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# SEMPER FIDELIS



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## Commandant's Message

**GREETINGS** to all members of the Department of Pennsylvania.

As I begin my second year as your Commandant, I could not be prouder of the progress we have made, particularly with our membership. That progress is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of our members and Detachments across Pennsylvania.

Retention and recruitment will always present challenges, not only for the Marine Corps League but for all Veteran Service Organizations. We must remain focused, motivated, and

committed to our mission of serving Marines, Veterans, their families, and our communities. As you participate in outreach programs and community events, take every opportunity to remind people who we are, what we stand for, and how we serve our communities. When speaking with prospective members, consider beginning the conversation with, "How can we help serve you and your family?" rather than, "Would you like an application?" Building relationships and understanding the needs of others should come before asking them to join.

Remember that the MCL of PA Foundation is available to provide assistance to Marines and their families. Members should also be reminded that they must be in good standing for at least one year to be eligible to apply for scholarships. Know your audience and, most importantly, listen. Keep your ears open to what our members and prospective members want from the League. Be willing to hear new ideas, encourage participation, and embrace opportunities that can make our organization stronger.

I am proud and honored to continue serving as your Commandant for this fiscal year. I look forward to meeting more of you in person at our quarterly meetings and during my visits to Detachments throughout the Department.

As we approach the Marine Corps Birthday, I hope each of you enjoys celebrating our Corps and its traditions. Remember, a meaningful celebration does not have to "break the bank." Break bread with your brothers and sisters, read General Lejeune's Birthday Message, share some cake, raise a toast, and celebrate the Corps.

Whether you gather around a table at a local diner or celebrate at a formal venue, what matters most is being together, honoring our traditions, and celebrating the brotherhood and sisterhood that unite us.

Semper Fidelis,

**G. Victoria McCoy**  
Commandant  
Marine Corps League of PA





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## 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule

{All Events Are Subject To Change}

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### October 16 - 17, 2026: Department Fall Meetings

- Meetings At Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap
- Accommodations - Best Western Grantville Hershey (I-81 Exit 80) 450 Station Road Grantville, Pa 717-469-8181
- \$92/Night + Tax (Includes Breakfast) Ask For Marine Corps \*Deadline: 5 Oct 2026

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### January 15 - 16, 2027: Department Winter Meetings

- Meetings At Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap
- Accommodations - Best Western Grantville Hershey (I-81 Exit 80) 450 Station Road Grantville, Pa 717-469-8181
- \$92/Night + Tax (Includes Breakfast) Ask For Marine Corps
- \*Deadline: 5 Jan 2027

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### February 25 - 27, 2027: National Mid-Winter Conference

- Meetings At The Founders Inn & Spa Tapestry Collection By Hilton
- Accommodations - 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Va Free Parking - Breakfast \$16 Per Person
- \$145.08/Night (Tax/Fees Included) - Reserve Using The Link At Mcleague.Org
- \*Deadline - 5 Jan 2027

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### March 19 - 20, 2027: Department Spring Meeting

- Meetings At Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap
- Accommodations - Best Western Grantville Hershey (I-81 Exit 80) 450 Station Road Grantville, Pa 717-469-8181
- \$92/Night + Tax (Includes Breakfast) Ask For Marine Corps \*Deadline: 5 Mar 2027

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### April 2027: Northeast Division Conference

- Stand By For Updates As They Are Provided

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### June 2027: Department Annual Convention

- Meetings At Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap
- Stand By For Updates As They Are Provided





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## Senior Vice Commandant's Message

**Greetings Marines, Sailors and Associates,**

**It has been a little while since we have all been together. I Hope everyone is doing well. Our Fall Department Meetings are set for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pink Party will be held on Friday Night. Hopefully you will be able to attend, we would really appreciate some support for this event.**

**If we raise funds to meet our goal, we will be going to Ta Ta Rebels, so please get your Detachment, Auxiliary or Pound to make a donation or support us with some items for the raffle table. As always, on Saturday morning we will have the Commandant's Council, and we are going to do some learning and have a bit of fun. I would love to see all your smiling faces at**

**HQ, but I know it can be difficult for some members to get there. So, keep an eye out for information on the Department website ([www.pamcleague.com](http://www.pamcleague.com)), for a Zoom option for the meeting.**

**I would like to see our Detachments send in a few more Newsletters and Americanism books, so if you have any questions on these programs, check out the information on the newly updated Department website at [www.pamcleague.com](http://www.pamcleague.com), under forms and downloads, then select the Department tab and then admin procedures. It will be in Enclosure 4. I would also like to see every Detachment send in a nomination for the Department Marine and Associate Member of the Year Award. Also, please NOTE: Have your members' dues been paid? The deadline was August 31st?**

**I look forward to continuing my service as the Department of Pennsylvania, Senior Vice Commandant.**

**Semper Fidelis.**

**James P. Diamond  
Sr. Vice Commandant  
Marine Corps League  
Department of Pennsylvania**



**For Marines in need of assistance, please contact the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc., by visiting <https://mclpafoundation.org/> or <https://mclpafoundation.org/contact/>**



**PDC Diana Henry  
President  
MCLPA Foundation, Inc.**

**PO BOX 6043  
Harrisburg, PA 17112**





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## Junior Vice Commandant's Message

As summer winds down and we head into fall, here are a few reminders and upcoming opportunities to get together!

**Calendars/Veteran & Youth Tickets:** I have a limited number of calendars remaining. Please contact me if you need calendars or have any to return. Calendar money should be turned in by December 31, 2026. The calendar year begins January 1, 2027, and you could win on day one!

I have two cases of Veteran & Youth tickets on hand. Tickets will be available for pickup at our Department Fall Quarterly meetings.

**Fall Quarterly Meetings & Pink Party:** If this is your first Department meeting, please send me your contact information so I can make sure you are on the list for base access. We hope you'll join us! For our regular attendees, the back gate has reopened to traffic, with the same entry process as the front gate.

Don't forget the Pink Party on October 16 in the hospitality room! This year, we are raising funds for Ta Ta Rebels, Inc., a breast cancer survivor support system. Learn more at [tatarebels.org](http://tatarebels.org).

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing everyone this fall!

Semper Fidelis,

Jacob A. Bertin  
Jr. Vice Commandant  
MCL, Dept of PA  
[Mclpa.juniorvice@outlook.com](mailto:Mclpa.juniorvice@outlook.com)



## Chaplain's Message

Greetings to all members of the Marine Corps League, Department of Pennsylvania.

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, I would like to remind to please stay safe as we go about our lives.

Please watch over each other and keep those that are in need in our prayers.

Respectfully,

James Schreiber  
PAMCL Chaplain  
717-675-9917





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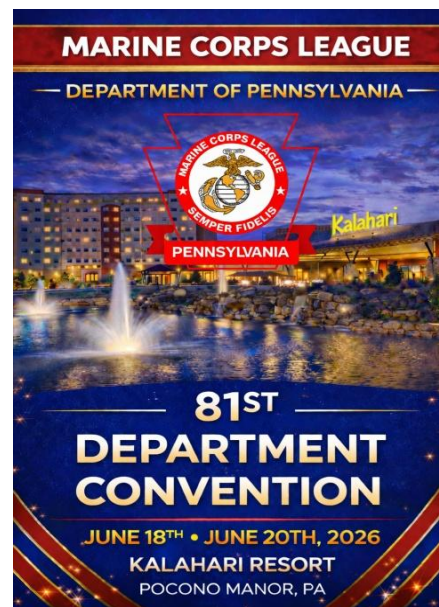
On June 18th, 2026, the department had its 81st annual Convention hosted by Northeastern Detachment 304, at Kalahari Resort, Pocono Manor, PA.

The convention was a success. We had members from around the state and leadership from different states attend in support of the convention.

We also saw the re-election of Commandant McCoy, and the election of Jacob Bertin to Jr. Vice Commandant. We congratulate him on his new post, and wish him success as he works to assist the department, grow membership, raise funds, and carry out the ever-important mission of the Marine Corps League, Department of Pennsylvania.

This was your newsletter editors' first department convention, and it was interesting to take part in the rituals, meetings, and activities that took place during the convention. And it was great to meet so many members from around the department, and from other departments. And seeing so many members serve in dual capacities at state and national levels was awesome. We had some fun times, and we all got a little more exercise than we were planning on. 😊😊😊😊 That mile long hallway was something. 😊😊😊😊

The award ceremonies were great, and we presented many awards for Americanism, Recruiting, Facebook / Social Media participation, Detachment Newsletters, Distinguished Citizen Medal, and various other awards to members who work daily to conduct the business of their detachments and the department.



We also took time to remember our fallen members. As Marines, it is our duty to remember past Marines and carry them into the future. It is how the Marine Corps and Marine Corps League ensures our history and heritage endures.

## Taps for an Older Marine (Abridged version)

Many times, we've heard those notes to signal "Day is done," Or over hallowed ground where sleeps tearful mother's son, Mid battles lull as shadows fell, we'd rest but did not sleep, And prayed the battle quickly won, and loved ones never weep.

Those solemn four and twenty notes now play again for you, As they have played so many times, for others brave and true, You lived a life of honor and you served your country well, Your friends who died in battle, of their stories you did tell.

For loved ones now you leave, of their future do not fret, For all their lives are guided by the standards you have set, A final "Semper Fi," my friend, and this I know will be, For you, Marine, a home above, for all eternity. - Harry McKnight, USMC, 29th Reg, 3Bn, H Co., 6th Marine Division

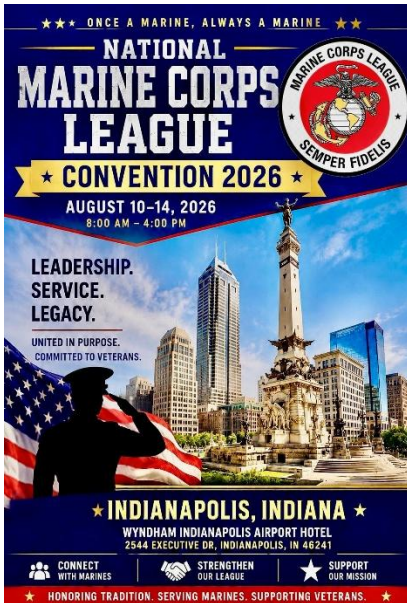


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**On August 10, 2026, The Marine Corps League had its 103rd annual National Convention hosted by the Department of Indiana, at the Wyndam Indianapolis Airport Hotel, in Indianapolis, IN.**

**This year's convention was a time to reflect on our past, engage in meaningful discussions about our future, and pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed.**

**During the convention, events that were scheduled for attendees included an Early Bird Trivia Mixer, Comedy Night, Indiana War Memorial and Downtown Experience, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and Kiss the Bricks Experience, and Casino Night.**

**This year, we saw the election of new National Leadership. The Department of Pennsylvania extends its congratulations to our new National Commandant- Russ Miller, our new National Senior Vice Commandant- David Porter, Jr., our new National Junior Vice**

**Commandant- Bruce Rakfeldt, and our new National Judge Advocate- Bob Ziltz. We wish them well in their posts and we offer our support and assistance to them as they carry out the ever-important mission of Promoting US Marine Corps history & traditions, Strengthening the fraternity of Marines, Serving Marines and FMF Navy Personnel, and Fostering ideals of Americanism and Patriotic volunteerism.**

**The Marines landed and took over Indianapolis. The National Convention was a sea of red, white and blue. Detachment members, the Military order of the Devil Dogs, and The Marine Corps League Auxiliary, the Young Marines, the Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation, and many others were in attendance.**

**The Department of Pennsylvania was represented well, and detachments and members from across the state were in attendance. Our department leadership, First Capitol Detachment, members of your newsletter editors' detachment (All Divisions 281), PENNDELPHIA Detachment 306, the PA MCL Auxiliary, and many others, made the journey to Indianapolis, where they enjoyed the camaraderie of the league.**

**And that's what department and national conventions are all about: the camaraderie with our fellow Marines and FMF Navy personnel, Associate members (both from other branches and civilians), and Auxiliary members. Joining together to show our commitment to each other, to the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League, all Veterans, and to the country.**

**We were born at Tun Tavern; we were forged in battle: at sea, on land, and in the air; we have fought on every continent; we have maintained peace and assisted in humanitarian efforts in countries that needed us; and we have conducted rescue operations worldwide.**

**Now we continue our service, to each other, to our members, to our fellow veterans, and to our country.**

**We are still the Same Team, but with a New Mission.**

**Once a Marine... Always a Marine!**

**Semper Fidelis!**



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## **Marine Corps League Department of Pennsylvania Mission**

**We are Marines!**

**"Once a Marine, always a Marine" is familiar to us all. It is that feeling you get when you see a Marine Corps sticker on a car or a home proudly displaying the Marine Corps flag. All we need to do is knock and that Marine will be there for you. It is not just a tag line for a commercial. That flag is the embodiment of our soul. Despite our many years of service to different causes and in various times, we all have that one tangible thing in common: It is the knowledge that we have all earned the privilege to wear the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; a symbol that will forever be seared into our hearts.**

**What we do:**

**Promote the history & traditions of the United States Marine Corps.**

**Strengthen the fraternity of Marines & Their families.**

**Serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel & their families.**

**Foster the ideals of Americanism and Patriotic volunteerism.**

**Active, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines continue the faithful tradition of looking out for their fellow Marines, by Providing mentorship, career counseling, Veteran Service Officer VA support, assisting with transitions, and providing opportunities for family members. Founded by MajGen. John A. Lejeune in 1923; for over 100 years the marine corps league continues to stand proud as a veteran's service organization.**

**From the Halls of Montezuma**

**To the shores of Tripoli;**

**We fight our country's battles**

**In the air, on land, and sea;**

**First to fight for right and freedom**

**And to keep our honor clean;**

**We are proud to claim the title**

**Of United States Marine.**



**Our motto, Semper Fidelis, translates to "Always Faithful". That means we never forsake our fellow Marines nor any generation of Marines. We stand together, and we protect each other, until time is no more!**



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**From the Editor's Desk**

**Fellow Marines, Associates, and Auxiliary members;**

**Currently, the Acting Secretary of the Navy- Hung Cao, the Commandant of the Marine Corps- General Eric M. Smith, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps- Carlos A. Ruiz, and Sergeant Dakota Meyer, Medal of Honor (USMCR), are undertaking efforts in the fight against Military and Veteran suicide.**



**“I need every Marine out there. We can’t afford to lose a single Marine or Sailor. Take care of each other. When you become part of the Navy-Marine Corps team, every member of the team matters. We must view asking for help as a normal, smart decision, and not as a sign of weakness.”- Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Eric M. Smith**

**“For too long, we’ve ignored proven intervention strategies and instead relied on compulsory training sessions. That’s going to change. Today, I am reaffirming my commitment to the Suicide Prevention and Response Task Force that was launched back in February to singularly focus on how the Department of the Navy can best provide the support our Sailors and Marines deserve. Taking care of our people is more than a priority; it is a responsibility. It’s time for leadership. Every Sailor and Marine needs to know the person next to them and the warriors they lead. Let’s defeat this enemy within called suicide.” - Acting Secretary of the Navy, Hung Cao**

**These efforts have led to a DOD-wide call to action to support Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airman, and take direct action to prevent suicide. This has led to members seeking help, which is awesome. For too long, people have viewed suicide as a cowardly act, weakness, and something to hide and force members of service to endure quietly and alone. No longer. Military mental health has now become an issue that leadership seeks to understand.**

**Military and Veteran suicide prevention is an issue we all need to assist with. Whether it’s “Buddy Checks”, hosting gatherings, or posting on social media; all of us need to be actively engaging our fellow Veterans, and all members of the Marine Corps League. Remember, help is a phone call away! Through the [\*\*988 Crisis Line\*\*](#), or through each other, we need to make ourselves available to our members so that if they need to talk, we are available to answer the call. The best help we can give is an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean on, a safe space to come to, and reaching out through the Marine Corps League network to obtain assistance. For someone in crisis, just knowing someone will answer the phone could be the one thing that saves their life.**

**Semper Fidelis!**

**Caeylan “Charley” Barigan, Marine  
Newsletter Editor  
Department of Pennsylvania  
Marine Corps League**



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## From the Editor's Desk (continued)

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**As we build the newsletter, please feel free to send in your own content for entry into the newsletter. If the content meets the standards for uniform appearance, and standards for public consumption, I will see that it is considered for entry.**

**To send content, please email: [newsletter.editor.pamcl@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.editor.pamcl@gmail.com)**

**Subject line should be your Detachment name/number.**

**Body of email should include a description of photo, and names of persons in photo in correct order, or if submitting an article, please keep it to no more than 4 paragraphs and no more than 4 sentences.**

**From the US Marine Devil Dogs (Facebook Page) 3 September 2026 13:28 Hours**



### **The Sad & Unthinkable - Chesty Has Lost His Balls**

**In a devastating blow to morale, Marine Barracks Washington officially confirmed the unthinkable: PFC Chesty has suffered a catastrophic loss of non-issued equipment. He thought it was supposed to be a routine trip to the vet—a simple checkup where the Corps' finest bulldog expected a belly rub, a treat, and a nap.**

**Instead, the poor Devil Dog fell victim to the ultimate betrayal of military medicine. He went under anesthesia as a proud, fully intact stallion of 8th & I, only to wake up wearing the dreaded cone of shame, stripped of his most prized personal belongings. We are asking for a**

**moment of silent reflection for a fallen pair that paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.**

**Base rumors immediately speculated whether the snip was a mandatory tactical weight-reduction directive from higher-ups or the result of a silent NJP for excessive drooling on the Commandant's shoes. Yet, true to the legendary resilience of his namesake, Chesty took the permanent downgrade to his lower-deck artillery with the stoic grit expected of a United States Marine.**

**He may now walk with a slightly lighter trot, and his dreams of fathering a battalion of tiny warriors are officially non-rate, but his spirit remains undeterred. Rest easy, Chesty; the brass can confiscate your gonads, but they can never take your combat-ready glare—even if you now sound a little more like a soprano during morning colors.**



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## Around the Department



**Susquehanna Valley Detachment**  
L-R: Commandant Jim Diamond, Jr. Vice Commandant Vince Fowler, and Sr. Vice Commandant Gary Anspach



L-R: Scouting Chair Joe Spinnaweber, Eagle Scout Issac Ober, Eagle Scout Mason McBride, Eagle Scout Adam Burich, and Commandant Gary Woodside



**Lewis B. Puller Jr. Detachment #524 Honor Guard**  
Ceremonial duties for the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Newport American Legion Post 177



**Members of Whitehaven Detachment, local VFW and American Legion joint Memorial Day ceremony**  
on Sunday, May 24, 2026, St. Mary's Cemetery



**All Divisions Detachment 281**  
L-R: Judge Advocate Bill Kelly, Capt. Robert Hartline, Cpl. George Ivanoff, and Adjutant Don Campanile



L-R: Scoutmaster John Hess, Marine PDC Dave Brady, Eagle Scouts Jacob Grove & Abhiyan Budhathoki, Marine John McQuain and Associate Member Julie Wheeler



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## Upcoming Events



MCL ALL DIVISIONS  
DETACHMENT 281

**SAVE THE DATE**

★ *Annual* ★  
**BEIRUT  
MEMORIAL  
CEREMONY**

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**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2026  
10:00 AM**

ALL DETACHMENTS ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE  
WITH YOUR DETACHMENT COLOR GUARD.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
COMMANDANT TRINOR  
☎ 215-824-3266  
✉ [cjt323@aol.com](mailto:cjt323@aol.com)

## U.S. Marine Corps 251st Birthday Ball

Saturday November 14, 2026  
Brookside Country Club  
850 N. Adams St. Pottstown, PA  
5 PM -10 PM



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!  
ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY  
Contact [Tom Hyland hytech@comcast.net](mailto:Tom.Hyland@hytech.comcast.net) or text to 610-476-7425  
for tickets or more information.

17:00-18:00: Cocktail Hour  
18:00-18:45 Ceremony and Commandant's Message  
18:45-19:30 Dinner  
19:30-20:00: Raffles  
20:00 - 22:00: Dancing

**SAVE THE DATE**

Marine Corps League  
★ *Ball* ★  
Detachment 788

HONOR  
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FELLOWSHIP  
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ONCE  
A MARINE  
ALWAYS  
A MARINE

📅 **NOVEMBER 14, 2026**

📍 **Medure's Catering**  
2500 New Butler Rd  
New Castle, PA 16101

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

*Please mark your calendars and plan to join us  
for an evening celebrating the Marine Corps,  
our Marines, veterans, and the traditions of the Corps.*

MARINES ★ VETERANS ★ COMMUNITY ★ TRADITION



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
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**MARINE CORPS  
Birthday Dinner**

**CELEBRATING 251 YEARS**  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
1775 — 2026

ONCE A  
MARINE,  
ALWAYS A  
MARINE.



PAST  
PRESENT  
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ALWAYS A  
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TRADITION  
BROTHERHOOD  
CAMARADERIE  
SERVICE  
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★ **SCAN HERE** ★  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS

📅 SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 7, 2026

🍷 CASH BAR  
BEGINS AT  
**1730**

🍴 DINNER  
AT  
**1830**

📍 **THE DOBBIN HOUSE**  
89 STEINWEHR AVENUE  
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

★ — Good Food ★ Great Fellowship ★ Marines — ★

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE GETTYSBURG DETACHMENT 705  
AND OUR VETERAN & YOUTH PROGRAMS.



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2026 Marksmanship

