



**DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
**Membership Meeting October 2025**  
**MCLPA Headquarters**  
**Fort Indiantown Gap, PA**

**16 Oct 2025**

**Opening Ceremony** Meeting was called to order at 1300 by Commandant McCoy with the assistance of Sergeant at Arms Sundling and Chaplain Schreiber.

**Roll Call of the Officers - Chief of Staff Bill Foster**

Commandant McCoy  
SVC Diamond  
JVC Hockenbury  
JA Joel Sofranko  
Paymaster Bertin  
Adjutant Hodgden  
Chaplain Schreiber  
JPDC Natali - A  
D1 VC Brown  
D2 VC Youells  
D3 VC James  
D4 VC Hartman  
D5 VC Anspach  
D6 VC VanZardani  
D7 VC Swineford  
D8 VC Popovich  
Sgt. at Arms Sundling  
PAO Officer Jeff Line  
Chief of Staff Foster

**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.

**Sick or in Distress** – PNC Paul Hastings and his wife have been in and out of the hospital. Penndelphia Oliver Francis had to leave early but is feeling better now.

**Minutes of 25 Jun 2025 Board of Trustees meeting:**

Motion to accept minutes offered by JVC Hockenberry.  
Second by Dist 6 SVC Van Zanardi

**Elected Officers Reports** – These reports were submitted and available to read online.

**Dist SVCs** - nothing new to add to written reports

**Judge Advocate** – nothing new to add to written reports

**Jr Vice Commandant** – all coins have been delivered, and we are currently sold out. Packets of calendars have all been distributed. If anyone wants stickers, please see JVC Hockenberry.

**Sr Vice Commandant** - still issues with unpaid members. Tenure awards – applications must be submitted prior to 3 years when reaching a milestone. Access to base gate – please let SVC know if you think a member will be here. Detachment Quarterly reports – please fill them out and get them in on time.



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**Commandant Report** – Commandant offers no report at this time. Still getting her feet wet. Veteran & Youth tickets – you will get extra. Better to send out extra than to leave them in a box.

Motion to accept Elected Officer Reports offered by PAO Line.  
Seconded by Dist 4 SVC Hartman  
Motion carries

**Appointed Officers Reports**

**Compliance/Paymaster** - 200 transmittals sent. Sending transmittals can take 2-3 weeks from the point of receiving. Reminder that on July 1 all transmittal numbers must restart. For example, 26/2 means second transmittal of 2026. Also, please use "V" on transmittal for Veteran – even if they are another service or associate member.

**Adjutant** – no report at this time

**Chaplain** – no report at this time

**Sergeant at Arms** – reminder for all to sign into the meeting room and sign out. 44 members signed in.

**PAO** – Facebook – If you would like it posted, please send to Jeff Line

**Quartermaster** – the store took in \$508. 20.75 for big bones for the MODD store. At the Growl – 20 dogs attended. 145.85 big bones collected.

Motion to accept appointed Officer Reports offered by Matt Corwin  
Seconded by JR Wells  
Motion carries

**Standing Committee Reports**

**SVC Command Council** – good format and info

**Leadership Training** – Held Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in Scranton, PA

**PDC Council** – nothing new to report

**Marine of the Year Society** - PDC Brady reports that the plaque has been updated.

**Budget and Audit** – JVC Hockenbury budget is on target. Currently at 13.94% of operation income. Audit committee is on target for audit

**Medical Aid Committee** – JVC Hockenbury will step up to make sure we have needed medical supplies

**Americanism Award** - Sue Irvin presented the winners of the Americanism awards. 1<sup>st</sup> place, Category 3 – Cpl Brandon Hardy Det. 1<sup>st</sup> place, category 2 – Allegheny Valley Det. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, category – North Hampton Det.



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**Scholarship Committee** – Gene Irvin 54 scholarship applications were approved at Jun convention. Letters were sent for verification of enrollment. 24 checks have been mailed. Remind detachments as sponsors for scholarships, they need to get verification of enrollment.

**Convention Committee** – Karen Mastriana 2026 convention will be Jun 17-21. Hotel will acknowledge our rate from June 15 -22. NE Division is sponsoring hospitality room. Thursday night will be Safari night. Kalahari resort is cashless – will need a bracelet to pay. No menu yet for the banquet. Price for banquet will be \$60 in advance or \$75 at the door. Jim Castella is looking for grants to cover the cost of breakfast.

**Winter meeting** – Chili cookoff will be Saturday. Lunch raffles - winter and spring – looking for suggestions.

**Quarterly meeting billeting** - those making reservations need to comply with cut-off dates.

**Awards and Citations** – no report

**Samuel Nickalaus Memorial Committee** – the chair and members have all resigned

**VVS** – Paymaster Bertin - 20 detachments are participating which is 32%. VVS is being renamed to Center for Development and Civic Engagement.

**Scouting** - no longer have a chairperson.

**Toys for Tots** – The season is starting. “Get out there and start doing it”

**Marksmanship** – results will be published on the website. Also, there will be 2 matches held at Ft Indiantown Gap. Pistol match is scheduled for May 23/24, and rifle is scheduled for September 12/13. We need more detachments and more people getting involved.

Motion to accept Committee Reports offered by Gene Irvin  
Seconded by Paymaster Bertin  
Motion carries

**Unfinished Business**

**PAMCL Foundation** – PDC Henry - the Foundation is strong. If someone is in need, please fill out the application to ask for assistance. Veteran in need must go through the local county Veteran’s Association. If someone from the Foundation calls a member of a detachment, please reach out and make contact as requested by the Foundation. Two checks were presented to the Foundation. Central Bucks donated \$638. Leatherneck Square donated \$200.

**New Business:**

- There is a new version of the Ritual available in the member library
- Database Portal – Each detachment can have 2 people with access. Detachments can print their own



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membership roster.

- There is a new NODD form. It requires the profile number. No transmittal needed.
- There is also a new by law for fundraising. Please check it out.
- Email addresses – ask members for them and tell them why they are needed.
- PLMs are due December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Good of the League:** Board of Trustees will purchase 24 tickets for the CPMA Birthday Ball. This gives us a total of 27 tickets for the ball.

**Closing Ceremony:** Meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours by Commandant McCoy assisted by SAA Sundling and SVC Diamond and Chaplain Schreiber.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hodgden, Adjutant, MCLPA