



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Membership Meeting October 2024
MCLPA HQ Building 3-95
Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

19 Oct 2024

Introduction of Guests -

Jeanette Eshoo - US Marines Youth Foundation, Inc.

Tammy Rivera - President MCLA Dept. of PA

1255 - Opening Ceremony -Meeting was called to order at 1255 by Commandant Henry, Assistant Sergeant at Arms JR Wells led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and acting Chaplain VanZanardi led us in prayer.

Past National Commandants: None present

Past Department Commandants: PDC Brady, PDC Ziltz, PDC Natali

National Staff on Board:

NE DIV Vice Commandant- Bob Ziltz

NE DIV Sgt. at Arms, National Protocol Director, Uniform Committee and National Sergeant at Arms- Lisa Solarczyk

National Asst. Sgt. at Arms - Gene Irvin

Americanism Committee- Sue Irvin

Public Relations Committee - PDC Ziltz

National Public Relations - SVC McCoy

Budget Committee Chair - PDC Ziltz

NE DIV Aide de camp and NE DIV Compliance Officer - Jacob Bertin

Past Department Marines of the Year:

PDC Brady

Lisa Solarczyk

PDC Natali

PDC Ziltz

Jim Mineo

Joe Pokojni

Victoria McCoy

Diana Henry

Detachment Marines of the Year and Associate Members of the Year recognized

2024 Northeast Division Associate and Dept. Associate Member of the Year and Associate Member of the Year- Carol McIntosh

2024 Department Marine of the Year - Dean VanZanardi

Roll Call of the Officers - Chief of Staff Carol McIntosh

All Officers present or accounted for with excused absence

Roll Call of the Detachments - Adjutant Cook

27 Detachments present :



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Bethlehem, Cpl. Brandon Hardy Chester County, Conemaugh Valley, Delaware County, Lancaster County, Landis-McLeaf, Lehigh Valley, Northampton County, P W Milano, GySgt Ronald E Baum, Northeastern, Pennelphia, Susquehanna Valley, Three Rivers Leathernecks, Valley Forge, Williamsport, Black Sheep, R M Butterweck, First Capitol, Lewis B Puller Jr, Central Bucks, Gettysburg Battlefield, South Hills Pittsburgh, Upper Darby, Keystone Headquarters, Washington County, Patriot.

Meeting Appointments -

Motion to appoint Dean VanZanardi to sit in for Chaplain Schreiber and receive room and mileage reimbursement. D2 VC Irvin made the motion and D8 VC Popovich made the second. Motion Carried.

Sick or in Distress -

- Neil Corley, Northampton County Detachment, Past Department Commandant, Honorary National Commandant.
- Greg Schlegl, Scouting Chair- keep in prayers for emotional and physical well being.
- Edward Walsh Jr, Tun Tavern Detachment, in ICU.
- Jim Grove, lung cancer, Lewis B Puller Jr Detachment.
- Upper Darby, Commandant William Todd, broke his hip in May, slipped and displaced his replacement hip, currently in therapy.
- Anthony Harper, same detachment, taken to hospital for heart attack and contracted pneumonia.
- Duffy Hines, past Department Paymaster has had serious health issues and will be going to Pittsburgh for major surgery.
- Pennelphia- Paymaster David Fortune, lost leg, wife is suffering with dementia.
- JVC from Pennelphia and PAO John Taylor just had brain surgery and it was thankfully successful.

Dedication of Meeting:

Commandant Henry, asked by Greg Schlegl to make this dedication to those lost and the survivors of the Beirut bombing, 41 years ago this month.

Elected Officers Reports -

JA Sofranko - membership numbers continue to go down. More Detachments in the process of turning in their Charter. Black Diamond, Bob Swanson and Juniata Area.

Commandant Henry - asked for motion to receive all elected officer reports as presented. Motion by Past District VC Doc Hockenbury and second by Dean VanZanardi. Motion carried.

Appointed Officers Reports:

Quartermaster Mastriana - Ships Store report.

PAO Taylor - send him a message on facebook directly and tell him what you need. Mentioned Pennelphia looking for volunteers to participate in their parade.

Commandant Henry - asked for motion to receive all appointed officer reports. Motion by D5 VC Anspach and second by Doc Hockenbury. Motion carried.

Standing and Program Committees Reports:

- Uniform Committee - Lisa Solarczyk - make sure you are in grooming and weight standards if wearing Dress Blues to be perceived well by the public. Photos will not be considered if uniforms are not within standard. Call or email Lisa with any questions. Lunch Committee Fire pit raffle, donations were a profitable success. Motion and second to give the 50/50 raffle money to the Auxiliary since no winner claimed the ticket.



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- Commandant's Council - SVC McCoy - the match game was a great success, learning occurred and everyone enjoyed it. Also, thank you to Paymaster Sipe for her training presentation.
- Convention Committee - SVC McCoy has stepped down and Mike Mastriana has stepped up. Need volunteers to help host the hospitality room at the next Department Convention. Shortened convention in 2025. Only need help hosting the hospitality room on Thursday lunch and night, and Friday lunch. Casual banquet immediately following the growl on the same day - no hosting needed Friday evening. 26-30 June 2025.
- Awards and Citations - keep aware of deadlines for awards.
- Training - has been pushed to September. No tentative date yet. 30 seats.
- PDC Council - PDC Brady - met in September online. Report is posted on the committee page. Next business coming up are nominations for Division Marine of the Year. Strict timeline to be aware of. Hope to have them before the January meetings.
- Budget and Audit Committee - JVC Diamond - lacking in Calendar and Veteran and Youth ticket sales. Cleaned HQ and did Ships Store inventory, copy to go to the Adjutant.
- Americanism Committee - changes were made to the arrangement of the books. Look over the changes posted to the website.
- Scholarships - Gene Irvin - have submissions respond so they do not forfeit the scholarship money.
- Samuel Nicholas Committee - posted to the website.
- Marksmanship Committee - report was submitted. Dean VanZanardi - 10 matches, only PA is allowed to shoot by following the orders and regulations.
- Toys for Tots - Dean VanZanardi agreed to stay on as Chair. His information on where to send documents will be his contact info.
- VVS report - Jacob Bertin - 11 Detachments participated. Reports should be submitted quarterly but the stipend is paid semi-annually. No penalty this period if you have not submitted your first quarter report.

Commandant Henry - asked for a motion to receive all Committee reports as presented. Motion by D3 VC James and Second by D2 VC Irvin . Motion Carried.

Subordinate, Subsidiary and Independent Organization Reports:

- MODD PA PACK - Pack Leader Mike Mastriana - spoke about growl night before. All Pounds were on board.
- MCL of PA Foundation - busy with the recent hurricanes and the scholarship program. \$290k for disaster relief and humanitarian aid. Scholarships is about \$310k. About ready to stand up a website and an email drop box and a PO Box.

National Officer Reports:

- NEDIV VC - Bob Ziltz - Did not expect this job. Mike Waluk abruptly decided to step down following the Convention. First objective is to get the three States to act like a team again. Conference this year will be April 4-5th in NY at the Holiday Inn. \$129 per night rooms, 13% tax. Deadline to book is March 3rd, 2025. Writing an SOP, not required to have bylaws.

National DIV VC Ziltz and Commandant Henry presented the new Charter for Tun Tavern (renamed) to the membership

Called Leonard Martin, Ray Diggins, Anthony Evangelista forward. Official new name is Tun Tavern Delaware County.



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Presentation of Awards

Unfinished Business:

- Disaster Relief - Commandant Henry updated the membership on the re-designation of the \$2500 intended for Dept. of Tennessee to also go to the Dept. of NC after the BOT approved this.

New Business :

- Legislative Priorities under consideration by the PA War Veterans Council.
- New equipment purchase - laptop was purchased. Cost was \$327.54.
- Updating software for Department- Office 365 multi seat license. Cost is \$99 a year.
- Photos - Humanitarian work; if you can be identified as a League member, please send them to the Commandant to forward to our PA Foundation for use on their new website.
- Volunteer - Member (preferably East Coast) to assist the Foundation in gathering information about active/reserves Marines in PA who may need assistance with food.
- Elected Officers - in June we elect new officers. As it stands now, we do NOT have a name for Jr. Vice. It's time to think about getting involved.

Good of the League :

- 2025 National convention will be in Grapevine, TX from Aug 11-15. This was decided and announced after the 2023 convention. The 2026 convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from Aug 10-14. Details on National website.
- 3rd annual pink party - thanks to Mike and Karen Mastriana for their hard work. Thanked the Detachments that donated money in support of the pink party. Updated the membership on the raffle and prize money and donations received. Auxiliary President Madam Rivera also donated money. \$1100 total gift donation to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.
- Military Pet Share - SVC McCoy- Pound 38 MODD, donated food.
- Take the items on the back table - freebies, legislation and pamphlets.
- D8 VC Popovich - has a batch of horseradish.
- JA Sofranko - in response to Commandant Ziltz Foundation report. Get a hold of the Commandant or the JA if you want to help donate to the relief efforts in NC.
- Proceeds for donations for extra hot dogs and buns

Announcements:

- Next Dept. Meeting- 1300 on 18 January 2025 at Dept. HQ.
- Mailing Preparation - 3-4 December 2024.
- Quarterly Reports due to the Adjutant by 1 Jan 2025.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting was adjourned at 1625 hours by Commandant Henry assisted by SAA Sundling and acting Chaplain VanZanardi.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA