



Marine Corps League Auxiliary of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Saturday, March 15, 2025, President's Council: 09:00 AM

SVP PDP Karen Mastriana conducted a demonstration on flag folding with several members in attendance participating. The demonstration was held to educate all members not only the proper folding of the American Flag but how to fold our Auxiliary Flag to fit into the flag display bag to transport our flag to the National Convention donated by PNP Moyse.

Saturday, March 15, 2025 MCLA Department Membership Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Tammy Rivera according to ritual. Americanism Chair PDP Twila Gensel led the group in the salute to the flag.

Purpose of the MCLA – read by SVP PDP Karen Mastriana
Eligibility of the MCLA – read by JVP Faith Hartman

Past Department Presidents (PDP) in attendance:

PDP Twila Gensel, PNEDVP Tracey Killinger, PNP Ruth Moyse, PDP Pat Bulger, PNP Linda Chamberlain, PDP Teena Foster, and PDP Karen Mastriana

Replacement Officers/Chairs:

Asst Southeast District Vice Joanne Bryan for Chaplain PNEDVP Syd Minchin
JVP Faith Hartman for Captain of the Guard Jennifer Coolbaugh

Roll Call of Officers, and Units:

Roll call was taken.

Reading of the January 2025 Zoom Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were not read as they had been emailed out to everyone prior to the meeting. There being no corrections or omissions noted a motion was made by PNP Ruth Moyse and seconded by JVP Faith Hartman to accept the minutes as printed and sent out, **The Motion PASSED.**

Officers Reports (written or oral):

President Rivera read her report. Following her report, SVP PDP Mastriana made a motion to receive the President's report and all reports that follow and that were submitted into record. The motion was seconded by PNP Moyse. There being no discussion **The Motion PASSED.**

Unit Reports:

Unit reports were received from:
All Divisions
General Smedley D. Butler
Keystone Headquarters
Lancaster County
Landis-McCleaf



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Northeastern
Susquehanna Valley

Bills Presented:

PNP Ruth Moyse - \$38.47 Paper products for Hospitality Room
PNP Linda Chamberlain - \$96.46 Salads for Hospitality Room
Pat Gilbert - \$115.88 Material for bibs for Fundraiser

Treasurers Report –PNP Linda Chamberlain:

The report for the period January 14, 2025 through March 7, 2025 was presented. The Morgan Stanley report as of February 28, 2025, was read.

Treasurer PNP Chamberlain also presented the YTD budget update.

Chaplains Report: PNEDVP Sydney Minchin

None submitted.

Members Sick or in Distress:

- PNP Chamberlain said it was upsetting to learn of the passing of Libby Knapp's husband in November in February.
- JVP Hartman reported her mother and Northeast Unit member, Beverly Evans is doing ok, Faith also asked for prayers for her daughter who recently received a positive mammogram and will have an ultrasound in April.
- PDP Teena Foster asked for prayers for her mother-in-law and Landis-McCleaf Member Annette King as she recovers from back surgery.
- Evelyn Brimble asked for prayers for General Smedley D. Butler member, Sissy Hudson as she is experiencing heart issues.

Communications:

Secretary PNP Chamberlain read:

- Thank you letter from LtGen Jack W Klimp, USMC (Ret.), President United States Marine Youth Foundation for our donation to the Annual Tree of Lights Program.

Commandant Diana Henry:

Extended her thanks as Commandant for the phenomenal hospitality room the auxiliary hosted on Friday night. Commandant Henry stated she has enjoyed her time as Commandant and hoped that the League met all of the Auxiliaries expectations.

There is a Convention Page on the MCL website when you click on that it will open a new page that has the Convention Registration, Ad Book form and the Auxiliary

Registration form. It is a fillable page which means you do not have to print it off. Utilizing the fillable form will ensure that all names are spelled correctly on the



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convention badges. Commandant Henry is looking forward to her term coming to an end and being able to enjoy the camaraderie of attending a meeting, and possibly attending an Auxiliary meeting.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Liaison: SVP PDP Karen Mastriana

Checks in the amount of \$500 were mailed to the 50 (82%) 2024 applicants who met and completed all of the requirements. Overall, there were 58 approved applications. The 2025 applications and instructions are posted on the MCL Website. Please be sure all applications have all the necessary signatures, and all information is present prior to submission. Applications must be submitted in PDF format. Five (5) applications have been received so far. The Committee will verify that the sponsor is a member in good standing of the League or Auxiliary at the time the application is approved and is not deceased. The Committee will meet prior to the June Convention to review the applications received to ensure the applicants have met all of the scholarship requirements.

Membership/Unit Strength Report: SVP PDP Karen Mastriana

As of March 7, 2025 we have 388 members.

Regular Members	135
New Regular Members	5
Associate Members	45
New Associate Members	0
Life Members	192
New Life Members	2
Associate Life Members	9
New Associate Life Members	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	388

There are seventeen (17) delinquent members for 2025.

Webmaster Report: PDP Teena Foster

Officers List has been updated on the website. The list of Department Flea Officers has been received and is now on the Flea page on the website. Please send any pictures of unit activities so they can be posted on the website.

Convention Committee:

- 2025-2026 Staff meetings:
 - Fall Meeting – October 17 & 18, 2025
 - Winter Meeting – January 16 & 17, 2026
 - Spring Meeting – March 13 & 14, 2026
 - June Convention – Dates TBD



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- 2025 Lunches
 - March Meeting sandwiches donated by Paul Hastings Daughters – Keystone HQ Unit
 - June Convention – lunches still open suggestion purchase pizza or subs and drinks and have them delivered for Friday. The committee will ask Paul Hastings if he can help with getting sandwiches for Saturday. Lunch on Friday would be for the League only and Saturday would be for both the League and Auxiliary. Three people will be needed to cover the room during lunch. The League will be asking the DJ from Lancaster County and Carlos Rivera to cover the room and will look for another volunteer.
- 2025-2026
 - October – TBD
 - January - Chili Cook off – Fire Pit Raffle
 - March – Auxiliary? – Looking for Raffle suggestions
 - June -TBD

The Bible was closed, and the meeting recessed for lunch at 10:50 AM. The Bible was reopened, and the meeting resumed at 12:45 PM

PDP Gensel asked who benefited from the League raffles held during the lunch. SVP PDP Mastriana stated the proceeds go back to the lunch committee to purchase supplies or other items needed for the lunches or hospitality room.

- Hospitality Room –
 - June Convention sponsorship is still open. Thursday evening will be the Woodstock Theme Party (dress accordingly). The committee is looking for members to donate snack items to put in the hospitality room if the lunch committee cannot purchase. Proceeds from the donation jar that night will go to Pet Share.
 - October Meeting – Pink Party sponsored by Jim Diamond, Karen Mastriana and Tammy Rivera
 - January – Open
 - March – Auxiliary?
- June 2025 Convention:

Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA June 26-29, 2025
Phone 717-763-7117, be sure to ask for Marine Corps League Rate, Single: \$143.31, Double: \$165.63 (rate includes breakfast). Reservation Deadline is June 4, 2025. The Auxiliary Convention Guest is President Dotty Sanning. Commandant Henry has not stated who the League's guest will be and the Chief Devil Dog Mastriana has asked Senior Vice Chief Devil Dog Joe DeAngelo to be his guest, if he is unavailable, he will be asking PCDD Sanning to be his guest.



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The menu for Friday's banquet is: Garden and Pasta Salads, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Marsala, Blackened Salmon with Pineapple Mango Sauce, Braised Beef Tips, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese and seasonal Vegetable Medley. The cost for the banquet is \$60 in advance, tickets not purchased in advance will be \$75. The dress for the banquet is Business Casual.

- The Best Western, Grantville will once again be the lodging location for the 2025-2026 quarterly meetings. The room rate will remain at \$92 +tax per night. The \$92 rate will be honored for anyone who needs to check in on Thursday. Anyone checking in prior to 1 PM will be charged an early check in fee.
- 2026 Department Convention – The committee has chosen the Kalahari Resort in the Pocono's as the site for the Department Convention. Room rate is \$199/night +tax includes free parking and comes with 4 resort passes worth \$75. Breakfast is not included. Dates TBD. HelmsBriscoe is working with the resort to see if it is possible for members to come in prior to the convention or stay later at the same rate to make it a family vacation and are also working to negotiate a military rate of \$13 for breakfast which would be in addition to the \$199 per night room rate, otherwise you will be on your own for breakfast which could cost \$24. The league will be trying to get a grant to help offset some of the costs.

Ways and Means: JVP Faith Hartman

There are still 33 draw string bags remaining at \$5 each, and 47 coins at \$10 each. Six (6) bibs were brought to today's meeting and were sold. No additional bib sales will be conducted through the Auxiliary. 100 Insulated Grocery Bags were purchased, 50 have been sold leaving 50 bags remaining at \$10 each. Today's 50/50 winner was Libby Knapp. The invoice for the insulated bag was emailed to the treasurer this morning. Raffle tickets were distributed to Northeastern, Smedley D Butler, All Divisions, Upper Darby, Keystone HQ, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleaf and Susquehanna Valley.

MODDF: Madam Big Flea Karen Mastriana:

Scratchy Flea Twila Gensel requested all fleas try and get their dues (\$3) to her prior to the start of the scratch to save time. Madam Big Flea is planning an old fashion flea scratch. Landis-McCleaf has volunteered to make 100 snack bags to sell at the raffle table.

Auditor's Report: Shirley Beaver

Books were in order and bills presented were approved budgeted items.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- If you have any badge holders and/or lanyards please give them to PDP Gensel to recycle for this year's convention. If you have registered delegates who will not be attending their badge may not be in a badge holder.



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- JA PDP Gensel stated that our bylaws and administrative procedures allow for the accommodations for our Convention guest to be covered by the Auxiliary if the League does not cover them.
- Bylaw changes need to be to the JA 45 days prior to the start of the Convention which would be May 15th. For National the timing is different. These are good topics for District or Division Meetings.
- JA PDP Gensel spoke on the Annual Report to the Department of State. Beginning in 2025 we are required to file the Annual report to the Department of State each year. PNP Chamberlain added this was not a new report, just a new reporting requirement. This is the same report each unit should have been filing when they changed their officers.

New Business:

- The draft Agenda for the 2025 Convention was discussed. A revised copy is attached to the minutes.

Good of the Order:

Past National President: Linda Chamberlain

- Zoom Convention Committee Meetings are being held twice a month. Plans for the Convention are starting to fall into place. The committee is planning several trips, all of which will be on the website beginning April 1st.
- We are having some problems with the life member checks and units saying they never receive the check which was mailed out in November. If Ramona did not have a current Installation Report, a check was not mailed. I reached out to the DVP's and asked them to follow up with the units/departments in their Division whose checks had not cleared the bank. All checks undeposited by the end of March will be voided and will not be reissued. Those units who have not deposited their checks will be notified the check has been voided and told if they do locate the missing check, it cannot be deposited as it is well past the 90-day limit.

Northeast Division Vice President: Asst DVP Karen Mastriania

- The Northeast Division Conference will be held April 4-6 at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton, NY. Asst DVP Mastriania asked how many would be attending the conference, five (5) will be attending. Hotel registration deadline was March 3rd, conference registration and banquet reservation forms are due by March 20th and ads are due by tomorrow, March 16th.
- PNP Chamberlain read an email from Judy Wonderly requesting our support again this year as she once again runs in the Marine Corps Marathon in October. PNP Chamberlian will bring this to the floor again at the June Convention.



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Announcements:

The Northeast Division Conference will be held April 4-6 at the Holiday Inn in Binghampton, NY.

Department Convention June 26 & 27 Penn Harris Hotel Harrisburg, PA

Prior to closing the meeting President Rivera installed Faith Hartman as the Unit President of the Northeastern Unit.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

PNP Linda S Chamberlain

PNP Linda S. Chamberlain, Secretary/Treasurer
MCLA of PA, Inc.