

The Chester County Marine

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**Meetings: 4th Monday
of every month @1900**
430 Acorn Lane
Entrance on Chestnut St.
Also park in rear of bldg
Downingtown, Pa 19335

Next Meeting-- Date: August 24, 2020 @ 1900

From the Commandant's Desk

Welcome Marines, FMF Corpsman, FME, Chaplains, Associates

It is with much sorrow that I inform you that Senior Vice Commandant Bob Campagna has resigned his position effective 7/20/2020. Bob indicated that he needs a break from the League. Bob also stated that he would not attend his MOY banquet. As a result, we have cancelled the event, except for having the MOY cake and official presentation of his Certificate. With concerns about the Coronavirus and the fact that Bob would not be in attendance, the decision was made to cancel. Bob will be missed by all. His service has been outstanding. Bob has dedicated many hours of service in running the Golf outings which has raised thousands of dollars for our Detachment. Please keep Bob in our prayers.

At our last staff meeting on 7/9/2020, Larry Samples informed the board that because of ongoing health issues, he will be stepping down as Paymaster. Doug Forsythe has agreed to assume the position of Paymaster and will be working with Larry during the transition. Larry has done a terrific job and we wish him the best with his health issues.

With the vacancy created by Bob's resignation, Bonnie Shaw has agreed to step up to Senior Vice Commandant, and Doug Forsythe has agreed to fill in as JR Vice Commandant until our elections are held in December. I want to thank both Bonnie and Doug for Stepping up.

With the lack of income due to the cancellation of many of our fundraising events, we need to make certain that we watch our spending. We need to be diligent in our expense control by making sure that any and all expenses are PRE-APPROVED. Please do not submit a bill unless the board has given their approval prior to the expense.

We can raise funds by supporting our annual Duck Race. We get \$4.00 back for every \$5.00 ticket sold, after selling the first 60 tickets of 300 purchased. If we sell all 300 tickets, we make \$1,200.00. The winning tickets have a chance to win one of 100 prizes. The race will take place on Labor Day Monday September 7. We have had several winners over the past years. Please contact me to purchase your tickets. With YOUR HELP we can make some much-needed money. Contact your friends and family and ask them to purchase tickets as well.

Our CHICKEN BBQ will be coming up in October and we need all hands-on deck to raise much needed funds by PRE-SELLING the orders. We need to start NOW by asking family and friends as well as employers to take advantage of this wonderful event. Please contact Doug Forsythe or Bonnie Shaw for your orders.

In these uncertain times it is important that we make every effort to stay safe by practicing SOCIAL DISTANCING, wearing a MASK and keeping our hands CLEAN. We have provided hand sanitizer by the front door if needed.

Semper Fidelis – Jerry

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

Meal, Ready to Eat (MRE)

The **Meal, Ready-to-Eat** – known as the **MRE** – is a self-contained, individual field ration in lightweight packaging for use in combat or other field conditions. Each meal provides about 1,200 calories and includes main course, side dish, dessert, crackers, spread, beverage mix, utensils, Flameless ration heater (FRH), beverage mixing bag, & accessory pack (gum, matches, toilet paper)



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VA Welcome Kit

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

8/27/2020

Minutes From Meeting on – June 22, 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:05 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Officer	Member	Present
Commandant	Jerry Myers	X
Sr. Vice-Commandant	Bob Campagna	X
Jr. Vice-Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	X
Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	X
Jr. Past Commandant	Doug Forsythe	X
Adjutant	Jack Meighan	X
Paymaster	Larry Samples	X
Chaplain	Dan Condron	X
Sergeant at Arms	Leo Burke	X
Service Officer		
Trustee	Chris Shaw	X
XTrustee	Pat Powell	X
Trustee	John Abitabilo	X

Twelve officers present. Because of the coronavirus quarantine, there were no general membership meetings in March, April or May. Several web-x staff meetings were held.

New Members:

None.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the last general detachment meeting on 2/24/2020 were provided to members. A motion to receive the minutes was made by Doug Forsythe and seconded by Leo Burke. 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 Fred LeClair and seconded by Doug Forsythe. The motion passed.

Members or Family Members Sick or in Distress:

Since our last meeting, we lost detachment member Bill Kennedy and Cindy Burns, the wife of member Jed Burns.

Doug Forsythe reported that Jim Miller is getting around in his wheelchair and using the ramp that Lee Beyer and Dan Bullock made for him.

Report of Officers:

Doug Forsythe (Marine of the Year banquet): The banquet honoring MOY Bob Campagna will be held at the detachment on Monday, 7/27/2020 at 6:30 PM in lieu of our regularly scheduled meeting. Mission BBQ will cater the meal and we will also have a cake.

Standing Committees:

None.

Special Committees:

Bob Campagna (Golf Tournament): The tournament has been canceled; Mike Whelan has suggested that we might consider another fund-raising activity, perhaps a signing by a professional athlete or holding a 5K run.

Dennis Brown (Marksmanship): All matches have been canceled. The pistol match at Palmerton, Bucks County is still up in the air. The range at Kimberton is reserved for 9/13/2020.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

The Commandant Samuel Nicholas Memorial Ceremony will be held on 7/5/2020 at 11:00 AM. Members planning to attend should muster at the detachment at 9:30 AM. Representatives from Marine Corps headquarters, the National Marine Corps League and other detachments have been invited.

The Pottstown Rotary Club Duck Race has been postponed to September. Commandant Myers has the tickets. The detachment has 300 tickets at \$5 each to sell; if we sell all 300 we will receive \$1,200 back and chances to win any of 100 prizes. In the past, the detachment has won a TV and other prizes.

Jerry urged the detachment to nominate Doug Forsythe for the Pennsylvania Department Marine of the Year. Leo Burke made a motion to nominate Doug for the department MOY which was seconded by Jim Copeland. The motion passed unanimously among the members present.

Leo Burke has requested that someone step up and help him with the duties of Sergeant-at-Arms and eventually take over the position. Ken Weaver agreed to accept the position and was appointed as Sergeant-at-Arms. The detachment thanked Leo for his hard work.

The Commandant asked for new fund-raising ideas to make up for the cancellation of the golf tournament, which is our main source of revenue. Doug said he contacted the managers of the local Wawa and Walmart stores and asked if they would provide make up days to replace the previously scheduled donation events, which were cancelled because of the coronavirus quarantine. They have not yet replied.

Jeff D'Ambrosio, dba Jeff D'Ambrosio Dodge Chrysler Jeep, has advised that we can use his golf sponsorship donation for our general fund. Jerry encouraged members to contact potential golf tournament sponsors to advise of the cancelation and ask for their continued support.

John Abitabilo and Larry Samples have been working on implementing the new XL program for our finances. They hope to have it implemented in the near future.

Jerry suggested that the detachment establish a register in which members would sign in when they came into the detachment (other than for regularly scheduled meetings) so we could determine the last person present in case someone forgot to lock a door, etc. Pat Powell suggested the register also reflect the reason the member entered the detachment. Doug Forsythe made a motion to establish a detachment register, Bonnie Shaw seconded the motion which passed by a majority of members present.

Good of the League:

Kay Croll has been keeping in touch with Lee Beyer and has been active with the local American Legion post.

Joanne Brown is looking for help with the auxiliary. Bingo may start up on 7/18/2020 depending on quarantine restrictions. The annual Chicken BBQ is scheduled for the second Saturday in October.

The state MCL convention was postponed and rescheduled for 10/15 to 10/17/2020 at Indiantown Gap. The national convention scheduled for August has been canceled.

Announcements:

None.

Closing: 7:40 PM

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EVENT: First Resource Bank Donation

DATE: July 23, 2020

SUMMARY: Doug and Jerry accepting a \$1,500. donation from First Resource Bank. Pictured L-R Doug Forsythe, Glen Marshall President of First Resource, and Jerry Myers.

LOCATION: Exton, PA

MEMBERS: Doug Forsythe & Jerry Myers

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 Condon, Leo Burke, and Mike Rapp

PURPOSE: VA Popcorn and bingo suspended during the pandemic

EVENT: Honoring the Marine Corps Founder and 1st Commandant

DATE: July 05, 2020

LOCATION: Quaker Meeting House 4th & Arch Sts Phila, Pa.

MEMBERS: Charlie Trainor Cmdt All Div, Dan Nolan MOY All Div, Dan Fitzpatrick Burglar 286, Jerry Myers Cmdt 286, Fred LeClair 286, Jim Copeland 286, Dave Brady 1st Capitol, George Souder Dist 1 Vice Upper Darby, Anthony Alessandrino Upper Darby, Doug Forsythe 286

PURPOSE: Fred LeClair gave reading on history of Major Nicholas, Dan Fitzpatrick played "Call to Order", "National Anthem" & Taps. The gates were locked to reach the headstone however Marines adapted and overcame and held a ceremony in the parking lot. Total Volunteer Hours: 25.

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe



EVENT: USMC Face Coverings

DATE: July 27, 2020

LOCATION: Chester County MCL Detachment 286 HQ

MEMBERS: Larry Samples

PURPOSE: Marines, in these times of mandatory wearing of facemasks, it can be difficult to find the right mask to match your outfit. Look no further as Larry will have a plethora of USMC coordinated face coverings available for purchase. Available at the July meeting.

SUBMITTED BY: Larry Samples

For sale at the July 27 meeting

Show your USMC pride!!!!

See Larry Samples



Volunteer Activity	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours (July)	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Jerry Myers	15	45
Staff Meeting	Jerry Myers	8	52
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	-	110
VA Bingo/ Popcorn	Dan Condron	-	43
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	25	35
Golf outing	Bob Campagna	-	8
Chicken BBQ	Bonnie Shaw	-	-
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		2
Building maintenance – field day	Leo Burke		30
Membership	John Abitabilo	2	5
Financial	Larry Samples/John Abitabilo	3	26
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	8	24
Other	Doug Forsythe	-	2
Total		60	382



Chester County Marine August 2020 EVENT Calendar

August 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 Condron ????????????	13 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	14	15 Bingo??? 5:30pm Jim Copeland
National Convention Daytona Beach ?????						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 General Membership Mtg 7:00pm Jerry Myers	25 VA Popcorn Dan Condron ????????????	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Chester County Marine September 2020 EVENT Calendar

September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Bingo??? 5:30pm Jim Copeland
6	7	8	9 VA Bingo Dan Condron ????????? MOY Selection Committee CC MCL HQ 1800 Doug Forsythe	10 CC MCL Staff Meeting 6:30pm Jerry Myers	11	12 Central Bucks Pistol Match Palmerton, PA Dennis Brown
13 Pistol Team Practice Kimberton Dennis Brown MODD Growl CC MCL HQ 1430 Larry Samples	14	15	16	17	18	19 Bingo??? 5:30pm Jim Copeland
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 General Membership Mtg 7:00pm Jerry Myers	29 VA Popcorn Dan Condron ?????????	30			