



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
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Greetings Marines, Sailors and Associates!

Thank you for all that you do for the League, all Veterans and your communities!

The 2022 Convention was a grand time, but I am sorry that more of you did not take the opportunity to join with us for the camaraderie, celebration, deliberation and education.

Your leadership stands ready to serve in any way possible to help keep the Department of Pennsylvania at the pinnacle of the League. Continuing in their roles along with me are Senior Vice Commandant **Diana K. Henry** (also 2022 Marine of the Year) and Judge Advocate **Joel Sofranko**. Please welcome to the team **G. Victoria McCoy** as Junior Vice Commandant. **PDC Bob Ziltz** will serve as Junior Past Commandant and 'officially' as Department Paymaster; **Jim Diamond** is your Adjutant and **Jim Casella** has stepped up to serve as your Department Chaplain.

Your most immediate link in the Chain of Command is our District Vice Commandants. Please look to them for communication **both ways**. Some are familiar and others you may be meeting for the first time. District 1: Doug Forsythe; District 2: Gene Irvin; District 3: Colyer James; District 4: Scot Hartman; District 5: Jim Diamond; District 6: Dean Van Zanardi; District 7: Tom Brown; District 9 PDC Ray Chambers; District 10 Andy Burch. We are actively seeking someone to fill the role in District 8 (North Central). Meanwhile past DVC Terrie Henrickson will continue to assist. Find our contact information on the [resources](#) page of the Department website.

As we begin our new year I ask you to join me in **what's next!** I look forward to representing you at the National Convention in August – and encourage anyone and everyone to join me! The Department has approved a resolution for presentation at the event calling on League-wide participation in a program undertaken by the National Flag Foundation marking the 240th Anniversary of the Purple Heart Medal. Read the resolution on our webpage – or ask for a copy (via email). We need your help to make that happen.

We did have some tough work to do in recent weeks with the closing of several underperforming Detachments. A few others will be counseled in the coming months as their membership has declined and their attention to duty has lapsed. It is long passed the time for all of us to bring back into the ranks those who strayed during the last few challenging years. Additionally, those Desert Storm and Post 9/11 Marines and Corpsmen are likely on the hunt for some camaraderie as Vietnam vets were 30 years ago.

While we are proud to celebrate our traditions it is essential that we **build** on them, as well! I look forward to another year as your Commandant but call on each of you to do your part to accomplish our mission to our League and our communities.

Thank you for your continued support of the League and all veterans!

BE Always Faithful,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Brady". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath.

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