

The Chester County Marine

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From the Commandant's Desk

We have many activities and events coming in September. This is a great opportunity to “ENGAGE”, with your support.

Of special note:

- 8/28 is our Detachment’s Annual Golf Classic in memory of Corporal Brandon Hardy. This year it’s at the Downingtown Golf Club in Downingtown.
- 9/4 is Labor Day! It’s a patriotic holiday that honors working Americans!
- 9/15 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. We honor those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. Please say a prayer.
- 9/24 Gold Star Mother’s Day is intended to recognize and honor mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. Armed Forces. Say a prayer for them, too!
- *“Tell the truth. Sing with passion. Work with laughter. Love with heart. ‘Cause in the end, that’s all that matters.”* Kris Kristofferson, American singer-songwriter.
- *“Logic will get you from A to Z”* says Albert Einstein. *“Imagination will get you everywhere else.”*
- *“Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.”* Ben Franklin

Coming up in September . . .

• 9/9 VA BBQ	• 9/23 MODD Growl: 1400.
• 9/10 MCL Field Day (Kitchen, Store Room); 1100	• 9/24 Defibrillation/CPR/First Aid Training.
• 9/14 Executive Board Meeting, 1900.	• 9/24 Downingtown Fall Fest.
• 9/16 Bingo: 1700.	• 9/25 General Membership Meeting 1900 (Potluck at 1800).
• 9/17 Rifle Match	

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:
September 25, 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

NEWSLETTER POLICY

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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
24 JULY 2023**

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Open: 1905

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (ADJUTANT):

X	Commandant	Larry Samples
X	Sr. Vice Commandant	Chris Shaw
X	Jr. Vice Commandant	Rich Corbit Jr.
X	Jr. Past Commandant	Bonnie Shaw
X	Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland
	Chaplain	Rick Corbit III
X	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw

X	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
X	Sergeant at Arms	Ken Weaver
X	Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
X	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
	Trustee	Fred LeClair
X	Trustee	Pat Powell

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: Jeff Smith T4T coordinator awarded plaque and certificate. Dignitaries Gene & Sue Irwin, District 1 Vice Dennis Brown, Bonnie Shaw (MOY), and Dave Buckta (AOY)

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. Looking to do a MASS swearing in when several members are available.
- Introduction of new members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Newsletter):

- Motion to accept the minutes, subject to corrections. Gene Irwin
- Second. Brian Brody
- Motion passed, subject to corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of Appreciation from the St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter for the \$100 donation.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe):

- Motion to accept Paymaster’s Report, subject to audit. Brian Brody
- Second. Chris Shaw
- Motion passed subject to audit.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Chaplin):

- Report of any members or member’s family sick and in distress. John “Jay” McCarthy, was buried on Saturday.
- Life Member Don Meyer passed away 14 July 2023 – no service, obituary, or ceremony will happen.
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REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant (Larry Samples) N/R
- Senior Vice Commandant (Chris Shaw) N/R
- Junior Vice Commandant (Rich Corbit, Jr.) N/R
- Junior Past Commandant (Bonnie Shaw) N/R
- Judge Advocate (Jim Copeland) Bylaws are approved by JA Joel SoFranko at Department.
- Paymaster (Doug Forsythe) Report Submitted.
- Sgt. at Arms (Ken Weaver) Reported on the Cpl Brandon Hardy Motorcycle Ride
- Chaplain (Rick Corbit III) 23 members present 50/50 \$130 \$65 payout

- Quartermaster (Chris Shaw) \$445 to Paymaster.
- Trustee (Fred LeClair) Absent
- Trustee (Emil Messikomer) N/R
- Trustee (Pat Powell) N/R

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Rifle/Pistol (Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp) 27 Aug @ Kimberton (Pistol)
- 990 should be ready next week.
- Defibrillator/CPR Training: ? First Aid & 8/27 First Aid/AED/CPR; 0900 (Joe Rubin)
- By-Laws Update (Jim Copeland/Bonnie Shaw) Approved by the JA from Dept.
- Budget Committee (Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears) Just need to finalize.
- Building Maintenance (Ken Weaver/Emil Messikomer) Shelving added, replaced ceiling tiles that were wet
- Fundraisers:
 - Walmart Exton: August 12th 8-4 Need Volunteer
 - Wawa update: Having Conference call with their foundation August 4th.
 - Rifle Raffle: Another M-4, 1-4 Scope, 22 conversion kit, Cleaning kit, Hardcase
- Golf Outing (08/28/23): (Jerry Myers/Don Ascolese)
 - Planning Meeting: 7/28, 1730
 - Don following up with vendors, we have lots of gift bags and prizes. **NEED GOLFERS**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vote for National Judge Advocate
- Flag Retirement Middle to end of September.
- Steve Annan: VA (Gina) says they are rolling back COVID restrictions and possibly do an Ice Cream Social or other activities there. Doug reminds us that we have a budget item to do activities with the VA.
- MCL Dept Calendar are \$30 a piece. Dept Raffle Tickets for sale.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

National JA candidate is Bruce Reikfelt

District 1 Meeting Jan through Mar 2024 – Being Scheduled

Donation of flags with bodies during cremation

Wednesday, 7/26 Fred LeClairs house 1600 Samuel Nicholas Meeting and 1800 Auxiliary Audit

Commandant Samples complimented us on our ceremonies compared to a ceremony he attended in VA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Staff Meeting 08/10 at 1900
- MCL National Convention: Aug. 13-19 (100th Anniversary) – Oklahoma City, OK.
- General Membership Meeting 08/21 at 1900 (Potluck at 1800).
- Golf Outing: 8/28, Downingtown Country Club
- Bingo 9/16, 1700
- Rifle Match 9/17
- MODD Growl 9/23
- Chicken BBQ 10/14
- Maine Corps Birthday 11/10
 - Samuel Nicholas Ceremony

- Veterans Day 11/11
- Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, 11/18; Whitford Country Club

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Adjournment: 2022

Next Meeting: 21 August 2023 @ 1900

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)

Presently we have 170 members in our Detachment. This includes; Life, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members and I'm proud to report, all of whom are in "Good Standing" at least thru the end of the month when current dues expire.

Since last month's massive recruiting surge, there are no new members to report this month.

2024 Membership Dues Update

I'd like to thank those 27 members who have paid there 2024 membership dues.

However, we have still have 33 current members whose memberships will expire August 31, 2023. To avoid any interruption in your "good standing" in the League and Detachment. I encourage you to pay your 2024 dues as soon as you can. Reminders have & will continue to be sent 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. Brandon 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 828
Downingtown, PA 19335.

If you have any questions related to your individual dues or maybe in a hardship situation. Please contact Bob Strehl (Det. Membership Chair) at (215) 421-2465, strehlrl@gmail.com or Doug Forsythe (Det. Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com

Current Marine Corps League Life Members

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

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

If you're in good standing and interested in becoming a Life Member, please contact Bob Strehl (Det. Membership Chair) at (215) 421-2465, strehlr@gmail.com or Doug Forsythe (Dey. Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com

Volunteer Activity August 2023	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	4	32
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	4	32
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	--	135
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron	15	70
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe		61
Golf outing	Bonnie Shaw	12	44
Flag retirement	Leo Burke	-	32
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	2	40
Membership	Robert Strehl	4	32
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	28
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	28
Fundraising	Larry Samples	4	69
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp/Ken	-	20
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe	-	2
Total		53	637