



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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## Commandant Report – October 2024

Greetings to all the members of the Department of PA.

As I write my fall report I pause to give thanks that amid all of the devastation in the Southeast portion of our Nation, nobody in my immediate family was affected. My prayers and thoughts go out to all of those who were affected. Which is why I held an on-line vote of the Board of Trustees to get approval to donate \$2500 to North Carolina and Tennessee. The Department board and then the Foundation board made the appropriate motions and approved these donations. An email was sent to all members about this and letting Detachments know where they could send donations if so inclined. Several detachments have sent donations, whether cash or good, and I am sure the recipients appreciate it.

Since our convention in June, I have attended the National convention in Palm Springs. Once again, PA had the most delegate votes at convention with 1369. We had 15 Detachments represented, which was good. If all of our detachments had been represented, we would have carried 3520 votes. A new slate of National officers has been elected and installed. Next year's convention will be in Grapevine, TX and 2026 will be in Indianapolis, IN.

Took care of some family business at the end of August and then participated in a Veterans Conference that was held in Pittsburgh. This event was hosted by the DMVA of PA and the PA Guard Association. Lots of good speakers sharing worthwhile information. The best part was that while I was there, I was able to fit in visits to 2 of the Detachments in District 8. I visited New Castle and South Hills Pittsburgh. Huge thanks to DVC Matt Popovich for being chauffeur so I didn't have to drive unfamiliar streets. Both of these detachments had good turnouts and from the content of their meetings are doing good things in their communities to meet the mission of the Marine Corps League. It was great to see. I hope to visit many more detachments in the coming months.

On a somewhat sad note, Tun Tavern Detachment #309 is officially closed. The last members have been transferred and their charter turned in. On a brighter note, many of the members transferred to nearby Delaware County Detachment, who filed paperwork to officially change their name to Tun Tavern Delaware County. I recently got word that this change has been approved by National and their new charter is on the way.

I attended 2 PA War Veterans Council meetings, and 2 State Veteran's Commission meetings. Any relevant information from these meetings has been forwarded as necessary.

One thing that I would like to remind members of is that while we are not active military, there is still a chain of command to follow to get things done. Please give your Detachment and Department Officers a chance to answer your questions before you contact National staff. Most of the time, we can provide you with the answers you're looking for. Just give us a chance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Headquarters on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We have new accommodations for our overnight stays and hope to report good things.

Semper fi,

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