

# Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania

## 2023 Department Convention

### Board of Trustees Meeting

31 May 2023

Double Tree Hotel

Monroeville, PA

1801-The Board of Trustees of the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League was called to order by w Commandant Dave Brady on 31 May 2023 in the Double Tee Hotel in Monroeville Pa Opening ceremonies were held with the assistance of the Chaplain Schreiber and Sergeant at Arms Sundling.

Commandant Brady Recognized Jr Past PDC Bob Ziltz.

Roll Call of Officers was conducted by Adjutant Diamond. Commandant Brady, Sr Vice Commandant Henry, Jr Vice Commandant McCoy, JA Joel Sofranko, Jr Past PDC Bob Ziltz, DVC1 Doug Forstythe (excused), DVC2 Gene Irvin, DVC3 Colyer James, DVC4 Scot Hartman, DVC5 James Diamond, DVC6 Dean Van Zanardi, DVC7 Thomas Brown, District 8 Vacant, District 9 PDC Ray Chambers (absent), DVC 10 Andy Burch, Paymaster PDC Bob Ziltz, Adjutant James Diamond, Chaplain Jim Casella and Sgt At Arms Robert Sundling.

Commandant Brady asks for Motion to Have Bonnie Shaw sit in as District #1 Vice Commandant, Motion by DVC2 Irvin and Second by DVC10 Burch.

1803-Quorum-at least 8 members are present so Commandant Brady declares that a quorum being present we can conduct Department official business.

1804-Minutes of 17 March 2023 Board of Trustees meeting Posted 5 May 2023. Commandant Brady asks corrections or comments, hearing none, Commandant Brady asks for Motion to accept BOT minutes as written. Motion by Sr Vice Commandant Henry, Second by DVC 4 Hartman.

Reports of members sick or in distress-John Shelestak Allegany Valley, Jr Vice Commandant McCoy talked about issues with Melanie Diamond.

#### 1805-Correspondence

- 1) PDC Chambers has communicated that he will not accept another term as District 9 Vice Commandant or serve as point of contact. Outreach to two detachments (Lake Erie & Pendleton). Awaiting response.
- 2) Message from NJA Miller on eligibility of veterans with uncharacterized discharge (NO)
- 3) Message from National Commandant Baker on action by the Board of Trustees to increase Life Members Rates effective 1 July 2023.
- 4) PLM Distributions are happening this week-We can tell you what you are/aren't getting.
- 5) Centennial Anniversary Ribbon announced.
- 6) Escort for remains of Marine Sean Wiley (Districts 6, 3, 4).

1807-Report of online votes by Board of Trustees since last meeting. (NONE)

1808-Report of Elected Officers- All Elected Officers Reports were written, submitted and posted, except for Districts 8 and 9.

Jr Vice Commandant McCoy Note- Veteran and Youth Tickets and Department Calendars are here. Commandant Brady asks for Motion to receive all Elected Officer Reports. Motion by DVC10 Burch and Second by DVC4 Hartman. Motion Passes

1810-Reports of Appointed Officers

1811-Paymaster-PDC Bob Ziltz

1826-Morgan Stanley-Tom McIlwee

1837-Adjutant-James Diamond

1838-Chaplain-Jim Casella

1839-Sgt at Arms-Bob Sundling

Commandant Brady asks for Motion to receive all appointed Officer reports. Motion by DVC10 Burch and Second by DVC4 Hartman. Motion Passes.

Standing Committee Reports

1840-Budget Committee-Chair-Jr Vice Victoria McCoy

1)Committee motion raising Annual Department Dues to \$5 (from \$3)

No Second Needed-No Discussion-Vote All Aye-Motion Carried.

2) Committee motion increasing withdraw from Morgan Stanley to 5% (from 4%).

No Second Needed-No Discussion-Vote All Aye-Motion Carried.

3) Committee motion Board recommend adoption of proposed 2023-2024 Budget.

No Second Needed-No Discussion-Vote All Aye-Motion Carried.

1920-Audit Committee-Chair-Jr Vice Victoria McCoy

1921-Convention Committee-Chair- PDC Bob Ziltz/ Vice Chair DVC10 Andy Burch.

1925-Awards-Chair-Sr Vice Diana Henry

1927-Commandants Council-Sr Vice Diana Henry

1928-Training-Sr Vice Diana Henry

1929-Membership-Sr Vice Diana Henry

1935-Scholarship-Chair-Gene Irvin

1940-Commandant Brady asked for motion to receive all standing committee reports presented. Motion by Jr Vice Victoria McCoy and Second by Sr Vice Diana Henry.

1940-Unfinished Business

Closing Detachments- JA Joel Sofranko

Pocono Marines #492 (District 4)

Laurel Highlands #732

R.L. Green #292 (District 9) – March 21, 2020-need to make sure we have charter.

Boot Marine #441 (District 6)

1941-Detachments of Concern

Upper Darby #884 (District 1)

Cpl Brandon Hardy Chester County #286 (District 1)

Lake Erie Marines #293 (District 9)

1947-Suspended Detachments

Delaware County #288- another change of leadership. Commandant and SVC discussed and hopefully resolved one issue.

Motion made to continue with suspension until Friday October 20, 2023.

Motion by DVC1 (acting) Shaw and Second by DVC6 Van Zanardi. Motion Carried.

2014 Headquarters-Commandant Brady

Tennant Meeting held on 11 May 2023 (next meeting 17 August 2023, Jim Diamond and Dean Van Zanardi attending.

Update on Security Construction

- 1) Main Gate completion in July
- 2) East Gate will be closed-employee access only when completed.
- 3) Commonwealth may finish (Federal funds running out).
- 4) Driver License needed for entry when completed.

New HVAC unit installed.

Carpet cleaned.

Window repaired in Sgt at Arms Room

Window repair/replacement in 3-96 pending.

2016-New Business-

- 1) Motion to continue to donate \$200 from Special Contributions (Line 218) for the Adjutant General Fishing Derby- participants from Delaware Valley, Gino Merli & Southeast Veteran's homes. \$200 donated last year.

Motion by SR Vice Henry and Second by DVC2 Irvin. Motion Carried

- 2) Motion to continue to donate \$200 from Special Contributions (Line 218) for the Western PA Charity Sporting Clays Shoot. Sponsored by American Income Life- our accidental death policy carrier.

Motion by DVC1 Shaw (acting) and Second by DVC3 James. Motion Carried

- 3) Motion to approve engagement of Boles, Metzger, Brosius and Walburn for Department of PA 990 for the year ending 30 June 2023

Motion by DVC10 Burch and Second by DVC6 Van Zanardi. Motion Carried

- 4) Motion to approve Detachment Reports proposed by DVC Burch

Motion By DVC10 Burch and Second by PDC Ziltz

Motion to table by Sr Vice Henry and Second by DVC4 Hartman.

2030- Good of the League

Modern Day Marine in Washington DC-June 27-28-29 2023

The Wall That Heals-Three stops in PA during 2023

Kutztown (District 3)- September 21-24- Vietnam Veterans Breakfast Club.

Lemont Furnace (District 10)- October 12-15- Fayette County

Phoenixville (District 1)- October 26-29- Upper Providence Township Committee.

2031-Announcements-

Next BOT Meeting-0800 Sunday 4 June 2023-Monroeville Convention Center

2034-Commandant Dave Brady proceeded to Close his last BOT Meeting.

THANKS DAVE

Respectfully Submitted

James P. Diamond

Adjutant

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