



"THE BULLDOG BULLETIN"



*Marine Corps League
South Hills Detachment 726
2409 Bethel Church Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102*

Oct. Nov. Dec. 2020 Edition

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the listed address.

The time is near, the Celebration of our 245th Marine Corps Birthday. Since the beginning at Tuns Tavern Marines have distinguished themselves as an initial force to be called upon even to this day. We are a proud Brother/Sisterhood that carries a tradition of Duty and Honor of protecting our great nation. Each and everyone of us who earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor can be proud of being a Marine.



*This years event will be held at:
Gianna Via's Social Hall located at 5311 Mc Annulty Rd., Baldwin, PA 15236.*

Com'on ya'll, lets make this one heck of a "shindig" of a celebration!



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Now, Isn't that just sweet, pull up your socks and hold your jocks and give me a "JITTERBUG"!



A Commandant's COVID-19 Birthday Ball Concern

Marines and those hoping to Attend the 2020 Birthday Ball in celebration of the Anniversary of the Marine Corps' 245th year of existence, we realize there is some trepidation about attending. We have and will continue to ensure that every possible safety precaution is taken to provide a safe, virus free environment. Distancing tables, wearing face masks when not sitting at your table (but requiring them when walking around), checking temperatures upon entry if necessary will help.

A buffet style meal will be served over the serving table by gloved/masked paid servers so that no attendee touches the serving instruments. Tables will be available for Larger groups to sit together. Please list your family/friends attending with you in the space provided on the invitation when you return it with your payment. Table occupancy for smaller groupings will have seating that is in compliance with the present guidelines for distance seating. Our ceremonies will be in compliance with present directives.

We ask that you respond quickly when returning your invitation with the number of guests you will be bringing so we may begin organizing seating charts in advance as per your requests. The Social Hall seating capacity enables us to accommodate 125 guests using the allowable 50% occupancy ruling that is in effect presently. Get your response in early to solidify your admission. Should regulations levied by Governor Wolfe and his advisors change and disallow the Ball, all money will be returned promptly to the payor listed on the returned invitation.

We hope to see you at the Ball as we expect that many of us are looking to finally being able to get out to an enjoyable, safe evening, to celebrate our illustrious heritage.

SEMPER FIDELIS!!!!!

Commandant Luikart



In memory of

Wilfred "Bill" Wolf

Age 83, on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Beloved husband of 59 years to Margaret "Peggy" Wolf. Loving father of Patricia (Steve) Tue, William (Diane) Wolf, Mary Ellen (John) Zamberlin and John Wolf. Loving grandfather of Liam, Mckenna, Maggie, Kenny, Kasey and Jenna. Bill was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of 22 years. For over 30 years, Bill was an active member at St. Louise de Marillac Parish, with leadership roles in the men's fish fry and church bingo. Bill was also the founding member of the Marine Corps League South Hills Detachment 726.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Every Marine knows Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the site where the United States Marine Corps held its first recruitment drive during the American Revolution. And that on November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Throughout the world on 10 November, Marines celebrate the birth of their Corps - the most loyal, feared, revered, and professional fighting force the world has ever known.

However, what do we know about the history of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. The first "formal" Birthday Ball took place in Philadelphia in 1925. Guests included the Commandant, the Secretary of War (known today as the Secretary of Defense), and a host of political leaders and elected officials. Prior to the Ball, Gen. Lejeune unveiled a memorial plaque at Tun Tavern, the birthplace of the Marine Corps. Then the entourage headed for the Benjamin Franklin Hotel for an evening of celebration.

Over the years, the annual Birthday Ball grew, taking on a life of its own. In 1952, Commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. formalized the cake-cutting ceremony and other traditional observances. Current Marine Corps policy mandates that the first piece of cake go to the oldest U.S. Marine who then passes it to the youngest Marine representing the passing of tradition from generation to generation. Among the many such mandates is the reading of the Commandant's birthday message to the Corps. Like the U.S. Marine Corps itself, the annual Birthday Ball has evolved from modest origins to the dignified function it is today. On 10 November, regardless of where Marines are stationed or deployed, you will always hear "Happy Birthday Marine."

As the Ball is a formal affair, both Marines and guests must behave appropriately and follow rules of proper etiquette. Here are five "Dos" for proper etiquette:

Do wear something appropriate for the occasion. Marines will be wearing their Dress Blues. Marine Corps League Marines will be wearing appropriate formal ware. Female guests should select a floor length gown to match the formality of the dress uniform. Male guests should wear a suit and tie or tuxedo.

Do be respectful of tradition. One of the highlights of the evening is the ceremony. Take your seat before the ceremony begins and refrain from texting or talking while the ceremony is taking place. If photography is acceptable at your event, please be respectful of the ceremony.

Do monitor your drink. Although the Birthday Ball is a fun occasion, it is still a professional event for Marines. Give yourself a limit for the number of drinks you will have and be sure to space them out throughout the evening. If you do decide to drink, create a plan in advance to ensure you are able to get home safely.

Do be polite. Always remember to say 'please' and 'thank you', and address others as 'Sir' or 'Ma'am'.

Do remember to have fun. The Marine Corps has a proud and illustrious history. While it is important to be on your best behavior at the Ball, do not forget the purpose of the evening, to celebrate the Corps and all of its accomplishments.

DETACHMENT'S MISSION STATEMENT

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen and former Marines and FMF Corpsmen and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



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MARINE CORPS

[Boot Camp]



ALARM CLOCK

[one galvanized metal unit]
standard issue per squad bay



**I'm too old
to step on
those foot-
prints again.
Once is
ENOUGH!**

As we are still constantly updating our membership list to ensure we have the correct information, make sure you contact the Adjutant/Paymaster "Joe Turba" and provide your info especially of any changes and email addresses.

**Wake me when this pandemic
is over!**



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Wilfred "Bill" Wolf..... 09-19-2020



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COMMANDANTS CORNER

Fellow Marines,

I am certain that we all hoped that the Covid 19 pandemic would have been past history by now. Regrettably that is not the case. Predictions are that we may need to endure and readjust our normal activities for much longer than originally anticipated.

I hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and virus free.

We are a Veterans Service Organization and as such (as an organization) must abide by the regulations dictated by governmental authorities. As Marines, we learned to follow orders long ago. In compliance with those regulations we have not held regular meetings, have cancelled our annual Detachment picnic, have ceased Color Guard activities, have seen cancellation of the National MCL convention, and have seen relocation of the State convention which has now become an internet Virtual convention.

We carry on, modifying our lives to ensure the safety of our loved ones.

Our hope is that we will be able to have the Birthday Ball to celebrate 245 years of our Marine Corps' existence. Our Ball is scheduled for November 7th at Gianna Via Social Hall located at 5311 McAnnulty Rd. in South Baldwin behind the fire department. The hall is large enough to allow social distancing as required by State regulation. We shall be complying with those regulations. Our guest speaker is a testament to perseverance and triumph over hardship from an injury. I hope everyone will be eager to hear Major Eric Bennett while attending the Ball. We'll see you there.

Stay safe and continue to communicate.

SEMPER FIDELIS!!!!

ATTENTION ON DECK!

The state convention will be held VIRTUALLY this year due to the COVID-19, no actual attendance.

DID YOU FORGET?

MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE IN SEPTEMBER, DID YOU GET YOURS IN ON TIME?

KEYSTONE YOUNG MARINES



Keystone Young Marines Update.

We are planning a boot camp for new recruits in the fourth quarter 2020. We will promote Young Marines Sylvan Rocco to Corporal at the September 23, 2020 drill. Bettina Radcliff recovering will from hip replacement and plans to return to the drills on September 23, 2020. Young Marines Training Director Shawn Kane recovering from illness and plans to attend the September 23, 2020 drill. The Young Marines are planning an outdoor cookout at Hamilton Field, Castle Shannon, PA on Sunday, September 20, 2020 to replace the annual Young Marines Birthday celebration cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



CONGRAULATIONS!

Richard Ingold

a former Young Marine who earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor and now carries the title of

"MARINE"

