

The Chester County Marine

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Board of Trustees (eff:1/1/2024)

Trustees

Pat Powell

Bob Whetstone

Emil Messikomer

Joe Rubin

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

Our Detachment was awarded a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania to commemorate the Marine Corps League of Chester County 50th anniversary. The citation is a tribute to this milestone and an expression of appreciation for the service of all Marines.

Attached is information on events for the Navy/Marines "Homecoming 250" which takes place in October-November 2025. WOW!

The Detachment volunteered a Color Guard led by Doug Forsythe for Mission BBQ ceremonies on 9/11/24. Thank you!

Our Detachment held a picnic/cook out for the VA Coatesville on 9/14. Food was supplied by Wegmans and the Ladies Auxiliary. Attendees included Jeff Tony (the cook) from Wegmans, Don Condron, Jim Copeland, Steve Annan, Jack Meighan, Bonnie Shaw, Chris Shaw, Doug Forsythe, and Leo Burke. Good job!

A fund raiser was also held on 9/14, at Walmart in Parkesburg. Donations were given and welcomed. Doug Forsythe, Joe Rubin and Larry Samples covered the event. Thank you!

Rifle Raffle tickets will be available from September through April starting at the upcoming membership meeting. We ask that you help out on this by buying and selling tickets. It's a great fund raiser for our Detachment.

Signup sheets will be available for the stated upcoming events. Please volunteer your services. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 09/28: MODD Growl, 1400 (Chris Shaw)
- *10/02: Flag Retirement and Ceremony, 1000 (Joe Rubin, Leo Burke)
- 10/05 & 10/19: Bingo (Jim Copeland)
- 10/10: Executive Board Meeting, 800
- *10/12: Chicken BBQ, 0800-1700 (Doug Forsythe)
- *10/12: Walmart Fund Raiser, 0800-1600
- *10/18-10/20: Oaks Gun Show
- 10/20: Beirut Memorial Ceremony/Color Guard, 1000, Muster at 0845 at Detachment (Doug Forsythe)
- *10/26: Veterans Expo in Oaks, 1000-1400 (Bonnie Shaw, Chris Shaw)
- 10/28: General Membership Meeting, 1900 (Potluck at 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:
October 28, 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**

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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
26 AUGUST 2024**

Presentation by Dave Buckta on Voting. Non-partisan information on who is running in PA. 8 positions up for election.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Open: 1909

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS (ADJUTANT): Present: 10 Excused: 4

P	Commandant	Larry Samples	P	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
E	Sr. Vice Commandant	Chris Shaw	P	Sergeant at Arms	Lawrence Garcia
P	Jr. Vice Commandant	Rich Corbit Jr.	E	Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
P	Jr. Past Commandant	Bonnie Shaw	P	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
E	Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland	E	Trustee	Bob Whetstone
P	Chaplain	Phil Sears	P	Trustee	Pat Powell
P	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw	P	Trustee	Joe Rubin

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: District 1 Vice Commandant Dennis Brown and his assistant Joanne Brown. Delaware Dept Commandant Rich Corbit Jr. Kennel Deputy Operations Dog Bonnie Shaw

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Newsletter):

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of appreciation from Coatesville VA for our Coffee Donation

REPORT OF PAYMASTER (Forsythe):

- Motion to accept Paymaster's Report, subject to audit. Doug Forsythe
- Second. Rich Corbit Jr.
- All those in favor, say aye.
- Motion passed, subject to audit.
- Motion from Doug for discussion on Budget items. 2nd By Bonnie Shaw. Passed subject to audit

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS (Phil Sears):

- Report of any members or member's family sick and in distress.
- Member Brian Brody (Texas) lost his wife Deb last week after a long-fought illness. Please sign the card for him on the Sergeant at Arms table.
- Jerry Myers wife Martha is still recovering.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Commandant (Larry Samples)
- Senior Vice/Quartermaster (Chris Shaw); Challenge Coins, 2025 MCL-PA Calendars
- Junior Vice (Rich Corbit)
- Judge Advocate (Jim Copeland)

- Junior Past Commandant/Adjutant (Bonnie Shaw); National Convention Report, Chamber of Commerce (Tabled to the Staff Meeting)
- Sgt. at Arms (Lawrence Garcia)
- Trustee (Emil Messikomer)
- Trustee (Pat Powell)
- Trustee (Joe Rubin)
- Trustee (Bob Whetstone)
- District #1 Vice (Dennis Brown) **Video Recordings** about highlights from the Convention. **Pentagon note about Smedley Butler and John Lejeune remembrance march 100th Anniversary at Antietam. MCL will provide a color guard for the event.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- Budget Committee (Phil Sears)
- Golf Outing Update (Don Ascolese) **Thank you to all that participated in making the Golf Outing a success. Special Thanks to Bonnie Shaw, Fred LeClair, Nancy LeClair, Don Ascolese, Bev Buckta, Dave Buckta, and anyone else that assisted before and during the tournament. Over 9K from sponsorships. 113 total golfers. Took in \$24k this year total (Sponsors/Golfers). \$14k cost. So ended up with \$13k profit. Don Ascolese will not be able to continue on the Golf Chair.**
- Membership/Call Sheets Update (Joe Rubin) **Not a great response. Will revisit it again after the membership renewals are in.**
- Rifle/Pistol (Dennis Brown, Mike Rapp) **9 shooters at yesterday's event. 22 Sep is the next shoot at 0900 meet @ Mike Rapp's house.**
- Marine Corps Birthday (11/10) – Philadelphia **Signup sheet at the September Meeting.**
 - Hershey Mills Bus departs at 0630
 - Flag Raisings 0800
 - Samuel Nicholas Ceremony 0930
 - Other events TBD
- Bingo (Jim Copeland)
- Building Maintenance (Doug Forsythe, Emil Messikomer) **New faucet in the Kitchen and new bulbs in the bingo machine. Fixed the front door closure and replaced some tiles in back.**
- AED/CPR Classes: 10/13, 1200-1500 (Joe Rubin) **CANCELLED**
- Marine Corps Ball 11/16, (Bob Whetstone); **Speaker George Roach, he has attended our Birthday events in Philly about half the time we've done it.**
- Fund Raisers: (Doug Forsythe, Emil Messikomer)
 - Walmart Parkesburg: 9/14 **have plenty of volunteers.**
 - Chicken BBQ: 10/12 (Doug Forsythe) **Need additional volunteers**
 - Raffle Ticket Sales (Bonnie Shaw) **Add small games license #.**
 - Oaks Gun Show Oct 18-20; Morgantown Gun Show Sep 21-22
- **VA Picnic 14 September**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: **Bonnie Suggested making the Auxiliary Room as a kids room to attract younger members with children. Will be further discussed as needed.**

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE: **Need Signup Sheet started at the September Meeting. Rhino suggests we give a short presentation at the local reserve center to welcome them to our detachment.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

09/07: Bingo, 1700

9/23/2024

09/11: Mission BBQ, Color Guard 11:30
09/12: Executive Board Meeting, 0800 (Thursday)
09/14: Walmart Parkesburg Fund Raiser (0800-1600)
09/21-09/22: Morgantown Gun Show, 0900
09/21: Bingo, 1700
09/23: General Membership Meeting, 1900 (Potluck 1800)
09/28: MODD Growl, 1400
10/12: Chicken BBQ
10/12: Walmart Parkesburg Fund Raiser, 0800-1600
10/13: AED/CPR Classes (Joe Rubin), 1200-1500 **Cancelled**
10/18-10/20: Oaks Gun Show
10/20: Beirut Memorial Ceremony: Koran War Memorial/Color Guard 1000
10/26: Veterans Expo: Philadelphia Expo Center, 1000-1400, (Bonnie Shaw)

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Next Meeting 23 September 2024 @ 1900

Adjourned: 2020

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Sept 7 & 21, 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: VA Picnic

DATE: Sept 14, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Doug Forsythe





 **Buck Miller (1921-...**
 @usmc1940 Follow

I had a Navy Psychologist explain it to me this way.

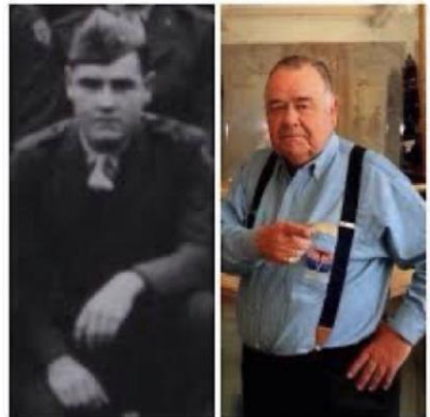


When a person enlists in the Air Force for 6 years and gets out it takes them about 6 to 5 hours to readjust back into civilian life. A sailor who enlists in the Navy for 6 years takes about 6 to 7 months to readjust back into civilian life. A person who enlists in the Army for 6 years takes them about 6 to 7 years to readjust back into civilian life.

You Marines after you graduate from Marine Corps Boot Camp you will never ever readjust back into civilian life.

You are a Marine forever.

 **Buck Miller (1921-2018) @...** · 1d :
 #DidYouKnow comedian Jonathan Winters, was a US Marine and served during WW II? At age 17, he quit high school and joined the Marines serving two and a half years in the Pacific.
 Rest Easy, Marine. 1926-2013.
 Semper Fi
 #USMC #DevilDogs #DevilDocs
 #SemperFi #Marines



Membership Update

September 10, 2024

Currently, we have 170 members listed on our Detachment roster. This includes Life, Multiple Detachment, Annual Dues Paying and Honorary members. Unfortunately, only 134 are now in “good standing” as 2024 dues expired on September 1st. If you are one of those members whose dues have expired and desire to maintain your memberships 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. If you have any questions regarding your membership status or may be experiencing a hardship which is affecting your renewal. 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

Current Detachment Life Members

John Abitabilo	Rogers C. Flanigan	Jim McIlhenney	Chris Shaw
Stephan Annan	Gary N. Fay	Charles G. McMahon	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

2024 CCDMCL Committees

<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 Messikomer
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 Messikomer/Bonnie Shaw
Golf Classic -	Don Ascolese/Bonnie Shaw/Nancy LeClair
Samuel Nicholas Memorial	Fred LeClair/Doug Forsythe/Emil Messikomer
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 Messikomer/John DiMatteo/Dan Condron

Volunteer Activity September 2024	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Larry Samples	6	30
Staff Meeting	Larry Samples	6	30
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	42	177
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron	18	36
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe		64
Golf outing	Don Ascolese Bonnie Shaw	6	105
Flag retirement	Joe Rubin/Leo Burke		16
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	8	32
Membership	Robert Strehl	3	21
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	22
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	21
Fundraising	Larry Samples	32	76
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp		15
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe		
Total		128	645