

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Keystone Leatherneck

August 2023



Greetings to all the members the Department of PA. For those who don't know, I am Diana Henry and on June 3rd I was elected as your Department Commandant. In the not quite two months that I have been Commandant, I have dealt with Detachment charter suspensions, Life membership issues, Toys for Tots issues and helped to support Modern Day Marine in Washington DC. Busy times for sure.

The most important issue for the Department at the moment is to get as many of our Detachments as possible to the National convention in Oklahoma City. This is an election cycle with 4 candidates for Judge Advocate, and whispers that there will be a challenge for Jr Vice. One of the candidates

for Judge Advocate is our own PDC Bob Ziltz. If your detachment has any regular member attending the convention, make sure that you register your full complement of delegates so we can make the most of our voting strength.

By the time this newsletter is published, the escort for Marine Wiley will have passed through our state on the way to his home state of New York. Hopefully you saw the emails about this escort and were able to participate if you wanted. I will be taking pictures of the event and will see that they get posted in our next newsletter.

Once the convention is behind us, we can turn our attention to our October meeting. I have ideas of things I would like to improve (website, point of sale system, and our length of quarterly meetings and department convention), but I need your help. We have several very important committees that are missing leadership. We need a convention committee chair, and our Americanism and scholarship committees could use extra people. We have two Districts without representation on our Board. If you are in District 8 or 9, I would really like to hear from you.

I am excited for all of the good things I hope to accomplish in my term as your Commandant. But I can't do it by myself or with just the Board of Trustees. We need all of the members of the Department to engage and get involved. Let's bring the fun and comradery back to our gatherings. I look forward to seeing many of you in Oklahoma and even more at our October meeting. Remember, these meetings are not just for the leadership. These are meant for ALL members to gather, talk, and learn new things.

Semper Fi
Diana Henry
Commandant



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT Victoria McCoy:

The most important thing for a Senior Vice Commandant to be tasked to do, is assist in recruitment & retention. I would like to add one more “R” to that list – REVIVE!

There are so many tools available for you to help in these basic “R’s”, but if you ignore new ideas, discard a plan to try something you never tried, or just let those “tools” go rusty, your success is compromised. Here are some very basic ideas to try:

RECRUITMENT: *When you set up for a parade, table event, or host a fundraiser, be sure and advertise the “Marine Corps League”. We are all very proud of being Veteran Marines and have definitely earned the title, but when the public sees a parade float, or raffle ticket sale table decorated with “Marine Corps” flags and EGA décor, they most likely will think you are just a group of Marine Corps Veterans doing good in your community. They will not stop to ask questions like “What is the Marine Corps League?”, or “How do I join?”.*

RETENTION: *Mentoring a new member is crucial in retention. Do you remember your first time in a meeting? The terms we take for granted, may be lost on a new member. I remember the first few months as a member thinking: What is the “Calendar Program”?, We offer scholarships?? How can I apply and/or help raise funds and awareness?, What is Robert’s Rules of Order?, What exactly are we doing here?. Sit with a new member, take them out for coffee or something social, help them get involved, and most importantly LISTEN to their new ideas, and try them!*

REVIVE: *Has your membership morale declined? Attendance at meeting barely make a quorum? Let your Leadership know before it's too late. Your District Vice Commandant could help, and the Department Leadership is always offering some great ideas. COME TO A DEPARTMENT MEETING, and learn more, ask questions, and let us know your struggles so we may help.*

We look forward to seeing new faces at Department meetings, and even have many positions available at the Department level should you want to help in the success of the mission.

*Standing by to help,
Victoria McCoy
Senior Vice Commandant
MCL Department of PA*



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR Jr Vice Commandant James Diamond

Hello Marines, Sailors and Associates,

James Diamond here, newly elected Jr Vice Commandant, Department of Pennsylvania. Sending out my contact information. If you need anything concerning our Veteran and Youth ticket raffle, I would be your contact person.

I am hoping in the next year to get out to as many Detachments as I can. Trying to spread the word of the benefits of engaging in our Veteran and Youth Raffle and our Calendar program, and how it will benefit your Detachments as well.

So, with that being said, I could use some help from Our District Vice Commandants. Let me know if there are any of your Detachments that are not involved with these programs, so that I may be able to offer some help or assistance in starting up these programs.

Another part of my new position, I am the Chairperson for the Budget and Audit Committees. If you have any interest in seeing what we do or joining one of these committees, please feel free to contact me and I will tell you when we meet.

Thank you for you time; hope to meet you all soon.

James P. Diamond

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Jr Vice Commandant
Department of Pennsylvania
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Please leave a message and I will return your call.





COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DETACHMENTS SHOULD SEND DOCUMENTS
TO THE DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX (at right)
EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BELOW

Marine Corps League of PA, Inc.
P.O. BOX 6687
Harrisburg, PA 17112-0687

DOCUMENT	How many copies?	Additional Instructions Additional Recipients
TRANSMITTALS	Original & ONE (1) copy	Attn: PAYMASTER
You should include <i>this information</i> in the DEPARTMENT section of your Transmittal: Paymaster name: STEPHEN SMALLEY // Phone 914-941-7413 // email: 53marine1973@gmail.com		
DSCB 15-5110 Penna. Non-Profit Annual Report	ONE (1) copy of <u>Accepted</u> filing. You may email to 53marine1973@gmail.com	Attn: PAYMASTER
PLM Audit due by 31 DECEMBER	Original with signatures see National Administrative Procedures Section 7055	Attn: PAYMASTER Department Sends to National HQ
IRS 990 Confirmation	ONE (1) copy Send the page that reads <u>Accepted</u> not Pending. email preferred to 53marine1973@gmail.com	Attn: PAYMASTER Department Sends to National HQ
RIFLE INVENTORY	ONE (1) copy	Attn: ARMORER <u>Copv of ONLINE inventory verification</u>
Report of Installation and Supplemental to report <u>any</u> changes	ONE (1) copy with <u>original</u> signatures no other copies are required or needed	Snail mail <u>only</u> (#10 envelope 1 stamp) Attn: ADJUTANT
NOTICE of DEATH	ONE (1) copy Email transmittal preferred Chaplain James Schreiber willys1948@hotmail.com	Snail mail if necessary Attn: CHAPLAIN
Marine and Associate of the Year nominations	ONE (1) copy See rules for submission in Department Administrative Procedures ENCLOSURES NINE and TEN	Snail mail Attn: Commandant Hand deliver to: Secretary, Marine of the Year Society no later than close of business Thursday of Convention. e-mail MOYSociety.PA@gmail.com
POSTINGS for Dept. FACEBOOK page	https://www.facebook.com/MCL DEPTPA/	PAO John Taylor johntaylor713@hotmail.com
Update/Correction to Department WEBSITE (Changes related to Detachment Officers, Meeting Place & Time <u>must</u> be submitted by way of a supplemental Report of Installation to the Department Adjutant)	www.pamcleague.com	Commandant Diana Henry mclpa.department@gmail.com



Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania 2023 - 2024 Meeting Schedule

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

August 13-19 2023: 2023 National Convention

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/

October 20-21, 2023: Department Fall Meetings

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)
604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661
\$98/night +tax Book as: Marine Corps League of PA Deadline: 19 Sept 2023

January 19-20, 2024: Department Winter Meetings

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)
604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661
\$98/night +tax Book as: Marine Corps League of PA Deadline: 19 Dec 2023

February 21-24, 2024: National Mid-Winter Conference

Sheraton Pentagon City - Arlington, VA

Accommodations – 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204
Phone: 800-325-3535 Reference National Marine Corps League
\$129/night + tax (about \$148 total) Deadline: 30 January 2024
Parking: Onsite garage - \$10 per day

March 15-16, 2024: Department Spring Meetings

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)
604 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-0661
\$98/night +tax Book as: Marine Corps League of PA Deadline: 13 Feb 2024

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 preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines, FMF Navy Personnel who wear or have worn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

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



Marine Corps League of
Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc.



Assisting Marines in Need



Department of Pennsylvania MCL Marksmanship Report 25 July 2023

The 2023 shooting match season is continuing its expansion. With 2 rifle and 3 pistol matches completed so far this year and 6 more matches to go there is no shortage of competition. Marines and Associates from throughout the region are competing to see who will win the Department of PA individual and team 2023 titles. We are looking for Interested individuals and teams to come out and compete! For match information and registration please email one of the sponsoring Detachment contacts below or check out the Department website marksmanship page for details.

I would like to thank all our match sponsors and active competitors for their efforts to provide a safe and active program.

Upcoming Pistol Matches

Match Sponsor, Three Rivers Leathernecks Detachment 310 Contact Frank Kelly, fkelly@verizon.net

August 12, 2023, Pistol Match Range Location Rochester Sportsmen's Club, 181 Sportsman Lane Rochester, PA 15074.

August 17, 2023, Pistol Match Range Location Millvale Sportsman's Club, 170 Sunny Hill Rd. Wexford, PA 15090.

Match Sponsor First Capitol Detachment 521. Contact Lee Cook, email, boldmoves2k@yahoo.com or Jim Schreiber, willys1948@hotmail.com

September 16, 2023, Pistol Match Range Location, York Rifle Range, 1190 Range Rd. York, PA 17406.

Upcoming Rifle Matches

Sponsor Ohio Valley Detachment 822. Contact Gary Farole mgfarole@verizon.net

September 9, 2023, Rifle Match Range Location, Millvale Sportsman's Club, 170 Sunny Hill Rd. Wexford, PA 15090..



Pennsylvania Department Annual Convention in Monroeville, Pa. 1 — 4 June 2023



***Happy 200th Anniversary of the
Marine Corps League!***



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**Above: The newly elected leadership team for the PA Department:
Commandant Diana Henry and Sr. Vice Commandant Victora McCoy.**



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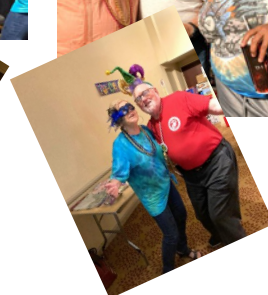
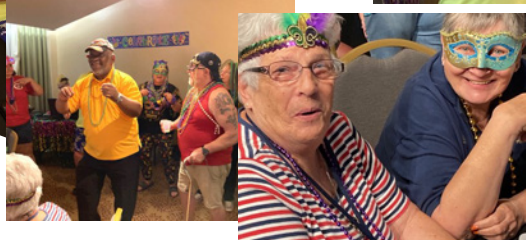
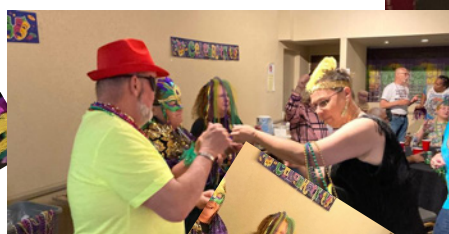
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***Pennsylvania
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Annual
Convention***



from the Department of PA Auxiliary President . . .

The Department Convention is now but a memory and our members are preparing to be together again in October, where we will be hosting the Hospitality Room. The 2023 Convention Committee from District 10 is applauded for a job well done! Congratulations are offered to all the newly elected and appointed officers of the League and the Auxiliary! This is the first time in my memory that the League Commandant and Sr. Vice Commandant belong to the League and the Auxiliary and the Department President belongs to the Auxiliary and the League. Working together as a cohesive team, we can accomplish so very much more for our Veterans, our youth and our communities.

My most sincere thank you to all the ladies of the Auxiliary for allowing me the privilege of serving as Department President for another term. Each office is always an adventure and a challenge and the office of Department President is no exception. A special thank you is extended to the Past Department Presidents. They have provided a solid base so that the Auxiliary can successfully move forward. They have truly fulfilled their role as leaders and mentors.

The ladies of the Auxiliary have elected a wonderfully committed and knowledgeable Board. The District Vice Presidents are all working to strengthen their Districts and should contact each Unit President within their District for input on 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 your District Vice President with your ideas. The Marine Corps League Auxiliary is your organization and your input is vital to its success and growth.

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 truly enjoy visits. There are families of those serving in harm's way that may need aid. Our "Little Angels" across the country 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 recognition and 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 devote as much of their time as possible. Don't try to do it all!

It is a privilege to attend the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day with our National President Linda Chamberlain and to join in celebrating the birth of the United States Marine Corps on behalf of all Auxiliary members. Hopefully you all make time to go to the polls in November.

Remember that membership is everyone's business! Recruit new members so that the Auxiliary is able to provide seamless support to all our programs.

While helping others, please take care of yourselves! Please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers as they protect our country.

Semper Fidelis,

Ruth S. Moyses

PNP Ruth S. Moyses

President, MCLA of PA, Inc.

"Love without expectation, Help without recognition, Advise without manipulation, Care without reciprocation, Respect without domination."

The Department of PA Auxiliary at the Convention!



One Marine's Story By James Ulinski

Making a Difference

Semper Fidelis "Semper Fi", what a powerful motto we proud Marines have. We served our nation, giving the best we had, and sadly, many of our brothers and sisters died while doing so.

When I left the Marine Corps in 1971 after four (4) years because of injuries, I was distraught and even seriously considered suicide. I could no longer serve my beloved U.S.M.C.

I am much older now and I suffer from PTSD and "Survivor's Guilt". However, I have redirected much of my anger and discovered a reason why I might be living by focusing on ways I can make a small positive difference.

I fight to either promote or discourage legislation at the state and national levels. I use the strengths I developed in the Marines to make my voice a tool to help as many veterans as I can. I use tenacity and the will to not give up, even when things seem almost impossible.

Often, this seems like a never-ending mountain, and I am making very little progress climbing it. And then, I remember the phrase Clint Eastwood made famous and we Marines often use-- "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome!"

We can make a difference, even one of us, but with greater numbers, comes a better chance for success.

In 2013 I fought for students at Penn State to get "early/priority registration" like our athletes get for enrolling in classes. In 2014, Penn State did just that and I also was able to get a PA State law "H.B. 1664" passed by the Governor, giving veterans throughout PA the right for this. I stood on the steps of the Capitol in Harrisburg for five hours in the rain, my back aching like hell, distributing handouts and the message was received by our Senate. House Representative, Tom Murt (also a veteran), wrote the bill, and the rest is history.

Remember, what we have today, came off the work of other veterans! You can make a difference and, in the process, help others. Marines are good at doing this!



News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Semper Supply Store

Helping Marines and their communities throughout Pennsylvania.

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



This one of our oldest members, Korean War Veteran Marine Howard E. Wilt, aged 93 with his 25-year Tenure Award presented at our July meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacob A. Bertin
JVC Williamsport
Det. # 388



News from around the Pennsylvania Department

A word from the Pennsylvania Pack Leader

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to be a pack officer. It's been a long time since we had of all the officer positions filled.

The Supreme Growl is coming up fast and I hope to see everyone there. Have safe traveling to and from the Supreme Growl.

If you are moving up, get in your paperwork.

This year the Pennsylvania pack is celebrating 75 years of existence. Keep a look out for upcoming events celebrating this special event.

Woof woof,

Mike Mastriana
PA Pack Leader

