
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	X
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	
Trustee	Pat Powell	
Trustee	Emil Messikomer	X

Nine officers present.

### New Members:

Three prospective members, Chad Hardy, Steve Jackson and Mark Holton, were recognized and will be sworn in at the June general meeting.

### Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 4/25/2022 were provided to members prior to the start of the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Tanner and seconded by Gene Irvin. The motion passed.

### Correspondence:

None.

## **Paymaster Report:**

Doug Forsythe presented the paymaster's report for April 2022. The General Smedley D. Butler Memorial Foundation Fund balance is \$7,847. Our twelve-month CD balance is \$48,257 and our business (checking) account balance is \$15,610. The last bingo brought in over \$500.

Ten names of members who have not paid dues in more than five years have been submitted to national for removal from our roster. Doug pointed that the detachment's electric bill has substantially decreased since the installation of LED lights by Sergeant-at-Arms Ken Weaver who did the work for without charge. The only cost to the detachment was the wholesale price of the lights. Emil Messikomer was also thanked for his work in installing shelving in the detachment.

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

## **Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:**

Pat Powell is on dialysis three days a week and is getting around; he recently attended a live fire at Kimberton. Brian Brody's 90-year-old mother has had a stroke.

## **Report of Officers:**

The Commandant advised that five members of the detachment attended the annual service for Brandon Hardy on 4/28/2022 at the Hardy home. Bonnie advised that she announced to the family and friends that we are in the process of renaming our detachment in Brandon's honor. Upon approval at National we will become the Cpl. Brandon Hardy Chester County Detachment 286. When the renaming is complete, a re-dedication will be held at the detachment to celebrate.

Sergeant-at-Arms Weaver said 29 members and guests were present. The 50-50 pot was \$95.

## **Standing Committees:**

None.

## **Special Committees:**

David Keith (Color Guard): this past Saturday there was an excellent turnout of detachment members at the Mission BBQ in King of Prussia. On Sunday, 5/22/2022, we had a color guard at the old West Chester Courthouse Hall of Heroes and a second ceremony at Marshall Square Park. On Sunday, 5/29/2022, we will honor the first Commandant Samuel Nicholas at a ceremony in Philadelphia at 11:00 AM and the Marshalton Parade at 1:30 PM.

On Memorial Day, the Downingtown Parade will kick off at 10:00 AM. Prior to the parade, we will hold ceremonies at two cemeteries in Downingtown. There will also be a ceremony at the Applecross Country Club.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): There was a live fire yesterday at Kimberton. There were nine shooters. The next marksmanship meeting will be a live fire at Kimberton on 6/26/2022. 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; eleven shooters are signed up.

Bonnie said this year's Marine Corps Ball will take place on 11/12/2022 at the Whitford Country Club. Cost is \$62 per person. Our detachment does not make a profit on the Ball. Entertainment has not been lined up yet.

Bonnie (Golf Tournament): Eventcaddy.com is up and running for payment and reservations.

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 awaiting a date; and

Still waiting to hear from Walmart.

The auxiliary is down to three official members.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

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

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

### **Good of the League:**

Committees are needed for Budget & Finance and Investment. If interested, please see an officer.

Military Order of the Devil Dogs is looking for members.

### **Announcements:**

Detachment members will be placing flags on veterans' graves at the Marshalton Cemetery on Friday, 5/27/2022. Meet at the detachment at noon. If available, see Tom Tanner.

There will be a staff meeting on 6/9/2022 at 7:00 PM; the general meeting will be on 6/27/2022.

The state convention will be from 6/22 to 6/26/2022. There will be a memorial motorcycle ride on 7/16/22 in Gap, PA in memory of Brandon Hardy.

John Fredericks of American Legion Post 134 advised that his post on Memorial Day will have a flower and rifle salute at General Smedley Butler's gravesite.

Closing 7:52 PM.

# Membership Update

June 22 , 2022

We would like to welcome Chad Hardy, John Ross and Joe Rubin as our newest Detachment members. Joe transferred his membership from the Pocono Detachment. Please welcome them aboard at your earliest opportunity.

We presently have 90 Life Members in our Detachment (84 Marine & 6 Associate members) I would also like to recognize Mike McCarty, John Ross and Joe Rubin as our newest Life Members.

John Abitabilo	Dominic DiSciullo	Fred LeClair	Mark A. Peterson	James G. Snyder
Cheryl Armstrong	James Donegan	Thomas M. Logan	Patrick B. Powell	Bob Spano
Tony C Armstrong	Robert F. Donovan	Bill Mackey	Michael Rapp	William E Stellfox
Lee C. Beyer	Robert L. Dormer	Michael B. Maginnis	Jack Ribble	Robert G. Stone
Brian L Brody	Joseph E. Dulin Jr.	James Mazzone	Jerry Ross	Robert L. "Bob" Strehl
Dennis Brown	Craig S. Evans	Michael R. McCarty	John Ross	Peter R. Supplee
Daniel W. Bullock III	Gary N. Fay	Jim McIlhenney	Joesph Rubin	Steven W. Talley
Leo Burke	Daniel V. Fitzpatrick Jr.	Charles G. McMahon	Patrick Rundle	Tom Tanner
Gerard (Jed) F. Burns	Rogers C. Flanigan	John "Jack" Meighan	Robert Saenz Jr.	William H. Tomlinson
John J. Ceschan Jr.	Douglas R. Forsythe	Donald W. Meyer	Larry L Samples	Kathy A. Van Gorder
Daniel J. Condron	Eric Fussenegger	James J. Miller	Jeff Sanders	Elmer S. "Van" Van Gorder
James Copeland	Jamie W. Goncharoff	Richard J. Morrow	Mario M. Scherl	Robert D. Wagner III
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
	Walter Kutz	George R Partridge Jr	Walter W. Simcox, Jr.	Allen Yusko
		Jay F. Patton		

## Upcoming 2023 Dues

Just a reminder 2023 dues for non-life members are due on September 1, 2022. Time to get a jump on them by sending a check to the paymaster. Or if you'd like to avoid the hassle of annual dues altogether. 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

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](mailto:strehlrl@gmail.com) or Doug Forsythe (Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, [dforsythe007@gmail.com](mailto:dforsythe007@gmail.com)

## 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.

Exton Walmart Fundraising  
Saturdays 0900-1200, 1300-1600  
July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.  
Contact Larry Samples

**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:** June 4 & 18 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 June.  
**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:** Marshalltown Parade

**DATE:** May 29, 2022

**LOCATION:** Marshalltown, PA

**PURPOSE:**

OIC David Keith, with Emil, Tom, Jack, Rick Jr.,  
Doug, Jim Copeland, Jerry, Dan.

Photo by Steve Annan.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug (21 hours)



**EVENT:** Folds of Honor

**DATE:** July 25, 2022

**LOCATION:** French Creek Country Club, Elverson, PA 0930-1100

**PURPOSE:** Color Guard **NEEDED.** **DRESS BLUES**

2 Riflemen, 2 flag bearers and bugler.

**Contact:** Doug F



**I WANT YOU**



Corps League  
Color Guard



# Delinquent Dues

The following member's dues are delinquent 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		Julie McKenrick (Wiley)
	Tim O'Hara	

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

Ray Crossan	Geogory W. Everet	Jonathan E. Gilbet
	Daniel C. Shappell	

**EVENT:** Walmart Fundraising

**DATE:** June 11 & 18, 2022

**LOCATION:** Walmart Exton, PA

**PURPOSE:**

- (1) Event Report: 6/11 at Walmart in Exton. Fund raising event was successful. We talked to a lot of nice people who gave us many "thanks" for our service. US Flages were given out as our thank you for their support. Those in attendance were Doug Forsythe, Phil Sears and Larry Samples.
- (2) Event Report 6/18 at Walmart in Exton. Fund raising and recruitment went well. US Flages were given out as a thank you for their support. Those in attendance were Bonnie Shaw, Larry Samples, Doug Forsythe and Emil Messikomer.
- (3) Our third fund raiser at Walmart on 6/25/22, was again very successful. US Flages were given out as a thank you for those who made a donation. Good PR work. Those in attendance were Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Larry Samples, Emil Messikomer, and Doug Forsythe.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Larry Samples (36 hours)



Volunteer Activity June 2022	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	10	50
Staff Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	8	44
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	120
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	David Keith	32	40
Golf outing	Jerry Myers	12	36
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		28
Building maintenance/SAA	Bonnie Shaw		20
Membership	Robert Strehl	3	16
Financial	Doug Forsythe	2	14
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	17
Fundraising	Larry Samples	36	36
<b>Total</b>		126	441



# 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.

<b>OFFICE USE:</b>	Check#: _____	Check Date: _____	Check Amount: _____
	Deposit Date: _____	Donation Ltr Date: _____	