

# Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania

## 2023 Department Convention

### Opening Session

Thursday 1 June 2023

Doubletree Hotel Monroeville, PA

0900-Commandant Brady opened the Department of Pennsylvania membership meeting, with assistance from Sgt at Arms Sundling and Chaplin Casella

Commandant Brady-acknowledge.

PNC Hastings, PDC Ziltz

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Total 27 Detachments Present.

0920 Rules of Convention- Adjutant Diamond

0930- Motion to approve rules of convention- Motion made by PNC Hastings and Second by DVC2 Irvin. Motion Approved

0933 Convention Dedications

Paul Hendrick-First Capital-Dave Brady

Dan Murry-All Division-Dave Brady

Michael Matti-Central Bucks-Robert Sundling

William J Beerbaum-PW Milano-Stephen Smalley

Mike Fleming-Dutch Helwig-Paul Bailey

General John Patten- -Jim Casella

Richard-All Division-William Kelly

0936-Commandant Brady asks for Motion to approve dedication of Convention-Motion by, Second No Discussion-Motion Passed

Commandant Brady asks for Motion to approve minutes of the 2022 Convention (posted on Website 10/5/2022) Motion By Sr Vice Henry and Second by DVC6 Van Zanardi-No Discussion-Motion Passed.

Reports of Elected Officers-All Elected Officers Reports were written, submitted, and posted. Except for District 8 and 9. Commandant Brady asks for Motion to receive all Elected Officer Reports-Motion DVC10 Burch and Second by DVC4 Hartman-No Discussion-Motion Passed.

0939-Correspondence-Message from National Commandant Baker on action by Board of Trustees to increase Life Members Rates effective 1 July 2023.  
MCL Centennial Anniversary Ribbon announced.

0941-Appointed Officer reports

0942 Paymaster-PDC Bob Ziltz

1002-Morgan Stanley-Thomas McIlwee

1008-Adjutant-James Diamond-Commandant Brady talked about ROI's

1011-Chaplain Jim Casella

1011-Sgt at Arms-Bob Sundling

Commandant Brady calls for Motion to receive reports of Appointed Officers- Motion DVC2 Irvin and Second by DVC6 Van Zarnardi-No Discussion- Motion Passed.

Reports of Standing & Program Committees

1013-Convention Committee-PDC Bob Ziltz

1021-Americanism-Sue Irvin

1022-Awards & Citations-SVC Diana Henry-Awards will be giving out Saturday Morning.

1024-Scholarship-Gene Irvin

1026-Toys for tots-Dean Van Zanardi

1033 Break

1046-Marksmanship-Jim Schreiber, Pistol Frank Kelly

1050-Commandant Brady-calls for motion on reports received so far. Motion by Sr Vice Henry and Second by DVC2 Irvin-No Discussion-Motion Passed.

1054-Reports-Audit & Budget

Audit Committee-Jr Vice McCoy

Commandant Brady calls for motion to receive Audit Committee Report-Motion by Sr Vice Henry ans Second by DVC6 Van Zanardi

1058-Budget Committee-Jr Vice McCoy-Committee motion raising Annual Dues to \$5 from \$3

1105-Sr Vice Henry-makes motion to table budget till fridays meeting and Second Jr Past Ziltz-Motion Carries

1122-Committee motion increasing with draw from Morgan Stanley tp 5% from 4%

Jr Past Ziltz makes motion to table this motion until Fridays meeting-Motion Carries

1139-Motion to Approve FY2023 Operating Budget Sr Vice Henry makes motion to table this until friday -second by DVC1 Shaw-Motion Carries.

1140-Announcements-Adjutant Diamond

Lunch-on your own-bag lunch available in Hospitality Room-Pizza \$5

Commandants' Council will convene at 1300 Today

Quartermaster &MODD Store open until 1600, Store will close at 100 on Saturday.

Department Marine of the Year Nomination due at 1630

The Hospitality Room opens at 1700.

Joint Opening Session with Department Auxiliary will convene at 0900 Friday

There are no Department Bylaws or AP Amendments to be considered.

JA Sofranko will lead a review of National Bylaws and AP Amendments on Friday in PM.

Nominations of Candidates for Department Office 1300 Friday. Marine of the Society meets at 1700 Friday

Awards will be presented Saturday Morning

Americanism Books are due by 1200 Friday-we need one more person for committee.

1145-Recess-Sgt at Arms Sundling retires the colors, Chaplain Casella closes the bible

Respectfully Submitted

James P. Diamond

Adjutant

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
78<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
1-4 June 2023  
DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center, Monroeville, PA

The Joint Opening Session of the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League was called to order by Senior Vice Commandant Victoria McCoy at 0900 on Friday 3 June 2023. Appropriate Opening Ceremonies were held with the assistance of the Chaplain of the MCL, Presentation of the Colors by the District 10 Color Guard, Alyssa Fazzini performing the National Anthem and the Sergeant at Arms with the Pledge to the Flag.

Welcome to and remarks from State Representative Honorable Brandon Markosek (D-25).

Welcome to and remarks from Colonel Raymond Hyland, Commanding Officer of the 171<sup>st</sup> Refueling Wing representing the Adjutant General.

Welcome to and remarks from Mary Chitwood of Robin's Place.

Welcome to and remarks from William Jeffcoat of Life Changing Medical Service Dogs.

Welcome to and remarks from Gene Irvin, Leader of Pennsylvania Pack, MODD.

Welcome to and remarks from Sydney Minchin, National Northeast Vice President of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary (also Big Flea of the Pennsylvania Hide MODD Fleas).

Welcome to and remarks from Mike Waluk, National Vice Commandant, Northeast Division, Marine Corps League.

Welcome to and remarks from Linda Chamberlain, National President, Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

Welcome to and remarks from Alan Sanning, 60<sup>th</sup> Chief Devil Dog, Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

Welcome to and remarks from TJ Morgan, National Junior Vice Commandant, Marine Corps League.

Welcome to and remarks from PNP Ruth Moyse, President, Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Auxiliary (and Big Flea of PA Hide).

Welcome to and remarks from David Brady, Commandant, Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League.

1000 – SVC McCoy closed the Joint Opening Session with appropriate ceremony assisted by the Chaplain of the MCL of PA and Sergeant at Arms.

1015 – Annual Memorial Service was conducted by the Chaplain with the assistance of the Elected Officers of the Department and the Auxiliary.

1040 – Memorial Service concludes

1055 – Chapel of Four Chaplains Service is held. James Schreiber and Dean VanZanardi are presented with the Legion of Honor Award.

1115 – Service concludes. Recess until 1300

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### Membership Meeting

Friday 2 June 2023

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1112-Commandant Brady Reconvened the Department of Pennsylvania membership meeting to order, with assistance from Sgt at Arms Sundling and Chaplin Casella

Commandant Brady-acknowledge.

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Report of Members or Members Family Sick or in Distress.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Announcements-Adjutant Diamond

Nomination of Candidates for Department Office at 1300

We have no amendments to Department Bylaws or APs to consider.

JA will lead a review of National Bylaws and AP amendments this afternoon!

Marine of the Year Society meets at 1700 today

Awards will be presented Saturday Morning.

Announcements from the floor.

Recess

Sgt at Arms Sundling retired the colors.

Chaplain Casella closed the Bible.

Commandant Brady called the meeting to recess until 1300.

1200 Lunch Break

1300 Back from Lunch

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1330 Commandant Brady Visits Auxiliary-Sr Vice Henry has the gavel until Commandant Brady returns  
National and Division Reports

1312-National Report-National Jr Vice Commandant TJ Morgan

1333 -National Vice Commandant for NE Division Mike Waluk Report

1342-Report-Proposed National Bylaw & AP Changes.

Department Judge Advocate presents a summary and any recommendations.

1400-Nominations for Department Officers

Commandant Brady surrenders gavel to PNC Hastings.

Nominations of candidates for elected office

Commandant

Commandant Brady nominates Sr Vice Commandant Diana Henry.

Richard D, DVC6 Van Zanardi Seconds the Nomination.

Sr Vice Commandant

John McQuain nominates Jr Vice Commandant Victoria McCoy

Bill Forster, SVC Henry, and Commandant Brady Seconds the Nomination.

Jr Vice Commandant

Bonnie Shaw-Cpl. Bradon Hardy-Chester County Nominates Adjutant James Diamond

JVC McCoy, DVC6 Van Zanardi, SVC Henry and Commandant Brady Seconds the nomination.

Judge Advocate

DVC 4 Scot Hartman nominates JA Joel Sofranko

JVC McCoy, Bonnie Shaw, and John McQuain seconded the nomination.

1410 PNC Hastings closes nomination. Elections will be held Saturday 3 June 2023

Asked for motion to take proposed budget (table) off the table.

1411 ask for motion to take proposed due increase (table) off the table.

Commandant Brady Calls the motion, DVC 2 Irvin makes motion, DVC 3 James Seconds-Motion Passed.

1417 Asked for motion to take proposed fund withdraw (table) off the of the table.

Commandant Brady Calls the motion, DVC 4 Hartman makes motion, Chaplain Casella Seconds-Motion Passed.

1415 Budget Discussion/ Presentation/ Revisions

1416 Additional discussion on Budget Committee motion raising Annual Department Dues to \$5 from \$3.

No Second Needed

Discussions

Commandant Brady called for vote, All Voted Aye, Motion Carried

1418- Additional discussion on Budget Committee motion increasing Withdraw from Morgan Stanley to 5% from 4%  
No Second Needed

Discussions-Stephen Smalley

Commandant Brady called for vote, All Voted Aye, Motion Carried

1420- Additional discussion on Budget Committee motion to adopt proposed 2023-24  
No Second Needed

Discussions-

Commandant Brady called for vote, All Voted Aye, Motion Carried

1430-1445 Break

1457 Announcements-Adjutant Diamond

Keystone Headquarters Detachment meets immediately following.

Awards will be presented on Saturday Morning

The Ship Store closes at 1100 on Saturday Morning-need some help packing trailer.

Commandant Brady put the meeting into recess until Saturday.

Sgt at Arm Sundling retired the Colors.

Chaplin Casella clos the Bible.

Recess until 0900 Saturday 3 June 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

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Meeting Appointments-District 10 Frank Ataline Greater Greensburg-Motion By Chaplin Cassella and Second by DVC6 Van Zanardi.

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Report of Members or Members Family Sick or in Distress.

0915-Report of the Credentials Committee-Marine Phil McCoy-87 Members on board, Total Vote 150.

0917-Reports-Committees not Presented so far

0918-Commandants Council-SVC Diana Henry

0921-MOY Society-President Victoria McCoy.

0924-MCL of PA Foundation-Sandy Young

0925-PDC Society-PDC Bob Ziltz

0941-Americism-Chris Shaw

0945-Convention Committee-PDC Bob Ziltz

0950-1010-Break

1005-Commandant Brady calls for motion to receive Committee reports thus far submitted.

Motion Gary Anspach, Seconded by DVC6 Van Zanardi-Motion Passed

1020—Awards-Commandant Brady and SVC Henry Present Department Awards

1145-Announcements-Adjutant Diamond

Quartermaster & MODD Ship Store open until 1100

Hospitality Room closes after lunch today.

Election of Department Officers this afternoon.

Announcements from the floor.

Red Shirts

You Tube-the Marine Corps League

Recess

Sgt at Arms Sundling retired the colors.

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1200 Lunch Break

1400 Back from Lunch

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1405-Auxiliary President Visits the League

1420-Ships Store Sales Report Quartermaster Mastriana-League \$1637.20 and MODD \$934.00 Big Bones.  
Commandant Brady call for Motion to receive Committee report.

1421-Unfinished Business

Scholarship Chairperson Irvin-64 Scholarships were submitted, 56 scholarships were approved.

PNC Hastings makes motion to approve all scholarships that were approved, Second by Stephen Smalley-Motion Carries.  
Scholarships are \$350.00.

1430 New Business

1431-Election of Department Officers

Commandant Brady surrenders gavel to PNC Hastings for conduct of the elections

1434-Commandant

Bonnie Shaw-Makes motion to elect SVC Diana Henry to Commandant by unanimous Vote, seconded by DVC 6 Dean Van Zanardi- PNC Hastings asked everyone in favor of the motion to say Aye. Unanimous Aye. Diana Henry is the new Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania.

1435-Sr Vice Commandant

Dave Brady-Makes motion to elect JVC Victoria McCoy to SVC Commandant by unanimous Vote, seconded by Sgt at Arm Bob Sundling- PNC Hastings asked everyone in favor of the motion to say Aye. Unanimous Aye. Victoria McCoy is the new Sr Vice Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania.

1437-Jr Vice Commandant

Diana Henry-Makes motion to elect Adjutant James Diamond to JVC Commandant by unanimous Vote, seconded by Bonnie Shaw PNC Hastings asked everyone in favor of the motion to say Aye. Unanimous Aye. James Diamond is the new Jr Vice Commandant of the Department of Pennsylvania.

1439 Judge Advocate

DVC4 Scot Hartman-Makes motion to elect JA Joel Sofranko to Department Judge Advocate by unanimous Vote, seconded by Sgt at Arm Sundling- PNC Hastings asked everyone in favor of the motion to say Aye. Unanimous Aye. Joel Sofranko is the new Judge Advocate of the Department of Pennsylvania

1442-Districts Caucus to elect District Vice Commandants

1445-Districts announce Vice Commandants.

District 1-DVC Dennis Brown, AVC Bonnie Shaw, ADC Chris Shaw

District 2-DVC Gene Irvin, AVC Sue Irvin, ADC Bill Miller

District 3-DVC Coyer James

District 4-DVC Scot Hartman, AVC Jim Casella

District 5-DVC Gary Anspach, AVC Dean Beaver

District 6-DVC Dean Van Zanardi, AVC John McQuain

District 7-DVC Tom Brown

District 8-OPEN

District 9-OPEN

District 10-Matt Popovich

1448 Installation of all elected officers conducted by National Junior Vice Commandant TJ Morgan

Motion by Jr past Commandant Brady to accept all elected officers, Second by Commandant Diana Henry. Motion Passed.

1457 Announcements-Adjutant Diamond

Attitude Adjustment begins at 1730.

The newly elected Board of Trustees will meet at 0800 tomorrow.

Any newly elected officer not able to attend the meeting-see Adjutant ASAP

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