Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Keystone Leatherneck

September 2022



Marines, Sailors and Associates – Greetings!

Following a successful Department and National Convention we should all be planning our activities for the Fall, including the next Department meeting. There are THREE important aspects to the gathering scheduled for October 21-22:

- Commandant's Council will be Saturday AFTERNOON, beginning at 1pm.
- Overnight accommodations are in GRANTVILLE instead of Jonestown
- Construction has CLOSED Fisher Avenue at the Main Gate (I-81 exit 85).

See the complete schedule of Friday

and Saturday meetings on the Department website calendar and in the snail-mail packet sent to Detachment Officers. See the Fisher Avenue detour detail in this issue (and that same packet). Options to avoid the detour include using I-81 exit 90 (Lickdale/Jonestown) or Route 443 & Clement Avenue from the Holiday Inn. We look forward to seeing you then!

The New Year for the Marine Corps League began on 1 July and the season for Elections and Installations is upon us (see National Bylaws Article IX Section 940). The deadline is also fast approaching for your IRS 990N filing (November 15 for most) AND your PLM Audit (December 31). The PLM was sent to your Detachment Paymaster of record in mid-July with the 'year-end' roster.

A more recent deadline is for the Detachment Annual Report requested by the National Commandant. That 'fillable' document is in the Marine Corps League Library under Program Documents. Detachment Commandants are asked to complete and send to me. It is my responsibility to send it 'up the chain' to the National Vice Commandant. The instructions do not include a deadline, but let's target 31 January 2023. We'll make another push at the Winter meeting. Only HALF of our Detachments submitted the report last year – some as late as mid-May.

Finally, you need to know that your Department Board of Trustees has taken action to revoke the charter of Pocono Marines Detachment #492 for non-compliance with the National Bylaws – specifically not filing those reports we mentioned. We hope not to repeat that unpleasant task and are in consultation with other Detachments who have either fallen behind or decided to close – an unfortunate loss for those Marines and their communities.

I encourage all of you entrusted with the reins of leadership in your Detachments to hold true to your pledge to *enforce and uphold and...obey the laws of the League.*

Thank you for your continued service to the League, your Community and all Veterans.

BE Always Faithful

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 Key-

stone 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







Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

National Mid-Winter Conference February 23 - 25 2023

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside 777 Waterside Drive Norfolk, VA 23210 Phone (757) 622-6664 **DEADLINE 24 JANUARY** or click the link at <u>mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/</u> \$129/night + 14% tax + \$3.00 resort fee (Complimentary **SELF** parking on-site)

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

2023 Department of PA Convention June 1 - 4

DoubleTree Hotel Pittsburgh/Monroeville Convention Center 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 412-373-7300 (more details at pamcleague.com) \$109/night + tax - ask for Marine Corps League Rate (includes breakfast) Deadline: 10 May, 2023 - Check-in 4pm - cancellation penalty 48 hours prior to arrival

2023 National Convention - August 13-19 2023 Oklahoma City, OK - Omni Oklahoma City

\$166/night + parking \$10/day - 100 Oklahoma City Boulevard

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

17TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RIDE



Michael Rapp, Nancy LeClair,

Ken Weaver eating at the box lunch.



Motorcycles returning from the ride.





Fred LeClair, Jill Hardy (Cpl. Hardy's

Mother), Karen Weaver, Ken Weaver

The 17th Annual Cpl. Brandon Hardy Scholarship ride kicked of at 9 A.M. July 18,2022 from the Community Center in Gap, Pa Detachment. Commandant Bonnie Shaw represented the detachment and gave a talk about the change of the detachment name to the Cpl. Brandon Hardy, Chester County Detachment #286. The motorcycles were lined up for nearly two miles with a helicopter hovering overhead. The ride continued until nearly 1300 hours and all participants celebrated with a box lunch at the





The Bethlehem Detachment # 284 of the Marine Corps League had a successful fund-raiser. Smith Compound Band singer Justine Williams drew the winning raffle ticket for the first prize, a Glock G19, Gen 9 pistol. Peter Kandianis won the pistol. Thanks go to the Belleau Wood Chapter of the Leatherneck Nation Motor Cycle Club and their Semper Fi Fest for hosting the event. From left to right: George Borman, Judge Advocate Claude Rone, Justine Williams, Commandant Doug Graves.

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Good Day Membership,

One thing that is a struggle for all Detachments is recruiting. You are all doing great things, and these events, ticket sales, etc. should be shared widely to all Pennsylvania communities. This is were social media can help. The age of social media is growing very fast, and it's important we keep up the pace.

I have been coming across some amazing photos that are being shared to the "MCL Connections" Facebook page. Please be reminded that page is for MCL MEMBERS ONLY. Across the nation. So thse great things you are doing are not going to be seen by your neighbors and communities.

Although it is highly encouraged that every Detachment have a presence on social media (Facebook), it is NOT necessary to have a page to share your photos and narratives. These phtos can be emailed to any of the following Department Officers.\

Commandant Dave Brady—
mclpa.department@gmail.com - he will approve and forward to the Junior Vice Commandant, Public Affaiars Officer,
Assistant Public Affairs Officer and or the Department Newsletter Editor.

JVC Victoria McCoy—juniorvice.deptpa@yahoo.com - Thses photos can be used for future Department Calendar images. JVC McCoy is also the Asst PAO and will assist in putting on the Department Facebook page — http://www.facebook.com/MCLDEPTPA

Public Affairs Officer John Taylor— <u>johntay-lor713@hotmail.com</u> - he will assist in posting to the Department Facebook and forward to JVC and Newsletter Editor Doug Graves.

Newsletter Editor Doug Graves— doug@graves.org
- For posting in the Departments's electronic newsletter.
This newsletter is published quarterly and can be found on the department website http://www.pamcleague.com.

Thank you for all the things you have done, are doing now, and continue to do for the Marine Corps League.

Semper Fidelis, Victoria McCoy



On October 23, the Detachments from the Pennsylvania 1st District will be at Front and Dock Streets at the Philadelphia Beirut Memorial for a ceremony to honor those who lost their lives in the Beruit Bombing. Won't you join us at 10 a. m?



News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Dear Marine Corps League friends,

In case you have not heard, we are now accepting parade applications for the 8th Annual Philadelphia Veterans Parade and are hoping that the Marine Corps League, on a State, County and Post level will want to participate.

The 8th Annual Philadelphia Veterans Parade will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022. It will kick off at 12noon from 16th & JFK Blvd, past City Hall, continuing east on Market Street and concludes at North 5th Street where the Veterans Festival will take place up to 4pm.

Please visit <u>www.phillyveteransparade.org</u> for more information and to fill out your applications. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Quinn-Morris at <u>squinn9807@aol.com</u> or 856-495-7270.

Very Respectfully,

Anthony Murphy

Beirut Bombing of U. S. Marine Barracks to be Remembered in Philidelphia

On October 23, 1983 - 241 US service personnel -- including 220 Marines and 21 other service personnel -- are killed by a truck bomb at a Marine compound in Beirut, Lebanon.

On Sunday, October 23,2022, All Division Detachment and PA Dept. District 1 will have a Remembrance at the Philadelphia Beirut Memorial, Dock & Front Streets. All invited to ceremony starting at 1000. Check out Facebook Event Page https://www.facebook.com/events/1045958396191700/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%7D]%7D

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA



"SEMPER SUPPLY"

Helping Marines and their communities throughout Pennsylvania.

www.facebook.com/MCLDEPTPA/

www.pamcleague.com

Listed below are things that many of us take for granted daily, most have the funds to purchase as much and as often as we would like. Many of our Marine families and community members are not so lucky. "Semper Supply" was created with those families in mind. Most funding from state and local charities assists with past due bills and food, not the necessities needed to survive daily life and thrive in a working environment.

Please donate where you can and inform your members that may be in need, they can reach out confidentially to either their Detachment Commandant, District Vice or to me directly at the number below.

Listed are some of the items we collect and distribute. We are not limited to ideas, but those donations must be non-perishable (no expiration date):

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap/shaving cream/razors
- Diapers and wipes
- Adult incontinence supplies
- Laundry supplies
- Toilet paper/paper towels

Collection and pickup can be arranged anytime but is suggested during our Department quarterly meetings.

There are many items we currently have on hand that can be dispersed through the headquarters building at the Gap. If the need arises drop shipping may happen. Please during these hard times pass this information along. I am available to answer your calls on how we can help.

Phil McCoy 717-675-9919 philipmccoy@rocketmail.com Semper Supply Liaison Armorer, Department of Pennsylvania

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Northeastern Det. Judge Advocate Richard Kane receives a Certificate of Appreciation..(L to R) Judge Advocate Richard Kane, Dept. of Pa. Jr Vice Commandant. Victoria McCoy, Det. Commandant Scot Hartman and Dept. of Pa Senior Vice Commandant Diana Henry.



Northeastern Det. Life member Corpsman Anthony Julian celebrated his 100th Birthday on 31 August. Tony made four landings in the Pacific. He was wounded on Iwo Jima when he went out after a wounded Marine. He was awarded a Bronze Star with a Valor device and Purple Heart medal. He receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the United States of America, the U. S. Marine Corps and the Northeastern Detachment, Scranton, Pa. from Dept. of Pa. Judge Advocate Joel Sofranko, L to R rear Scot Hartman and Det. Chaplain Tom Rummerfield.



Manuel Griffin receives the Northeastern Detachment's first Associate of the Year award from (L to R) Dept. of Pa. Jr Vice Commandant. Victoria McCoy, Manuel, Det. Commandant Scot Hartman and Dept. of Pa Senior Vice Commandant Diana Henry.

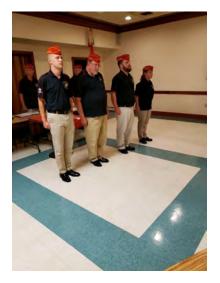


Pictured is Central Bucks Detachment Commandant/Department of Pa Sgt at Arms Bob Sundling, B&B BEVERAGE owner Andy Jarin and Jr. Vice Sam DiValentino. Andy supports all veterans. Plaque was presented as a thank you.

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Dedication of John Candy USMC Memorial Bridgemon August 19, 2022 with Detachments All Divisions, Patriot Detachment,, Hugh B Eastburn III in attendance as well as Bensalem Marine ROTC.



Due to an expected, and great, job opportunity in Florida, Commandant Ria Tiede will be leaving us. Thank you Madam Commandant for your hard work and dedication to our detachment. At this month's meeting a ceremony was held to swear in the following officers. William Stoudt is the new Commandant, Cory Shellhamer is the new Sr. Vice Commandant. Jason Smith is the new Judge Advocate.



Phil McCoy delivers Semper Supply items to an adult living facility, Londonderry Village in Palmyra, Pa.



Flag Day Ceremony Participants June 14, 2022, Marine Corps. League DET 1039, members of White Haven VFW and Scouts of Troop 63-Drums, PA.



All Divisions Detachment's Don Campanile and Bill Kelly

Presented MCL Community Service Ribbons

And Detachment Certificates of Appreciation

To Bensalem HS MCJROTC. Cadets Honored:

Liam Robinson, Alayna Schnorbus, Kanfee Dukuly, Samantha Flynn, Danielle Cannalley, Jayden Fobbs, Tauseeq Ahmed, Emily Maywhort, Michael Sit, Whitney Morine DaCosta, Ariel Dacenzo, Thomas Nicholas, Marnaath Nyak, Jacob Huttenberger, Shu Chen Chiang



Northampton Det. Americanism 2021



Northampton Det. Newsletter 2022



Cpl. Brandon Hardy Det. Membership Award Received by Dennis Brown



Distinguished Citizen Gold to Don Bailey

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN DAYTONA BEACH, FL

Pennsylvania Strong!



National
Meritorious
Unit Citation
to LandisMcCleaf Det.
received by
Commandant
Dale Johanson







Congratulations to Northampton County Detachment # 298 (editor Jim Mineo) and First Capitol Detachment #521 (editor Dave Brady) for winning a National Newletter Award. Also congratulations to Northampton County Det. # 298 for winning 2nd Place in the Americanism Award.











MARINE CORPS LEAGUE'S
NATIONAL CONVENTION
IN DAYTONA BEACH, FL
AUGUST 15-19, 2022





Distinguished Citizen Gold to Paul Hedrick of First Capitol





News from around the Pennsylvania Department

First Capitol Detachment #521 of York County was pleased to recognize two JROTC students among those honored during the 2022 Award Ceremony and Senior Night at Dallastown Area High School.

Cadets Maxwell Iacano (left) and Ryan Holmes (center right) were presented the MCL Distinguished Citizen Award (Bronze) as "A cadet who embodies the Marine Corps ethos of Honor, Courage and Commitment in their performance in the school, program and community."

The awards were presented by Commandant Dean Van Zanardi (center left) and District Vice Commandant John McQuain (right).

The cadets were nominated for the award by Senior Marine Instructor MAJ Kenneth White.

Dave Brady
First Capitol Detachment #521
Marine Corps League
York County, PA
www.marinesofyorkpa.org

Bob Gogel Glock Law Enforcement District Manager for PA reported a successful fund raiser for MCLEF.

I work closely with Philadelphia police and follow both families behind the badge and the MCLEF. I called Tony Boyle and asked if I could be present at the gathering and donate a pistol letter. They welcomed me. So I requested a pistol and attended the event. They raised close to \$2,000.00 on the pistol raffle. I met all the Medal of Honor recipients. It is a very nice gathering. Many police and several Marines attended.

The Marine Corps League Law Enforcement and several league guys support the event. The MCLEF provides funds to fallen Law Enforcement family members and the families behind the badge. It supports mostly Philadelphia police officers and families.





The Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation receives a check.



OHIO VALLEY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

DETACHMENT 882 - GLENFIELD PA Light Up Night Broch

INVITES ALL MCL MEMBER SHOOTERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOOTERS TO COMPETE IN THE 4th ANNUAL FALL MCL DETACHMENT #882 RIFLE MATCH

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

> Range Location Millvale Sportsman's Club

> > 170 Sunny Hill Road

Wexford, PA 15090

Saturday, September 10th

(Back-up/Overflow date Sunday May 1st)

Registration

Online @ https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com

or Mail-In

Registration Opens on Saturday, July 15th

& Closes on September 10th (walk-ins welcome if space is available)

Cost: \$20 per shooter

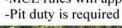
(food will be provided at the conclusion of the shoot)

Sign-ups begins at 0800 Shooting commences at 0900

-200 yards firing point

-10-X Targets

-MCL rules will apply





Classifications

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

Firing Position

- 3 Sighters
- 10 Offhand
- 15 Sitting or Kneeling
- 15 Prone
- **All Single Load Firing**

PA MCL AWARDS

MCL Members and MCL Associate Members ONLY

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

Detachment 882 Committee

Michael Shaffer — Chairman

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Scott McBride - Vice-chairman 724.816.5603 mcbsfm@gmail.com



FIRST CAPITOL MARINE CORPS LEAGUE DETACHMENT 521 – YORK, PA INVITES ALL MCL MEMBER & ASSOCIATE MEMBER SHOOTERS TO COMPETE IN THE 2nd ANNUAL DETACHMENT #521 PISTOL MATCH

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Check-in begins at 0800 and Shooting commences at 0900

Current MCL Members and Associate Members ONLY

Range Location

York Rifle Range 1190 Range Rd. York, PA 17406

Match Fee is \$15.00 per shooter

Registration Opens July 14th and Closes September 17th at 0830

Course of Fire

- 25 yards to target
- B-8 Targets
- PAMCL SOP

Points of Contact:

Jim Schreiber 717-891-8175 willys1948@hotmail.com Dean VanZanardi 717-659-4630 richardzanardi@comcast.net

Match Classifications

Service Pistol & Open Matches 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.

Course of Fire Continued

This is a 30 shot match fired in 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.

Match Award

Top 3 Overall Shooters in each match classification Classifications must have at least two shooters

PA MCL Awards

Competitors will have the option to submit their scores for Department awards. Complete instructions can be found in the Department Pistol SOP.

All competitors are required to read the PA Department Pistol SOP and submit the required forms and match fee prior to participating. (See link below) https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/

Registration Instructions: Open pistol standard operating procedure from link above. Read instructions, print and complete forms.

Email completed registration forms to, willys1948@hotmail.com (Pay at Match)

On-site registration available and closes 30 minutes prior to match start.

1 September 2022

To: Detachment Commandants

Via: Email to all Detachment Commandants or Adjutants (if no Commandant email.)

Subject: Department Marksmanship Program

The Department Marksmanship Committee reports continued growth in 2022. Both pistol and rifle matches were added to the Department calendar. In order to meet the growing interest for Department level competition the committee established SOP's for pistol and rifle matches. The SOP provides clear instructions on how to conduct a match and allows the match to be sanctioned by the Department committee ensuring the match meets SOP requirements. Now Detachments can sponsor regional matches and submit verified scores to compete for Department awards. We need additional Detachment sponsored matches to make marksmanship competition available throughout the state. Interested Detachments should contact the Marksmanship Committee with their requests. The committee will assist to locate and visit a range, solicit a proposal, and then get a contract approved through the Department Board of Trustees per Department Bylaws.

Thanks to the efforts of Ohio Valley Detachment, Three Rivers Leatherneck Detachment, and First Capitol Detachment several rifle and pistol matches were conducted in the western and south-central regions bringing in members from surrounding Detachments including Baltimore.

Looking ahead we see opportunity to grow the marksmanship program and recruit new members. By not limiting our matches to the traditional service course of fire allows us to expand the program even further. Opening to a broader range of guns and calibers allows us to conduct fun matches and compete more economically. Whether it's a sniper, rimfire, use of optics, or some other match once approved we'll adapt an SOP to fit and overcome what stands in the way of growing the marksmanship program.

Upcoming match bulletins, rifle and pistol SOP's and Marksmanship Committee contacts are posted on the Department website Marksmanship page. We want to hear from you. Contact us with your ideas and requests.

Department Marksmanship Committee:

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN James Schreiber willys1948@hotmail.com

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NEW DIREC TIONS PA MCL HEAD-**QUARTERS** BUILDING.



Full Closure of Fisher Ave (27JUN22)

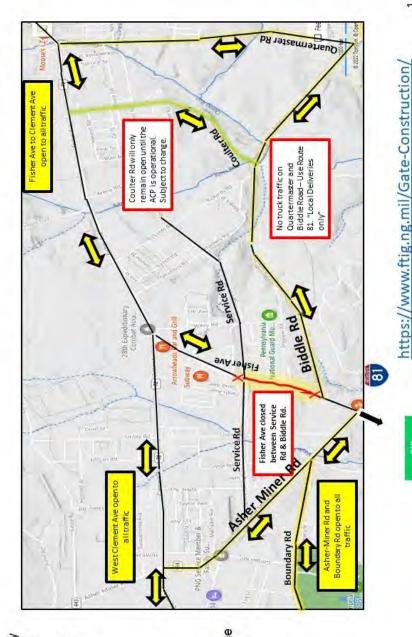
- Main Gate construction will permanently close Fisher Ave between Service Rd & Biddle Rd.
 - Contractor will follow PENNDOT rules / regulations in the posting of signs, road cones and detour routes.

Approved detours:

West - SR 934 to Asher-Miner Rd to Clement Ave / I-81 Exit 80 to SR 443

East - SR 934 to Biddle Rd to

- Quartermaster Rd to Fisher Ave / I-81 Exit 90 to Fisher Ave (SR 72).
- Coulter Rd will only remain open until the ACP is operational. Subject to change.



from the Department of PA Auxiliary President

The Department and National Conventions are now a memory and many members are already looking forward to being together again at the Fall Quarterly Membership Meeting in October. Hearty congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed officers of the League and the Auxiliary. Working together as a team, we will accomplish so very much for our Veterans, our youth and our communities.

Most sincere thanks to all the ladies of the Department of PA Auxiliary for allowing me the honor of serving as President for the coming year! It was twenty-five years ago that I was first elected Department President. Each office over the years has been an adventure and a challenge and I imagine this time will be no exception.

The ladies of the MCLA of PA are an unbelievably talented and giving group. They have elected a wonderfully committed and knowledgeable staff. All of you are asked for ideas that will aid in making the Auxiliary a bigger, better and stronger organization. For those holding the office of Unit President, please talk with your members and then contact me with your ideas. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is your organization and your input is vital to its growth and success. Also, remember, membership is everyone's responsibility. If we help the League recruit, then perhaps they will help us!

Now and in the coming months, Auxiliary and League members should all be working to get dues notices sent out, collect dues and get all members transmitted in a timely manner so that Pennsylvania can remain the powerhouse it has always been.

As we move into one of the busiest times of the year, don't forget all those that count on the Auxiliary. There are Veterans in state and federal homes that need support and enjoy visits. There are families of those serving in harm's way that may need aid. Our "Little Angels" always need help. Toys for Tots, the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, the youth of the Youth Physical Fitness program and the young ladies who achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award all deserve our support. There are members of the Marine Corps League family that need scholarship awards to help them further their education. Each Unit should choose the programs that are most important to them and to their communities and devote as much of their time, talent and energy as possible.

Thank you for all you do! Please keep our servicemen and women and those who love them in your thoughts and prayers as they defend our freedom.

Semper Fidelis,

PNP Ruth S. Moyse

Ruth S. Moyse

President, MCLA of PA, Inc.



[&]quot;Love without expectation, Help without recognition, Advise without manipulation, Care without reciprocation, Respect without domination."

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE RESOLUTION in SUPPORT of PROJECT PURPLE HEART

WHEREAS by general orders to the Continental Army from Commander in Chief George Washington on 7 August, 1782, the Badge of Military Merit was established in the form of a purple heart, and

WHEREAS the Purple Heart Award was established by General Order 3 of the United States Department of War on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of General Washington, and

WHEREAS Stolen Valor is of concern to military veterans and Veteran Service Organizations, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Defense has established a database of recipients for certain awards of valor, and

WHEREAS the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York, has established an unofficial and voluntary listing of Purple Heart recipients, and

WHEREAS the Honoring Purple Heart Recipients Act of 2022 has been introduced in the United States Congress to direct the Department of Defense to include Purple Heart recipients in its database, and

WHEREAS the National Flag Foundation has established the adoption of that legislation as a goal of the organization, and

WHEREAS the National Flag Foundation will celebrate the 240th anniversary of the establishment of the Purple Heart and its predecessor with observances in cities across the nation on November 11, 2022, and

WHEARAS the Department of Pennsylvania in convention on 25 June 2022 adopted this Resolution for transmission to the National Convention of the Marine Corps League to enlist its support nationally, and

WHEREAS the National Commandant of the Marine Corps League has communicated support for the legislation introduced, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Marine Corps League shall lend its support to the activities of the National Flag Foundation, and be it further

RESOLVED that the League encourage its members to lobby representatives in Congress to support the adoption of the Honoring Purple Heart Recipients Act of 2022 (HR 5172 and S 4006) and be it further

RESOLVED that the League encourage Marine Corps League Detachments to participate with the National Flag Foundation as available and appropriate in the 240th anniversary observances in their communities.

ADOPTED in National Convention Assembled this 19th day of August 2022.

y Baker

National Executive Director/COO

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LIGHT TO UNITE

THE NATIONAL FLAG FOUNDATION & THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NEED YOUR HELP

The National Flag Foundation (NFF) and the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) are partnering to commemorate and celebrate the 240th anniversary of our nation's Purple Heart Award.

To celebrate, the NFF is planning a LIGHT TO UNITE night on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022. We would like to have all major cities in America light up purple and/or red, white and blue.

IN GOOD COMPANY

We already have a commitment from One World Trade Center in New York City to light their building purple immediately following the lighting of Pittsburgh's Koppers Tower. The Koppers Tower will be the first to light as it is the home of the NFF. All other participating buildings will light based on their time zone.

To date, through cooperation from BOMA, we have multiple cities committed to LIGHT TO UNITE.

THE ASK

The NFF asks that the Marine Corps League participate with the NFF and MOPH by positioning Marine Corps League Color Guards at select buildings across America at the time they light on the evening of November 11, 2022.

PART OF A LARGER PLAN

In addition to LIGHT TO UNITE the NFF and MOPH are excited to have partnered with the NFL to create a video, "A National Flag Foundation Moment," narrated by Jim Nantz which will air during the NFL's "Salute to Service" games in November. Additionally, teams will honor the 240th Anniversary in unique ways to further support the NFF and MOPH.

To participate, please contact:

Romel L. Nicholas, NFF Chairman 519 Court Place, Pgh., PA 15219 412-512-5395 or 412-391-6920 rnicholas@gtnlaw.com













March is Women Veterans Month

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of PA
Is proud to sponsor the

Women Veterans Conference

March 24-26, 2023 Pittsburgh, PA



All women veterans in Pennsylvania are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a member of the VFW in order to attend.

Please join us for a weekend of fellowship, camaraderie, and informational workshops by, for, and about women veterans—and the issues that matter and impact them directly.

Preregistration is required; please see the VFW Dept. of PA Website for forms and the tentative agenda, or contact Amy MacKenzie (info below)

Final Registration 01/31/2023 (or until sold out)

www.vfwpa.org (under the "resources" tab)



This event is organized by the

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Pennsylvania, with
financial contributions from Districts,

Posts, Auxiliaries, & Individuals.

Location: Pittsburgh Marriott North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Agenda Includes: Veterans Benefits and how to access proper health care and benefits for women; presentations by several women veterans' advocacy groups; leadership seminars; a motivational speaker; networking and comraderie and much more

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