



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Membership Meeting June 2025

Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill, PA

Ballroom South

27 June 2025

1041 - Opening Ceremony -Meeting was called to order at 1041 by Commandant Henry, Sergeant at Arms Sundling led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain Schreiber led us in prayer.

Past National Commandants: PNC Hastings

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

Roll Call of the Officers - Chief of Staff McIntosh
All Officers present or accounted for with excused absence

Quorum:
If at least 7 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.

Meeting Appointments

D8 VC Popovich made a motion to appoint Jacob Bertin to sit in for D5 VC Anspach, second by D2 VC Irvin. Motion made by D3 VC James to appoint Dean VanZanardi to sit in for D6 VC Sylvia and second by D4 VC Hartman. Motions carried.

Roll Call of the Detachments - Adjutant Cook

27 Detachments present:

All Divisions, Bethlehem, Corporal Brandon Hardy Chester County, Conemaugh Valley, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleaf, Lehigh Valley, Northampton County, PW Milano, GySgt Ronald E Baum, Northeastern, Penn delphia, Susquehanna Valley, Three Rivers Leathernecks, Valley Forge, Williamsport, Black Sheep, First Capitol, Lewis B Puller Jr, Central Bucks, Gettysburg Battlefield, South Hills Pittsburgh, Allegheny Valley, Bucktail, Keystone Headquarters, Patriot, Leatherneck Square.

Amended Rules of Convention

Motion by Dave Brady, delegate of First Capitol, to approve the adoption of amending the Rules of Convention (change from 1130 start time to 1100), Doc Hockenbury, delegate, made the second. Motion carried.

Nomination of Officers

Department Commandant - PDC Ziltz, delegate, nominates Gladys Victoria McCoy. No other nominations, nominations are closed. Diana Henry, Commandant, delegate, asked as a point of order if the nominee has to be asked if they will accept the position. SVC McCoy accepted the nomination. PNC Hastings offered a second for the nomination of G Victoria McCoy as Department Commandant.

Department Senior Vice Commandant - Delegate Bonnie Shaw, Adjutant of Corporal Brandon Hardy Chester County nominated James Diamond as nominee. No other nominations, nominations are closed.

Department Junior Vice Commandant - Matt Popovich, D8 VC, delegate, nominated Marine Spinnenweber who is currently in Pittsburgh. Marine Spinnenweber has accepted via text message. PNC Hastings, delegate of Landis-McCleaf, offered a nomination, Robert Hockenbury. Robert Hockenbury accepted his nomination. PDC Ziltz offered a second for the nomination of Robert Hockenbury. No other nominations, nominations are closed.



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Department Judge Advocate - D4 VC Scot Hartman, delegate, Northeastern Detachment nominates Joel Sofranko. Joel Sofranko accepted his nomination. No other nominations, nominations are closed.

Department Junior Past Commandant - Commandant Henry, delegate, offered a nomination for PDC Brian Natali. He is unable to attend this morning, and he has given verbal agreement of accepting this position. PNC Hastings, point of order, if a vacancy in the Junior Past Commandant, it becomes an appointment by the incoming Department Commandant who must choose a Past Department Commandant.

Nominations of elected officers are closed.

Commandant Henry asked each of the eight districts to get together and pick a name to present tomorrow for each District Vice Commandant.

Announcements

- Lunch - on your own - there is lunch available in Hospitality Room - \$10
- Americanism books due for judging as soon as we close - judging begins at 1300
- MOY/AOY Society meeting as soon as we close - lunch will be provided
- Commandant's Council will convene at 1300 TODAY
- MODD Initiation will start at 1400 (form around the Mad Dog)
- Growl will follow at 1500
- Banquet - attitude adjustment begins at 1800/ dinner begins at 1830
- PDC Society will meet 0700 in Keystone A

Recess for lunch at 1100 until tomorrow morning at 0830 and MOY/AOY Society to meet at 1115

Business Session Reopened at 0832 Saturday June 28th, 2025

Past National Commandants in Attendance

PNC Tobin, PNC Hastings

Past Department Commandants in attendance

PDC Brady, PDC Natali, PDC Ziltz

National Staff in Attendance

National Vice Commandant - NE Division, Budget, Public Relations and Uniform Ex-officio Bob Ziltz

Assistant National Vice Commandant - NE Division - PDC Dean Lawton

NE Division Aide-de-camp (PA) and Compliance, A/V Committee, VAVS and HAMSAL - Jacob Bertin

NE Division Sergeant at Arms, National Sgt at Arms, Uniform Committee, Honor Guard Committee - Lisa Solarczyk

Assistant Sergeant at Arms - Gene Irvin

Americanism Committee - Sue Irvin

Audio/Visual Chair - Phil McCoy

Public Relations Chair - John Taylor

Training and Leadership School - Victoria McCoy

National Chaplain and MCL Foundation Board - Howard Schaeffer

2024 National Marine of the Year Howard Schaeffer and Associate Member of the Year Carol McIntosh
All past National Marines of the Year recognized.



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2025 Division Marine of the Year Diana Henry and Associate Member of the Year Jim Schreiber
All past Division Marines of the Year and past Associates of the Year recognized.

2024 Department Marine of the Year Dean VanZanardi and Associate Member of the Year Jim Schreiber
All past Department Marines of the Year and past Department Associates of the Year recognized.
2025 Department Marine of the Year Robert "Doc" Hockenbury recognized

Roll Call of Officers - Chief of Staff McIntosh

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Roll Call of Detachments - Adjutant Cook

31 Detachments present:

Bethlehem, Cpl Brandy Hardy Chester County, Conemaugh Valley, Tun Tavern Delaware County, Dutch Helwig, Lancaster County, Landis-McCleafe, Lehigh Valley, Northampton County, PW Milano, GySgt Ronald E Baum, Northeastern, Penndelphia, Susquehanna Valley, Three Rivers Leathernecks, Valley Forge, Williamsport, Black Sheep, First Capitol, Lewis B Puller Jr, TriBoro, Central Bucks, Gettysburg Battlefield, South Hills Pittsburgh, Bantam Marine, Forbes Trail, Bucktail, Keystone Headquarters, Washington County, Patriot, Leatherneck Square.

Commandant Henry called Credentials Committee Chair Philip McCoy up to give the credentials report

Sick or in Distress -

- Commandant Henry - D5 VC Gary Anspach was in a lawn mower accident and suffered a broken femur.
- Bonnie Shaw, Corporal Brandon Hardy Chester County - a member Brian Brody is recovering from hip surgery.
- Det 306 Alfred Francis - Paymaster not feeling well, and Commandant Marshall Houston.
- Frank Kelly, Commandant Three Rivers Leathernecks- Gary Fiore could not make it due to his wife's illness.

Dedication of Meeting:

- PDC Brady, First Capitol - Michael Freet, Sr. passed away.
- SVC McCoy, Keystone HQ - John Gingrich Sr. passed away.
- Commandant Henry - Byron Winkberry passed away.

D2 VC Gene Irvin made the motion and second by Bill Foster, Landis-McCleafe to approve the meeting dedications. Motion carried.

Commandant Henry asked the Chaplain to drape the charter.

2024 Department Convention Meeting Minutes

D2 VC Irvin made a motion to approve the 2024 Department Convention Meeting Minutes, D4 VC Hartman made the second. Motion carried.

Elected Officers Reports -



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Commandant Henry - asked for motion to receive all elected officer reports as presented. Motion by D5 VC Bertin, and second by D3 VC James. Motion carried.

0902 Commandant Henry turned it over to SVC McCoy to present tenure awards to the membership.

0916 Commandant Henry turned it over to JVC Diamond to present the membership with the audit and budget report.

Stephen Smalley, PW Milano Detachment asked if there are units to contribute swords to. Commandant Henry explained we make a donation in a dollar amount to present swords as we do not present physical swords.

PDC Ziltz, brought up budget items.

PNC Hastings, didn't see anything in the Budget for the YPF program. How will it be funded if back in operation? PNC Hastings offered to commit up to \$10k in funding if Department has a "meet" (used to occur around April or May each year). Encouraging Department to appoint a YPF Coordinator to start this program and help youth stay fit. Also asked to increase the scholarship amounts.

Delegate Bonnie Shaw, has a YPF coordinator at NEDIV, Steve Lord.

PDC Ziltz, mentioned that NEDIV YPF coordinator may attend today's meeting.

Motion to approve the FY2025-2026 Budget Committee operations report, D2 VC Irvin made the motion and second by D6 VC VanZanardi. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Audit Committee Report, First not needed - coming out of Committee. All in favor voted aye. Audit Committee report approved.

Scholarship Committee - D2 VC Irvin

54 Scholarships requests received this year, and approved. Names of recipients have been submitted and will be posted on the web. Motion to approve the scholarships and amounts (\$500) for 2025. D1 VC Brown made the motion and D3 VC James made the second. Motion carried.

National Youth Physical Fitness Representative, Steve Lord, given the floor at 1050

Announcements before breaking for chow at 1142

- Bill Foster mentioned Districts need to convene and come up with a candidate name for District Vice Commandant.
- Quartermaster and MODD store will close at 1400.
- Lunch is on your own, there is lunch in the hospitality room for donation
- Keystone HQ will meet in Keystone A Room at 1200
- SVC McCoy brought up two candidates will need to be voted on for JVC election.
- Doc Hockenbury, \$5 raffle tickets available (prize is \$500 gift card)

1302 Break from chow is over, business session reopened

Certificate of Appreciation given to PNC Hastings

Commandant Henry turned the floor over to JA Sofranko to discuss the 1 new administrative procedure change.

Enclosure 10 - Department Associate Member of the Year Guidelines.



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Motion to approve this amendment to the AP made by Dave Brady, and second by D6 VC VanZanardi.
Motion carried.

Appointed Officers Reports -

Motion to approve Appointed Officer's Reports as presented made by D2 VC Irvin, and second by D4 VC Hartman. Motion carried.

Standing and Program Committees Reports:

- Commandant's Council - SVC McCoy - thank you to those in attendance, did a year end review.
- Convention Committee - Karen Mastriana - upcoming quarterly lunches discussed. 2026 Department Convention locked on at the Kalahari Resort.
- Awards and Citations - SVC McCoy - awards given.
- Training and Leadership schools- SVC McCoy - did not host one last April. Will be hosting one in 2025, on 27 September. Thanks to Northeastern Detachment for hosting. Class will only allow 30 participants. \$30 tuition cost, lunch and snacks provided.
- Budget and Audit Committee - JVC Diamond - report given.
- Americanism Committee - Chris Shaw - of 64 Detachments, received only 3 Americanism books. This could not happen without Sue Irvin. Thanks to the members that judged the books.
- Scholarships - Gene Irvin - report given.
- Marksmanship Committee - Jim Schreiber - one rifle and one pistol match allowed to happen at Fort Indiantown Gap again, was difficult to get this approval back.
- VVS report - Jacob Bertin - additional Detachments have been added. Exceeded goal for participation by more than double. Compliance report also brought up - ROI's -Profile ID for Detachment - must be on the ROI. Name on ROI should be the name on the Charter, and on your Incorporation etc. You cannot install yourself. Dual roles are an issue. You can only hold one position on your BOT. PDC also brought up that the place and time are important to direct new members to your meeting place. VVS Awards and checks given out.
- Scouting - Greg Schlegel- no report to present on the floor.
- PDC Council - Dave Brady - did not meet.
- MOY Society - Dave Brady - thank you for the approval to the AP change, more will be coming in the next few years. Did not have enough nominees this year. Each Detachment should submit a candidate.

Commandant Henry - asked for a motion to receive all Committee reports as presented. D5 VC Bertin made the motion and D6 VC VanZanardi made the second. Motion carried.

Subordinate, Subsidiary and Independent Organization Reports:

- MODD PA PACK - Pack Leader Mastriana - store made \$1149. Devil Dogs made \$312 big bones. New Pack Leader, Eddie Erb. Members of PA Pack recognized new 2025 PA Pack Dog of the Year - PDD Gene Irvin.
- MCL of PA Foundation - PDC Ziltz - recommended scholarship amount and approved amount of \$500 per scholarship. Gave brief on funds available. Commandant Henry presented President Ziltz with donations from various entities.
- MCL Auxiliary - President Rivera - spoke to membership.

National Officer Reports:



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- PNC Tobin - mentioned the importance of Quarterly reports so the Marine Corps itself will know what we do. When out doing ceremonies with the Marine Corps League - do not wear your dress blues when marching with the Marine Corps League.
- NE DIV VC Ziltz - Division is looking for a few appointments to fill roles at Division level. Wants Division to be more like a conference to attend near Scranton. If interested in serving, see him.

Unfinished Business:

- Colyer James was presented his Distinguished Citizen Award.

New Business :

- The last item of Business is the election of Officers

Report of the Credentials Committee - Phil McCoy

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - PNC Dennis Tobin

Commandant - G Victoria McCoy

Sr. Vice Commandant - James P Diamond

Judge Advocate - Joel Sofranko

Adjutant Cook cast the one unanimous vote to elect these 3 officers to the Department of Pennsylvania.

PNC Tobin asked Robert Hockenbury to leave the room so the membership can perform an official vote.

Two nominees for JVC are Robert Hockenbury and Joe Spinninweber.

New Department JVC is Robert Hockenbury.

Districts Caucus to elect District Vice Commandants

1. Dennis Brown
2. James Youlis
3. Colyer James
4. Scot Hartman
5. Gary Anspach
6. Dean VanZanardi
7. No DV at this time
8. Matt Popovich

PNC Tobin performed Installation of all Elected and Appointed Officers assisted by acting Sergeant at Arms Waluk and acting Chaplain Ziltz.

Good of the League:

- Bonnie Shaw asked for members to pick up their books

Announcements:

- Newly elected Board of Trustees will meet 1700 today
- Any newly elected officer NOT attending - see the Adjutant ASAP
- Everyone is encouraged to attend National Convention 11-15 August in Grapevine, TX.
- Next Department meeting will be 17-18 October at Indiantown Gap HQ.



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- Atonement plate budgeted amount - succeeding in meeting the amount for the year - today the Chaplain collected \$45 in fines.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting was adjourned at 1539 hours by Commandant McCoy assisted by SAA Sundling and Chaplain Schreiber.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Cook, Adjutant, MCLPA