



Report of the Judge Advocate..... March 2026

I will be in attendance on February 26, 2026, for the National Mid-Winter Conference in Arlington, Va.

A. Charter Voluntary Surrender: **D3....**Lebanon County Detachment #525 is in the process of surrendering its charter. I have no updates now.

Juniata Area Detachment #687 **D6....** 11/23/2024... Waiting on the transfer of two members.

Standing Stone Detachment #1117 **D7....**12/05/2025 ... Received a letter from the Detachment Commandant that they will surrender their Charter.

B. Detachment Deactivation: None.

c. Disciplinary Charges: **D8....** 09/12/2025... **Lancaster County Detachment #294:** Disciplinary charges were filed against two Detachment members by another member of the Detachment. A virtual hearing Board was convened on November 21, 2025, and the result of that hearing was the expulsion of the two members from the Marine Corps League. Their appeals to the National Judge Advocate were denied; both members have been expelled and removed from the Marine Corps League membership rolls.

D. Grievances: No grievances to report.

Documents Reviewed: None.

F. Questions: None.

Semper Fidelis,
Joel Sofranko

1. 10/21/2025: Received and reviewed the Department of Pennsylvania Compliance Updates.

: I need to know if there is any by-law or admin procedure regarding Detachments' fiscal year dates. I have heard a few saying they have Jan 1 to Dec. 31, and others have, I think it was a July or June date. I know my Detachment has a Jan 1 to Dec. 31 fiscal year, and this is part of our bylaws. Can you confirm if National has anything regarding the dates each Detachment must have? I was not able to find anything, so I wanted to ask you. I was always under the impression that Detachments could use whatever dates they wanted. I could be wrong and misinformed. Bill Foster Chief of Staff, Department of PA MCL.

Answer: 12/03/2025: From National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka.

Detachments may be operating on a Fiscal Year different from the Marine Corps League's standard **July 1 – June 30** cycle. **This is not a corrective action**, and no Detachment is "in trouble." However, aligning your Fiscal Year with the National organization is strongly recommended to ensure consistency with the parent corporation and to simplify financial

reporting and audit requirements. **Currently, over 60% of Detachments are already aligned to the "6" Fiscal Year, and several more are actively working toward transitioning to ensure full organizational consistency.** Updating your Fiscal Year is a straightforward process and can be coordinated directly through the Marine Corps League COO