

The Chester County Marine

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A Message from the Commandant

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Cheers to another year. May you all have a healthy and prosperous one.

"It's a marshmallow world in the winter when the snow come to cover the ground." Dean Martin AND to quote Aristotle, "to appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it's necessary to stand out in the cold".

Installation of the newly elected officers will be held at the upcoming General Meeting on January 22nd. Commandant Larry Samples, Senior Vice/Quartermaster Chris Shaw, Junior Vice Rick Corbit, Jr., Adjutant/Jr. Past Commandant Bonnie Shaw, Judge Advocate Jim Copeland, Chaplin Phil Sears, Trustees Emil Messikomer, Pat Powell, Joe Rubin, Bob Whetstone, Paymaster Doug Forsythe, Sgt.-At-Arms Lawrence Garcia. CONGRATULATIONS!

Upcoming Fund Raisers: Shady Maple 2/10, 0800-1600 and Oaks Gun Show 2/9-2/11. We need volunteers for the Oaks Gun Show. Please consider signing up.

Re/Max Realty in Exton was presented the "Distinguished Service Award" on 1/10, at their office. Doug Forsythe, Fred LeClair and I presented the award. Re/Max has made several donations to our detachment to help needed veterans.

A casket watch was held on 1/6, at Wilds Funeral Home for Navy Veteran Scott Groff. He served in the Gulf War and Desert Storm and was hit with chemical warfare. Chris Shaw and I participated along with the Ladies Auxiliary and other veteran groups from Lancaster County.

The Brandywine Valley SPCA in West Chester is asking for donations for food and other needed items for our four-legged friends. Please contribute.

February calendar:

2/3 & 2/17: Bingo, 1700

2/8: Executive Board Meeting, 1800

2/9-2/11: Oaks Gun Show

2/10: Shady Maple Fund Raiser. 0800-1600

2/18: MCL District #1 Meeting at the Upper Darby Detachment, 1400

2/19: Presidents Day

2/23; Flag Raising at Iwo Jima 1945

2/26: General Membership Meeting: 1900 (Potluck 1800)

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:
February 26 @ 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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Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is in effect as follows:

- Red Cover
- Long Sleeve White Shirt with Black Tie
- 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
18 DECEMBER 2023**

OPENING CEREMONIES:

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (ADJUTANT): 12 Present - 2 Excused

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	Phil Sears
X	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw

X	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
X	Sergeant at Arms	Lawrence Garcia
X	Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
X	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
	Trustee	Fred LeClair
X	Trustee	Pat Powell
	Trustee	Joe Rubin

ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: District 1 Vice Commandant Dennis Brown, Assistant Bonnie Shaw and Aide de Campe Chris Shaw

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Bill Belanger (Navy) Approved for Associate Membership and Sworn by Commandant Larry Samples

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Newsletter):

- Motion to accept the minutes, subject to corrections. Rich Corbit
- Second. Brian Brody
- Motion passed, subject to corrections. Passed

CORRESPONDENCE: Jim McIlhenney sent a box with a red satin jacket, red blazer, white dress shirts, Red & Yellow polo shirts. Thank you letters from the VA for the clothing and supplies we sent. Thank you letter from Mission BBQ for our support of their Veterans Day activities.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe):

- Motion to accept Paymaster’s Report, subject to audit. Brian Brody
- Second. Jim Copeland
- Motion passed subject to audit. Passed

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Chaplin):

- Report of any members or member’s family sick and in distress. Tom Logan broke his hip, had surgery and is recovering nicely in Chester County Hospital.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: (Limited)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: (Limited) Rifle/Pistol meeting Sunday January 21st at 1400

UNFINISHED BUISNESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominations of Officers for 2024, Third Round

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: Sunday 1400 February 18th District 1 Meeting at Upper Darby Detachment

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Bingo: 1/6 & 1/20, 1700

- Executive Board Meeting: 1/11, 1800
- General Membership Meeting: 1/22, 1900 (Potluck 1800))

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Adjournment: 1935

Next Meeting: 22 January 2024 @ 1900

Expired Memberships

Unfortunately, we still have a handful of members whose memberships have now expired. If you received a lapsed dues letter, email or phone call and have not sent in your payment. I encourage you to do so as soon as you can. 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 if your personal situation may have changed or you’re in a bit of a bind. 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. Taking care of each other is what Marines do!

EVENT: Gun Show
DATE: Nov, 2023
PURPOSE: Vi Selling raffle tickets at the Oaks gun show
 Pictured: Doug Forsythe and Emil Messikomer.
SUBMITTED BY: Dave Buckta



EVENT: VA Bingo

DATE: N/A

PURPOSE: Bingo not held due to Covid restriction

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: N/A

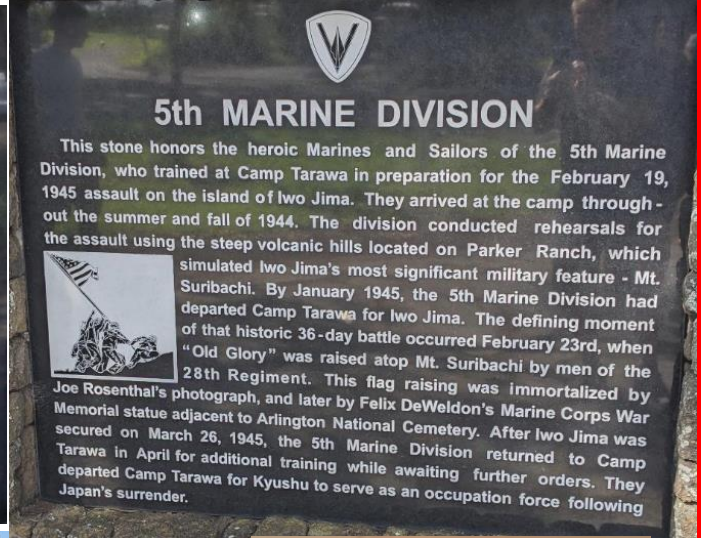
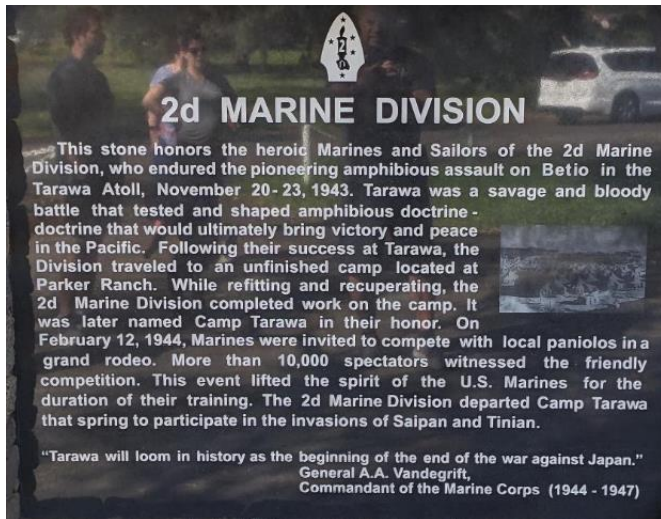
MEMBERS: Bingo operations were cancelled due to inclement weather.

EVENT: Camp Tarawa

DATE: Jan, 2024

PURPOSE: Doug Beverly and Dave Buckta recently visited the Big Island in Hawaii where they paid their respects to the Parker Ranch and Camp Tarawa Monument. During WWII, over 50,000 Marines of the 2nd and 5th Divisions were trained for operations on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima.

SUBMITTED BY:
Beverly Buckta



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Membership Update

January 5, 2024

Happy New Years to all! As we head into 2024, we have 174 members in our Detachment. This includes Life, Multiple Detachment, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members.

I'd like to recognize William Belanger (Cochranville) as our newest Detachment members. Please welcome aboard and congratulate Bill at your earliest opportunity.

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

(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

Volunteer Activity January 2024	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	4	4
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	4	4
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke		
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	4	4
Golf outing	Bonnie Shaw		
Flag retirement	Leo Burke		
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	2	2
Membership	Robert Strehl	3	3
Financial	Doug Forsythe	3	3
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	3
Fundraising	Larry Samples	-	
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp/Ken	-	
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe		
Total		23	23



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)