

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Keystone Leatherneck

February 2023



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Marines, Sailors & Associates:

Thank you to everyone who made time to attend our Winter meetings. A lot of work got done for the benefit of our Department members. We look forward to your participation next month as well. See the planned agenda in our next mailing (coming your way soon) or at the Calendar [LINK](#) at the top of the Department website. District Seven will host our hospitality room at the Holiday Inn (Grantville). District One took point on that project in January. Thank you!

A shout-out to **Charlie Trainor** who stepped up to succeed **Dan Murray** as the League representative to the Advisory Council at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home. Likewise to **Mary Archey** who will serve another term at Southeast Veterans Center; **I.J. 'Duffy' Hines** for agreeing to be reappointed at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home as has **Lisa Solarczyk** extending her service at Gino Merli Veterans Center. Also serving our Veterans in that capacity are **Gary Anspach** at the Southwest Veterans Center and **PDC Ray Chambers** at the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home. Our **Auxiliary** presented me with some items for delivery to those residents (you may see some photos on the Department Facebook page). *Thank you!*

A shout-out to **SVC Diana Henry** who will be among the Women Veterans to be honored by the Pennsylvania Commission for Women during Women's History Month in March. We hope that you will alert us if there are other MCL members to be honored.

Thank you to the few Detachments that have filed their annual **Detachment report** – available in the Marine Corps League Library ([mcleaguelibrary](#)). Please complete and send to the Department email address (mclpa.department@gmail.com) *promptly*. We will forward that document to our National Vice Commandant (following the instructions at the bottom). Your report is compiled with those of other Detachments by Commandant Baker and COO Borka to report of League's efforts to CMC Berger. Be sure your Detachment is counted!

If your Detachment has not yet filed your **IRS 990** or **PLM Audit** – you are **not in compliance** with our National Administrative Procedures, (**NAP Chapter Eight, Section 8000 & NAP Chapter Seven, Section 7055** respectively). Your Board of Trustees has acted to close down another Detachment for non-compliance. It really hurts to do that. Another Detachment has closed down voluntarily, ultimately because they refused to grow.

Before our Spring meeting, consider joining us for the **National MidWinter Conference** in Norfolk, VA at the end of February. Information is at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/> but you may be too late for the posted room rate. Also ahead is the **Northeast Division Conference** at the end of March. (Brady, Continued next page.)

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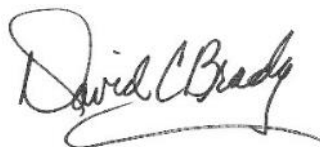
(Brady, Continued)

You should be able to find information at <https://nedmcl.org/2022-ned-convention/> or look on the PA site under the NVC report at <https://pamcleague.com/committee-reports/>.

The gathering is an opportunity to share experiences with folks from NJ & NY in preparation for our Department and National Conventions. The Department Marine of the Year Society has nominated **JVC Victoria McCoy** for *Division Marine of the Year* and **Associate Carol McIntosh** for *Division Associate of the Year*. Both are outstanding and deserving candidates!

Please remember our upcoming **Department Convention** in Monroeville begins on JUNE FIRST – and if your Detachment wants Department Awards know that the timeline is compressed. Our Administrative Procedures for some of those awards were updated at the Winter meetings. (We will have the update posted as soon as it is approved by the National JA.) Additionally, deadlines for Program Ads and other activities are likewise adjusted. What hasn't changed is the deadline for **proposed amendments** to Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. That deadline remains APRIL 1 and they are sent to the *Department Adjutant* (at pamcl.adjutant@outlook.com).

Thank you always for your continued service to the League, your community and all Veterans.
Be Always Faithful



Dave Brady, Commandant



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



News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Department of PA Winter Meeting at Indiantown Gap Jan. 20—21



District 10 Vice Commandant Andy Burch presents Joe Spinnenweber of South Hills Pittsburgh a certificate and a ribbon.

Senior Vice Commandant Diana Henry presents an award to District 10 Vice Commandant Andy Burch



Bruce Rakfeldt from Marine Corps League L/ Cpl Alan D. Lam Detachment #1209 Burlington, NC spoke to the PA MCL Winter Meeting. he said he is running for MCL National Judge Advocate.

Northeast Division Vice Commandant Mike Waluk invited members to support and attend the National MidWinter Conference 23 - 25 February



News from around the Pennsylvania Department



James Schreiber Chairman of Marksmanship Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League presented marksmanship awards.



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The 107th Pennsylvania Farm Show presented an opportunity for outreach and recruitment during Military, Veterans and Families Day on January 12. Commandant Dave Brady and Adjutant Jim Diamond met with folks, including Pennsylvania Adjutant General Major General Eric Schindler. Some of the folks we spoke with may be contacting you about membership!



Commandant Brady, all smiles at the PA Farm Show yesterday! Please consider joining us next year and every year moving forward. Its a great networking opportunity and you get a FREE Milkshake!



Two members of the Marine Corps League were presented with the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal during the December meeting of the Pennsylvania Veterans Commission by MGEN Eric Schindler, the Adjutant General. PDC Brian Natali (left) of Bantam Marines and Keystone HQ Detachments was recognized for his outstanding work with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; and Justin Slep (2nd from left) of Landis-McCleef Detachment was recognized for his service to the Commission as Past President of the Pennsylvania Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs and chairmanship of the RETX committee. Also pictured are MGEN Schindler and Nicholas Taylor (right) of the Catholic War Veterans, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Veterans Commission.

Marksmanship Program

Department of Pennsylvania
Marine Corps League
Marksmanship Committee Report
20 January 2023

The Department Marksmanship Committee is moving forward to expand the 2023 match program. To support this growth both Rifle and Pistol SOP's underwent a complete review. Improvements were made to streamline the match signup, fee payment, and submittal process. Match rules are now tied directly the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The goal of the SOP changes was to provide the Department with a match program that can easily be trained to Detachments with the support of the Marksmanship Committee. We currently have several new matches to add to the 2023 program as we continue to train additional match sponsors to expand the program.

The Marksmanship Committee has two critical focal points for 2023. Training new Match Coordinators. And communicating our match program to the Detachments. Training is key to expanding our match program. Currently the SOP requires the sponsoring range to provide Range Officials to run the match. This limits our ability to expand our regional programs and increases the cost of the range fees. By training and certifying our own Range Safety Officers to coordinate the matches we can solicit new ranges with a complete package. By providing our own match support personnel and supplies range sponsors may be more willing to approve matches. We are using the NRA's nationally recognized RSO certification program. We currently have our first RSO course scheduled for February 25th. These certified RSO's are the foundation to building a safe and lasting match program. To elevate the level of communication we will be contacting Detachments with program information and match flyers to present at their Detachment meetings and in their newsletters. We ask all Members and Associates to review the Department website Marksmanship page and Facebook page. For the latest marksmanship information and become familiar with the Department Rifle and Pistol, Standard Operating Procedures.

The 2023 match schedule as of January with additional matches being scheduled. Dates subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates.

Millvale Sportsman's Club in Wexford, PA.
Rifle Match Saturday, April 29th
Rifle Match Saturday, September 9th

York Rifleman Club in York, PA.
Rifle Match Saturday, May 20th
Pistol Match Saturday, September 16th

Any MCL Member or Associate interested in RSO training or match information can contact the Marksmanship Committee or see our webpage on the Department website. <https://pamcleague.com/marksmanship/>

Thank you,
James Schreiber
Chairman of Marksmanship
Department of Pennsylvania
Marine Corps League



Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania 2023 Meeting Schedule

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/

\$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 <http://www.stayholiday.com/> - choose Group Rate & block M4C

\$96/night (ask for M4C block) **Deadline: 16 February 2023**

2023 Northeast Division Conference 31 March - 1 April 2023

Crowne Plaza Princeton - 900 Scudders Mill Road, Plainsboro, NJ

(609) 936-4200 \$115/night (+tax) - Group Rate Block MCL

Online registration at <https://www.princetoncp.com/>

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION @ <http://nedmcl.org/>

2023 Department of PA Convention June 1 - 4

DoubleTree Hotel Pittsburgh/Monroeville Convention Center

101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 412-373-7300 (more details @ pamcleague.com/calendar)

\$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/

ALL events subject to change!

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“SEMPER SUPPLY”

Helping Marines and their communities throughout Pennsylvania.

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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
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Semper Supply Liaison
Armorer, Department of Pennsylvania

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

The **Vietnam Veteran Memorial Foundation** has announced the 2023 touring schedule for The Wall That Heals, and it includes **three** stops in Pennsylvania (so far): KUTZTOWN, (which is in MCLPA District 3) on September 21-24, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club; LEMONT FURNANCE, (District 10) on October 12-15 sponsored by Fayette County; and PHOENIXVILLE, (District 1) on October 26-29 hosted by the Upper Providence Township Commissioners. For additional details visit <https://www.vvmf.org/News/VVMF-Announces-2023-The-Wall-That-Heals-Tour-Schedule/>



Commissioners of York County, Pennsylvania acknowledged Toys for Tots celebrating its 75th Anniversary with the issuing of a Proclamation on 21 December 2022. Shown are members of the First Capitol Detachment #521 of York. Also recognized in the proclamation were P.W. Milano Detachment #299 of New Cumberland, Boot Marine Detachment #441 of Hanover and Leatherneck Square Detachment #1386 of Dillsburg, all in York County, Pennsylvania.

Left to Right are Lee Cook, Sarah Cook, Commandant Dean Van Zanardi, Sergeant at Arms Ken Welsh, Senior Vice Commandant Todd Hyson, Department of Pennsylvania Commandant Dave Brady, Paymaster Rick Olivitt, President Commissioner Julie Wheeler, Phil Frigm, Chaplain James Schreiber, Commissioner Ron Smith and Vice President Commissioner Doug Hoke.

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of PA Women Veterans Chairperson

Amy MacKenzie

717.575.3982

quartermaster@eph ratavfw.org

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Bethlehem Detachment 284 supported its first Three Kings Day by helping the “Three Kings” give away toys to children. The event was held at the MusiFest Café in Bethlehem, Pa. on Jan. 8.





News from around the Pennsylvania Department



· Marine Corps League of Clearfield County Pa. Detachment 289 . Ray Hetrick, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Sgt William L. Dixon Detachment, performing the flag folding ceremony at the VFW Post 813 Veterans Day program.



Lehigh Valley Detachment 296

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Marine Corps League

OHIO VALLEY  DETACHMENT #882

**INVITES ALL MCL MEMBER
SHOOTERS & ASSOCIATE
MEMBER SHOOTERS**

**TO COMPETE IN THE
4TH ANNUAL SPRING & FALL
MCL DETACHMENT #882 RIFLE
MATCH**

THIS MATCH WILL QUALIFY AS ONE OF THE 2023 PA MCL
MARKSMANSHIP RIFLE MATCHES

WHEN
Spring – Saturday, April 29th
Fall – Saturday, September 9th

WHERE
Millvale Sportsman's' Club
170 Sunny Hill Rd
Wexford, PA 15090

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

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PA Department & Millvale Club Liaison
412.741.7898 mgfarole@verizon.net
Michael Shaffer
724.601.3890 mshaffer7777@gmail.com

[HTTPS://WWW.OHIOVALLEYMCL882.COM](https://www.ohiovalleymcl882.com)

DETAILS

Sign-ups begin at 0800
Shooting commences at 0900
-200 yard firing point
-10x targets
-MCL rules apply
-Pit duty is required
-Shooting undercover available

CLASSIFICATIONS

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

FIRING POSITIONS

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

REGISTRATION

ON-SITE
OR
MAIL-IN
OHIO VALLEY MARINES
654 CHARLETTE PLACE
SEWICKLEY, PA 15143

MATCH FEE

\$20

**ONE TIME
DEPARTMENT FEE
\$10**

If you participate in 3 matches you will pay \$30.00 for the first match and then \$20.00 for each additional matches you participate



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PO BOX 6687, Harrisburg, PA 17112-0687**

Amendments to Administrative Procedures and Enclosures

At the Board of Trustee's Meeting on 20 January 2023, seven (7) amendments were approved to the Administrative Procedures and Enclosures.

Five of the amendments make changes to awards (Newsletter, Website, Facebook, ROTC, and JROTC). For the media awards, Newsletter and Website awards have been modified to put the newsletter editor and webmaster names respectively on those awards. This means that the individual plaques for those awards have been eliminated. These felt like 2 awards being given for the same effort. An official plaque award has also been established for Facebook pages. It will mirror the new structure of the newsletter and website. What this means is that while we have added 3 plaques, we are still creating 3 less plaques.

One of the amendments just corrected an error in the enclosure being referenced. It should have read 4, but directed to enclosure 2.

The final amendment was adding the procedure for the board to change APs outside of the convention. The provision for this was put into the bylaws in June of 2019, but was never carried over to the amendment procedure for APs. This change corrects that oversight.

I took the action to make these changes now so that this award cycle includes these changes.

These amendments have been forwarded to the National JA for his final OK. Once that approval is received, new copies of the Administrative Procedures and the Enclosures will be posted to the website and an email will go out to let everyone know they are available.

Diana Henry
Sr Vice



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

DETACHMENT LEADERS COURSE

22 April 2023

Check-in: 0700 - 0800

Class Time: 0800 – 1600

Allegheny Valley Detachment #827
838 Pittsburgh St
Springdale, PA 15144

Tuition: \$25.00

Tuition includes: Course Book, lunch and light snacks

Name: _____
Detachment: _____
Office Held: _____
Street: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Return completed application and tuition to:

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania
PO Box 6687
Harrisburg, PA 17112
Attn: Leadership School

If sending more than one person from your Detachment, please submit one application per person along with one check to cover all enrollments.

Any questions, please contact Diana Henry at pamcl.srvic@outlook.com.