



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

Following successful Department and National Conventions we should all be planning our activities for the Fall, including the next Department meeting. There are THREE important aspects to the gathering we hope you will attend at Department Headquarters on the grounds of Fort Indiantown Gap 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 and share with your members the complete schedule of Friday and Saturday meetings in this snail-mail packet. Also see the **Fisher Avenue detour** detail. 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!

Congratulations to the following Detachments recognized on the floor at the National Convention: **Landis-McCleaf #295** celebrating its 75th year was awarded a National Meritorious Unit Citation; **Cpl. Brandon Hardy #286** – 3rd Place Recruiting (101-200 size Detachments); **Northampton County #298** Third Place Newsletter (Jim Mineo, Editor) AND Third Place Americanism (along with 2nd Place 2021 award) Battalion Size; and **First Capitol #521** Second Place Newsletter. Congratulations also to Marines **Don Bailey** (Det. #1416) and **Paul Hedrick** (Det. #521) - Distinguished Citizen Gold. The convention also approved the National Flag Foundation Resolution offered by Pennsylvania. (See the enclosed flyer!)

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

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