

The Chester County Marine

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**Meetings: 4th Monday
of every month @1930**
430 Acorn Lane
Entrance on Chestnut St.
Also park in rear of bldg
Downingtown, Pa 19335

Next Regular Meeting-- Date: February 24, 2020 @ 1930

From the Commandant's Desk

Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF, Chaplains, Associates

Tonight we will be honoring several of our members for their exceptional service to the Detachment this past year. The awards are well deserved and I thank all members for their contributions to our Detachment. We are fortunate to have each of you as members. With the Holidays now past, we need to focus on the programs and events for the upcoming year. We have a busy schedule that includes the following events:

- Annual Golf Outing 8/17/2020: We need Donations, Golfers and Sponsors. Contact Bob Campagna, Doug Forsythe or myself for a list of opportunities. We will have brochures soon; you can pick them up at the Ships Store.
- Fund Raising at WAWA: & Wal-Mart: We will need your help for these important events. Contact Larry Samples and sign up when you can. We need your help.
- Annual Chicken BBQ. PRE-SALES are the key to this fundraiser. Check with your family and pre-order enough for your entire family. Let Doug Forsyth or Bonnie Shaw know WELL in advance of your order. You can charge your purchase by contacting Larry Samples. Our GOAL this year is to SELL 325 orders. Last year we sold 260.
- Marine Color Guard and Honor Guard: We need more Marines to step up and help with these important events. Contact Doug Forsythe or Jed Burns.
- Flag Retirement: We can use more help with this program. Contact Leo Burke
- Marine Corps Ball: Contact Bonnie Shawl and Doug Forsythe for your Reservation. Price and other details to follow.

There are many additional events that will take place during the upcoming year. We would love to see more Marines step up if you are able. I would also request that when an event is concluded that we keep track of the volunteered hours. Please include these volunteer hours in your EVENT REPORT. At year end we will report the Total Volunteered Hours for The Detachment. Please make every effort to attend or support any event or program when possible.

We appreciate any suggestions you may have that will help to improve our Detachment. Please feel free to put any suggestions in our suggestion box. Our food tonight is from Victory Brewing, A suggested donation of \$8 or \$10.00 is appreciated

I hope this year will bring good health and happiness to each of you.

Semper Fidelis – Jerry

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is effective 15 Oct, 2019 as follows:

- Red Cover
- Long Sleeve White Shirt with Tie
- Black Trousers
- Black Shoes & Socks
- Red Blazer or Satin Jacket when appropriate

Marine Corps League Uniforms available online:
<https://www.mclnational.org/store.html>

Dave Buckta is publishing the CC Marine Newsletter.
Please send all of your newsworthy items, including
photos and links to CCMarineNews@Verizon.net

NEWSLETTER POLICY

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VA Welcome Kit

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

2/11/2020

Member News

Shaun Brown, son of Marksmanship Team Captain Dennis Brown was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant (E-6), United States Army. Shaun is currently serving with the 10th Mountain Division in New York State. Congratulations Staff Sergeant!!!



Meeting Opened:

7:07 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

| Officer | Member | Present |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Commandant | Jerry Myers | X |
| Sr. Vice-Commandant | Bob Strehl | |
| Jr. Vice-Commandant | Bob Campagna | X |
| Judge Advocate | Jim Copeland | X |
| Jr. Past Commandant | Doug Forsythe | X |
| Adjutant | Jack Meighan | X |
| Paymaster | Larry Samples | X |
| Chaplain | Dan Condron | |
| Sergeant at Arms | Leo Burke | X |
| Service Officer | | |
| Trustee | Lou Netta | |
| Trustee | Pat Powell | X |
| Trustee | Tom Tanner | X |

9 officers present.

New Members:

Marine veteran Ricky Endy submitted an application and a copy of his DD-214 and paid his dues. He was approved for membership by a vote of the members present and sworn in as a member of the detachment.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from 11/26/2019 were provided to members. A motion to receive the minutes was made by Jim Copeland and seconded by Bonnie Shaw. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

None.

Paymaster Report:

Paymaster Samples presented the paymaster's report. A motion to receive the paymaster's report subject to audit was made by Doug Forsythe and seconded by Bonnie Shaw. The motion passed. The paymaster noted that there are still nine calendars left, the sale of the calendars benefits the MCL of Pennsylvania scholarship programs. Doug Forsythe made a motion that any unsold calendars should be purchased by the detachment with any winnings going into the detachment account. Seconded by Bonnie Shaw, the motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Walt Simcox advised his father passed away yesterday.

Bill Kennedy has been in and out of the hospital for the last few months. He will be going to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital for tests on his heart.

Jed Burns' wife Cindy was at a Toys-for-Tots event yesterday and seemed to be walking better. She continues to undergo treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Kathy VanGorder said Ken Schweitzer was unable to drive her to the meeting tonight because he had to take his grandson to the hospital. Kathy did not have any other information.

Report of Officers:

None.

Standing Committees:

Doug Forsythe (Nominating Committee): The nominating committee recommended the following detachment members for detachment offices:

Commandant: Jerry Myers was nominated; there were no other nominations for Commandant;

Senior Vice-Commandant: Bob Campagna was nominated; there were no other nominations for Senior Vice-Commandant;

Junior Vice-Commandant: Bonnie Shaw was nominated for Junior Vice-Commandant; there were no other nominations for Junior Vice-Commandant;

Judge Advocate: Jim Copeland was nominated for Judge Advocate; there were no other nominations for Judge Advocate.

Trustees: Chris Shaw, Pat Powell, and John Abitabilo were nominated for Trustee; there were no other nominations for Trustee.

Jim Copeland made a motion that, inasmuch as there were no other nominations from the floor, Adjutant Meighan should cast one vote for the slate of nominated officers. Kathy Van Gorder seconded the motion, which passed. The adjutant cast one vote for the slate:

Jerry Myers for Commandant; Bob Campagna for Senior Vice-Commandant; Bonnie Shaw for Junior Vice-Commandant; Jim Copeland for Judge Advocate and John Abitabilo, Pat Powell and Chris Shaw for Trustees.

Sergeant-at-Arms Leo Burke, Chaplain Dan Condrón, Adjutant Jack Meighan, Paymaster Larry Samples, and IT Supervisor Dave Buckta said they would continue to serve in their appointed positions.

District One Senior Vice-Commandant George Souder presided over the swearing in of the newly elected officers and the appointed positions. Doug Forsythe served as Sergeant-at-Arms and Kathy Van Gorder served as chaplain.

Special Committees:

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): The first marksmanship meeting of 2020 will be on 1/26 at 2:00 PM at the detachment. The range at Kimberton has been reserved three times for next year.

Doug Forsythe (Marine of the Year): Bob Campagna will be the 2020 Marine of the Year.

Bonnie Shaw (Marine Corps Ball): The Coatesville Country Club has advised they have not yet received a deposit for next year. The paymaster said the deposit has been sent.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Commandant Myers presented Certificates of Appreciation to Sergeant-at-Arms Leo Burke and Adjutant Jack Meighan and provided a Certificate of Appreciation to be sent to Senior Vice-Commandant Bob Strehl.

Good of the League:

Mike Rapp was given his permanent associate membership gold badge.

Bob Campagna was selected as the 2020 Marine of the Year (MOY) and presented with a MOY medallion.

Dennis Brown cautioned that, in destroying old records, it is important that membership lists, minutes of controversial events, etc. not be included. Jim Copeland explained that the only documents being destroyed were financial records older than seven years and some DD-214s, which should never have been retained.

Kathy Van Gorder asked the paymaster if our annual commitment to the Freedoms Foundation had been made; Paymaster Samples said he would check his records and get back to her.

Announcements:

None.

EVENT: Installation of Officers

DATE: Dec 16, 2019

SUMMARY: The following officers were installed: Commandant Jerry Myers, Senior Vice Commandant Bob Campagna, Junior Vice Commandant Bonnie Shaw, Jr. Past Commandant Doug Forsythe, Jude Advocate Jim Copeland, Trustees Pat Powell, Chris Shaw, and John Abitabilo, Adjutant Jack Meighan, Paymaster Larry Samples, Chaplain Dan Condron and Sergeant at Arms Leo Burke.

LOCATION: Detachment 286 Headquarters, Downingtown, PA

MEMBERS: All

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Buckta



EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Jan 04, 2020

LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street

MEMBERS: Leo Burke, Jim Copeland, Dave Mundy, Mike & Jeanne Rapp, Joanne Brown, Dennis Brown, Deb Allen Mundy, and Lisa Sundin, Mario and Della Sheryl.

PURPOSE: Bingo operations were conducted. January 18 cancelled due to weather.

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke
(32 volunteer hours)



Pentagon Fun Facts

Lieutenant Danielle Rowan, USN (equivalent to USMC Captain) , grand-daughter of Sergeant at Arms Leo Burke, recently transferred to the Pentagon. Leo wanted to share the following:

The Pentagon is an enormous building complex in Arlington, VA built to house the U.S. Department of War. Construction of the building began on September 11th, 1941, after having been designed by an American architect George Bergstrom. The Pentagon was built to solve a space problem for the War Department, which was spread out in a number of buildings. The shape of the Pentagon was chosen because of its size requirements and height restrictions. On Jan 15th 1943 the Pentagon was completed at a cost of \$83 million (1.33 billion today).

- Today the Pentagon houses offices for the United States Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Army, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- The Pentagon was built in only 16 months.
- It is the largest low-rise office building in the world, with more than 17 miles of hallways. The building's area is 11.74 hectares.
- The Pentagon has 131 stairways, 284 washrooms, 4,200 clocks, 19 escalators, and 691 water fountains within its walls.
- There is enough telephone wire in the Pentagon to wrap around of the earth 4.5 times.
- There are 200 acres of grounds for the Pentagon.
- The Pentagon has 16 parking lots and can hold approximately 8,770 cars.
- More than 106,000 people visit the Pentagon each year for tours.
- On September 11th, 2001, flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. This was considered to be a terrorist attack which took place on the same day that the World Trade Center's Twin Towers were attacked by two airplanes.
- The attack on September 11th, 2001 was exactly 60 years after the day that construction of the Pentagon began.
- 13,000 people were working on the construction of the Pentagon.
- Originally the Pentagon's design included only three floors but two more floors were added in preparation for war.
- The Pentagon has five sides, which is why it was called the Pentagon.
- The Pentagon houses offices, storage, concessions, snack bars, cafeterias, banks, a subway station, bus platform, and a variety of stores.
- The Pentagon has a five-acre center courtyard that is enclosed by five sides.
- The Pentagon has more than seven acres of windows.
- There are 16,250 light fixtures in the Pentagon. Approximately 250 light bulbs have to be changed each day in the Pentagon.
- The Pentagon was named a National Historic Landmark in 1992 because of its history and unique architecture.
- 189 people died on Sept 11th, 2001 when flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. The section that the plane hit was only partially occupied because it had been recently renovated. Had it been fully occupied many more people would have been killed.
- Following the September 11th attacks the Pentagon underwent an extensive renovation project called the Phoenix Project. The cost was five times the original construction cost, coming in at \$5 billion. It was completed in February 2003.

EVENT: Monthly Bingo - Shut Ins

DATE: Jan 08, 2020

LOCATION: VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (20 volunteer hrs)

MEMBERS: Bill Kennedy, Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Tom Tanner, and Dan Condrón

PURPOSE: Presented \$175 in Canteen Books and Ice Cream & Tasty Cakes to 15 vets. Plus Leo treated the vets to brand new Bingo balls!!

POW-MIA Statistics

The following is the January 2020 POW-MIA report:

POW-MIA'S: Summary Statistics of US personnel unaccounted for by (DPAA)

December 13, 2019

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| WWII | 72,638 |
| Korean War | 7,603 |
| Cold War | 126 |
| Vietnam War | 1,587 |
| OEF, OIF, Gulf | 6 |
| Total MIA | 81,960 |

January 10, 2020

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| <u>Member Rank</u> | <u>First and Last Name</u> | <u>Service</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Lost</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date Announced</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Gunnery Sgt. | Arthur B. Summers | U.S. M.C. | Company I, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force | 11/23/1943 | Tarawa | 1/6/2020 |
| Sgt. | John V. Phillips | U.S. Army | Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment | 7/27/1942 | Philippines | 12/16/2019 |
| 2nd Lt. | George M. Johnson | U.S. Army Air Forces | 38th Bombardment Squadron, 30th Bombardment Group | 1/21/1944 | Tarawa | 12/16/2019 |

CC MCL Life Membership as of July 2019

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|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Lee C. Beyer | Rogers C. Flanigan | James J. Miller | William F. Shields |
| Dennis Brown | Douglas R. Forsythe | Richard J. Morrow | Walter W. Simcox, Jr. |
| Daniel W. Bullock III | Jamie Goncharoff | Dave Mundy | James G. Snyder |
| Leo Burke | Donald Goodwin | Phillip Murray | Bob Spano |
| Gerard (Jed) F. Burns | Bob Gross | Jerry D. Myers | William E. Stellfox |
| John J. Ceschan Jr. | Michael Guyer | Louis Stephen Netta | Robert G. Stone |
| Daniel J. Condran | Albert B. Harper Sr. | John F. O'Brien | Robert L. "Bob" Strehl |
| James Copeland | John E. Hinckley | Jay F. Patton | Peter R. Supplee |
| William J. Corcoran | Leif Jacobsen | Mark A. Peterson | Tom Tanner |
| Kay M. Croll | Steven G. Jefferis | Julius Pinter | Steven W. Talley |
| Henry A. Detering | Joseph J. Kay | Patrick B. Powell | Kathy A. Van Gorder |
| John DiMatteo | William G. Keers | Michael Rapp | Elmer S. Van Gorder |
| Gerry DiNunzio | Walter Kutz | Jack Ribble | Mark A. Wahn |
| Dominic DiSciullo | Fred LeClair | Les Rouse * | Dennis P. Walsh |
| James Donegan | Thomas M. Logan | Patrick Rundle | Albert R. Wertz |
| Robert F. Donovan | Bill Mackey | Larry L. Samples | Charles T. Wertz Jr. |
| Robert L. Dormer | Michael Maginnis | Robert Saenz Jr. | William E. Woodward |
| Joseph E. Dulin Jr. | Jim McIlhenney | Jeff Sanders | James Yocum |
| Craig S. Evans | Charles McMahon | Mario M. Scherl | |
| Gary N. Fay | John "Jack" Meighan | Kenneth Schweitzer | |
| Daniel V. Fitzpatrick Jr. | Donald W. Meyer | Raymond E. Sheldon | * Life Mbr Delaware Det. |

If you are interested in becoming a MCL Life Member. Memberships are available for all those in "good standing." Just send your check for the appropriate amount and proof of age to Larry Samples, Det. Paymaster. Rates are based on your current age as follows:

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| Over 65 | \$200 |
| 51-64 | \$300 |
| 36-50 | \$400 |
| 35 & Below | \$500 |

If you have any questions regarding life memberships. Please contact Bob Strehl, Sr. Vice.

2/11/2020 (rlstrehl@hotmail.com) or 215-421-2465 or Larry Samples, Paymaster.



Chester County Marine February 2020 EVENT Calendar

| February 2020 | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | | | 1 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 VA Bingo Dan Condrón | 13 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers | 14 | 15 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
|  | | | | | | |
| 23 Marksmanship Meeting 1400 Dennis Brown | 24 General Membership Mtg 7:30pm Jerry Myers | 25 VA Popcorn Dan Condrón | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Freedom Foundation 1800-2100 Doug Forsythe |



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March 2020 EVENT Calendar

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 VA Bingo Dan Condrón | 12 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers | 13 | 14 |
| 15 MODD Growl 1400 Larry Samples | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Bingo 5:30pm Jim Copeland |
| 22 | 23 General Membership Mtg 7:30pm Jerry Myers | 24 VA Popcorn Dan Condrón | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

End of Newsletter