



Report of the Judge Advocate..... October 2025

A. Charter Voluntary Surrender:

- 1. Juniata Area Detachment #687** **D6....** 11/23/2024... Still in the process of transferring members.
- 2. Black Diamond #846** **D5....** 9/15/2025 The final 2 members have been dropped, and the Detachment is empty and inactive. Articles of dissolution are in the process of being filed.

B. Detachment Deactivation: None.

C. Letters of Warning: None.

D. Disciplinary Charges: None to report.

E. Grievances: No grievances to report.

F. Documents Reviewed:

1. 7/30/2025: National Judge Advocate Bruce Raffeld approved the Department of Pennsylvania Bylaws.
2. 8/1/2025: Received and viewed the Department of Pennsylvania Compliance Updates.
3. 9/5/2025: Received and approved Landis-McCleafe #295 updated Bylaws.

G. Questions:

Question: As the new JA at the Washington County Detachment#1138 and having no prior experience, we are exploring the idea of changing the day of our monthly meetings. We have been experiencing a problem with availability. I'm seeking your guidance to ensure we do this properly. Any help is greatly appreciated. Tom Hazlett.

Answer: Section 930. Meetings. A detachment shall meet at a date, time, and frequency of its choosing. **Once a month is recommended.** The detachment charter or a copy, the National Colors, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business meetings. The "Ritual" of the Marine Corps League shall be observed and employed at all meetings and appropriate functions to the maximum extent possible.

Questions: As you know, we are attempting to highlight the "250th": The Corps, The League, and The Detachment as we approach 10 NOVEMBER. One of the things we would like to do is get some airtime on "PA Live" (WBRE-TV), Paul Mendofik, Comm, White Haven Det. #1039

1. Is there any problem doing this and utilizing the Marine Corps League, the logo, or website/QR code for information to join?

Answer: No issues at all using your Detachment MCL name, the official MCL logo, or the MCL website/QR code....

2. Do we need to submit to any MCL organizational segment questions that are to be asked, or topics of conversation for approval before recording?

Answer: It is important to always remember the policy of the MCL, which, in part, states: "shall be ever non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan; nor shall it be based on the grounds of race, color, creed, nationality, or sex; nor shall it be used as a medium of political ambition or preferment; nor shall former or present military rank or former or present civilian position be used as the basis for special consideration or preferment."

3. Are we authorized to wear the uniform?

Answer: When representing the MCL, MCL uniforms worn properly are authorized to wear.

Semper Fidelis,
Joel Sofranko