

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania
13 March 2026
MCLPA HQ, Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

The meeting was called to order by Commandant Victoria McCoy.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chief of Staff

<u>Member</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance?</u>
Commandant McCoy	Victoria McCoy	y
Sr Vice Commandant	Jim Diamond	y
Jr Vice Commandant	Doc Hockenbury	y
JA Joel Sofranko	Joel Sofranko	e
Paymaster	Jacob Bertin	y
Adjutant	Peggy Hodgden	y
Chaplain Schreiber	Jim Schreiber	y
Jr Past Commandant	PDC Brian Natali	e
District 1 Vice Commandant	Dennia Brown	y
District 2 Vice Commandant	Jim Youells	y
District 3 Vice Commandant	Colyer James	y
District 4 Vice Commandant	Scot Hartman	e
District 5 Vice Commandant	Gary Anspach	y
District 6 Vice Commandant	Dean Van Zanardi	y
District 7 Vice Commandant	VACANT	
District 8 Vice Commandant	Matt Popovich	y
Sgt. at Arms Sundling	Robert Sundling	y
PAO Officer Jeff Line	Jeff Line	y
Chief of Staff Foster	Bill Foster	y

MEETING APPOINTMENTS

PDC Bob Ziltz sitting in for Judge Advocate

Motion to accept appointment – PAO Line

Second – DVC8 Popovich

Motion passed

If at least seven members are present:

In accordance with Article VI, Section 635 of the Bylaws of the Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League, a quorum is declared for the conduct of official business.

MINUTES OF BOT MEETING – 16 January 2026

Motion to Approve after correction to spelling: DVC5 Anspach

Second: DVC6 Van Zanardi

Approved

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CORRESPONDENCE

- “Thank you” card from Align Pregnancy Services in Lebanon
- Letter from Doug Forsyth of the Samuel Nicholas Committee listing dates of ceremonies done at the Samuel Nicholas site.
- Letter from the Adjutant General for Fort Indiantown Gap requesting donations and sponsors.

Motion to donate \$250 – DVC8 Popovich

Second –DVC6 Van Zanardi

Motion passed

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Available on the Department Website

District Vice Commandants

- District 1 – Dennis Brown - rescheduling district meeting to May 3rd
- District 2 – Jim Youells – report sent.
- District 3 – Colyer James - report sent, nothing to add
- District 4 – Scot Hartman - excused
- District 5 – Gary Anspach - report sent. District meeting tentatively scheduled for the 2nd of May
- District 6 – Dean Van Zanardi – report sent.
- District 7 – Vacant
- District 8 – Matt Popovich. Not submitted/not posted. District meeting scheduled for April 25th.

Other Elected Officers

- Jr. Past Commandant – excused
- Judge Advocate – Joel Sofranko – report sent. Juniata County still has 2 members. Standing Stone has 6 members. 3 want to move to Nittany. Still waiting on responses from the last 3.

• Jr. Vice Commandant – Doc Hockenbury – 88.6% of the stubs turned in for the calendars. All Calendars are sold, still waiting on stubs. Stubs must be in before March 1st per the back of the calendar.

- Sr. Vice Commandant – Jim Diamond – report sent, nothing to add
- Commandant – Victoria McCoy - report sent, nothing to add

Motion to accept All Elected Reports: Jr Vice Hockenbury

Second: DVC8 Van Zanardi

Passed

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS

Available on the Department Website

- Chief of Staff – Bill Foster report sent, nothing to add
- Paymaster – Jacob Bertin report sent.
- Adjutant – Peggy Hodgden – no report
- Chaplain – Jim Schreiber - report sent, nothing to add
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Bob Sundling - report sent, nothing to add

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- Public Affairs Officer – Jeff Line - report sent, nothing to add
Motion to accept All appointed officer Reports: Dist 3 Vice James
Second: DVC6 Van Zanardi
Passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Website update – GoDaddy domain name is pamcleague.com. Full launch of website will be at convention.
- Commandant will be submitting an administrative procedure change at National which will require all Commandants and Paymasters to have email addresses.
- New printer is working wonderfully. If you need a black or grayscale doc, use the printer next to the new one.
- Northeast Division Convention ad
Motion to purchase a full-page ad for \$150: Dist 5 Anspach
Second: DVC8 Popovich
Passed
- ROIs not on the 2025 form will be rejected. For the 2025 form, Member's address and member ID are not needed. Mailing address is needed and meeting address is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- AP Enclosure change – Currently, our AP's say we will present a K-bar and an enclosed case to the NROTC cadet. New verbiage would be "this award shall consist of a USMC K-bar knife and display case or stand and be presented to a cadet chosen by the staff."
Motion to make verbiage changes to the AP Enclosure: Jr Vice Hockenbury
Second: Dist 6 Van Zanardi
Passed
- Commandant McCoy discussed a message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps concerning wearing uniforms during the current state of war.
- Chapter 9 results – as written in the JA report, the Department had one Chapter 9 hearing resulting in 2 expulsions from the Marine Corps League, one regular member and one associate member. The decision appealed to the National Judge Advocate and appeal was rejected. The member then appealed to the Board of Trustees and that too was rejected.
- Charlie Mathias has been appointed as Newsletter editor for all divisions. Newsletter will start in October.
- Commandant McCoy explained the Department convention ads and sponsorships.
- Bids for the 2027 convention are needed.
- Felony convictions -- If a member has a felony conviction, the detachment must start Chapter 9 proceedings immediately.

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GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

District meeting schedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reports due to the Adjutant by 1 June 2026

CLOSING

Meeting adjourned