

The Chester County Marine

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Lawrence Garcia

Members of the Detachment,

A Message from the Commandant

First some thank yous.

•Thank you,...Emil and Doug for installing new lighting at the back entrance this week and Kitchen overhead work lights.

•Thank you...Ian, Frank, Doug, Email, Yonas, Anthony Jr, Anthony Sr, and Bonnie & myself for helping out at the Gun Show 15/16 March in Morgantown. \$1832.25 was raised for the Rifle Raffle.

•Thank you...Dave, Doug, Bonnie, Sue, Emil, Steve and myself for assisting in the color guard for the US Open Semi-pro Soccer match in Wayne on Tuesday night, March 18th. Dinner afterward at the Texas Roadhouse was a great bit of comradery.

Bingo has been well attended for the last few sessions. Our Jackpot is high, so that may be part of the reason for great attendance, but we can always use help. The first and third Saturday of every month is Bingo and we have a lot of fun and great food. Next Session is April 5th and we would love to see you play and/or help out.

Reminder that the Rifle Raffle winners will be drawn at the April 28th meeting. Tickets are still available, so please get your tickets at the March meeting. We will be selling tickets again at the Gun Show @ Oaks on the weekend of April 4th to 6th. We need volunteers to sign up at the March meeting as it is right around the corner. Times are 1300-1900 Friday the 4th, 0900-1700 Saturday the 5th and 0900-1600 Sunday the 6th. Please let the Adjutant know which times you can assist.

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force were killed in the battle.

I look forward to seeing you at Monday's meeting, 24 March. Mission BBQ at 1800 with the meeting beginning at 1900.

Semper Fi!

Commandant Chris Shaw

**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:
April 28, 2025 @ 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,
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Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is in effect as follows:

- Red Cover
- Short Sleeve White Shirt
- Black Trousers
- Black Shoes & Socks
- Satin Jacket when appropriate

Marine Corps League Uniforms available online:

<https://www.mclnational.org/store.html>

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

24 February 2025

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening: 1901

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

P	Commandant	Chris Shaw
P	Sr. Vice Commandant	Frank Marshall
P	Jr. Vice Commandant	Ian Dugas
P	Jr. Past Commandant	Larry Samples
P	Judge Advocate	Jim Copeland
P	Chaplain	Phil Sears
P	Adjutant	Bonnie Shaw

P	Paymaster	Doug Forsythe
P	Sergeant at Arms	Lawrence Garcia
P	Quartermaster	Chris Shaw
P	Trustee	Emil Messikomer
E	Trustee	Bob Whetstone
P	Trustee	Pat Powell
E	Trustee	Dave Hetrick

ACKNOWLEDMENT OF GUESTS AND DIGNATARIES: MOY'25 Emil Messikomer, AOY'25 Phil Sears, 1st District Vice Dennis Brown, Asst. and his Aide De Camp Joanne Brown, and 2nd District Vice Gene Irvin and his Aide De Camp Sue Irvin.

Applications for Membership: N/A

Balloting for New Member. Sergeant-at-Arms escort petitioner to rear out of sight.

Introduction of new member(s) and guests.

Awards: Pat Powell awarded the Tom Tanner Award for 2024. For his outstanding contributions to others and the detachment. He also received the Distinguished Service Award Certificate. Yonas Reinholdson received the Distinguished Service Award Certificate for his assistance for our detachment. Chapel of the Four Chaplains award was given to Bonnie Shaw

Commandant: Appreciate the assistance at the gun shows and Bingo. We will need assistance for the last remaining Gun Show.

Senior Vice Commandant: The VA had a freeze on volunteers, but that is clear now. If you wish to be a volunteer with the VA you can attend the class for volunteers and you will need to be vetted. You can do as much time as you would like.

Junior Vice Commandant: N/R

Junior Past Commandant: N/R

Judge Advocate: N/R

Adjutant's Report: Acceptance of Minutes from the last month's Meeting subject to corrections. Motion to accept by Frank Marshall, seconded by Gene Irvin, motion passed unanimously.

Paymaster's Report: Review and to Approve subject to Audit - Financial Audit will be completed as soon as we have 3 trustees available. Motion to accept by Gene Irvin, seconded by Pat Powell, motion passed unanimously.

Chaplain's Report: Members Ailing & in Distress Report: Mike Guyers MIL passed away quietly at home.

Sergeant-At-Arms: N/R

Trustees: Emil N/R, Pat, N/R

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports

Bingo: Leo/Jim – Need More Players and Volunteers! Next Bingos for March 1st & 15th. Over \$900 on the Feb 1st Bingo

Rifle/Pistol Team: Dennis Brown/Mike Rapp First Meeting was 2/23 for instruction and information. March 23rd is the next Live Fire. Meet at Mike Rapp's house at 0900 - \$5/pp to use the range.

MC Ball: Need a Date? Having at Detachment: Volunteers, Caterer, DJ? Jerry, suggested Victory Brewing?

Memorial Day:

Golf Outing: Sept 15th – Deadline Aug 15th N/R at this time from Jerry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Les Rouse, application for Nov 10th Independence Hall flag raising has been submitted. The new director at Independence has is not cooperative. Our contacts are taking the retirement offered by the Gov't so we don't know who the new people will be down there. This is Les' 30th year doing this. We will have to play it by ear as it gets closer.

FUNDRASING:

Morgantown Gun Show 15/16 March, Need Volunteers.

15 Mar 0900-1300: Doug and Emil

1300-1700: Frank and Ian

16 Mar 0900-1230: Yonas and Anthony (Alternate Chris for the Weekend)

1230-1600: Chris and Bonnie

Leoni's does a Dine and Donate (Doug will speak to them)

Commandant Shaw/Adjutant Shaw will be taking the Samuel Nicholas coins to National Mid-Winter (27 Feb – 1 Mar) to be sold at the MODD Lucky Dog's Table. Will also go to the Dept 26-29 June and National to sell.

We need additional Fundraising Ideas. We've lost a few opportunities for fundraising, so we need additional ideas going forward. Paige has applied for a grant from WaWa again. Doug working on Walmart dates for fundraisers this summer. PECO turned us down for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS: [Dave Buckta's Birthday](#)

Good of the League: Feb 15th Bingo had to be cancelled due to weather. Flag Retirements to be announced. Dave Buckta thanks Doug for photos for the newsletter. Please submit your pictures for him. Gene Irving, dept scholarship program went into effect. We need applications on the fillable form. He has 3 applications already, deadline 31 May.

Announcements: Dennis had the District 1 meeting. Dues are due NLT 1st of September. Quarterly Reports due 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Sep, & 1 Dec. Toys 4 Tots collected 30 million Toys. See calendar for Dates.

Upcoming events: If you know of a local event we can participate in, let us know.

March:

- 1- Bingo – The Shaw's will not be present so no Food Manager on site.
- 9 - Pound 179 Growl @1400
- 13 - Staff Meeting @ 1800
- 14/15 - Dept Spring Meeting @ Ft Indiantown Gap HQ – Growl 1900 on 14th
- 15/16 - Morgantown Gun Show
- 15 - Bingo
- 24 - General Membership Meeting – Potluck @1800 – Meeting @1900

April:

- 4-6 - Oaks Gun Show – Need Volunteers – Sign-up during March Meeting.
- 5 - Bingo
- 10 - Staff Meeting @ 1800
- 13 - Albert E Smith & John Mackie Memorial ceremony @ Arlington Cemetery in Drexel Hill PA
- 19 - Bingo
- 28 - General Membership Meeting – Potluck @1800 – Meeting @1900 – **Conflict** with the Beers for Brandon at the Hardy Home in Cocoranville.

May:

- 3 - Bingo
- 8 - Staff Meeting @ 1800
- 17 - Bingo
- 26 - General Membership Meeting – Potluck 1800 – Meeting @ 1900
- 25 - Commandant Samuel Nicholas ceremony in Philly @1100
- 26 - Memorial Day Parade, Downingtown

Next Meeting: 24 March 2025 @ 1900

Adjournment: 2004

EVENT: Detachment Bingo

DATE: Mar 1 & 15, 2025

MEMBERS: Jim Copeland, Leo Burke, Steve Annan, Polly and Patti, Ruth, and Bonnie and Chris Shaw. Doug Forsythe, Dennis and Joanne Brown ran culinary operations.

EVENT: Color Guard

DATE: Mar 13, 2025

SUMMARY: Color guard at the US Open Soccer game in Wayne, Pa.

SUBMITTED BY: Bonnie Shaw

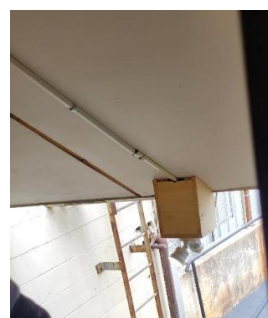
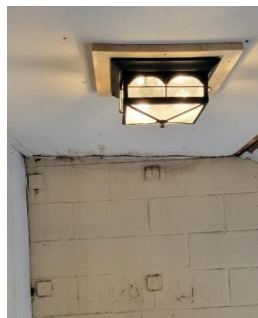


EVENT: Detachment HQ Maintenance

DATE: Mar 20, 2025

SUMMARY: Additional lighting at the back door.

MEMBERS: Emil Messikomer & Doug Forsythe



EVENT: Presented award to managers Christopher Amman and Christine Repetto from Capital Grill in King of Prussia for their continuing support of or Golf outing.

DATE: March, 2025

MEMBERS: Doug Forsythe



Volunteer Activity March 2025	Point of Contact	Monthly Hours	Year to Date
Monthly Meeting	Chris Shaw	4	12
Staff Meeting	Chris Shaw	4	12
Bingo	Jim Copeland & Leo Burke	30	75
VA Bingo/ Popcorn/Picnic	Dan Condron		
Honor Guard	Doug Forsythe	12	12
Golf outing	Bonnie Shaw	4	14
Flag retirement	Joe Rubin/Leo Burke		
Building maintenance/SAA	Emil Messikomer	12	30
Membership	Steve Annan		6
Financial	Doug Forsythe	4	8
Newsletter/website	Dave Buckta	3	9
Fundraising	Chris Shaw		
Bran. Hardy Mem	Mike Rapp		
Toys for Tots	Doug Forsythe		6
Total		73	184