

Keystone Leatherneck

May

2022

Commandant's Message



Greetings to all Marines, Sailors and Associates!

This issue of the Keystone Leatherneck is coming to you in advance of the 77th Convention of the Department of Pennsylvania. We hope that you will find the time to join us (again). Find the accommodation information in this issue but the Delegate Forms, preliminary agenda, banquet and program ad forms are available for download from the Department website. They are also being sent via snail-mail to your Detachment officers.

You need to know about several important issues to be decided at our Convention:

- There are SEVEN proposed changes to our Bylaws and Administrative Procedures affecting our Convention, Department Marine of the Year and Department Associate of the Year (new). All are available for download from the Department website.

- At the Spring meeting we heard a proposal to raise the price of the Veterans and Youth Raffle Tickets from \$1 to \$2 each. While the conduct of this fund-raising program is in the hands of the Junior Vice Commandant, we want you to tell us what you think about it. See more details in this issue.
- We also have a contested election for Junior Vice Commandant. Current JVC Frank Walker is being challenged by Victoria McCoy. We encourage you to take the time to learn about the candidates and send your Detachment¹ ready to VOTE!

As I transition to my second year as your Commandant please consider stepping up into the many leadership roles available in YOUR Department. We have a few vacancies, and we have a few folks who are seeking to move on. Anyone with an interest should contact me, or their District Vice Commandant and we will find a spot for you. For example, if you like to meet people consider our Convention Credentials Committee! Just a couple of hours each day during the Convention to get folks signed in and on their way! There are several other committees specific to the Convention including Resolutions, Rules and Americanism. I am extremely grateful for all who serve to make this Department the best in the League.

Please remember the **deadlines ahead** for Department awards (to SVC Henry by 1 June), Veterans and Youth Tickets (to JVC Walker by 17 June) as well as Department Officer and Committee reports (to Adjutant Diamond by 1 June).

Sometime soon 43 Detachments that followed the procedure will be sharing more than \$5,400 in PLM payments. Nearly 30 Detachments left \$2,200 on the table because they didn't follow instructions. The next round begins in July.

Thank you to all who have submitted items for inclusion in this publication!

Finally, I must remember to you the person that kept this publication current for many years. **Marine Elizabeth McCleaster** reported to the Supreme Commandant in March. We are better for her service to our Department and the League.

Thank you for your continued service to our League and all Veterans.

Dave Brady, Commandant

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Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania

Preserving Traditions...

Providing Fraternity...

Promoting the Future

Mission Statement

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and FMF Chaplains who wear or have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc.



Assisting Marines in Need

Do you want to tell your story in Keystone Leatherneck? Submit your photos with captions to the Keystone Leatherneck!

Pictures must be jpg. Format and of high resolution. Keep a good light on the faces. Automatic cameras usually expose for the brightest object in the frame. So you want the brightest light on the faces.

Captions with the story should identify everyone in the picture. Please use this format: As you look at the picture, ID each person from left to right...just as you read a book. If people are in a group, try to list them by row from left to right. For example, Front row, left to right: name, name, name. Then 2nd row or middle row from left to right, etc.

In your paragraph explain what is going on. Use this checklist: Who was involved? What was the event? Where and when was the event?

Include your phone number and email so that I can clarify any details. Send to doug@graves.org —Editor



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Events from around the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League



**Scenes from the
March 2022 Meeting.**





Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2022 Department Convention

22 – 26 June 2022

Penn Harris Hotel by Wyndham - 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill PA
\$117.04/ night single or \$130.76/night double occupancy (taxes & breakfast included)

717-763-7117 - ask for Marine Corps League block - **Deadline 1 June 2022**

Additional Information and FORMS are at <https://pamcleague.com/department-documents/>

2022 National Convention

- August 15-19 2022

Daytona Beach, FLORIDA

- Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront

\$145/night includes tax/wifi/breakfast/parking

- 100 N Atlantic Avenue

Watch "Semper Fi" Magazine for additional information AND mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/

2022 Department Fall Meetings - October 21-22, 2022

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)

604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661

Online Reservations at this [LINK](#) - choose Group Rate & block **M2C**

\$96/night (ask for block M2C)

Deadline: 20 September 2022

2023 Department Winter Meetings - January 20-21, 2023

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)

604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661

Online Reservations at this [LINK](#) - choose Group Rate & block **M3C**

\$96/night (ask for M3C block)

Deadline: 20 December 2022

2023 Department Spring Meetings - March 17-18, 2023

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)

604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661

Online Reservations at this [LINK](#) - choose Group Rate & block **M4C**

\$96/night (ask for M4C block)

Deadline: 16 February 2023

Proposals for 2023 & 2024 Convention are welcome!

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Midshipman Ian Conway received a gift from Doug Forsythe, Vice Commandant PA MCL District # 1 upon his graduation at Palestra University of Penn. He is on his way to Officer Candidate School at Quantico as a Marine officer.

"We are so proud of these young men and women," said Vice Commandant Conway.



Just wanted to share a few things/pictures from our Detachment. We kicked off our ticket sales and have had a pretty good start. Have two locations we use and they seem to be working out great. We wanted to do a little more "social" things for the members. So about 22 of us - spouses included - got together for breakfast at Perkins in Lewisburg this past Saturday. Was a really enjoyable social outing and everyone is ready to do more of that. Great way to just get to know everyone a little more.

Sending a few pics of these events.

Mark Feaster, Commandant
Detachment 308

Photos of the Penndelphia Detachment installation of officers. Thank you to Upper Darby Detachment for opening the doors of your 'house' and for all your hospitality. Semper Fidelis!



Detachment #306 Penndelphia Left to right: Senior Vice Commandant Leona Dixon, Chaplain Oliver Francis, Commandant Marshall Houston, Sgt-at-Arms John Taylor, and Paymaster David Fortune.

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Marines of Det. 524, Lewis B. Puller Jr. present certificates and a plaque to volunteers that supported TOYS FOR TOTS and participated in the Nov. 6th 2021 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARADE in Newport PA. They baked and decorated 120 cup cakes supporting the marchers at a VFW Luncheon and handed out gifts to all the children along the one mile parade route.



Three Marines from the Carlisle PA based Detachment #524 present an Eagle Scout Award and Medal to Zackary J. Kramer at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg PA. on 3/27/22. Pictured L-R, PA Senator Judy Ward, Bob Kessler, Tim Kramer (father), Randy Heishman, Eagle Scout Zachary Kramer, Lori Kramer (mother), Alan Hostetter, and PA Congresswomen, Barb Gleim.



New Department Public Affairs Officer Announced

Marine John Taylor has stepped up to take over the duties of the Department Public Affairs Officer. Victoria McCoy will continue to mentor and train this Marine to ensure success in the mission. If you are interested in a position with the Department, please contact Commandant Brady at mclpa.department@gmail.com and/or attend the upcoming Convention in June and see where your talents and time can be appointed. Semper Fidelis.

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



First Capitol Detachment #521 was pleased to recognize two JROTC students among those honored during the 2022 Military Ball hosted by William Penn Senior High School of York.

CDT/CPT Carliza Johnson is a junior and serves as the Battalion S3 Operations Officer. She is a member of the varsity cheerleading team; has supported extracurricular activities such as parades and color guards and has taken on the leadership role of the military ball committee. She shows compassion when teaching junior cadets how to accomplish mission, conduct training, and try things outside of their comfort zone. The MCL Bronze Distinguished Citizen Award was presented by John McQuain (left photo).



CDT/CPT Robert Smith has grown into himself in the last three years and has established himself as a leader and a good citizen. He serves as the Battalion S2 Security Officer. He has supported extracurricular activities such as parades and color guards and drill competition; inventories sensitive items and our fund raising items. He also shows compassion when teaching junior cadets how to accomplish mission, conduct training, and try things outside of their comfort zone. The MCL Bronze Distinguished Citizen Award was presented by John Crone (right photo).

The cadets were nominated for the award by Senior Army Instruction MAJ(R) Adam Clark.

The MCL of PA Foundation President Bob Ziltz just reported that over the last two years, the Foundation has disbursed over \$25,000 to states impacted by natural disasters.

For more information on the foundation, visit the website or message here directly.

Thank you all for your support and keep those donations coming!

<http://mclofpafoundation.org/>

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



The Marine Corps League was pleased to recognize two ROTC students among those honored during the Joint Service awards ceremony at Penn State University on 29 March:

The Nittany Leathernecks Colonel Gerald Russell Leadership Award was presented to **Midshipman Christian Santiago** by **Bob Johnson**, Past Commandant of Detachment #302. The award is presented to Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program or Marine Option student for superior leadership qualities and community service (left).



The Marine Corps League Award was presented to **SSGT Michael Hallahan** by **Dave Brady**, Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania. The award is presented to the senior Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program or Marine Option Midshipman that has excelled in the areas of leadership, academics and military performance while enrolled in a course of study in professional education prescribed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps (right).



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FIRST CAPITOL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 521 – YORK, PA

INVITES ALL MCL MEMBER & ASSOCIATE SHOOTERS TO COMPETE IN THE 2nd ANNUAL SPRING MCL DETACHMENT #521 RIFLE MATCH

THIS MATCH WILL QUALIFY AS ONE OF THE 2022
PA MCL MARKSMANSHIP RIFLE MATCHES

Saturday, May 14

Sign-ups begin at 0800 and Shooting commences at 0900
(Rain date Sunday May 15)

Registration Send Form to:

Email: willys1948@hotmail.com

Mail In To:

Jim Schreiber

2521 Tower Drive

Dover PA 17315

MCL Members and Associate Members
ONLY

Range Location

York Rifle Range

1190 Range Rd.

York, PA 17406

Cost is \$15.00 per shooter

Registration Opens March 13th and Closes
May 11th

- 200 yards firing point
- 10-X Targets
- MCL rules will apply
- Pit duty is required
- PAMCL Rules Apply

Classifications

- Iron Sites & Open Class
- Optics (4x max) permitted and compete in Open Class
- Match Teams any Class (MUST have 5 shooters)
- PA MCL Teams Iron Sights ONLY

512 Match Award

All Shooters Eligible
Top 3 Overall Shooters

PA MCL Awards

1st, 2nd, 3rd Team Scores –Iron Sights ONLY
1st, 2nd, 3rd High Shooters – Iron Sights
1st, 2nd, 3rd High Shooters – Optics Class

Firing Position **All Single Load Firing**

3 - Sighters
10 - Offhand
15 - Sitting or Kneeling
15 – Prone

Point of Contact:

Jim Schreiber 717-891-8175

willys1948@hotmail.com

Dean VanZanardi 717-659-4630

richardzanardi@comcast.net

Rifle and pistol matches

The First Capitol Detachment is hosting our second annual rifle match. Please see the enclosed match bulletin for details. The Match forms and instructions can be found on the Department website by going to pamcleague.com, then Department Programs, Marksmanship, Rifle SOP. https://pamcleague.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021_Rifle_Programrev-Dec2021.pdf Individuals and teams can register by filling out the forms in the SOP. Questions and completed registration forms are to be emailed to James Schreiber prior to the match at willys1948@hotmail.com. Participants are required to read the Match SOP, instructions and match bulletin prior to registration. This will address most questions. Payment of the match fee is to be made at the match.

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Elizabeth Susan McCleaster, 73, of Dresher, PA passed away Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at home with her daughter by her side.

She was born in Hazlet, New Jersey on November 11th, 1948, the daughter of the late Robert and Lola Mae (Ralph) McCleaster. She was a long-time resident of Ambler before moving to Dresher with her daughter.

She was a graduate of Raritan High School and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Physics at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps where she honorably served as an administrative clerk. Following her military service, she was a police officer with the Arlington Police Department in Arlington, VA. From there she held several office positions, the last of which was an administrative assistant at LTK Engineering in Ambler.

She was a longtime member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Ambler as well as the Marine Corps League. She loved to garden and paint bird houses.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Ashley McCleaster of Dresher, PA as well as her step-mother, Sandy McCleaster of Kearny, NJ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank McCleaster.

Her Celebration of Life was held Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 at 11:00 AM from Calvary United Methodist Church located at 16 E Park Ave, Ambler, PA 19002.

Friends called on Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church.

Interment will be private at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made in her memory to: The Nature Conservancy PA/DE (in the memo line write: Elizabeth McCleaster), 555 E North Lane, Suite 6030, Conshohocken, PA 19428 or The American Heart Association.



News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Congratulations to PDC Bob Ziltz. He was awarded the Victor T. Fisher award! Marine Ziltz is also the North East Division Paymaster. This award presented by NVC Mike Waluk at the North-east Division Conference Dinner.



The Pennsylvania Commission for Women hosted an event to honor Pennsylvania's female veterans in celebration of Women's History Month. The event honored women from across the commonwealth representing every branch of the armed services for their brave service and selfless contributions to Pennsylvania and to the nation.

The 2022 Department of PA Scholarships Season started 1 Feb 2022. The application and Instructions are available on the Department website at <https://pamcleague.com/scholarships/>

AD FORM for the 2022 Convention Program Book is available on the Department website under RESOURCES: <https://pamcleague.com/department-documents/>

"Semper Supply" has made a large donation to a local charity who was running short on items. Helping our community is what we all do, and if your community members need help, be sure and reach out to the Department Commandant Dave Brady.



Today's donation to the Align Pregnancy Services (<https://alignpregnancy-services.com/>) The total donation today was 622 diapers, 2400 wipes, 11 diaper rash ointments, 5 baby lotions and 4 baby bath.

Keep those donations coming, and if you know someone in need please reach out. All requests are confidential.

*Victoria McCoy
Public Affairs Officer
MCL of PA*

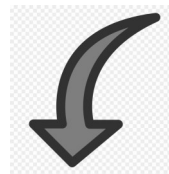
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www.PAMCLEAGUE.org

When you attend the Department Meetings, bring items to stock and replenish Semper Supply. Get the word out to all Detachments!



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA



"SEMPER SUPPLY"

Serving our Marines and their families in Pennsylvania Communities

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www.PAMCLEAGUE.ORG

The "Semper Supply" warehouse houses items that our membership and communities may need as financial hardships arise.

Items collected and distributed include (but not limited to):

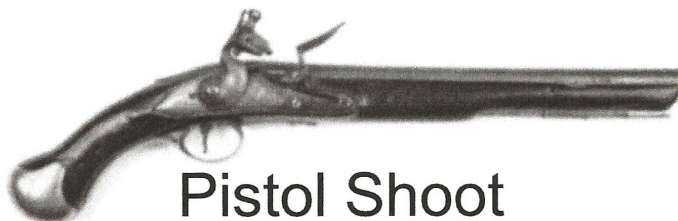
- Personal Hygiene items
- Diapers / Incontinence (all sizes and genders)
- Paper products – Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Diaper Wipes, etc
- Feminine Hygiene
- Laundry Supplies – Detergent, Fabric Softener
- Household Cleaners

Please contact your Detachment Commandant to make a request to receive items. You may also contact the Department Officers directly. All requests for items are kept private.

To make a donation of items please contact Victoria McCoy, Public Affairs Officer at twisted-entertainer@yahoo.com. Monetary donations also accepted, make checks payable to MCL Dept of PA.

*Semper Fidelis,
Victoria McCoy
Public Affairs Officer
Marine Corps League
Department of Pennsylvania*

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Pistol Shoot

Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League
Sponsored by Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment #310

At

Millvale Sportsmen's Club
170 Sunny Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Thursday, July 14th And Thursday, August 18, 2022 / 9AM to 1PM

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW AND WILL CLOSE ON JULY 5, 2022
LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE / 2 SHOOTING FLIGHTS**

Service Pistol & Open Matches

Course of Fire:

Two stages with each stage containing one string of slow fire, two strings of timed fire and two strings of rapid fire.

10 Rounds, 10 minutes Slow Fire

Two (2) five-round strings, 20 Seconds, Timed Fire

Two (2) five-round strings, 10 Seconds, Rapid-Fire

There will be a pause between the Timed and Rapid-Fire strings for reloading.

The open pistol match is designed to give shooters access to the Pistol Match who do not own or have access to military type pistols required for the Service Pistol Match

Range length for a pistol match is 25 Yards.

The pistol targets to be used are the standard B-8 25-yard match targets as described in the CMP Match Rules. They are 10 X target with an X ring, 10 ring, and 9 ring within the "Bullseye."

MUST BE REGISTERED TO SHOOT

REGISTRATION & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EMAIL PISTOL@3RIVERSMCL.COM

COST \$20 PER SHOOTER

ON SITE CHECK IN AT 8:30 AM / SHOOTING BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

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Here are some of many items in the Pa MCL Ship's Store that can be ordered from Mike Mastriana at mastrianiama@aol.com

Marines, Sailors and Associates,

I proposed at the recent quarterly membership meeting on 19 April 2022 to raise the donation on Veterans & Youth Programs raffle tickets from \$1.00 per ticket to \$2.00 per ticket. The motion was tabled until the Department Convention when it will come up for a vote by attending delegates.

Jim Mineo - Northampton County Detachment Paymaster

2022 VETERANS & YOUTH RAFFLE DRAWING

The drawing for the 2022 Veterans & Youth Raffle will be held on **Saturday, June 18 AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS** on the grounds of **Fort Indiantown Gap**. THE DRAWING WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION in Camp Hill. ALL tickets (with payment) must be delivered *before* the drawing to commence at 1:00 PM on Saturday, June 18 2022. You are welcome to deliver your tickets (and payment) in person on Saturday, June 18. Personnel will be at Department HQ by 9:00am. To make other arrangements, please contact **JVC Frank Walker** promptly at 717-476-6432 or mclpa.department.jvc@gmail.com

Name _____ Address _____ City / Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____ Sold By _____ Detachment _____ <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	 Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League <small>SGOC License 4674 Special Raffle Permit 490</small> benefiting VETERANS & YOUTH PROGRAMS 1st Prize: \$5,000 2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$500 4th to 10th Prizes: \$100 11th to 20th Prizes: \$50 DRAWING: JUNE 18, 2022 1:00pm <small>Need Not Be Present To Win winners posted on-line / www.pamcleague.org</small> Donation \$1.00 <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"></div>
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District 10 Vice Andy Burch 724-448-5728 andy.bklyn@comcast.net



A DECADE'S PARTY IS ON THE WAY!
FLASHBACK TO THE 50's - 60's - 70's - 80's!!!
GET YOUR GOOD VIBES, GLAM, GLITZ and GROOVE ON!
DRESS YOUR BEST!

Get ready to represent your decade by wearing the clothes of the one you grew up in, the one you enjoyed the most, or the one you can have fun wearing!
 A night of good friends, happy faces, loud laughter, food, drinks and fun games!

DJ VICTORIA WILL PLAY THE BIGGEST HITS FROM THE 50's - 60's - 70's - 80's!

Theme clothing/costumes are encouraged but optional.



Friday night June 24th at Convention at the Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel at 1900 (subject to change).

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