



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Commandant's Council Meeting January 2024
MCLPA HQ Building 3-95 Upper Deck
Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

20 Jan 2024

0933 - Opening Ceremony -Meeting was called to order at 0933 by JVC Diamond in the upstairs meeting room with the assistance of Sergeant at Arms Sundling and Chaplain Jim Schreiber.

JVC Diamond Acknowledge Past Nat'l and Dept. Commandants in Attendance

Jr. PDC Brady
PDC Bob Ziltz

National Staff in Attendance -

Asst NE DVC Brady
Howard Schaeffer - National Chaplain and President of the MCL Foundation
National Sgt. at Arms -Lisa Solarczyk
Protocol Officer, Honor Guard and Color Guard Committee and Uniform Committee- Lisa Solarczyk

2023 Dept. Marine of the Year - Howard Schaeffer

2023 NEDIV Associate and Department Member of the Year - Carol McIntosh

MCLPA Marines of the Year

Commandant Henry
Joe Pokojni
Dave Brady
Lisa Solarczyk
Jim Midia
John Mitzak

Nat'l Marines of the Year

Lisa Solarczyk

Div Marine of the Year

Dave Brady

Detachment Marines of the Year recognized by standing and stating their name and year

Associate Marines of the Year

Div. Associate of the Year - Carol McIntosh
Dept. Associate - Carol McIntosh
Det. Associate - Jim Schreiber

Housekeeping moment brought up by Dept. and National Protocol Officer - Lisa Solarczyk

Salute the colors upon entering the room and leaving the room, and the Sgt. at Arms.
Refer to the person speaking by their professional title and position.
Clean up your area and assist cleaning up at the end of the day.

Roll Call of the Detachments - Adjutant Cook



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14 Det. Present :

Bethlehem, Lehigh Valley, Northampton County, P W Milano, Susquehanna Valley, Black Sheep, First Capitol, Lewis B Puller Jr, Central Bucks, Gettysburg Battlefield, South Hills Pittsburgh, Black Diamond, Keystone HQ, Leatherneck Square

Guest Speaker - Courtyard of Honor - Randy McKillop

Ten minute break from 1025 to 1035

Detachment Reports

Department wants to know key issues, areas where help is needed, brief mention of upcoming events before and after the event takes place so Officers can show up and participate. If no issues or help needed, acknowledge report as written and submitted.

Bethlehem - no issues to report.

Lehigh Valley - report submitted.

Northampton - need help with recruiting.

P W Milano - tried to increase membership, members are old. Need help with recruiting.

Susquehanna Valley - Golf tournament in May.

Williamsport - report written and submitted.

Black Sheep - participated in the chili cook-off judging panel and could not give report at the moment.

First Capitol - report written and submitted.

Lewis B Puller Jr - report submitted. 5 new members brought in and in attendance. Busy detachment.

Central Bucks - written and submitted. Need help recruiting. Bricks fundraiser ideas coming up.

Gettysburg Battlefield - did not file a report. Struggling for membership also. Installed new officers.

South Hills Pittsburgh - report submitted. Donations for two campaigns. Detachment is stable and improving each year.

Black Diamond - detachment is closing, lost 5 members in the last year.

Keystone HQ - Commandant McCoy at home sick. Keystone HQ is growing because it is a "holding" detachment. Did host hospitality room previous night. Raffle to raise more money.

Leatherneck Square - Get with local recruiting stations to find Marines leaving active duty and contact them and see if interested in joining the MCL.

JVC Passed out papers for MCL Program information created by SVC McCoy.

Unfinished Business:

- Department APs are working progress. Reach out to SVC McCoy for narrative.
 - Not following AP's is a problem. Follow the APs or adjust/change the APs.
- Lewis B Puller detachment - Chaplain was given Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award present by Howard Schaeffer at their detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

New Business :

- Leadership School - April 27th at Corporal Bradon Home. Watch for emails on this. Highly encourage members to attend this course.

Good of the League :



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- JVC Diamond has a raffle -870 Remington shotgun, Vietnam era.
- Has 6 calendars left, and Veteran's and Youth tickets - see JVC Diamond.
- Susquehanna Valley detachment - trip to the Marine Corps Museum last year. Proposing trip to 8th and I this year to see the evening parade and Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Corps Band. Tickets will go on sale in March. Open to any in the Department interested in going. Asked to post to the website.
- Dave Brady - trip to 8th and I Friday August 2nd. \$130 per person and includes dinner. Not sponsored by the MCL or any detachment. District 6 pickup locations.

Announcements :

- Chili for lunch - asking for \$5 donations
- 50/50 raffle
- Mission BBQ gift certificate

Next Commandant's Council - 16 March 2024 at 0900 at HQ bldg upper deck.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting was adjourned at 1105 hours by JVC Diamond assisted by SAA Sundling and Chaplain Schreiber.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA