

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Keystone Leatherneck

April 2024



Commandant's Message

Greetings to all the members of the Department of PA. I hope that this Spring edition of our Department newsletter finds you well and excited for our upcoming convention to take place at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. This should be a familiar venue as we were in this same location in 2022.

It seems a little strange to write after our quarterly meeting has occurred, instead of before, but I made this change to the newsletter schedule to allow for equal spacing between issues. On a good note, this allows me to provide a recap of what occurred for those not able to be in attendance, rather than an outline of what was planned.

There was some very good information passed at this meeting. I think SVC McCoy truly impressed on the membership that most of the information you might need to find can be found – “On the Department website”. We had a speaker come in to talk about the rebuilding of “The Tun” in Philadelphia, and share with the members a lot of the history behind this very famous tavern and why it holds such a special meaning to Marines and other organizations. I never knew that we were not the only organization “born” there. It was interesting to learn.

Information was also shared about our upcoming Division Conference. April 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Princeton, NJ. Same venue as the last two years. There will be a decision made at that conference concerning the rotation of National Vice Commandant between the three states of the NE Division. Do we want to keep that rotation? Or do we want to allow any candidate to campaign and run for Division Vice. I need to know what the Department of PA thinks is the correct choice. If you have an opinion, drop me an email and tell me what it is. This is NOT my decision to make. It is YOUR decision. I just voice it.

We made friends with a new 501c(3) organization – Military Pets Share. Their mission is to provide pet food to veterans in need. This allows the vet to spend their money feeding themselves, but their fur babies do not go without. They were nice enough to provide the manpower to run our hospitality room on Friday evening and keep the food and beverages stocked. The food was donated to us by Mission BBQ, and for that we thank them.

There was a lot of material covered, but it did get a little rushed toward the close. Partly due to trying to cover things that should have been brought up in January, but were not, due to the limited people in attendance because of the bad weather. One thing that was completely overlooked, is that traditionally at our March Quarterly meeting, all of the Department Officers announce whether they intend to run for office at the Department convention. I would like to officially announce that it IS my intention to run for reelection in June. I have enjoyed my first year as Commandant and hope that you feel I have done a good job. I have several items I would till like to accomplish before I step aside for my successor.

Semper Fi,

Diana Henry Commandant, MCL Dept of PA



General Alfred M. Gray

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS --

General Alfred M. Gray Jr., the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, died March 20 at his home in Alexandria, Virginia. He was 95. General Gray was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 39 years, Jan, who passed away January 30, 2020.

Born June 22, 1928, in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., Gray enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1950 after dropping out of college to fight in Korea, serving as a radio operator with the Amphibious Reconnaissance Platoon, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

Over the next 41 years, Gray established a legacy of heroism in combat, deploying eight times to lead Marines in dangerous missions – several of them clandestine. Gray earned the distinction of leading the first independent ground operations by a Marine unit in Vietnam while commanding a composite unit of signals intelligence Marines supported by attached infantry. During his several deployments to Vietnam, Gray pioneered modern signals intelligence collection methods and developed operational employment concepts in which intelligence drove follow-on operations. His lifelong advocacy for such techniques earned him admittance to the National Security Agency's Hall of Honor in 2008 for lifetime achievements in the area of signals intelligence. His early work and establishment of two units, formed the nucleus of what is known today as the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion.

Commanding at every operational level from 40-person platoon to 40,000-strong Marine Amphibious Force, General Gray reached the pinnacle of Marine Corps leadership when Navy Secretary James Webb selected him to serve as the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

While Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Gray established an unrivaled reputation as a champion of academics and professional education. He federated five of the Corps' formal schools for officers and senior enlisted leaders under the umbrella command of a new Marine Corps University. Hundreds of Marine leaders earn accredited degrees through the university each year as they complete courses of study for promotion and advancement. For Marines of all ranks, Gray implemented the requirement to read at least two books each year from a list he hand-selected. The Commandant's Reading List remains a fixture of Marine Corps professional development.

Gray also led the Marine Corps through the adoption of the doctrinal warfighting concept that serves as the distinguishing institutional and operational philosophy to this day. The Corps' embrace of maneuver warfare doctrine earned it numerous battlefield successes from the 1980s through the modern day. Maneuver warfare continues to be studied not just by U.S. Marines, but by foreign militaries and even civilian business schools around the world. Maneuver warfare emphasizes adaptability, decisiveness, and initiative based on common operational understanding.

Throughout his career, Gray's experience as a junior Marine and a noncommissioned officer anchored his leadership philosophy. In an address to a graduating U.S. Naval Academy class, he advised the newly commissioning officers, "If you come and join my Marines, I want you to know that your 'number one' job is to take care of the men and women you are privileged to lead."

Gray stated in interviews that his best day in the Marine Corps was the day he promoted to corporal and joined the ranks of noncommissioned officers.

"I think as excited as I ever was as a young Marine ... my proudest day probably was when I got to put corporal on my return address on the envelope [home]. That was a very, very good day."

Gray left his mark in other ways as well. When visitors to the Pentagon observe the portraits of the Corps' Commandants hanging in the Marine Corps hallway, the tidy row of officers bedecked in Marine Corps Dress Blues and gleaming medals is abruptly disrupted by the face of General Gray smiling back at them as he stands proudly in his Camouflage Utility Uniform. As was his reputation, Gray sought to deliver an enduring message. He adamantly instructed all Marines that "every Marine is, first and foremost, a rifleman. All other conditions are secondary."

General Gray Obituary Continued:

This warrior mindset manifested itself in the areas of training and combat readiness as well. Gray directed changes to Marines' readiness to fight "in any clime or place," as the service's hymn reads. Marine formations trained to conduct large-scale maneuvers in desert and cold-weather environments, as unit leaders implemented the tenets of maneuver warfare. This transformation in the aftermath of the Vietnam War-era included the development of a maritime special operations capability, emphasis on the education of leaders, establishment of the Marine Corps University, and development of a long-range desert operations capability.

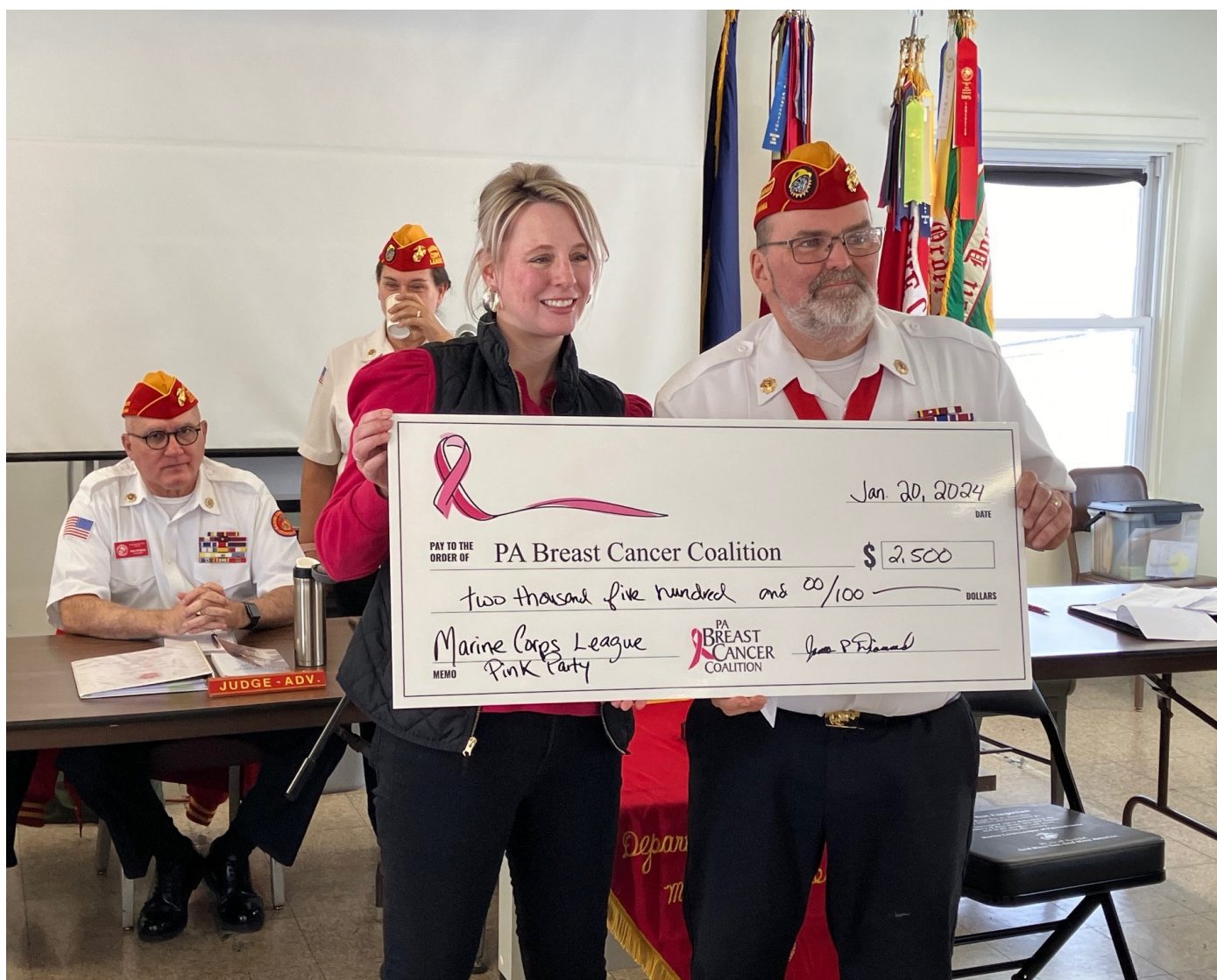
From their first date in September of 1969, General Gray and his wife Jan were separable only by fidelity to Corps and duty. After a brief engagement, then-Major General Gray and Jan married on July 27, 1980, in Burlington, Vermont. Throughout their marriage of nearly 40 years, Mrs. Gray gave her time and efforts unselfishly to the Marine Corps. She was best known for her dedication to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, the Marine Corps Scholarship Program, the Navy Wifeline Program, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, and the families of casualties from the Beirut Bombing. In 1985, she was lauded with the Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award. In 1991, the Department of the Navy bestowed on her its Distinguished Public Service Award, recognizing her years of dedication to the men, women and families of the Department of the Navy.

After his military retirement, General Gray served as board chairman and CEO for several public and private companies and was a consultant for several organizations in national and international industry and government. He served on the Defense Science Board; Defense Special Operations Advisory Group; National Security Agency Science Advisory Board; National Reconnaissance Office Gold Team; Defense Operations Support Office Advisory Team; and as director of the Advanced Concept Demonstration Technology for Combat in the Littorals. General Gray was also chairman emeritus of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and America Fund, which help take care of wounded veterans and their families. In addition, he served as chancellor of the Marine Military Academy and chairman of the U.S. Marine Youth Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, and the Chairman of the Board of the Norwich University Advanced Research Institute.

A public visitation, organized by the estate of General Gray, will be held from 1400-1600 and 1800-2000, April 7, 2024 at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 703-549-0074. The uniform for the April 7 visitation is Dress Blue/White Bravo with cloth belt, white gloves, and mourning band. There will be an open-to-the-public Full Honors Funeral Ceremony in the National Capital Region at a location and time to be determined. Burial services at Arlington National Cemetery will follow the funeral ceremony. In lieu of flowers, General and Mrs. Gray wish for donations to any of the following charitable organizations:

- Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
- - Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation
- Marine Youth Fitness Foundation
- Marine Corps University Foundation
- Marine Corps Heritage Foundation
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
- Hope for the Warriors
- Toys For Tots

***The Pennsylvania Department of the Marine Corps League
supports the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.***



Jennifer Pensinger, Executive Director of the PA Breast Cancer Coalition accepts a check \$2,500 from the PA Department of Pennsylvania's Junior via Jim Diamond.

Jennifer is committed to working with survivors, researchers, corporate leaders, legislators and grassroots advocates to find a cure for breast cancer and to improve the lives of women in PA living with the disease. Jennifer has been with the PBCC since 2002 and was promoted to Executive Director in 2012. She is a graduate of Shippensburg University and has a degree in Communications & Public Relations. She is a member of the Lebanon Commission for Women, serves as a Co-Chair of the Communications Committee for the PA Cancer Coalition under the PA Department of Health and is a 2010 graduate of the Leadership Harrisburg Area program. Jennifer lives in Palmyra with her husband Paul and daughters Olivia and Stella.



Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania 2023 - 2024 Meeting Schedule

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

April 12-13, 2024: Northeast Division Conference

Crowne Plaza Princeton, Plainsboro Township, NJ

Accommodations – 900 Scudders Mill Rd, Plainsboro Township, NJ 08536

Phone: 609-936-4200 Group Code: NED \$119/night + tax (about \$136 total)

Conference Registration is \$10 Deadline to register is: 20 March 2024

Banquet 13 April – Tickets are \$60 each [Conference Registration & Banquet Form](#)

June 19-23, 2024: Dept of PA Convention

Penn Harris Hotel – Camp Hill, PA (more details to come)

Accommodations – 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

Phone: 717-763-7117 ask for Marine Corps League rate; includes breakfast

Single: \$124.91 (total); Double: \$141.91 (total) Deadline: 29 May 2024

August 12-16, 2024: National Convention

Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa – Palm Springs, CA

Accommodations – 7133 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Phone: 888-627-7086 Reference MCL or Marine Corps League

\$159/night single \$169/night double (rates include breakfast, tax, resort fee & parking)

Cutoff for reservations is: 8 July 2024

October 18-19, 2024: Department Fall Meeting

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations – Best Western Grantville Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)

450 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-8181

\$92/night +tax (includes breakfast) Code:2F4LK4U9 Deadline: 2 Oct 2024

January 17-18, 2025: Department Winter Meetings

Meetings at Headquarters Building, Ft. Indiantown Gap

Accommodations - Best Western Grantville Hershey (I-81 Exit 80)

450 Station Road Grantville, PA 717-469-8181

\$92/night +tax (includes breakfast) Code:1Y7ZH9D6 Deadline: 2 Jan 2025

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Guest Speaker Patrick Dailey presented plans to reestablish Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. He spoke to PA MCL on March 16 at the Spring Meeting at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Mr. Dailey is the founder of the Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation. A Philadelphia native, Mr. Dailey holds bachelor's degrees in accounting and business management from Spring Garden College in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. He served as a Marine Officer with both the 3rd Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing from 1981 to 1985. After leaving active-duty he worked as a cost accountant in the construction industry for 10 years, and the pharmaceutical industry for 26 years. He has served on the Philadelphia Board of The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation since 2001, and in 2022 as a Board member of the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia. He and his wife built, own, and operate a successful restaurant and adjoining retail store in the Philadelphia suburbs for the past 20 years that has been consistently rated one of the best places to eat on Philadelphia's Mainline according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Zagat*, and *The Mainline Times*.



An artist's rendering of the proposed new Tun Tavern. Plans call for it to be open in time to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U. S. Marine Corps.



Northampton Detachment's Jim Mineo eyes one of copper ale tankards that will be available to sponsors of the Tun Tavern project.



COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

With a lot of work from the Department Chief of Staff, this document has been updated to include a lot more of the documents and reports that detachments are asked to submit either to Department, or to National. It used to be one page (or one side of a sheet of paper). It is now both sides of the page, and sideways. So, it doesn't really fit well in the newsletter. One of the good things about the new document is that for the reports that need filed, there are hyperlinks that when you click on them will open the actual form you need to fill out, or will open the website that you need to go to. Email addresses for Dept Staff relating to the documents needing filed are also on this form, and clickable to allow you to easily communicate with them.

This form can be found on the Department website under the Resources tab – Where to Send Documents. Or you can click this link: [Resources \(pamcleague.com\)](https://www.pamcleague.com/resources).

I have included a screen shot of the new document, so you can see what it looks like, if you haven't already seen it. If you were at the Spring Department meeting it was talked about a lot. I hope that you find this document a useful tool. No, the links you see here won't work.



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Communications and documents should be sent to the mailing address above, **EXCEPT** as noted below.

Website: <https://www.pamcleague.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MCLDEPTPA>

DOCUMENT	NUMBER OF COPIES	WHERE TO SEND	MORE INFORMATION
DSCB 15-5110 PA Non-Profit Annual Report	One (1) copy of Accepted filing	Paymaster Stephen Smalley 53marine1973@gmail.com	On or before April 30 15-5110-Annual-Statement-Nonprofit-Corporation.pdf (pamcleague.com)
IRS 990 Confirmation	One (1) copy of Accepted filing	Paymaster Stephen Smalley 53marine1973@gmail.com	Accepted page (not the Pending page). Paymaster forwards to National Headquarters.
Notice of Death (NOD)	One (1) copy to each	Chaplain Jim Schreiber willys1948@hotmail.com Paymaster: email with transmittal 53marine1973@gmail.com	Chaplain forwards to National Chaplain Paymaster forwards to National Membership
PLM Audit	one (1) Signed copy	Paymaster Stephen Smalley 53marine1973@gmail.com	Due by 31 December Paymaster sends to National Headquarters. See: National Administrative Procedures Section 7055
Report of Installation (ROI) and Supplemental	one (1) Signed Original	Attention: Adjutant Sarah Cook by mail	ROI information is posted to the website for the Detachment. Submit a supplemental to report any changes.
Transmittal	Original and one (1) copy by mail	Paymaster Stephen Smalley 53marine1973@gmail.com	In DEPARTMENT section of Transmittal, put: Paymaster name: Stephen Smalley Phone: 914-941-7413 Email: 53marine1973@gmail.com
Reports			
Eagle Scout Report	One (1) copy	Greg Schlegel, Chairman Scouting Committee gregmarine102383@gmail.com	Each Quarter using this report Scout Report (pamcleague.com) Regular mail address on form, if needed.
Toys for Tots After Action Report	One (1) copy	Dean VanZanardi, Chairman Toys for Tots Committee richardzanardi@comcast.net	For more information: https://www.pamcleague.com/toys-for-tots-2
VVS Report	One (1) copy	Jacob Bertin, Chairman, VVS aaronber50@outlook.com	Forms: https://www.pamcleague.com/volunteer-services Make sure to send the correct Quarter Form Mail: Jacob Bertin, 25 Cherokee Lane, Williamsport, PA 17701

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from the Department Auxiliary President . . .

Warmer weather is not far away and spring will be here before we know it. All members of the Marine Corps League and Auxiliary who are able should be making plans to attend the Department Convention in June. While affording the opportunity to conduct the business of the Auxiliary and the League, the Convention provides time to spend with old friends, as well as time to make new friends. You will learn so very much if you attend!

April brings our National Northeast Division Conference. Pennsylvania always has a good turn-out and this year should be no different. Armed Forces Day is in May, Memorial Day allows everyone the opportunity to remember and pay tribute to all the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Plan to attend local parades and ceremonies. Pay homage to those who have given their very life for our freedom. June is our Pennsylvania Convention and July provides an opportunity for everyone to celebrate Independence Day. Participate in parades, display the American Flag and enjoy a picnic with family and friends. While this day is more commonly referred to as the 4th of July, we must never forget the sacrifices that were made all those years ago so that we can live today in an independent nation.

As we move toward the end of our fiscal year, it becomes even more evident that membership is key to the success of every one of our programs. Remember that membership is everyone's business and also everyone's responsibility. RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary stands for so very much of what is important in today's world. While setting an example of a combination of service, integrity and compassion, the Marine family takes care of their own. Please remember those confined to VA facilities and those serving in harm's way. Pray for them and help their families. Visit those that are unable to get out. There is an amazing feeling of pride that comes from knowing the active part we play in helping care for our active-duty service men and women, our Veterans, and their families.

Many "Little Angels" need our help. Everyone is encouraged to bring or send something to the Convention in support of the Auxiliary's Operation Little Angel program. Each Unit and member can participate, even if they are unable to attend in person.

The ladies of the Auxiliary work on many projects in their local communities every day, volunteering untold hours in support of Veterans and children. Auxiliary participation is evident in the numbers and figures turned in each year. Our Auxiliary and League Members are always busy. We must be doing something right! Auxiliary members across the commonwealth are doing an outstanding job in leading the way and setting the pace. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to each and every member for sharing their time and talents with those who need it most.

Semper Fidelis,

Ruth S. Moyses

PNP Ruth S. Moyses,

President MCLA of PA, Inc.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON, PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

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



Covering Their Six

By Jim Ulinksi

As a proud old Marine, not an Ex-Marine, not a Former Marine, (we earned our title), I try and help veterans and their families by doing my small part in "paying it forward" by sending out Veteran News articles each month covering legislation at the state and national level, health tips, relevant news, etc. Not everyone has the time or desire to do this!

However, we can all continue to serve by at least "covering the six" of our fellow Marines and members of the other services. Every year the VA has "Buddy Week". The inaugural "Buddy Check Week" took place October 16-20, 2023, and is a "national campaign to encourage Veterans to connect or reconnect with their Veteran friends—just to check in."

"It was built on the success of the American Legion's Buddy Check program and the Veteran Wellness Alliance's Get involved program."

My start into calling veterans began during COVID, when we were less likely to have meetings with our veteran friends. I called about 40-50 veterans in my DAV Chapter and others I knew every couple weeks, just to check on their six. Often, the call only lasted a couple minutes, but many commented on how nice it was to know I cared.

Now that COVID is not the same threat, I still check on my veteran friends that I do not see at various veteran organizational meetings.

Simply "Google" National Buddy Check Week for lots of information about "recognizing the signs of distress and resources you can recommend to your buddy if needed, 1-800-MyVA411 to get started with VA, the Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7. Dial 988 then Press 1, Chat Online. Or Text 838255."

To get a VA Welcome Kit to learn what the VA offers and how to get started. [VA.gov/welcome-kit](https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit).

You can also find out how to find battle buddies and friends using RallyPoint.

When we served in our various military organizations, we learned how important it was to have our buddy's six. Now that we are veterans, checking our buddy's six may even be more important.

Make a difference and perhaps you will be surprised how good it makes you feel as well!

Semper Fi

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Open Zoom Meeting on Pre-Planning-VA Death Benefits/What If?

On Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, I will be leading a short presentation entitled What If? Pre-Planning.

It is an MCL (Marine Corps League) Scuttlebutt session on **Zoom starting at 1900** and lasts one hour. It is hosted by Victoria McCoy, National Public Relations Committee Chairperson.

About one year ago I did a similar, but longer presentation for our PA State MCL and it was very well received, so they graciously decided it was worth opening for not only Marines, but to anyone interested in how to make it a bit easier for our spouse, significant other/family should we die suddenly.

During this short presentation I cover a good deal of information on the items your spouse/significant other/family will need in the event of your death. There are also many other sources of information from the VA, many of the Service Organizations, Funeral Homes, etc.

I also share many bits of acquired knowledge over my years helping veterans' spouses/significant others/family.

Please hold questions or comments until the Q&A.

Seating is limited in our Zoom room to only 300 (maximum capacity) and priority seating goes to MCL members.

Because of time restrictions, you may reach me at ulinski705@gmail.com for questions, to get a copy of the 11-page full presentation, and/or to receive my monthly Veteran News which is Bcc'd to everyone.

Meeting ID: 416 428 8328

Passcode: MCL2024 (MCL capped)

"These sessions are edited and posted to the MCL National You Tube channel in a few days following each session."

"These videos are available for anybody to access at www.youtube.com/themarinecorpsleague.

"Any person wanting to join the Marine Corps League in any capacity can contact us directly so we may connect you with a representative in your area." "Marines, Veterans of any branch of the Military, family members or any Patriot wanting to help this Veteran Organization."

For information about the MCL or how to contact the National Public Relations Committee at publicrelations@mcleague.org or if in the state of Pennsylvania, you may contact our Senior Vice Commandant Victoria McCoy at pamcl.srvice@outlook.com

District Reports

Report from Pennsylvania District 1

We have been working on the Tun Tavern Detachment Charter situation. DelCo Detachment, is trying to embed it with their own charter, so it stays viable. I am trying to reach out to the Tun Tavern membership to see if they want to transfer to a different detachment. If not, if they have a life membership, they can become a member at large with the Keystone Detachment (Headquarters). The non-life members will have to keep up to date with their dues. They still have to transfer or become a member at large with headquarters.

I have been trying to establish a system within the district, I call D.A.D.S. (Detachments Assisting Detachments), a system that lets detachments to contact other detachments in cases where they are short handed for details (such as funerals, casket watch, rifle detail, flag folding, color guard, etc.) and notifying others about upcoming events like (monthly breakfasts, bingos, horseshoes, flag retirements and other events). Getting detachments together is a good thing.

One other item I'm working on is a District Marine Corps Ball for 2025 (the 250th birthday of the Marine Corps.) It would be held some time in Nov. 2025. This is not to be confused with the Tun Welcome Home Celebration the same year.

I have had the pleasure of installing the officers in five detachments, with two to go. Since becoming District Vice Commandant, I have visited every detachment in District-1, to introduce myself and my Assistant District Vice Commandant, to pass on information, and to install officers.

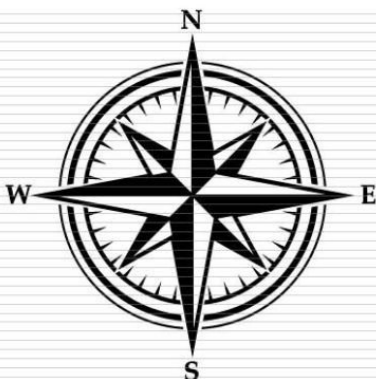
There is a Pennsylvania Department. convention coming up, 18-22 June 2024, in Camp Hill, Pa. It is a good chance to see the work your state officers do, to keep the MCL a contributing veteran's organization. If you intend on going to the convention, be sure to list all your Det. Officers on the registration form, for your voting strength, even if they don't go. One person from your detachment should go to be a representative even if it is for one day. Your voting strength counts.

This concludes my article for this quarter. I hope this finds you and your detachment well and I will see you at the convention or at one of your meetings.

Have Fun, Stay Safe

Dennis J. Brown, District-1 Vice Commandant
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Leadership!

We can't grow without it!

Good job, Dennis!

News from around the Pennsylvania Department



Bethlehem Detachment 284's Mess Night was a great success! Lots of toasts. Great Citizen of the Year honoree in Mr. Marty Hackett. Lots of great silent auction prizes and money raised. Great job done by George Borman, Chair of the Mess Night Committee and Vice President of the Mess and by Past Commandant Carl Schroeder as President of the Mess!

Right: Members of First Capitol Detachment were on hand to recognize **Cody Mason** of Troop 94 of Shiloh on his promotion to Eagle Scout on March 16 at Lincoln Fire Hall in York. For his Eagle Scout Project, Cody restored the playground at St. Rose of Lima Church School in Thomasville by refinishing wood playsets, picnic tables and spreading mulch in the play area. Chaplain Carol Corwin presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award, and a First Capitol Challenge Coin. SAA Matthew Corwin was also in attendance (behind the camera).



Members of First Capitol Detachment were on hand to recognize **Isaac Lamison** of Troop 54 on his promotion to Eagle Scout on March 10 at Grace (Roundtown) Lutheran Church in York. For his Eagle Scout Project, Isaac led a team to repair and replace outdoor meeting benches at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Commandant John McQuain & Associate James Schreiber presented the MCL Good Citizenship Award, and a First Capitol Challenge Coin. Marine Dave Brady was also in attendance.

News from around the Pennsylvania Department

Bethlehem Detachment 284 visited the Holy Family Manor in Bethlehem on 21 March 2024, We visited 13 veterans including Detachment 284 Member Marine Otto Ehrsam.

We were joined in the visit by members of the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council which provided a grant to fund Muscian Joe Tkach who sang favorite songs and played his Sigma-Martin guitar.

Gifts included neck scarves made by Janet Rapee and Joanne Graves.



Right: Bethlehem Detachment 284's Senior Vice Commanant George Bor-man III presents a gift to an Army Veteran.



Musician Joe Tkach entertains the veterans at Holy Family Manor in Bethlehem



Above: Bethlehem Detachment 284 Commandant Glenn Rader visits with a veteran.

