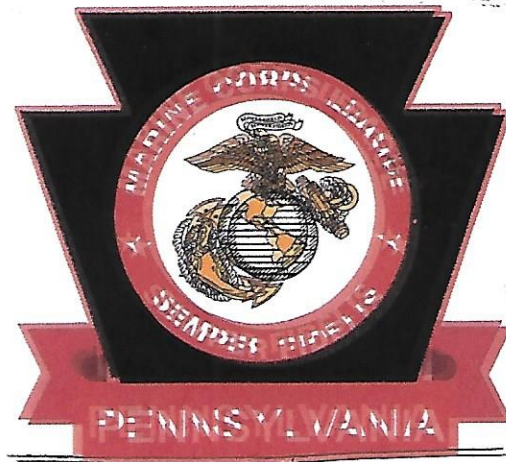


# Marine Corps League

## INCOMING NEWS



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Detachment Newsletter  
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Commandant  
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### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY DETACHMENT #298

On Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1100 we meet for our monthly meeting, if possible please make every effort to attend.

### Detachment Officers

Commandant Thomas Hess  
Jr ViceComdt Bruce Brown  
Paymaster Jim Mineo  
Sgt-at-Arms Frank Scott

Sr Vice Commandant Doc Hockenbury  
JA Richard Kondash  
Adjutant Buddy Yeager  
Chaplain Arlene Brown

Recently you have received raffle tickets via USPS . Please plan to participate, and support the Department of PA scholarship program and veterans needs. If you need more tickets please respond to this newsletter.

WEB SITES...It's a way of life when doing MCL business. The Department site is ([www.pamcleague.com](http://www.pamcleague.com)) take time out and explore and navigate thru the resources/programs/links/etc.

The National web site ([www.mclnational.org](http://www.mclnational.org)) when logging in scroll down and click "VISIT NOW" it takes you right to the MCL library you can explore the site for all forms & items of interest. If you want to check in on the "members library" you need to enter the password dd4 and check it out. The password is confidential and off limits to the public.

Detachment web site is under review and will be up and running soon.

Are you moving? Or changing your email address? Please let us know.

Dept. of Pa Spring quarterly membership meeting is scheduled for Friday March 14 & Saturday March 15 0800 to 1600 both days & a MOOD growl Friday evening. Please make the March meeting or respond top this email for all details . We will be car pooling for the Saturday meeting.

Veteran's Registry...We encourage all members to subscribe on line to DMVA Digest. It's a valuable resource. Simply log on to DMVA Digest, select veterans registry and opt into receive publications and notices.

Heads up on a **ROSE program** fund raiser at the Redners market in Palmer Twsp. on Friday April 18 and Saturday April 19 . 0800 to 1700 both days. A call for volunteers will be announced later.

Joint Veterans Council Forks of the Delaware monthly meeting will be held on Tues March 18, starting at 1900 all delegates please mark your calender's – Host Post TBA

**Brown & Lynch American Legion Post #9 rendering military honors recently to include a message from Mrs. Jo Kinney  
Our detachment is proud to have several members part of the  
Post #9 HG, seven are on line at the interment shown below**



*Below is a recent Thank You card that the Honor Guard received after providing Military Honors in Alexandria Township, New Jersey.*

*Gentlemen:*

*I can't thank you enough for your kindness, professionalism, and patriotism shown at my husbands graveside. I know that all of you travelled farther and stood in the cold to honor a Vietnam Veteran you never met. I am honored and humbled by your dedication to your fellow soldier.*

*Thank you again,*

*Jo Kinney*



**Frank Merritt, Jim Mineo, (next it's either Dave Bennett or Alan VanHorn), then it's Peter Cochran, Tom Rafferty & Jerry Caffery Jr. & Jode Perez HG Captain (not in view) -photo by Joe Pokojni**

SPRING AHEAD

Day light saving time begins on March 9, 2025

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 9

SPRING WILL SPRING ON MARCH 20 "SEMPER FI" TO THAT



Pound #67 Military Order of the Devil Dogs will hold a Growl following the meeting – All Dogs please make note, bring your passports and membership cards



**TAPS**



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**On 14 Feb 2025 Jonathan H. Boettger USMC, was called to report to the Supreme Commandant, he was a life member for 20 years. Rest in peace Jon, you join those that on watch at the pearly gates.**

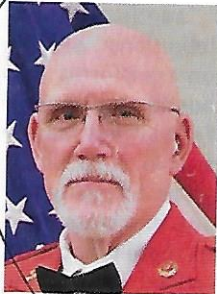
**On Feb 20 2025 life member Bruno Romagnoli USN passed. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away, such was Bruno - loved by all.**



# MEMBERSHIP MUST BE THE TOP PRIORITY

## DIVISION REPORTS

Membership **MUST** be the Top Priority!



**Robert Ziltz**

**NVC, Northeast Division**

**MARINES:** It is no secret that the League's membership has been in decline for some time, as have the roles of many other veterans' organizations. How serious is this problem? In the Northeast Division alone, membership has dropped by 27.3% over the last nine years – an average loss of 3.3% per year. Nationally, the membership loss each year is just slightly less at 3.1%. Let me repeat that just in case it didn't sink in. On average we're losing more than 3% of our members every year. Year after year... after year. Clearly, something needs to change.

So, what do we do? I think it's time to improvise and adapt, time to innovate.

**Robert Ziltz is the North East Division Vice  
Bob is a Past Dept. of PA Commandant**



**Colyer James, Bruce & Arlene Brown, Doc & Jim Mineo attending the January Dept. Quarterly membership meeting at Fort Indiantown Gap MCL headquarters building.**