

# The Chester County Marine

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

**Next Meeting-- Date: July 27, 2020 @ 1900**

**From the Commandant's Desk**

## **Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FMF, Chaplains, Associates**

We have not had an in person meeting since Monday, February 24, 2020. With that said, we all need to be aware that we are still in a very serious state of potential health issues regarding the Corona virus. I am asking that we all wear a mask at our meeting this month. We all have a responsibility to protect others as well as ourselves. I am instructing the Sgt at Arm to arrange our seating that will allow social distancing for each of us during the meeting. Please adhere to this request.

At our last Staff meeting on 6/11/2020 Ken Weaver was nominated as our new Sgt at Arms to replace Leo Burke in the near future. Ken will work with Leo and transition into that position. Leo has requested that he be replaced and allow another Marine to step up and assume this responsibility. Leo will continue to serve with Jim Copeland as co-Chair of the Bingo committee. I want to thank Leo for his outstanding service, He is an outstanding Marine !!

John Abitabilo and Larry Samples have been working on our new XL program that will enable us to have a more detailed accounting of our Detachment income and expenses. I want to thank John for taking the lead in getting this program up and running in the near future. With this system we will be able to see our P&L with a click of a button.

We had a Field Day at the Detachment on Sunday May 31. Those in attendance were Jean Rapp, Polly Cross, Lisa Sundin, Jim Copeland, Jerry Myers, Doug Forsythe and Charmaine. Thanks to all of you we finished most of the cleaning. If you would like to volunteer to continue with the cleaning, let me know. There are several areas that could use additional cleaning. With the lack of income because we had to cancel our Golf Outing and several Bingo events, we must watch our expenses very carefully. I have turned off the A/C in the main meeting area during the time we are not in the building. We will need to turn the unit on prior to our regular meeting. Please get prior approval for ALL expenses before spending any money. You can contact Larry with your request and he will get Staff approval. If you have any GOOD FUNDRAISING IDEAS please let us know. We are open to looking at new ways to raise money.

If you are willing to serve on any committee such as Color Guard, Honor Guard, Flag Retirement, Bingo, Golf Outing, Chicken BBQ, etc. Please contact myself or any Committee chair. EACH of us can help in making our Detachment a better place if we ALL do our part! Each of you have talents that our Detachment could use. Please STEP UP.

Our Detachment MOY Bob Campagna will be having his installment party at our regular meeting on July 27. Please contact Doug or Larry for details and payment arrangements.

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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>

Dave Buckta is publishing the CC Marine Newsletter.  
Please send all your newsworthy items, including  
photos and links to [CCMarineNews@Verizon.net](mailto:CCMarineNews@Verizon.net)

### From the Commandant's Desk

Doug Forsythe is the proposed nominee for Department MOY. I am proud to have Doug as our nominee and request that we all support his nomination by a majority yes vote of our Detachment and submit his application to the Department. Doug was our Detachment MOY in 2019, served as Commandant for three consecutive years, served at the Department of PA MCL for 5 years, including Credential Committee Chairman, Chairman for the Samuel Nicholas Memorial. Doug has also served The Freedoms Foundation. He served as President in 2014, and is the current Membership Chair and Current Ways and Means Chairman. In addition to his many hats, Doug serves many other organizations, including the VA, Life Member Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Chapel of Four Chaplains (Legion of Honor Award, 2014). There will be a posting of all the work that Doug has done and continues to do. I can think of no greater honor than to support Doug's nomination for Department MOY. As required by Department regulations, a vote must be taken from our Detachment to approve this nomination and must be recorded in our Minutes for verification.

### 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.

### VA Welcome Kit

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

6/22/2020

**EVENT:** Chester County MCL HQ Field Day

**DATE:** May 31, 2020

**SUMMARY:** Sweepers, Sweepers, man your brooms. Give the ship a good clean sweep down both fore and aft! Sweep down all lower decks, ladder backs and passageways! Dump all garbage clear of the fantail! Sweepers.

**LOCATION:** Detachment 286 Headquarters, Downingtown, PA

**MEMBERS:** Doug Forsythe, Bob Campagna, Jerry Myers, Charmaine, Jean Rapp, Polly Cross, Lisa Sundin, Jim Copeland

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug Forsythe



**EVENT:** Funeral services for Cindy Burns

**DATE:** May 22, 2020

**LOCATION:** Saint Agnes West Chester

**MEMBERS:** OIC: Tom Tanner Mbrs: Jerry Myers, Jim Copeland, Larry Samples, Dan Fitzpatrick, Jack Meighan, Dave Buckta, Dan Condrón, Doug Forsythe, Mike & Jeanne Rapp.

**PURPOSE:** Cindy was wife of MCL Mbr Jedi Burns.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug Forsythe

**EVENT:** Detachment Bingo

**DATE:** None

**LOCATION:** CC MCL Chestnut Street

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

**PURPOSE:** Bingo operations are suspended during the pandemic.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leo Burke

**EVENT:** Monthly Bingo - Shut Ins

**DATE:** No bingo

**LOCATION:** VA Coatesville, Bldg 59A

**SUBMITTED BY:** Leo Burke

**MEMBERS:** Dan Condrón, Leo Burke, and Mike Rapp

**PURPOSE:** VA Popcorn and bingo suspended during the pandemic

**EVENT:** Memorial Day Flags

**DATE:** May 25, 2020

**LOCATION:** Guthriesville Park, Guthrie, PA

**MEMBERS:** Bob Stone

**PURPOSE:** Flags placed in remembrance of those who gave all.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bob Stone



**EVENT:** Detachment Flag Box

**DATE:** May & June 2020

**LOCATION:** CC MCL Det 286 HQ, Downingtown, PA

**MEMBERS:** Jerry Myers

**PURPOSE:** The flag box was emptied four (4) times in the past month.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jerry Myers



**EVENT:** Downingtown Memorial Day

**DATE:** May 24, 2020

**LOCATION:** Kerr Park, Downingtown, PA

**MEMBERS:** Tom Logan, Dave Buckta,

Mike Rapp, Jerry Myers

**PURPOSE:** A small ceremony was held to render honors to those who gave all.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jerry Myers



### **Marine Corps Fact - Body Bearer Section (Click on newsletter link to learn more)**

*The primary mission of the Body Bearer section is to perform flawless funerals for Marines and Marine family members at Arlington National Cemetery and abroad. Additionally, the Body Bearer section is responsible for flawlessly executing a myriad of other ceremonial commitments that include: participating in Presidential, state and joint service funerals, manning the saluting battery of Marine Barracks Washington to render honors to dignitaries, and performing wreath-laying ceremonies across the National Capital Region.*



**EVENT:** Honoring Veterans at cemetery placing flags

**DATE:** May 20, 2020

**LOCATION:** Marshalltown, PA

**MEMBERS:** Tom Tanner (OIC), Jerry Meyers, Jim Copeland, Dan Condron, Doug Forsythe

**PURPOSE:** Joy & Tom replaced flags at their church cemetery as well. Flags used: Approx 100 Appointed Officers.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug Forsythe



### CC MCL Life Membership as of July 2019

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. Condron	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:

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.

6/22/2020 ([rlstrehl@hotmail.com](mailto:rlstrehl@hotmail.com)) or 215-421-2465 or Larry Samples, Paymaster.

Volunteer Activity	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (May/Jun)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Jerry Myers	-	30
Staff Meeting	Jerry Myers	-	44
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	-	110
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron	-	43
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	10	10
Golf outing	Bob Campagna	-	8
Chicken BBQ	Bonnie Shaw	-	-
Flag retirement	Leo Burke	2	2
Building maintenance – field day	Leo Burke	24	30
Membership	John Abitabilo	-	3
Financial	Larry Samples/John Abitabilo	19	23
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	8	24
Other	Doug Forsythe	-	2
<b>Total</b>		63	329



# Chester County Marine July 2020 EVENT Calendar

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 <b>Samuel Nichols</b> Philadelphia 0945 Muster at Barracks  Doug Forsythe	6	7	8 VA Bingo Dan Condron  ????????????	9 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Bingo???</b> <b>5:30pm</b>  Jim Copeland
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <b>MOY</b> 1830 Doug Forsythe  <b>General Membership Mtg</b>  7:00pm Jerry Myers	28 VA Popcorn Dan Condron  ????????????	29	30	31	



# Chester County Marine August 2020 EVENT Calendar

August 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <b>Bingo???</b> <b>5:30pm</b>  Jim Copeland
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> VA Bingo Dan Condron  ????????????	<b>13</b> CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Bingo???</b> <b>5:30pm</b>  Jim Copeland
National Convention Daytona Beach ?????						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>General</b> <b>Membership Mtg</b>  <b>7:00pm</b> Jerry Myers	<b>25</b> VA Popcorn Dan Condron  ????????????	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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