



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

**14 March 2026**

**Opening Ceremony** Meeting was called to order at 1000 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 - excused  
Paymaster Bertin  
Adjutant Hodgden  
Chaplain Schreiber  
JPDC Natali  
D1 VC Brown  
D2 VC Youells  
D3 VC James  
D4 VC Hartman - excused  
D5 VC Anspach  
D6 VC Van Zanardi  
D7 VC - vacant  
D8 VC Popovich  
Sgt. at Arms Sundling  
PAO Officer Jeff Line  
Quartermaster Mastriana  
Armorer McCoy  
Chief of Staff Foster

Motion to appoint Lisa Solarczyk as Dist 4 Vice for the meeting  
Motion made by JVC Hockenbury.  
Second by Dist 6 SVC Van Zanardi

Motion to appoint Jacob Bertin, assistant Judge Advocate, as Judge Advocate for the meeting  
Motion made by Dist 5 SVC Anspach  
Second by PAO Line

**Roll Call of Detachments:** 23 detachments present

**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** –none

**Dedications** - This meeting is dedicated to the memory of the following members: Duane O. Prior (Washington County), Past National Commandant Neil Corley, James Hackenberg, Richard Zerbe, Jim Klaus, and the 7 Army and 6 Air Force members who were killed in action. Chaplain Schreiber and Commandant McCoy draped the charter.



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

**Dist SVCs** - all written and submitted

Dist 1 will have a meeting on May 3

Dist 2 – meeting March 21st

Dist 5 – meeting will be scheduled for May

Dist 8 – Meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>

Jr Past DC - Asking for members to help find a solution for the Department home.

**Judge Advocate** – Commandant McCoy relayed message from the JA concerning 3 detachments in the process of closing voluntarily.

**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 DVC6 Van Zanardi

Motion carries

**Appointed Officers Reports**

**Compliance/Paymaster** – Written and submitted

**Adjutant** – no report at this time

**Chaplain** – Written and submitted

**Sergeant at Arms** – 37 members signed in and 6 on Zoom.

**PAO** – Written and submitted

**Quartermaster** – to be filed online

Motion to accept appointed Officer Reports offered by Paymaster Bertin

Seconded by Spinnenweber

Motion carries

Landis-McCleef Home Association presented a check for \$500 to the Department to help cover the costs of the convention.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**SVC Commandant's Council** – If you have any suggestions for Commandant's council, please submit them. Tenure awards – please submit prior to convention.

**Leadership Training** – Leadership Training is tentatively scheduled for 12 September and will be held at Department HQ. All documents, power points, etc will be on a thumb drive. Fee is \$30 for class.



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**Marine of the Year Society -**

**Budget and Audit –**

**Medical Aid Committee –**

**Americanism Award –**

**Scholarship Committee –**

**Convention Committee** – Karen Mastriana – Need to get corporate sponsorships. Committee is looking for ideas for 2027 convention.

**Awards and Citations** – no report

**VVS** – Paymaster Bertin -

**Scouting** - no report

**Toys for Tots** –

**Marksmanship** – 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**

**New website** – New website for Department will launch at convention. Commandant Jim Breen, of South Carolina built the website and is the guest of honor at our convention. Features of the new website include ROI within one click, being able to submit a transmittal online, payment online

**ROIs** – make sure you are using the correct form. New form has mailing address as well as address for where your detachment meets. Do not use “Department” form for a detachment ROI.

**New Business:**

- Department By Law and AP changes are due to the Judge Advocate April 1. Changes will then be set to National by 30 April.
- Marine Frank Kelly thanked the Department for making the Zoom call. He appreciated being able to attend the meeting.

The following awards were distributed:

Americanism Committee Honorable Mention Certificate – Northampton County Detachment 298

National Public Relations Committee – interaction and presence on social media - Department of Pennsylvania received First Place.



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**Good of the League:**

Bob Howzer (Bob Smith Detachment 784), chairman of the Avenue of Flags at Fort Indiantown Gap Cemetery asked detachments to make an effort to collect interment flags. Internment flags are made of cotton and measure 5 ft wide by 9 ½ ft long.

**Announcements**

Commandant McCoy will be seeking a second term of office

Sr Vice Diamond is seeking another term of office

Jr Vice Hockenbury will not run for office

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation's replica of the Memorial Wall will be at the American Legion in Campbelltown, PA on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Downtown Pittsburgh is hosting America 250 on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is June 19, 2026.

Reports are due to the adjutant by June 1.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Hodgden, Adjutant, MCLPA