

The Chester County Marine

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Elected Officers (eff: 1/1/2024)

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

Appointed Officers

Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw
Service Officer	Doug Forsythe
Paymaster	Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears
Chaplain	Phil Sears
Sgt. at Arms	Lawrence Garcia

A Message from the Commandant

Leo Burke was presented the Four Chaplains Award by Doug Forsythe at the 7/22, General Meeting. It was for his selfless service to the community.

The Detachment and Devil Dogs made pet donations to the Brandywine SPCA on 7/31. This is an outstanding organization who does many things for our community and our four-legged friends. Participants were Doug Forsythe, Emil Messikomer and Larry Samples

The Detachment's annual Golf Outing was held on 8/5, at the Downingtown Country Club. The outing was a great success. Great fun, great food and great golf (?) were enjoyed by all. Our special thanks to Don Ascolese, our volunteers, the golfers and Downingtown Country Club for making this a success.

The Detachment is trying to update our membership's roster of names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses. If you have made any changes recently, please contact Joe Rubin and let him know.

Dave Buckta will be making an important, "voting" presentation at the upcoming meeting in August. Your right to vote should never be taken for granted. Come to the meeting and get the latest information. Bring you questions.

The below is from a placard that is on display at our Detachment: **"IT IS THE VETERAN . . ."**

It is the VETERAN, not the PREACHER who has given us FREEDOM OF RELEGION.

It is the VETERAN, not the REPORTER who has given us FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

It is the VETERAN, not the POET who has given us FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

It is the VETERAN, not the CAMPUS ORGANIZER who has given us FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE.

It is the VETERAN, not the LAWYER who has given us the RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL.

It is the VETERAN, not the POLITICIAN who has given us the RIGHT TO VOTE.

"The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!" Eleanor Roosevelt

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

08/28: Flag Retirement Ceremony (Leo Burke, Joe Rubin), Muster at 1000 at the Detachment.

09/07: Bingo, 1700

09/11: Mission BBQ (Doug Forsythe), 1130 Color Guard

09/12: Executive Board Meeting 1800, Thursday

09/14: Walmart Parkesburg Fund Raiser, 0800-1700

09/21: Bingo, 1700

09/23: General Membership Meeting, 1900 (Potluck 1800)

09/28: MODD Growl, 1400

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 23, 2024 @
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, DET. 386
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
22 JULY 2024

Opening: 1855

OPENING CEREMONIES: Leo Burke was awarded the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (ADJUTANT): Present: 14

P	Commandant	Larry Samples
P	Sr. Vice Commandant	Chris Shaw
P	Jr. Vice Commandant	Rich Corbit Jr.
P	Jr. Past Commandant	Bonnie Shaw
P	Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland
P	Chaplain	Phil Sears
P	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw

Excused: 0

P	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
P	Sergeant at Arms	Lawrence Garcia
P	Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
P	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
P	Trustee	Bob Whetstone
P	Trustee	Pat Powell
P	Trustee	Joe Rubin

ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: District 1 Vice Dennis Brown and his Aid De Camp Joanne Brown and District 2 Vice Gene Irvin and his Assistant Sue Irvin.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Newsletter):

- Motion to accept the minutes, subject to corrections. Joe Rubin
- Second. All those in favor, say aye. Rich Corbit
- Motion passed, subject to corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE: Christopher Irwin sent a card of thanks for his scholarship. Thank you letters from the Coatesville VA for our contributions for VAVS.

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe): Two CD's will mature and rollover into a combined CD to accumulate more funds at 5%. Working in the Black.

- Motion to accept Paymaster's Report, subject to audit. Bryan Brody
- Second. All those in favor, say aye. Gene Irvin
- Motion passed, subject to audit.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Chaplin):

- Report of any members or member's family sick and in distress. Thoughts to Jerry Myers (present) for healing of his wife Martha. Card was sent to Warren Griffin on the loss of his wife. Card to be sent to David Dutch after being shot at the Trump Rally last week.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant (Larry Samples) N/R
- Senior Vice/Quartermaster (Chris Shaw); Challenge Coins
- Junior Vice (Rich Corbit) N/R
- Judge Advocate (Jim Copeland) N/R
- Junior Past Commandant/Adjutant (Bonnie Shaw) 50th Anniversary was well attended
- Sgt. at Arms (Lawrence Garcia) 25 Members Present
- Trustee (Emil Messikomer) N/R

Trustee (Pat Powell) N/R

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- Trustee (Joe Rubin) Next CPR class is Oct 13th. 9 were in attendance on July 14th. Flag Retirement Aug 28th. Parkesburg Flag box needs to be regularly emptied.
- Trustee (Bob Whetstone) N/R
- District #1 Vice (Dennis Brown); Vote for National Judge Advocate: Rekfeldt (Unanimous) & Ziltz

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Budget Committee (Phil Sears) Discretionary Fund at a vote of the Executive Board \$2500 at max \$250 each time. Motion Bryan Brody, Second Pat Powel...Motion Carried.
- **Golf Outing Update (Don Ascolese)** 69 Players and 2 for Dinner Only
Need Headcount for additional Only Dinners. Swag Bag filling 27 July 1000. Volunteers Needed. Old Dominion, Texas Roadhouse, others supplying some swag. \$15050, so far between donations and sponsorships. Sign-ups deadline 29 July. 8 golfers from Qlik and 8 from Garcia, which will bring the total to 86.
- **Chicken BBQ: 10/12 (Need many hands-on deck)**
- Membership/Call Sheets Update (Joe Rubin)
- Rifle/Pistol (Dennis Brown) 4th Sunday of the Month. Meet 0900 at Mike Rapp's House. Shoot at Kimberton Shooting Club. Brandon Hardy's Ride was 20 July, third Saturday of July. 298 Bikes Attended. \$1000 scholarships are awarded to high school students from the Brandon Hardy Foundation.
- **Marine Corps Birthday (11/10) – Philadelphia**
 - Hershey Mills Bus departs at 0630
 - Flag Raisings, 0800 @ Independence Hall
 - Washington Square Tomb of the Unknowns @ 0900
 - Samuel Nicholas Ceremony @ 1000 (All Times Approximate)
 - Other events TBD
- Bingo (Jim Copeland) \$641 from 43 Players at 20 July Bingo.
- Building Maintenance (Doug Forsythe, Emil Messikomer)
- AED/CPR Classes: 7/14, (Joe Rubin)
- Marine Corps Ball 11/16, (Bob Whetstone) Need to send out letters for Upcoming Events and Ball Tickets
- Fund Raisers: (Doug Forsythe, Emil Messikomer)
 - Walmart Parkesburg: 9/14, (Need Volunteers!)
 - Raffle Ticket Sales September 2024 through April 2025
 - Oaks/Morgantown Gun Shows
- Other Reports: Looking for member John Condron and David Messenger. They are on our roster and we are trying to locate them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Myers asked if the Tom Tanner Award is still being given out and is the Foundation still being funded. He was assured they were still being pursued.

Dennis Brown: Rome Marine Veteran's Center is looking to rebuild their building destroyed by a tornado, which included meeting for the local Marine Corps League Detachment. Looking for any donations, big or small. Les Rouse made a motion to donate \$250. Firsted by Emil Messikomer and seconded by Jim Copeland.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

- Dave Buckta (Copier/Printer) Thanks for fixing the copiers!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

07/28: Coffee "Welcome" (Joe Rubin)

07/29: "Folds of Honor" Color Guard, French Creek Golf Club (Doug Forsythe)

08/03: Bingo 1700

- 08/05: Golf Outing at Downingtown Country Club (Don Ascolese)
- 08-12-08/16: MCL National Convention
- 08/14: Executive Board Meeting 1800
- 08/17: Bingo 1700
- 08/26: General Membership Meeting 0900 (Potluck 1800)
- 08/28: Flag Retirement Ceremony, Muster at 1000 at Detachment (Leo Burke, Joe Rubin)
- 09/14: Walmart Parkesburg Fund Raiser (0900-1500)
- 10/12: Chicken BBQ
- 11/10: Marine Corps Birthday – Philadelphia evenets
- 11/16: Marine Corps Ball – Whitford Country Club (Bob Whetstone)

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Adjournment: 2007

Next Meeting 26 August 2024 @ 1900

EVENT: Detachment Bingo **DATE:** August 3 & 20, 2024
MEMBERS: Bingo was held one weekend in July due to the holiday. Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Steve Annan, Polly and Patti, Don Ascole, Ruth, and Bonnie and Chris Shaw. Doug Forsythe, Dennis and Joanne Brown ran culinary operations.

EVENT: Annual Golf Classic
DATE: Aug 5, 2024
 The annual golf classic was held at the Downingtown County Club and was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the food was great.



EVENT: Marksmanship Training
DATE: Jul 28, 2024
 The marksmanship training was held at the Kimberton Rod and Gun Club.



Membership Update

August 4, 2024

Currently, we have 170 members in our Detachment. This includes Life, Multiple Detachment, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members all of whom are in "Good Standing".

For dues paying members, this is the month your current Marine Corps League dues expire. (August 31, 2024). To renew your dues and remain in "good standing" with the League and Detachment, please send a check for \$37 payable to the Detachment at:

CPL Brandon Hardy/Chester County Det 286
PO Box 828
Downingtown, PA 19335

You can also pay Doug Forsythe (Detachment Paymaster) during the next meeting.

Current Detachment Life Members

John Abitabilo	Rogers C. Flanigan	Jim McIlhenney	Chris Shaw
Stephan Annan	Gary N. Fay	Charles G. McMahan	Raymond E. Sheldon
Cheryl Armstrong	Daniel V. Fitzpatrick Jr.	Emil Messikomer	William F. Shields
Tony C Armstrong	Douglas R. Forsythe	David B Messinger	Walter W. Simcox, Jr.
Lee C. Beyer	Eric Fussenegger (M)	Dave Mundy	Andrew Smyles
Brian L Brody	Lawrence Garcia	Phillip Murray	James G. Snyder
Dennis Brown	Jamie W. Goncharoff	Jerry D. Myers	Bob Spano (M)
Shaun Brown	Donald Goodwin	Louis Stephen "Lou" Netta	William E Stellfox
Daniel W. Bullock III	Bob Gross	John F. O'Brien	Robert G. Stone
Leo Burke	Louis Guernsey Jr MD	George R Partridge Jr	Robert L. "Bob" Strehl
Gerard (Jed) F. Burns	Michael Guyer	Mark A. Peterson	Ryan Strehl
Thomas Cain	David Hetrick	Micheal Pollock	Peter R. Supplee
John J. Ceschan	John E. Hinckley	Patrick B. Powell	Steven W. Talley
Daniel J. Condron	Mark Holton	Michael Rapp	Tom Tanner
James Copeland	Eugene Irving Jr. (M)	Jack Ribble	William H. Tomlinson
Richard Corbit Jr.	Leif Jacobsen	John M Ross	Kathy A. Van Gorder
William J. Corcoran	Steven Jackson	Les Rouse (M)	Elmer S. "Van" Van Gorder
Kay M. Croll	Joseph J. Kay	Joe Rubin	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	Glenn Lewiski	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	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 (Membership Chair) at (215) 421-2465, strehlrl@gmail.com or Doug Forsythe (Pay Paymaster) at (610) 656-1389, dforsythe007@gmail.com

EVENT: Award Ceremony

DATE: Jul 22, 2024

Leo Burke was awarded the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. His daughter Beverly Buckta is pinning on the award.



2024 CCDMCL Committees

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<u>League Activities:</u>	Chair(s)
Americanism -	Bonnie Shaw (Past Commandant)
Audit -	Trustees
Budget/Finance/Investing -	Doug Forsythe/Phil Sears/Bob Whetstone
Building Maintenance -	Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer/Joe Rubin
Color Guard -	Chris Shaw/Doug Forsythe
Firing Detail -	Pat Powell/Dennis Brown
Ceremony/Funeral Details -	Chris Shaw/Jim Copeland
By Laws -	Jim Copeland/Bonnie Shaw
Fundraising/Donations -	Rich Corbit/Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer
Eagle Scouts -	Larry Samples/Phil Sears
Flag Retirement -	Joe Rubin/Leo Burke
IT Sgt/Newsletter -	Dave Butka/Bonnie Shaw
Marksmanship -	Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp
Medal of Honor Cemetery -	Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer
Membership -	Chris Shaw/Bob Strehl
Memorial Day -	Larry Samples (Commandant)
Nominating -	Bonnie Shaw (Past Commandant)
Quartermaster (Locker Box) -	Chris Shaw/Bonnie Shaw
Scholarships -	Emil Messikommer/Doug Forsythe
VAVS -	Dan Condron/Jim Copeland/Steve Annan
<u>Special Events:</u>	
Bingo -	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke
Chicken BBQ -	Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer/Bonnie Shaw
Golf Classic -	Don Ascolese/Bonnie Shaw/Nancy LeClair
Samuel Nicholas Memorial	Fred LeClair/Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer
Marine Corps Ball -	Doug Forsythe/Bob Whetstone/Bonnie Shaw
Marine of the Year -	Chris Shaw
Rifle Raffle -	Bonnie Shaw/Mike Rapp
Toys for Tots -	Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikommer/John DiMatteo/Dan Condron

Volunteer Activity August 2024	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	4	24
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	4	24
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	135
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron		18
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe		64
Golf outing	Don Ascolese Bonnie Shaw	72	99
Flag retirement	Joe Rubin/Leo Burke		16
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	4	24
Membership	Robert Strehl	3	18
Financial	Doug Forsythe	3	18
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	18
Fundraising	Larry Samples		42
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp		15
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe		
Total		123	515