

The Chester County Marine

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From the Commandant's Desk

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."
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August & September were busy months for our detachment. A special "THANKS" to all participants!

- Starting with a visit on 8/23, to the Brandywine SPCA, we delivered food donations and took a tour of the facilities. The SPCA is just not about animal adoptions. It's also about love and caring of the animals. There are many volunteers involved. Additional volunteers are welcomed!
- Our annual golf outing was held on 8/28. It was considered a success, but more golfers were needed. Our next golf outing is scheduled for 8/5/24.
- Casket watch and funeral services were held for William Sudhaus on 9/7. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. May he rest in peace
- We had our annual BBQ outing at the VA hospital on 9/9. Food was donated by Wegmans. Many of us from the detachment, Wegmans employees and the Smedley Butler Ladies Auxiliary helped out with the grilling & serving.
- A special field day was held at the detachment on 9/10, to clean the kitchen area.
- On 9/11, our detachment's color guard was part of the Missions BBQ celebration.
- Our return to Bingo was started back up on 9/16. Welcome!
- We participated in the Downingtown Fall Fest on 9/24, from 1100 to 1600. We were there to promote our Marine Corps League. This is quite an event. There were over 200 exhibitors.
- A defibrillator/CPR training class was held on 9/24, by Joe Rubin.

Samuel Nicholas Challenge Coins \$10 and Rifle Raffle Tickets \$20 are now available for purchase.

Coming up in October . . .

- Flag Retirement Ceremony: TBD (Leo Burke)
- Shady Maple Fund Raisers: 10/7 and 10/21, 0900
- Bingo: 10/7 and 10/21, 0500
- Executive Board (Staff) Meeting: 10/12, 1800
- Chicken BBQ: 10/14, 0900-1700
- Oaks Gun Show: 10/20 to 10/22
- Beirut Memorial: 10/23, Philadelphia
- General Membership Meeting: 10/23, 1900 (Potluck at 1800)
- Navy Day: 10/27

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:
October 23, 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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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.

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
21 AUGUST 2023**

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening: 1900

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
X	Chaplain	Rich Corbit Jr.
X	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw

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

ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: Bonnie Shaw (MOY)

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. Doug Forsythe
- Second. Chris Shaw
- Motion passed, subject to corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: VAVS letter thanking us for the donation for the pretzel and popcorn sales. Sympathy card from the Morrrows family for our ceremony at the graveside, in Arlington Cemetery Delaware County.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe):

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

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Chaplin):

- Report of any members or member’s family sick and in distress. Mike Rapp is improving and may attend the next pistol practice.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant (Larry Samples): Yuengling trip. Pig Roast. Fort McHenry in Baltimore. 8th & I in DC.
- Senior Vice Commandant/Quartermaster (Chris Shaw): \$213.90 in box. 100th Anniversary ribbons available.
- Junior Vice Commandant (Rich Corbit, Jr.): NR
- Junior Past Commandant/Adjutant (Bonnie Shaw): Highly recommend attending the National Convention.
- Judge Advocate (Jim Copeland): Next Month starts bingo on Sep 16th. Changes will be made.
- Paymaster (Doug Forsythe): Given
- Sgt. at Arms (Leo Burke): Was hugged coming out of his bank and was given a \$20 donation. \$40 to winner of 50/50
- Chaplain (Rick Corbit III): NR
- Trustee (Fred LeClair): Need volunteers for the Golf Outing. First Marine/Commandant/Recruiter was Samuel Nicholas. Our Detachment is selling coins in his honor for \$10 each.
- Trustee (Emil Messikomer): NR
- Trustee (Pat Powell): Absent

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

9/24/2023

- Rifle/Pistol (Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp): NR
- Defibrillator/CPR Training: 09/24/23, 0900 (Joe Rubin)
- Budget Committee (Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears)
- Bingo: 9/16, 0530
- Building Maintenance (Emil Messikomer)
- Fundraisers:
 - Wawa Foundation (Doug Forsythe): Submitting for a grant from them for our detachment.
 - Shady Maple Fund Raiser: 9/9/23, 0830 (Joe Rubin) May change due to VA picnic.
 - Rifle Raffle, 1500 tickets (Pat Powell/Bonnie Shaw): Tickets available
- Golf Outing (08/28/23): (Don Ascolese): D'Ambrosio will be doing a Platinum Sponsorship. We need Golfers.
 - Planning Meeting: 08/25/23

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ladies Auxiliary is being dissolved and their charter returned. They are delinquent on their 990's and other documentations with only 3 members and 1 active member. We will close their bank accounts

NEW BUSINESS: NR

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: VA Picnic September 9th. Wegman's providing servers for the picnic.
FLAG Retirement 1st Week in October. Downingtown Fall Festival sign up. Mission BBQ Monday, 9/11 @ Noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Golf Outing: 8/28, Downingtown Country Club
- RS Harrisburg Professional Training 8/29, at Detachment
- VA Picnic, 9/9/23, 1200-1500, (Dan Condron)
- Field Day 09/10, 1100 (Kitchen/Store Room)
- Executive Board Meeting 09/14, 1800
- Bingo 9/16, 1700
- Rifle Match 9/17
- MODD Growl: Saturday 9/23, 1400
- Downingtown Fall Fest: Sunday 9/24
- Defibrillator/CPR Training 9/24
- General Membership Meeting 9/25, 1900 (Potluck 1800)
- Chicken BBQ 10/14
- MCL Fall Meetings, 10/20*10/21, Indian Tore Gap
- Beirut Memorial: 10/23/21, Philadelphia Memorial Park
- Marine Sunday: 11/5, Oaklands Cemetery West Chester
- Maine Corps Birthday 11/10
 - Samuel Nicholas Ceremony
 - Philly Events
- Veterans Day 11/11
- Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, 11/18; Whitford Country Club

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Closing: 2008

Next Meeting: 25 September 2023 @ 1900

EVENT: CCDCBHMCL ANNUAL V.A. Picnic

DATE: Sept 9, 2023

PURPOSE: Attendees:

Larry Samples-Chris Shaw-Bonnie Shaw-Col. Crab Messicomer-Steve Annan-Jim Copeland- Jack Meighan-Dan Condron (OIC) and the GREAT Leo Burke.

Joined by Wegman's Executive Chef Tony-Meat Mgr. Anthony and Pharmacy Technician Michelle. Also, the Ladies Auxiliary from General Smedley D. Butler Detachment, assisted with the salads and Desserts.

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Condron (20 hours)



Membership Update

September 12, 2023

Presently, we have 171 members in our Detachment. This includes Life, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members.

Since our last meeting. Joe Rubin's transfer of his life membership from the Poconos Det to ours was finally approved. Additionally, Glenn Lewiski recently transitioned his membership to a life membership. Please congratulate Joe and Glenn at your earliest opportunity.

Expired Memberships

I'd like to thank those members who paid their 2024 membership dues prior to the September 1st deadline.

There are still 28 members whose memberships expired August 31, 2023. Reminders were mailed earlier in the month. If you received a lapsed dues letter and have not sent in your payment. I encourage you to pay your 2024 dues as soon as you can. As a result of the recent \$2 increase accessed by the PA Department the 2024 dues have increased to \$37.

To restore your "Good Standing" Please make your check for \$37 payable to: Cpl. Brandon Hardy/Chester County Det. 286 and giving it to Doug Forsythe 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, strehlr@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	Joe Rubin	Mark A. Wahn
John DiMatteo	Fred LeClair	Patrick Rundle	Dennis P. Walsh
Gerry DiNunzio	Glenn Lewiski	Robert Saenz Jr.	Kenneth Weaver
Dominic DiSciullo	Thomas M. Logan	Larry L Samples	Charles T. Wertz Jr.
James Donegan	Bill Mackey	Jeff Sanders	Robert Whetstone
Robert F. Donovan	Michael B. Maginnis	Mario M. Scherl	William E. Woodward
Robert L. Dormer	George March	Kenneth Schweitzer	James Yocum
Joseph E. Dulin Jr.	James Mazzone (M)	Phil Sears	Allen Yusko
Craig S. Evans	Mike McCarty	Bonnie Shaw	

(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, strehlrl@gmail.com or Doug Forsythe (Dey. Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Sept 16, 2023

PURPOSE: Bingo has resumed!!

MEMBERS: Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Steve Annan, Emil M, Bonnie and Chris Shaw, Polly and Patty, Joanne and Gunny Brown, Ruth

SUBMITTED BY: Leo Burke (15 hours)

Volunteer Activity September 2023	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	4	36
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	4	36
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	15	150
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron	24	94
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	4	65
Golf outing	Bonnie Shaw	4	48
Flag retirement	Leo Burke	-	32
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	2	42
Membership	Robert Strehl	4	36
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	26
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	4	32
Fundraising	Larry Samples	-	69
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp/Ken	-	20
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe	-	2
Total		69	688

Cpl Brandon Hardy, Chester County Detachment #286
Presents...

Annual Chicken BBQ



14 October 2023
(Noon to 5pm)

\$15

Meals Ready to Eat will include: Fresh Lancaster Half BBQ Chicken, Petite Potatoes, additional side, dinner roll, dessert, and a beverage.

PREORDERS:

Available by attending one of our upcoming Detachment Events & reserving in person, or by mailing a check/money order to:

CCD #286 Marine Corps League

P.O. Box 828

Downingtown PA 19335

Please Include your Name, Phone, & payment for the # of Dinners x \$15 each

WALK-IN ORDERS:

Available until 4pm Day of BBQ at our Detachment Headquarters located at 430 Chestnut Street, Downingtown (around the corner from Victory Brewing)

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST, so we encourage preorders if possible.

Prepared By:

Rockin' J BBQ

Jonathan Stolfus,
Owner, Atglen PA

BBQ Contacts:

Doug Forsythe: 610-827-9281

Bonnie Shaw: 267-934-9583

Payment QR Code



Cash, Check or Charge

Eat In or Take Out!

Semper Fi Marines and Thank You to our Community!

All proceeds benefit the Cpl Brandon Hardy, Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League for its many community activities supporting veterans and their families.



**\$1800
Value**

RIFLE RAFFLE

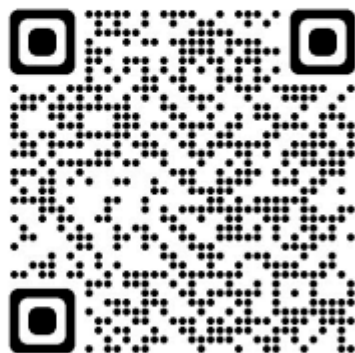
To Assist the Chester County Detachment of the Marine Corps League to carry out their mission to serve Veterans, their Families and the Community.

DEADLINE to Purchase: 24 March 2024

DRAWING: 25 March 2024

- Must be able to Pass a Background Check.
- If you do not pass the background check another winner will be selected
- Must be a PA Resident to Win the Rifle, but will be eligible for Cash Prizes.

Payment QR Code



GOOD LUCK!

(Need Not be Present to Win—Notified With 24 Hours)