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Wearing the Flag Patch!

There has been a correction made to Enclosure Three of the National Marine Corps League By-Laws. **Members of the Order who wish to continue wearing the United States flag patch, may do so.**

ENCLOSURE THREE(3): UNIFORM CODE - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE STATES THAT SHOULDER PATCHES are worn on the UNDRESS Uniform and the CEREMONIAL Uniform ONLY.

The Marine Corps League shoulder patch will be worn on the left sleeve, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.

The United States flag patch (2" x 3 1/2") will be worn on the right sleeve centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam. The United States flag patch will have a white border, and will have the Field of Blue to the right (to the wearer's front).

If a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the MODD patch may be worn in place of the United States flag patch, centered on the sleeve and 1-1/2" below the shoulder seam.

No Service or Unit patches are to be worn on the Marine Corps League Uniform.

Rendering the "hand salute"

The Marine Corps League interpretation of National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 and Defense Authorization Act of 2009 is as follows:

The decision as to whether to render a "hand salute" or "hand over the heart" when not in authorized Marine Corps League uniform (Marine Corps League Cover) is a matter of personal preference. In other words, whether you are wearing "no cover," a baseball cap, etc., if the MCL uniform *is not* involved, the decision is a "matter of individual personal preference."

When in authorized Marine Corps League uniform (Marine Corps League Cover), the "hand salute" should be rendered.

When indoors and uncovered at a League function, "hand over the heart" is the appropriate action.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- MCL Life Membership is still a bargain.
- *Show Marine Pride. Put a League License Plate on your vehicle*
- *Attend the Convention in New Cumberland*

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.PAMCLEAGUE.ORG



MCL Life Membership
Rates

For those Marine Corps League members that wish to "Go Life" with their membership, saving money over the years, eliminating having to remember to renew each year, and saving your overworked Detachment Paymaster\Adjutant much paperwork and time, these are the rates, depending on your age:

From January 1, 2009 and thereafter

Up to 35.....\$500.00
Age 36 to 40.....\$400.00
Age 41 to 50.....\$400.00
Age 51 to 60.....\$300.00
Age 61 and older.....\$150.00

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing". That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

As a footnote please be aware that some Detachments have set up an "installment payment" plan to allow members to make payments in smaller increments. Please check with your Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster to see if such a plan is in place.

Your Elected Department of Pennsylvania Officers for 2008-2009

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Marine Corps League License Plates ——— \$30.00



PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES.

MAKE YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.00 PAYABLE TO "MCL of PA, Inc."

**SEND APPLICATION TO: PAUL F. HASTINGS, PNC
1631 BRIDGE STREET
NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070-1174**

Application Form MV-904SO (09-04) can be downloaded from the Department of PA Website

APPLICATIONS SENT (directly) TO THE COMMONWEALTH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SENDER AND NOT PROCESSED. CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO THE "PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION" WILL ALSO BE RETURNED NOT PROCESSED.

Processing to the Department of Transportation, then to the Bureau of Corrections to manufacture the plate takes approximately six weeks from date of mailing to the Department of Transportation. Applications are mailed in batches of at least 3.

TO ASK QUESTIONS BY PHONE: CALL PDC HASTINGS : 800-747-1420 or email to: Phasti4321@aol.com

Remember, only the new application Form MV-904SO (09-04) can be used. This is the ONLY form that will be acceptable. Do Not Use the Old Form MV-904SO (02-04)

The following persons are eligible to apply for Marine Corps League Pennsylvania license plate:

- a. Individuals who are members in good standing of one of the Department's chartered detachments.
- b. Active duty Marines belonging to an out-of-state Marine Corps League detachment who have Pennsylvania as their home of record.
- c. Marine Corps League Auxiliary Members.

**DETACHMENT
NEWSLETTER EDITORS
TAKE NOTE**

All Detachment Newsletter Editors should take note of Department of Pennsylvania M.C.L. By-Laws (Enclosure Two), which spell out the criteria for newsletter recognition at the state level.

Especially note that copies of Detachment Newsletters are to be sent to the Department Commandant, the Department Senior Vice Commandant, and the Department Public Affairs Officer.

Also send newsletters to the Keystone Leatherneck Editor via e-mail or snail mail.

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(if needed)

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

2009 Department Convention

New Cumberland PA

June 24-27, 2009

The 64th annual *Department of Pennsylvania Convention* is scheduled for **June 24 - 27, 2008** at the **Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, New Cumberland, PA.**

**I-83 & PA Turnpike
148 Sheraton Drive
New Cumberland PA 17070**

Room Rate: \$89.00 plus tax

RESERVATION DEADLINE – 25 May 2009

Reservations can be made by calling 717 774-2721

2009 FALL Staff Meeting

23-24 October, 2009

Meetings at the Headquarters Building

Sleeping Arrangements

Days Inn, Lickdale

3 Everest Lane, Jonestown/Lebanon, PA

717-865-4064

Room Rates: \$50.00 double

\$54.00 king

Deadline: 1 October 2009

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