

The Forward Observer ***February 2025***

Bethlehem

**Detachment 284, Marine Corps
League**

96 members, 61 Life Members



Motto: *"Memento Missionem"*

(Remember the Mission)

**Next Meeting: 6 p. m. on Wed. 12 Feb
2025 —at Hokey American Legion,
Jones-Quigg Post 739, 3739 American
Legion Drive, Hokendauqua, PA 18052**

*Uniform: Red MCL Cover with civilian
casual such as your Det. Logo shirt.*

Detachment Officers:

Commandant – Glenn Rader

Senior Vice Commandant—George Borman

Junior Vice Commandant - Claude Rone

Judge Advocate - Chuck Zhou-Phillips

Sgt-at-Arms – Carl Kratochvil Jr.

Paymaster/Adjutant Tom O'Rourke

Chaplain – Lynn Crowell

Assistant Chaplain— Larry Van Hise

VSO Officer—Glenn Rader

Web Master—Pete Kandianis

Scholarship Officer—John Pfeiffer Jr

Photographer— Miguel Goya.

Historian/Americanism Officer—Mike Carter

New Member Sponsors Carl

Kratochvil & Claude Rone

Marine of the Year Miguel Goya

Associate Member of the Year Mike Carter

Bethlehem Detachment 284



*Regular Meeting Wed. Feb.12 , 2025 at 6 P. M. Ho-
key American Legion. USE THE SIDE DOOR—GO
AROUND TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUILDING. Uni-
form: appropriate dress with red MCL cover.*

3739 American Legion Dr, Hokendauqua, PA 18052

Installation of Officer Slate for 2025. At the regular
meeting Wed. Feb 12 2025 at 6 P. M. Newly elected
officers will be installed. Uniform: red MCL cover
and white short-sleeve shirt with ribbons and bad-
ges.

Installation of Officers for 2025

The elected slate of officers will be installed at the next
meeting Wed. Feb. 12 2025 . (Rescheduled from last month)
This is an important event in the MCL as it affirms the leader-
ship for the next year and is attended by our District 3 Vice
Commandant Colyer James.

Uniform: Undress short sleeve or MCL cover with appropri-
ate civilian attire.

Mess Night 29 March 2025 Honoring Distinguished Citizen
Gold Star Mother Nancy Smith.

Uniform: Marine Corps League Casual (Red jacket, MCL cov-
er) or Business casual. Military Uniform: Formal dress is ap-
propriate if desired.

Location: West Coplay Maennerchor, 3326 N. Ruch St.,
Whitehall, PA 18052

Cost: \$35.00

Time: ` 5:00 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner

Menu: Family Style; beef and chicken

Contact: Senior Vice Commandant George Borman at 484-
664-8862 for tickets, information.



**Get your tickets now for the
2025 Mess Night!
Call SrVice Commandant
George Borman at 484-664-8862**



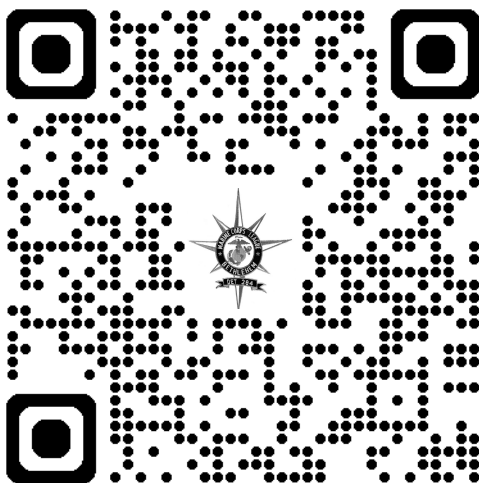
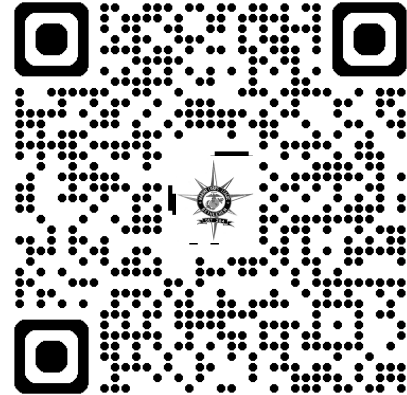
Adjutant and Paymaster Tom O'Rourke and Immediate Past Commandant Doug Graves attended the January meeting of the Department of PA MCL in Fort Indiantown Gap.



Upper left photo: Honors are rendered at the mourning ribbon draped PA Department MCL Charter in remembrance of a member who passed since the previous meeting.



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Bethlehem Detachment #284

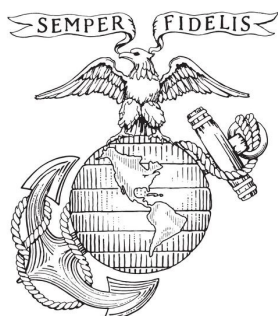
Our Website

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Bethlehem Detachment members just like to have fun!



Bethlehem Det. 284 members Bob Marshal (MCL cover, left), Mike Carter (baseball cap, grey shirt, center) and Fred Gould (MCL cover, right) join members of the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council to visit veterans at an area nursing home.



History Making Marines from Pennsylvania



Andrew Porter (September 24, 1743 – November 16, 1813) was an American officer during the Revolutionary War.

[Editor's note: see Wikipedia for full biography of General Porter.] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Porter_\(Revolutionary_War_officer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Porter_(Revolutionary_War_officer))

Porter was born on September 24, 1743, at Norriton, his father's farm near Norristown, Pennsylvania. He was one of the fourteen children of Robert Porter (1698–1770) and Lileous (née Christy) Porter (1708–1771). His father had immigrated from Derry, Ireland, to New Hampshire in 1720, and later moved to Pennsylvania. Porter moved to Philadelphia as a young man, where he became a schoolmaster and amateur astronomer. In 1776, he joined the American forces in the Revolutionary War as a captain of marines. He later moved to the artillery, in which branch he served at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, and Tioga Point. He was later directed by General George Washington to supervise the preparation of artillery ammunition for the Siege of Yorktown.^[5] By the end of the war, he had been promoted to the rank of colonel. Here is more about Captain, later General Andrew Porter:

[Editor's note: The follow excerpt is from "American Marines in the Battles of Trenton and Princeton" by Maj. Edwin N. McClelland and Capt. John H. Craige, originally published in the Marine Corps Gazette, Sept. 1921.] <https://www.mca-marines.org/gazette/american-marines-in-the-battles-of-trenton-and-princeton/>

It was in this period, between the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, that an exploit was planned with characteristic dash, which promised to rival the most daring feats of the war. Hearing that Elisha Laurence, Sheriff of Monmouth, New Jersey, who had been appointed Lieutenant Colonel by the British, was raising a force of Tories at Monmouth Court House and had imprisoned twenty Americans for refusing to bear arms under the Royal Standard, Major Nicholas of the Marines requested permission of General Cadwalader "of going after Laurence's Party." The incident was of such importance that on December 31, 1776, General Cadwalader wrote to General Washington, asking authority to permit Major Nicholas to start out on his expedition, but the skirmish at Assanpink Creek and the Battle of Princeton intervened to prevent its accomplishment.

On account of their daring and success it was accordingly natural that when Washington appealed for all possible troops prior to his decisive strokes at Trenton and Princeton, the Marines who had proved that they could fight so well ashore should be sent. As a nucleus of these reinforcing Marines, the powerful new Marine battalion recently formed in Philadelphia was selected.

Major Samuel Nicholas commanded this battalion with Captain Isaac Craig as his adjutant. The first company was commanded by Captain Andrew Porter, the second by Captain Robert Mullan, and the third by Captain Robert Deane. Since Captain Craig had taken the Marine Guard of the *Andrea Doria* ashore, and also acted as Adjutant of Major Nicholas' Battalion, it would appear that his Marines were also attached directly to this battalion.

A payroll of Captain Mullan's company, serving in the battalion of Major Nicholas, signed by Major Nicholas and Lieutenant Montgomery, shows that First Lieutenant David Love, Second Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery, four Sergeants, four Corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and seventy-three other Marines, composed this company.

(Porter, continued from page 6)

This and other rolls appear in a book containing also minutes of a Masonic Lodge which met at the Tun Tavern on Water Street, Philadelphia, beginning with the year 1749. Robert Mullan, it seems, was a member of the Lodge, proprietor of the tavern and Captain of the Company of Marines, the rolls of which are written in the book. The book was found at "Mill Bank," formerly the residence of Nathan Sellers, in Upper Darby, near Philadelphia, and now the property of his grandson, Coleman Sellers.

In addition to Major Nicholas' Battalion many of the Marine Guards which had participated so successfully in the river campaign were assembled and sent as a part of the reenforcement. It is a matter of known record that the Marine Guards from the Flagship *Montgomery*, the *Hancock*, and the Continental warships *Virginia* and *Andrea Doria*, were sent, and since there were over five hundred Marines serving on board other naval vessels in the river, it is reasonable to conclude that a considerable number of them also participated in these battles.

There is no doubt but that the arrival of this veteran contingent, well-equipped and with the confidence arising from victories over the British, was a vital element in supplying the stamina and spirit necessary for the achievement of the victories of Trenton and Princeton.

In the Battle of Trenton there were very few casualties on the side of the Americans, and so far as is known, none of these were Marines. In the succeeding frays of Assanpink and Princeton, however, the Marines were not so fortunate.

After the Battles of Trenton and Princeton the Marines accompanied Washington to his winter quarters at Morristown, where, during the reorganization of the Army, a number of them were assigned to the artillery. Major Nicholas' Battalion served as infantry up to February 1777, and later as artillery. Some acted as convoys for prisoners taken at Trenton and Princeton. For instance, a list dated February 27, 1777, shows that Captain Robert Mullan escorted twenty-five British prisoners of war to Philadelphia. The remainder returned to their ships on the Delaware or to their stations in Philadelphia, and resumed their duties in connection with the Navy.



Richard C. Singer

Endicott, NY formerly Allentown, PA - Richard C. Singer, 76, of Endwell and formerly of Allentown, PA and Bismarck, ND passed away January 11, 2022. He is survived by; his wife, Frances; his son Marc; his sisters Audrey and Linda; and his brother Scott; his grandchildren Gabrielle, Alexandra and CJ; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his son Richard; his parents, Calvin and Gretchen; his brother Barry; and his sisters, Claudia and Cheryl. He was an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was also a member of The American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League. He enjoyed reading and working on projects in his garage. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Association of America.

Funeral services [were] held Noon Saturday January 15, 2022 at Savage-DeMarco 1605 Witherill St. Endicott, NY 13760. The family welcomed friends from 11am until the time of service. Condolences may be expressed online at www.SavageFS.com. Arrangements entrusted to the SAVAGE-DeMarco Funeral Service.



<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-National-AP-Complete-102924.pdf>

<https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/collections/uniform>

Q: Can I wear my base ball cap at Detachment meetings?

A: No. Only the authorized red Marine Corps League Cover with brass USMC emblem may be worn. See below:

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER

- The basic uniform of the MCL is the unique cover that identifies the members of the MCL. Because all other parts of the uniform that are designated in this enclosure are optional, the cover remains as the only consistent identifier for MCL members, which is why the cover is worn indoors at appropriate MCL functions.
- When MCL members are wearing the appropriate cover, as listed below, they are considered in uniform.
- **NO OTHER TYPE OF COVER MAY BE WORN AT A MARINE CORPS LEAGUE FUNCTION OR MEETING.**

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE CREST

The metallic embroidered Marine Corps League Crest has clutch pins on the reverse and pins directly to the red blazer pocket, or may be worn on a plastic pocket sleeve, either glued or pinned to the plastic sleeve. The commercially sold pocket crest, with Marine Corps emblem, MCL Seal permanently set into the plastic sleeve or embroidered MCL crest that is permanently embroidered on the pocket of the red blazer itself, may also be worn as optional wear.

(You can also get the Crest with rockers indicating “Life” or “Past Commandant”)—Editor’s note

(If sewn on the red blazer, the MCL Crest should be 1/4 inch down from pocket opening edge and centered on the pocket)
— Editor’s note



Examples of the crest for the red blazer



Undress Uniform

UNDRESS LONG SLEEVE (***Applies to SHORT SLEEVE however see EXCEPTIONS below***), MALE

2024 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

16 August 2024

- White shirt, with military creases (to be airline pilot style with two (2) pockets with button down flaps and shoulder epaulets). -
- MCL Sunburst insignias on collar, centered 1/2" inside the collar tip, with the wings of the emblem parallel to the deck. -
- Shoulder patches as authorized (Paragraph IV). -
- MCL ribbons or DOD authorized ribbons, wings, badges, (MCL AND DOD RIBBONS CANNOT BE WORN TOGETHER: (NO MEDALS TO BE WORN ON THIS UNIFORM) -
- The Marine of the Year Medallion and Ribbon (national, division, department or detachment); the Chapel of Four Chaplains Medallion (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized, may be worn with the undress long sleeve uniform.
- Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.) -
- MCL ribbons should be centered over the left breast pocket, 1/8" above the pocket flap. DOD awards and decorations should be worn as authorized to the individual. -
- TIE. PLAIN BLACK with Marine Corps or MCL gold tie bar ENLISTED STYLE ONLY (no open collar). -
- Shoes, black, plain toe (military style, highly glossed) - Socks, Black
- ***CONTINUED NEXT PAGE***

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024-National-AP-Complete-102924.pdf> (Uniform guidance is in the 2024 National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure (3))

Undress Uniform (Continued)

- **Trousers, dress blue (with NCO "RED" stripe) with belt, Marine Corps khaki web, with web belt brass buckle.**
- **OPTIONAL: Trousers, black, dress, with the black leather belt with square gold buckle with Marine Corps emblem (EGA); a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold Marine Corps emblem buckle (EGA); or a ratcheting black leather belt with a gold buckle with MCL logo may be worn instead of the dress blue trousers and khaki web belt.**
- **UNDRESS - SHORT SLEEVE - MALE**
- The short sleeve UNDRESS uniform is the same in every way to the long sleeve UNDRESS uniform with the following exceptions: - The shirt shall be the same airline pilot style, but short sleeves instead of long. - **The shirt shall be worn with an open collar and NO TIE OR TIE BAR IS WORN WITH THE UNDRESS SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT.** - The Marine of the Year Medallion and Ribbon (national, division, department or detachment); the Chapel of Four Chaplains Medallion (Legion of Merit, Humanitarian Award, and Bronze Medallion Award); or the Military Order of Devil Dogs collar, if authorized; may be worn with the undress short sleeve uniform. Only one of these devices, medallions, or collars, may be worn at a time at the option of the wearer. NOTE – MEDALLIONS MAY NOT BE WORN WITH ANY OTHER STYLE SHIRT (I.E., POLO, T-SHIRT, OR CIVILIAN DRESS SHIRTS.)



Shown here: the MCL "Undress" Short Sleeve uniform

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National Marine Corps League Auxiliary

Attention Ladies of the Bethlehem Det. 284, MCL: Do you want to get with the program? Contact Adjutant Tom O'Rourke (tomourke1@jaynoo.com) to ask about starting a MCLA chapter in the Lehigh Valley.

Join the **National Marine Corps League Auxiliary** <https://nationalmcla.org/>



Dotty Sanning, National President MCLA

MCLANatPres2024@gmail.com



*Military Order of Devil Dogs
Pennsylvania Pack
Department of Pennsylvania
Marine Corps League*

The Fun and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

[http://
www.moddpapack.org/](http://www.moddpapack.org/)

Follow the above link for more information about the Devel Dogs and how to join.

PACK LEADER
PDD Michael A. Mastriana
11-206 Pound 022





Marine Corps League Membership Bethlehem Detachment #284 Application

Please Print Legibly



Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ (mo/day/yr) E-mail: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No Yes If yes is checked, I agree to waive my rights under the Privacy Act and disclose the nature of the felony conviction for consideration of membership in the MCL.

Type of Application: New Renewal Please check either *New or Renewal*
Associate Dual Regular Please check *Associate Dual or Regular*

Regular Membership:

Date of enlistment/commissioning: ____/____/____ Date of discharge/Separation/Retirement: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Marine Corps League and enclose \$31.00 for membership from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 (includes a one-time new member fee of \$5). Your membership will start the date the application is accepted and end on 31 Aug 2024. The MCL has a fiscal year of 1 Sep to 31 August. You will be sent a renewal notice in July of 2024 for the next fiscal year

**Includes subscription to "Semper Fi", The Magazine of the Marine Corps League*

I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor, or have served or am currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and have earned not less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge or DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable. By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (IMPF, and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service. (*Korean War Era Marines See National Bylaws Article 6, Section 600) (Please attach a copy of Honorable Discharge or DD 214 and please black out your Social Security number)

Oath of Membership – Regular Members

I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, and the members of the Marine Corps League here assembled, being fully aware of the symbols, motto, principles, and purposes of the Marine Corps League do solemnly swear or affirm that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and of the Marine Corps League. I will never knowingly wrong, deceive or defraud the League as to the value of anything. I will never knowingly wrong or injure or permit any member or any member's family to be wronged or injured if to prevent the same is within my power. I will never propose for membership, one known to me to be unqualified or unworthy to become a member of the League. I further promise to govern my conduct in the League's affairs and in my personal life in a manner becoming a decent honorable person and will never knowingly bring discredit to the League, so help me God.

Sponsor

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please return completed application (if regular member or associate with prior service). Make a check out to "MCL Bethlehem Detachment" for \$31.00 and mail to:

Thomas O'Rourke
4125 Salem Drive
Emmaus, PA 18049

Thank you for applying for membership in the Marine Corps League. Your application will be reviewed at our first regular meeting after receipt. We would request you attend at least one regular meeting so you may be officially sworn into the Detachment (Special exceptions are made on a case by case basis. (i.e. Active Duty Deployed, Nursing home). Meetings are held at 6 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Hockendaqua Legion Post 739, 3739 American Legion Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. If you have any questions, please call Tom O'Rourke at 484 554-9398.

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

Scholarships

Department of Pa. MCL Scholarship applications are due May 31, 2025

There are two scholarships available for college bound family members: Both applications are not up but will be live 1 January 2025. Please be mindful of the deadlines. Signatures must be gotten for the applications before they can be sent in. Please allow time for this to happen.

Information about the *MCL National Scholarship*

The website is <https://www.mcsf.org/apply/>

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

1. Paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
2. Spouses, Children, Step Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of paid members of the Marine Corps League or paid members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary in good standing.
3. Children of U. S. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsmen and Navy Chaplains (serving with a Marine Unit) who were Killed in Action.
4. The above students must currently have a Cumulative (Unweighted) GPA of at least 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale).

Information about the *Marine League of Pennsylvania*

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

Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Members, Member Spouses, Children and Grandchildren and children of U.S. Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Navy Chaplains (serving with a Marine unit) who were killed in combat are eligible for a scholarship award.

Make sure you submit by the expiration dates.

When the application is filled out, it can be emailed to me and I'll get the signatures and get it back to you. My email is jpfeiffer@ptd.net

S/F

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cell# 610-849-6044

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Our new Challenge Coin is here! It's beautiful! It is 1 and 1/4 inches in diameter. Being solid metal, it has a nice heft. It is from Texas the Lone Star State. It is Red, White and Blue.

It really says "Bethlehem" with its 3-D Bethlehem Star. The other side is our iconic Marine Corps League EGA emblem.

"Semper Fidelis" on one side; "Memento Missionem" (Remember the Mission!) on the other side!

Much thanks to our design committee Vince Poandl and Roz Schroeder!

*Get yours now: **Limited supply. \$10 each coin plus postage** or pick up yours at our monthly meeting.*

Contact Paymaster Tom O'Rourke for your Challenge

Coin. Email: TomORourke1@Yahoo.com or Phone: 484-554-9398





Let's all do our part. Buy some Youth and Scholarship raffle tickets for the 2024 Drawing! Support our Veteran & Youth Programs!

Call George Borman for tickets.
484-664-8862

New! *Veteran & Youth Programs 50 – 50 Drawing at each meeting.*

Put your money in the 50 –50 box, get your tickets. If you have the winning ticket, then you get half the money at the end of each meeting. .

The other half goes to buy Veteran & Youth Tickets made out to the Detachment's general fund.

Click to see 2024 winners:

<https://pamcleague.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-VY-Winners.pdf>

Know the Rituals and rules of the Marine Corps League!

2024 Edition Marine Corps League National Administrative Procedures is the governing document we go by.

<http://www.ncmcl.org/forms/2021-National-Administrative-Procedures-COMLETE.pdf>

Excerpt: Section 10005. Respect

a. The Bible shall be opened, placed on an Altar which is covered with a clean and attractive Altar Cloth, during all the meetings of the Marine Corps League. No disrespect to the Bible, by act or word, shall be tolerated. No one shall use the Altar for physical support, and shall not, under any circumstances, use the Altar or Bible as a resting place for any item or material. All space between the Altar and the Chair shall be considered as hallowed ground and shall not be traveled upon while the Bible is open.

b. The Ritual of the Marine Corps League shall be observed and employed at all meetings and appropriate functions to the maximum extent possible.

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Scholarship news! Congratulations to three Bethlehem Detachment 284 student 2024 scholarship winners:

Olivia Chappie

Emma Frey

Cora Nemesh

Order form for MCL Detachment 284's BLACK or RED golf shirt with new "Bethlehem Star" logo. If you want both a BLACK shirt and RED shirt, double the cost of your



Mail your check to:
 Doug Graves
 1335 Russett Road
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Step 1. select your size:

S, M, L, XL, 2XL,
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OPTIONAL POSTAGE

If you want your shirt
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Add up your order
 TOTAL \$ _____

Make your check out to
 Bethlehem Det. 284, MCL

What color?

Black? Red? Or Both?
 Circle your choice.

Be a mentor to a new member! It helps them get oriented and to get off on the right foot with the Marine Corp League.

Volunteer now!

<https://www.mclbethlehem.org>



The Commandant's
 Goals:

For every Regular Member and Associate Member to have their red Marine Corps League cover. Suitable for all occasions. Required by National By-laws.

A Casual Uniform AND an Undress (Short Sleeves) Uniform or every member who thinks they may want to help honor our fallen at a funeral, attend a patriotic ceremony, or attend a regular meeting where special occasions may be celebrated. Check out this link for more info:

https://www.mclnational.org/uploads/1/0/3/1/103183322/pdp_lesson_4.pdf



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<https://the-semper-fi-store.myshopify.com/collections/uniform/products/wa110>

COMMANDANT'S GOAL: All officers attend the Leadership Class.

This local company sells the short-sleeve and long-sleeve white shirts that can be worn with the Undress Uniform. They also sell the high-gloss dress shoes.
MP Outfitters - Tactical at
2733 W Emaus Ave #7, Allentown, PA 18103
Tel: (610) 797-6900 Prompt 5

Be a Mentor to a new member!

It's not easy to come in to the MCL and learn all the ropes.

Can you help a new member, one-on-one, to get uniforms, insignia, and to get a head start on customs in the Marine Corps League.

Call Glenn Rader if you want to be a MENTOR! (610) 509-2114.

Put the odds in your favor by getting vaccinated!

Unvaccinated people face a 10 times greater risk of testing positive and 20 times greater risk of dying from Covid-19 than fully vaccinated people who have also received a booster, according to data published recently by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



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Attention,

Associate Members! In case you didn't get the wordyou need to know the Marine Corps Hymn by heart. **THERE WILL BE A TEST!** But don't worry—because we will all be singing together. The main thing to remember: **We will be louder and more enthusiastic than our Navy, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard friends.**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5kCqvsO_7c

The Marine's Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean; We are proud to claim
the title
Of United States Marines.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun; We have fought in every
clime and place
Where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes; You will find us always
on the job--The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve; In many a strife we've
fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes, They will find the
streets are guarded
By United States Marines.