



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Membership Meeting January 2026
MCLPA Headquarters
Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

17 Jan 2026

Opening Ceremony Meeting was called to order at 1020 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
D1 VC Brown - excused – Paul Baily
D2 VC Youells
D3 VC James
D4 VC Hartman
D5 VC Anspach
D6 VC VanZardani
D7 VC - vacant
D8 VC Popovich
Sgt. at Arms Sundling
PAO Officer Jeff Line
Chief of Staff Foster

Motion to appoint Paul Baily as Dist 1 Vice for the meeting
Motion made by JVC Hockenbury.
Second by Dist 6 SVC Van Zanardi

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 – Jr. Vice Hockenbury is scheduled to have shoulder surgery. Jimmy Fissel broke both feet. Tom Mann is having health issues (cancer). JR Wells had recent surgery. Jim Mineo scheduled for surgery. Dist 3 Vice James and Dist 1 Vice Brown are having health issues. PDC Hastings is recovering from cataract surgery.

Dedications - This meeting is dedicated to the memory of the following members: Donny G. Boyer (PW Milano), Jim Welty(First Capitol), and John Baily. Chaplain Schreiber and Commandant McCoy draped the charter.

Minutes of 16 Oct 2025 Membership meeting minutes:

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

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



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Dist SVCs - all written and submitted

Judge Advocate – JA Sofranko read email from National Judge Advocate clarifying definitions of installing officer and those being installed. Reported Lebanon County is surrendering charter. Juniata in process of surrendering charter. Standing Stone received letter and voted to surrender charter. If detachments are not in compliance with National and Department by laws, then you should make a decision to either surrender charter or become compliant. JA also reports each detachment must maintain a minimum of 15 regular members, submit your 990's, Report of Officer Installation, and Paid Life members. Lastly, there were disciplinary charges filed against two members of the Department. Charges went through the Department hearing board and board voted to expel the two members. The members appealed to the National Judge Advocate and Department decision was upheld.

Jr Vice Commandant – nearly 80% of calendar stubs have been returned.

Sr Vice Commandant

Commandant Report – Commandant offers no report at this time.

Motion to accept Elected Officer Reports offered by JR Wells.

Seconded by Matthew Corwin

Motion carries

Appointed Officers Reports

Compliance/Paymaster – Written and submitted

Adjutant – no report at this time

Chaplain – Written and submitted

Sergeant at Arms – 36 members signed in.

PAO – Written and submitted

Quartermaster – Ship's store mad \$131. Quartermaster is going to National Mid-winter convention and should be able to pick up more items. MODD made 63 big bones. Growl was attended by all 9 PA pounds. There will be a MODD gathering end of October in Morgantown, PA.

Motion to accept appointed Officer Reports offered by Matthew Corwin

Seconded by Rick Silva

Motion carries

Standing Committee Reports

SVC Commandant's Council – Newsletter award – we have 9 detachments out of 60 with newsletters in the department. Tenure awards – please submit prior to convention.

Leadership Training – Looking at September of 2026 for training

PDC Council – Meeting was held middle of December. Department should be proactive to look for other options for a building.



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Marine of the Year Society - PDC Brady reports nominations for MOY will be accepted online or by snail mail up to the close of business Thursday before the convention.

Budget and Audit – Audit was completed 100%. Currently at 47% of operating budget.

Medical Aid Committee – All medical supplies in order

Americanism Award – not in attendance

Scholarship Committee – not in attendance

Convention Committee – Karen Mastriana – Need to get corporate sponsorships. Committee is looking for ideas for 2027 convention. Spring meeting will have St. Patrick's day theme.

Awards and Citations – no report

VVS – Paymaster Bertin - 13 detachments are participating. Goal is to have 25 detachments.

Scouting – National Liason member Bill Kropa reported 17 Courts of Honor from Pennsylvania.

Toys for Tots –

Marksmanship – SOP changes are being worked on. Changes will affect scoring the team matches. We are authorized to have 2 matches at Fort Indiantown Gap. Volunteers are needed for these events. Volunteers can also shoot in the match. First shoot at the Gap will be a pistol match May 1 through May 3.

Motion to accept Committee Reports offered by PAO Line

Seconded by Dist 3 Vice James

Motion carries

Unfinished Business

PAMCL Foundation – Commandant McCoy read an email from PDC Henry. Continue to make all aware that the Foundation is there and available to help.

New Business:

- Still working to build the new webpage for the Department
- Department By Law and AP changes are due April 1

Good of the League:

Meritorious Commendation Ribbons were presented to
Matthew Popovich
Dean Van Zanardi



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Carol McIntosh
Jim Scheiber
Joe Spinninweber
Tom Haslett

For performing a cake cutting ceremony in Harrisburg.
Boy Scout Will Spinninweber received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Closing Ceremony: Meeting was adjourned by Commandant McCoy assisted by SAA Sundling, SVC Diamond, and Chaplain Schreiber.

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hodgden, Adjutant, MCLPA