



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Membership Meeting January 2025
MCLPA HQ Building 3-95
Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA

18 Jan 2025

1048 - Opening Ceremony -Meeting was called to order at 1048 by Commandant Henry, Sergeant at Arms Sundling led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain Schreiber led us in prayer.

Madam President, MCLA, Tammy Rivera spoke to the membership

Past National Commandants: PNC Hastings

Past Department Commandants: PDC Ziltz, PDC Natali

National Staff on Board:

NE DIV Vice Commandant, National Budget Chair, - 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

National PAO Chair - John Taylor

National Public Relations Committee Member - SVC McCoy

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

National AV Committee Chair - Phil McCoy

National Flag Bearer - Adjutant Cook

Past Department Marines of the Year:

Lisa Solarczyk

PDC Ziltz

Jim Mineo

Victoria McCoy

Diana Henry

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

2024 National and Past Northeast Division Associate Member of the Year and Past Department Associate Member of the Year - Carol McIntosh

2024 Department Marine of the Year - Dean VanZanardi

2024 Department Associate Member of the Year - Jim Schreiber

Roll Call of the Officers - Chief of Staff McIntosh

All Officers present or accounted for with excused absence

Quorum:

If at least 8 are present :In accordance with Article VI, section 635 of the Bylaws of the Dept. of PA, MCL, the Commandant declares that a quorum is present for the conduct of official business.

Roll Call of the Detachments - Adjutant Cook

26 Detachments present :



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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, Pennndelphia, 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 Lisa Solarczyk to sit in this afternoon for vacant D4 VC Hartman and receive room and mileage reimbursement. SVC McCoy made the motion and D3 VC James made the second. Motion Carried.

Motion to appoint Michael Burgen of Conemaugh Valley to D7 vacant seat for mileage reimbursement made by former DVC Hockenbury, and second by D8 VC Poppovich. Motion carried.

Sick or in Distress -

- Greg Schlegel, Susquehanna Valley, in the Coatesville VA center for treatment, for PTSD, been battling for 41 years.
- Three charter members on their last leg at Lewis B Puller Jr Det #524 - Jim Clouse, Richard and Jim Grove.
- Bob Sundling mentioned a new female marine that recently had a stroke, Central Bucks, Mary Lou Sander and Deborah Fraser.
- Scot Hartman, left the hotel early this morning with his wife as his mother-in-law is not doing well.

Commandant asked Chaplain to drape the charter.

Dedication of Meeting:

- Jacob Bertin dedicated to a member who passed away named Charles E. "Chuck" Smith, Charter Member- Williamsport Detachment #388. Past Dept Officer.
- Dennis Brown dedicated to Bill Miller, and bugler Dan Fitzpatrick of Chester County #286 Detachment.

Elected Officers Reports -

Most reports were posted to the website. Only report anything new since the posting of their report.

JVC Diamond - one addition - gate access issues. Still getting requests to put people on the "list" to give to the gate for access. Wednesday before the Saturday meeting is the cutoff for base access through JVC Diamond. Will have to go through the visitor center if you miss the cutoff through the JVC.

SVC McCoy- one addition - Detachment Quarterly Reports were due Jan 1st. Still please submit report. Please use most recent up to date form.

Commandant Henry - report submitted very late, most information was already in the Dec mailing.

Commandant Henry - asked for motion to receive all elected officer reports as presented. Motion by Past DVC Hockenbury, Northampton County and second by D2 VC Irvin. Motion carried.

Appointed Officers Reports:

Quartermaster Mastriana - Ships Store report - Store brought in \$465 today. Devil Dogs brought in \$72 big bones. over \$300 big bones from the growl and the hospitality room.

Adjutant Cook - Commandant Henry asked for reports being submitted to be sent in a file, and not in the body of the email.



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Chaplain Schreiber - Commandant Henry recommends everyone to look at the report posted on the website, as the list of members lost in 2024 was very long.

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Standing and Program Committees Reports:

- Commandant's Council - SVC McCoy - discussed the training from this morning. Farm Show- Penn State extension - offer free services, courses and trainings to military veterans including computer training.
- Convention Committee - Assistant Chair Karen Mastriana - great meeting on Friday. Spring quarterly lunch - provided by Keystone with Auxiliary providing sandwiches. Hospitality room covered Friday night as well. Convention locked in at Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill. Still need someone to step up for hospitality room on Thursday night, themed party is Woodstock. Still need lunches for Friday and Saturday. Auxiliary not able to be there for Saturday lunch. Book your room at the Best Western for the quarterly meetings. The Board already voted to renew the contract at the Best Western for 2025-2026.
- Awards and Citations - SVC McCoy - presented at the Dept. Convention in June. Start thinking about Awards now.
- Training - SVC McCoy - Was not put in the budget for this fiscal year which ends in June. Put in the schedule for September. Talking about Division level training, led by NEDIV VC Ziltz or SVC McCoy.
- PDC Council - PDC Brady - no report.
- Marine of the Year - President PDC Brady - 1300 today is the deadline for any revision to the submissions. Society will post the voting information online.
- Budget and Audit Committee - JVC Diamond - met on Friday, budget looks good except for Calendar and Youth ticket sales which are down. Pick them up today before you leave if you need them. Signed audit copy given to the Commandant.
- Americanism Committee - Chris Shaw - not present.
- Scholarships - Gene Irvin - 8 scholarships were forfeited this year due to not finishing the last page of requirements. Applications will be posted on the website, no mail this year, new form to download and fill out online, then email to the scholarship address (after being signed by student, sponsor and Det. Paymaster).
- Samuel Nicholas Committee - Doug Forsythe - posted to the website.
- Marksmanship Committee - Jim Schreiber - 2024 was a great year with more participants than in the past, the program is growing. 11 matches across 6 different ranges. 105 entries that paid fees totaling around \$3k, of which some goes to the Dept. Currently \$10 per match (\$30) goes to the Dept. Jim proposes \$20 to the Dept. moving forward, and \$10 to the range etc. New things coming in 2025, similar to 50/50 drawing. Some matches posted on Dept. website already and on facebook page.
- Medical Assistance Committee - Bonnie Shaw - not present.
- Toys for Tots - Dean VanZanardi - gave people until March to get their reports in. LCO training in Quantico. Training is free, flight and lodging.
- VVS report - Jacob Bertin - gave report on total volunteer hours and donations, funerals performed. Report is online. Currently 14 Detachments participating, up from 8 Detachments. Get reports in on time, the goal for participating is closer to 30%.



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Commandant Henry - asked for a motion to receive all Committee reports as presented. D2 VC Irvin made the motion and D6 VC Sylvia made the second. Motion carried.

Subordinate, Subsidiary and Independent Organization Reports:

- MODD PA PACK - Pack Leader Mastriana - had a good growl. Convention this year- keep watch in the Agenda for the growl. After the growl will be the banquet.
- MCL of PA Foundation - PDC Ziltz - Dept. of PA made an annual donation to the scholarship fund, this year in the amount of \$10k. The Foundation is making more grants this year. Scholarships are a great recruiting tool. Need help from the membership with establishing committees. If interested in serving as an auditor, see the JVC Diamond. Website now has forms posted.

National Officer Reports:

- NE DIV VC Ziltz - NEDIV Conference 4-5 April in NY. Recruiting and retention will be main focus during tenure. Detachment quarterly reports - go to the Division eventually. Top leadership from the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps and discuss the numbers from the quarterly reports. Talked about new Compliance Officer for the Division, Jacob Bertin.

National Awards

Dean VanZanardi presented with National Gold Award by Division Vice Commandant Bob Ziltz.

Unfinished Business:

- Website - Scheduling conflicts have prevented progress.
- Microsoft 365 license has been purchased for Dept. Officers. Cost \$95 for 6 seats and will need to be renewed each year.

New Business :

- Legislative Priorities under consideration by the PA War Veterans Council.
- New equipment purchase - laptop was purchased. Cost was \$327.54.
- Paperwork - NO reports go to the Commandant except for Detachment Annual Reports (only received 4). "Where to Send Documents" gets mailed almost every quarter and available on the Dept. website, shows where to send things.
- PLM Audits - many Detachments listed per Compliance as not having a 2024 audit on file with National. 2 Detachments sent their PLM to the previous Paymaster very late in Dec. Unless they were sent to National prior to that, don't expect to receive your PLM audit check.
- Trademarking - You cannot trademark a Detachment logo.
- Pay close attention to EIN numbers and other relevant numbers when filling out ROI's and other forms etc.
- JA Sofranko - report on Detachments closing/surrendering their Charters. Juniata and Black Diamond. New annual reporting requirements to the Dept. of State brought up to membership. Contact Jacob Bertin to ensure you have the correct EIN number on file with the State. Commandant wants a copy of confirmation of filing from State, gets sent to the Dept. Paymaster also.

Good of the League :

- Division Conference is scheduled for April 4-5 in Binghamton, NY. Info is on the Dept. website calendar and on the Division website.
- Announcements for Dept. Officers will take place in March (officially). If you have an interest in a Dept. office, speak up now.



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- Report of the chili cookoff - winner was First Capitol Det.
- SVC McCoy- 30th of January - deadline for National Midwinter conference hotel reservation.
- Jacob Bertin - patch available from Division.
- Keep in mind the families in California who have lost their homes.
- Marshall Houston - asked if any plans for the 250th Birthday coming up this year. Offering any Detachment who wants to participate in the parade the day before the Birthday with Penndelphia, to contact Marshall Houston. SVC McCoy thinking of getting a coin and gifting one to each Detachment, with the rest being for sale so we all can celebrate the 250th together.
- PAO Taylor - asked how many people have Detachment pages on facebook. Use it as a recruiting tool and link to the Department and National sites.

Announcements:

- Next Dept. Meeting- 1300 on 15 March 2025 at Dept. HQ.
- Mailing Preparation - mid February 2025.
- Quarterly Reports due to the Adjutant by 1 March 2025.
- Clean up your trash, secure windows and do not throw liquids in the trash cans.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting was adjourned at 1528 hours by Commandant Henry assisted by SAA Sundling and Chaplain Schreiber.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA