

MCL, Department of Pennsylvania
Scouting America Chairman Report
1st Quarter report

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I would like to start off by saying that we had slow 1st Quarter, with not much activity, but I have been working on changing that. I have been working directly with each Scout Council in Pennsylvania by creating an awareness of what the Marine Corps League has to offer for each Eagle Scout regardless of when they earned their Eagle award, or gender. This awareness is much different than what the soon Eagle Scouts are used to seeing. Each Council and Troop do not operate the same way at all, each operate on their own set of guidelines, where some are given Eagle packets, and some have no clue that we are even out there, and then some have been working with us for many years. Now is this an easy task, and the answer is no! It is going to take a while, but I'm sure it will all be worth it. I also have found out that there are also have been some Detachments that have no idea that I exist as the Department Chair, until they get a call from me, that I have a request for a Court of Honor for their Detachment, and they wonder why they were not informed first about this, and why I was giving this to them, and then I have to explain. So, I then must explore which Detachments in our Department have been doing this for a while now, and where they already have something well established. I also am trying to recommend that our Detachments get involved in their local Councils, or Scout Troops, get involved and be apart of their learning experience. Most of the Councils have Awards Banquets,

get involved. I just recently joined the local Scout Troop 538 in Lewisburg, so that I can help with Merit badge counseling, and get our Detachment to help with Flag folding and flag etiquette. I do have some upcoming Eagle Scout recognition coming up for 4 adults in the Lewisburg Troop, so Susquehanna Valley 308 Detachment is doing very well, with hopes that other Detachments will do the same. I have a photo album that I started a while back, and showcasing photos of Eagle Scouts that I have forwarded off to other Detachments from my desk, so I just must make sure that I ask for them. In addition, I have just started a Pennsylvania Department Scouting America Newsletter, which I am excited about, and that I hope that the rest of the Departments, and all of Pennsylvania Detachments can see what is going on, and maybe what they are missing out on. Finally, Detachment totals.

- Washington County Detachment #1138- None
- First Capital Detachment #521- 1
- Nittany Leathernecks Detachment #302- 5
- Lehigh Valley Detachment #296-1
- Susquehanna Valley Detachment #308-4
- Keystone Headquarters Detachment #998-1
- Patriot Detachment #1230-2

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Total

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