

The Chester County Marine

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Elected Officers (eff: 1/1/2023)

Commandant	Larry Samples
Sr. Vice	Chris Shaw
Junior Vice	Joe Rubin
Jr. Past Com	Bonnie Shaw
Judge Adv	Jim Copeland

Appointed Officers

Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw
Service Officer	Doug Forsythe
Paymaster	Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears
Chaplain	Rich Corbitt
Sgt. at Arms	Ken Weaver

From the Commandant's Desk

On July 4th our nation celebrated "Independence Day". "No other date on the calendar more potently symbolizes all that our nation stands for than the Fourth of July." Mac Thornberry

Also, go to the internet and check out a "Ragged Old Flag", a song by Johnny Cash.

And to add to that . . . from Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA",

I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you
And defend her still today,
"Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Coming up . . .

- 8/10 Executive Board Meeting, 1900.
- 8/12 Walmart Fund Raiser, 0800-1600.
- 8/13-8/19 MCL National Convention, Oklahoma City, OK (100th Anniversary).
- 8/21 General Membership Meeting 1900 (Potluck at 1800).
- 8/28 Brandon Hardy Golf Outing, Downingtown County Club.

Semper Fi,
Larry Samples
Commandant

**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:
August 28, 2023 @ 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**

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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>

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
26 JUNE 2023**

ASSOCIATE MARINE OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION (Dave Buckta):

- Buffet provided by Mission BBQ

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening: 1930

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (ADJUTANT): 10 Officers Present – 2 Excused

X	Commandant	Larry Samples	X	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
	Sr. Vice Commandant	Chris Shaw	X	Sergeant at Arms	Ken Weaver
X	Jr. Vice Commandant	Rich Corbit Jr.		Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
X	Jr. Past Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	X	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
X	Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	X	Trustee	Fred LeClair
	Chaplain	Rick Corbit III	X	Trustee	Pat Powell
X	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw			

ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: District #1 Vice Commandant Dennis Brown

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- Name and background information; Sgt. at Arms escorts applicant outside meeting room.
- Balloting of applications for membership. Approved for Membership by the majority
- Ceremony of Initiation.
- Introduction of new members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Newsletter):

- Motion to accept the minutes, subject to corrections. Rich Corbit
- Second. Doug Forsythe
- Motion passed, subject to corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: Doug presented several letters from the VA for our many giving opportunities for the Canteen, Monthly Bingo, etc.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe):

- Motion to accept Paymaster's Report, subject to audit. Jim Copeland
- Second. Rich Corbit
- Motion passed; subject to audit.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Chaplin):

- Report of any members or member's family sick and in distress. Mike Rapp in hospital from a tick bite, Babesiosis virus putting a strain on his kidneys. Dave Mundy, recovering at Brynn Mar Rehab. Kathy VanGorder thanked us for the BBQ at the hospice at the Gardens of Grace hospice Sunday.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant (Larry Samples) NR
- Senior Vice Commandant (Chris Shaw) NR
- Junior Vice Commandant (Rich Corbit, Jr.) NR
- Junior Past Commandant (Bonnie Shaw) NR
- Judge Advocate (Jim Copeland) NR
- Paymaster (Doug Forsythe)
- Sgt. at Arms (Ken Weaver) 26 members, 1 guest. \$110 (50/50) Raising suggested donations for Beer to \$2

- Chaplain (Rick Corbit III) Mike Rapp
- Quartermaster (Chris Shaw)
- Trustee (Fred LeClair) NR
- Trustee (Emil Messikomer) NR
- Trustee (Pat Powell) NR

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Rifle/Pistol (Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp) Dennis reported life fire Sunday, 25 June. Next meeting 9 Jul. Next Live Fire Sunday **July**. Pat invites anyone to join us for the Pistol/Rifle live fires.
- Samuel Nicholas (Doug Forsythe) July 5th 0930 muster. 1100 Ceremony at the Graveside.
- Defibrillator/CPR Training (Joe Rubin) We had 13 total attendees. Can schedule another class if needed.
- By-Laws Update (Jim Copeland/Bonnie Shaw) Resigning Approval Page
- Budget Committee (Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears) Phil reports the Budget is Ready!
- Building Maintenance (Ken Weaver/Emil Messikomer) Place looks Great!
- Fundraisers:
 - Duck Race (07/04); (Jerry Myers) 144 tickets \$725. 156 tickets remain. Will revert to the detachment if not sold.
 - Golf Outing (08/28/23): (Jerry Myers/Don Ascolese) Plenty of White bags and Golfers
 - Chicken BBQ (10/14): (Doug Forsythe) Rockin' J BBQ (Need Volunteers)
 - MC Birthday Activities (11/10/23): BUS Tickets will be for Sale
 - Samuel Nicholas Ceremony
 - Philadelphia Events
 - MC Birthday Ball (11/18): Whitford Country Club
 - Brandon Hardy Motorcycle Ride: \$25 donation for the lunch. \$25 per rider for the ride begins at 0730
 - Doug introduced our new mission statement posters with the QR code for donations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jerry Myers thinks we should have a gift for them each time mission bbq comes.

Navy Seal for speaker Drago Desearan?

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis Brown reminds about the dues increase for Life members and Dept portion of Annual Dues. Delaware County retaining their charter as long as all paperworks are done by October meeting. Tun Tavern relinquishing their charter unless someone adopts it. Dave Buckta, webmaster award. 100% Membership Award. COA for Facebook Page. T2T Award 3rd place Cat 3. Membership Plaque 2nd Place Membership, Cat 3.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Fred LeClair reminding us to honor Samuel Nicholas. Take the Amish Bread that's in the freezer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Major Samuel Nicholas Ceremony – Philadelphia 07/05, Muster at 0930 at Detachment; Ceremony at 1100.
- Staff Meeting 07/13 at 1900
- French Creek Golf Club: 07/24. Dress Blues Color Guard; Muster at 0915 (Doug Forsythe)
- General Membership Meeting 07/24 at 1900 (Potluck at 1800).
- MCL National Convention (100th Anniversary) – Oklahoma City, OK. The Irvins, Browns and Shaws will be attending.
- Veterans Museum of PA in Media - July 1st musical event & dinner \$31/pp

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Adjournment: 2020

Next Meeting: 24 July 2023 @ 1900

EVENT: Mobility Scooter Work Detail

DATE: July 08, 2023

LOCATION: Det 286 HQ

PURPOSE: Commandant Larry Samples, members Mark Holden, Jerry Myers, Emil Messikomer, Doug Forsythe, and Fred LeClair loaded an electronic scooter onto a pick up truck for transport and delivery to Marine Michael Gnall, MCL member of the Cpl. Pete Arnold Detachment #1198, Harford County Maryland.

SUBMITTED BY: Fred LeClair



EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Summer Vacation

PURPOSE: Bingo paused for the summer.

NOTICE: Bingo operations will be paused during the summer months and resume September 16

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (0 hours)

EVENT: Fundraiser

DATE: July 1, 2023

LOCATION: Walmart. Exton, PA

MEMBERS: Larry, Emil, & Doug

PURPOSE: Another great day utilizing our new Bar Code.

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe



EVENT: Duck Race Tickets!!

DATE: July 4, 2023

LOCATION: CC MCL Chestnut Street

PURPOSE: Winner winner chicken dinner:

- First place Chester County Detachment cash \$1,000 Ticket #2359
- Third place Bonnie Shaw cash \$250.00 Ticket # 2182
- Larry Samples Car care kit value \$50 plus Ticket # 2387
- Bonnie Shaw Girl fun bag \$50.00 value Ticket # 2371
- Fred Le Clair Gift card \$25.00 value Ticket # 2393
- Jim Copeland Gift Bag value ? Ticket # 2371
- Chester County MCL Gift Card value \$25.00 Ticket # 2284

We sold 167 tickets @ \$5.00 each	\$835.00
Our Detachment winnings Cash	\$1,000.00
\$4.00 rebate for 300 tickets sold and purchased by the Detachment is	\$1,200.00
Gross profit	\$3035.00
Detachment purchased 300 tickets @5.00 each	(\$1,500.00)
Our net profit is	\$1,535.00

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and CONGRATULATIONS to all winners!

SUBMITTED Jerry Myers



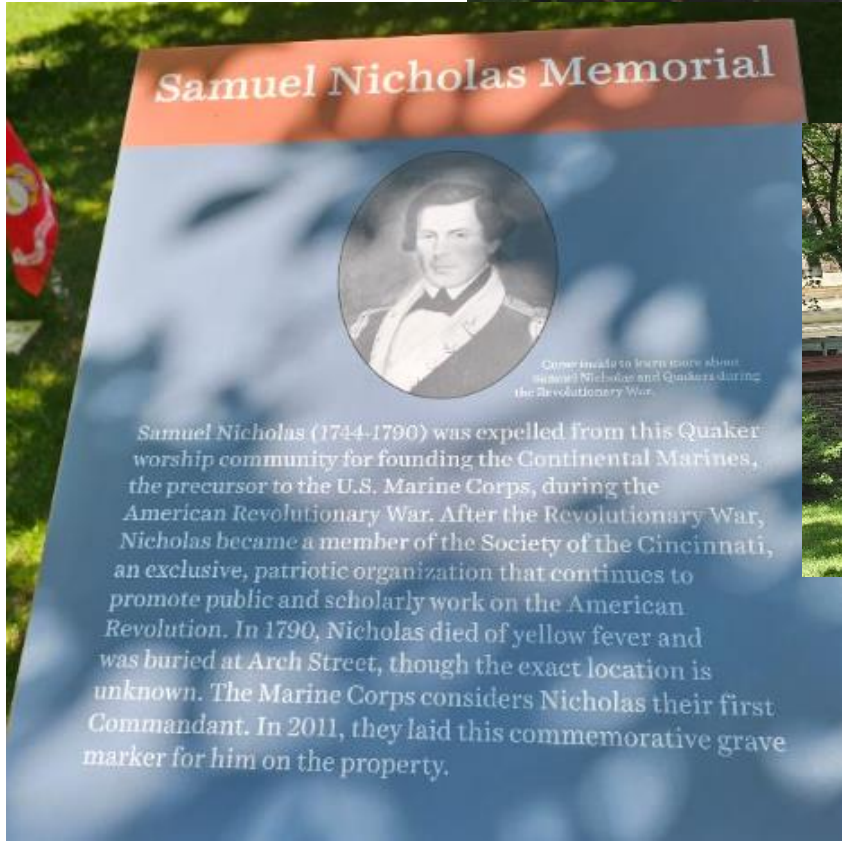
EVENT: Major Samuel Nicolas Ceremony

DATE: July 5, 2023

LOCATION: 4th and Arch Street in Philadelphia (Friends Meeting House Cemetery)

PURPOSE: Honor Samuel Nicolas as the Marines First Commandant. Color Guard consisted of Emil Messikomer, Yonas Reinholdson, Doug Forsythe and members from other detachments. Fred LeClair read the history on Samule Nicolas and played taps. Also, Jerry Myers and Michael John Waluk (National Northeast Division Vice Commandant) placed the wreath at the grave site..

SUBMITTED: Steve Annan



Membership Update

(Bob Strehl, Det. Membership Chair)

July 19, 2023

Presently there are 170 members in our Detachment. This is a new record for active membership and includes; Life, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members and I'm proud to report, all of whom are in "Good Standing". Kudos to all!

I'd like to welcome Thaddeus Atkin (Kirkwood), Nicole Moore (Downingtown), Katrina & Eric Dougherty (Downingtown) Devin & Seth Hurley (Downingtown), Paige & Adam Desmarais (Glenmoore) and Joan & James Brown (Coatesville) as our new members. Please welcome Thaddeus, Nichole, Katrina, Eric, Devin, Seth, Paige, Adam, Joan & James into our Detachment and the Marine Corps League at your earliest opportunity.

I'd also like to recognize Ryan Strehl, Steve Annan, Mark Holden, Lawrence Garcia, Steven Jackson and Andrew Syles as our newest life members. Please congratulate these Marines in becoming life members. A complete listing of life members associated with our Detachment follows.

Lastly, I pass along that life member Donald W Meyers (Downingtown) reported to the Supreme Commandant earlier this month on July 15th. Donald joined the League in September of 1986. Fair winds and following seas Marine, you will be missed. Semper Fi!

Heads up for Dues paying members

Please note your current memberships will expire August 31, 2023. To avoid any interruption in your "good standing" in the League. I encourage you to get a jump on them by paying your dues now. I will be sending email reminders to each of you. As a result of the recent \$2 increase accessed by the PA Department the 2024 dues will increase to \$37.

To maintain your "Good Standing" Please make out a check for \$37 payable to: Cpl. Brandan Hardy/Chester County Det. 286 and giving it to Doug Forsythe our paymaster at the next meeting or mailing it to:

Cpl. Brandon Hardy/ Chester County Detachment 286
Marine Corps League
PO Box 824
Downingtown, PA 19335.

If you have any questions related to Life Membership applications or your 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

2023 YTD Detachment Membership Summary

During the 1st half of 1023, our Detachment membership remains strong and continues to grow thanks to your continued participation and recruitment. As a result, we've increased by a net gain of 13 members (157 to 170). Here's a quick summary of the major changes:

- 6 existing members have become Life Members
- 18 new members have joined our Detachment
- 4 members have reported to the Supreme Commandant (passed on)
- 1 member was administratively separated

Current Marine Corps League Life Members

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

(M) Denotes member of "Multiple" Detachments (per National)

Volunteer Activity July 2023	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	4	28
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	4	28
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	--	135
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron	15	55
Honor Guard	Kerr/Marshallton /Cpl Hardy	12	61
Golf outing	Jerry Myers	12	32
Flag retirement	Leo Burke	-	32
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	2	38
Membership	Robert Strehl	4	28
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	28
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	28
Fundraising (Walmart, Duck Race)	Larry Samples, Jerry Myers	18	69
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp/Ken	-	20
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe	-	2
Total		79	584