

The Chester County Marine

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Hello all,

From the Commandant's Desk

All I can say is WOW! We had a very good Golf Outing on 15 August. We registered 108 players and raised \$4160 between raffles, auctions and the 50/50. We had some very generous players today and we appreciate each and everyone of you.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank Nancy & Fred LeClair, Doug Forsythe, Jerry Myers, MacKenzie Shaw, Mike & Jeane Rapp, Jim Copeland, Jack Meighan, Dan Condron, Dan Fitzpatrick & Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Chamaine Fedick, Maryellen (Brian Brody's granddaughter) and Brian Brody. Brian and his granddaughter drove all the way up from Texas to help out. You are all greatly appreciated, and this golf outing wouldn't be a success without all of you.

We are in the plans to have another golf outing in April 2023. Plans forthcoming.

September gives us a breather as far as activities go, but we will begin our new Rifle Raffle which will begin sales at the September meeting. Tickets will be available for \$20 each just like last time. We will only have 500 tickets available, so you only have until the 27 March 2023 meeting to get yours. If you would like to take tickets to sell, let me know. I will be on vacation 21-27 September, so Senior Vice Larry Samples will conduct the meeting.

October will see us celebrating our new Charter and renaming, so save the date of 22 October, more details in our September Newsletter. Our Chicken BBQ is 8 October and sales begin at the 22 August meeting. If you would like to purchase dinners, they are \$15 each. Please check with family, friends and co-workers to see if they would like to order. Thank you.

We have reached a membership count of over 160 members. Please honor us with your presence at a future meeting. Remember that Annual Dues expire August 31st, so contact the Paymaster to arrange payment.

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:
September 26, 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 – July 25, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:02 PM

OPENING CEREMONY: Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplin Leads in Prayer

1. Sgt-at-Arms – POW/MIA
2. Marine Hymn – OORAH!
3. Sgt-at-Arms declares the meeting open for the transaction of official business.

Roll Call of Officers:

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

New Membership Applicants:

- 1 Steven Jackson – Provided background
2. Mark Holden – Provided background
3. John Ross – Provided background
4. New members voted on and unanimously approved.

Paymasters Report: Detailed report on Detachment funds was provided, and accepted subject to audit.

Adjutant's Report: Adjutant reported his update was in the Detachment newsletter. One correction to the report is that John Ross is a new life member. A motion and second to accept the report was passed.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplin reported on members with medical issues, and a member's wife who recently had surgery.

Commandant reported on establishing a call tree for members. More to follow.

It was reported that the Walmart fund raiser is doing very well with the final one on August 30th. Additional fund raiser locations are being explored.

Report of the Officers:

Commandant: Report

Senior Vice Commandant: Report

Junior Vice Commandant: Excused

Junior Past Commandant: Report

Judge Advocate: Report

Paymaster: Report

Additional volunteer support was requested for the golf outing on 8/14/22.

Correspondence: Commandant reported on October 28th there will be a 20th Gala at the Phoenixville Clinic. This clinic takes care of those who are uninsured.

Also, it was reported that REMAX Realty was a \$250 sponsor for the golf outing.

The Commandant reported that Doug Forsythe was reappointed as the VAVS Representative.

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Committee Reports:

Bingo: Leo/Jim – new replacements are required to be trained for the future. Please let Leo/Jim know if interested. Next Bingo August 6 and 20th, starting at 1700.

Rifle: Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp – the team participated in their monthly live fire, with 11 shooters. The next one is scheduled for August 21st. Kimberton Gun Club was given a letter of appreciation by our detachment. They were surprised and pleased.

Commandant Announcements:

- the newly created website. Links to site can be established on members computers.
- Marine Corps Ball tickets to go on sale in September.
- Rifle raffle will start selling tickets in September. Tickets will be \$20 a piece for an AR rifle. Winner will be announced in March of 2023.

Good of the League:

- The investment and finance committee will start meeting, with the first meeting to start Thursday the 28th at 1800.
- Devil Dogs are looking for new members. Must be an MCL member in good standing. The next growl is September 18th.
- The new detachment Charter renaming to the Cpl Brandon Hardy Chester County Detachment is complete. A rededication ceremony will be conducted either October 22nd or 29th. More to follow. Also, a new challenge coin design will be created.

Upcoming events:

- August Golf Outing
- September Bingo
- October Chicken Barbecue the 8th and Memorial at Penn's Landing the 23rd
- November Marine Corps Ball

Prior to closing a request for money to obtain mannequins for two men and two women to put the detachments uniforms on. This will help preserve them for the future. A motion was made and seconded to not exceed 1K. Approval was unanimous.

Sargent-at-Arms – Retired the colors.

Chaplin – Closing prayer.

Senior Vice Commandant – Closing statement.

Sargent-at-Arms Declared the meeting officially closed until 8/22/22.

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Aug 6 and 20, 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 July with an earlier start time. Attendance for both events were in the low 20s.

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)



MODD Growl

September 18, 2022

Woof, woof!



EVENT: French Creek Country Club Color Guard
LOCATION: French Creek County Club, Elverson, PA
PURPOSE: Color Guard.
SUBMITTED BY: Doug (8 hours)

DATE: July, 2022



EVENT: Fundraising
LOCATION: Walmart, Exton PA
PURPOSE: Raise funds
Members: Doug Forsythe, Nicole, Emil Messikomer, Dennis and Joanne Brown
SUBMITTED BY: Doug (12 hours)

DATE: July 30, 2022



EVENT: Golf Outing

DATE: August 15, 2022

LOCATION: Applecross Country Club

PURPOSE: Honor Brandon Hardy

SUBMITTED BY: Bonnie Shaw (72 hours)



Membership Update

August 18, 2022

We would like to welcome Steve Jackson and Mark Holden as our newest Detachment members. Please welcome them aboard at your earliest opportunity.

We presently have 97 Life Members in our Detachment (89 Marine & 8 Associate members). Our newest Life Members are Les Rouse, Phil Sears, Ken Weaver, and Bob Whetstone. Les transferred in from the Delaware Detachment and has been an active member or Detachment for many years. Please congratulate Les, Phil, Ken, and Bob.

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

Reminder 2023 membership dues for non-life members are due on September 1, 2022

Please plan to pay Doug Forsythe our Paymaster at the upcoming meeting on August 22 or, if you cannot attend, by sending your check for \$35 to the paymaster at PO Bos 828, Downingtown, PA 19335. 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 or Doug Forsythe (Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com.

Volunteer Activity August 2022	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	6	66
Staff Meeting	Bonnie Shaw	6	58
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	180
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	David Keith	8	48
Golf outing	Jerry Myers	125	198
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		28
Building maintenance/SAA	Bonnie Shaw	2	22
Membership	Robert Strehl	6	94
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	22
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	25
Fundraising	Larry Samples	24	132
Brandon Hardy Ride	Mike Rapp		18
Total		213	891



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: _____	