

KEYSTONE LEATHERNECK

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Spring Staff Meeting - MCL Headquarters, March 17 to 19, 2011

The 2010 National Convention was well attended and was represented by 42 Departments. Pennsylvania had the largest delegation, 24 of the 79 detachments were on board carrying 2,544 of the 18,655 total delegate votes. The delegates worked extremely hard to get through the business of the Marine Corps League.

Proposed Bylaw 8 (Consider bylaw changes every three years) and Proposed Bylaw Change 37 (Ceremonial Uniform) were withdrawn by the makers prior to the convening of the National Convention.

The delegates voted to consider Proposed Bylaw Changes 21, 33, 34, 35 and 36 (all Ceremonial Uniform) as one. The National Judge Advocate then read letters from the office of the then Commandant of the Marine Corps and the United States Marine Corps Uniform Board. Both letters stated they preferred the Marine Corps League NOT utilize the Barracks Cover or the Khaki Shirt as they are highly distinguished uniforms of the Marine Recruiters. The letters encouraged the Marine Corps League to use the white shirt, red/gold garrison cover, dress blues trousers and Marine Corps emblem. There was some discussion and when Commandant Laskey called for the vote it was almost unanimous to reject the use of the Ceremonial Uniform (Khaki Shirt). The delegates asked that the letters be printed in the "Semper Fi" magazine so those not attending the convention would have an opportunity to read them.

The proposed annual dues increase was also discussed at great length but was not adopted.

The Past National Commandants Council made a recommendation to bestow the title of Honorary Past National Commandant on National Executive Secretary Mike Blum and was approved by the Delegates.

Americanism -

Category II - 3rd Place - 3 Rivers Leatherneck

Honorable Mention - Northampton County Detachment, Lewis B. Puller Jr. Detachment

National Newsletter -

Category II - 2nd Place - MGySgt John W. Zaengle Detachment

Category III - 3rd Place - Alleghany Valley Detachment

VAVS

Category I - 3rd Place - Turkley-Richards Detachment

Category II - 2nd Place - Bantam Marines Detachment

Distinguished Service - Lake Erie Marines Detachment, Department of Pennsylvania

Distinguished Citizen Medal (Gold) - NVC Richard Brown

2010 - 2011 National Officers Elected:

Commandant - Vic Voltaggio, Florida

Sr. Vice Commandant - James Tuohy, Michigan

Jr. Vice Commandant - John Kovalcik, South Carolina

Judge Advocate - Richard Gore, Connecticut

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National Mid-Winter Conference

10-12 February 2011

Fairview Park Marriott

Falls Church, VA

703-849-9400

Room Rates: \$92.00

Deadline: 10 January 2011



WE'RE ON THE WEB

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Appointed Staff from the Department of Pennsylvania –

PDC Richard Brown (National Insurance Advisor and MCL Foundation Director), PNC Paul Hastings (Comptroller, Exhibition Review Chair), Tom Minchin (Boy Scout Chair and Assistant Chaplain), Johnny Gill (Assistant Chaplain), PNC Pat Cody (VAVS Representative), Anthony Capelli (Awards and Citations), PDC David Pavey (Historical Committee), Leanna Dietrich (Homeless Veteran Chair), Ernie Simmons (Marksmanship Chair), Liz McCleaster (Newsletter Committee Vice Chair), Kay Croll (Credentials Chair), PNC Lamar Golden (Chapel of the Four Chaplains Liaison) and Neil Corley (Sgt-at-Arms, Exhibition Review Vice Chair).

It was an honor to represent you as Department Commandant at the National Convention. Since my return from convention I have heard many compliments concerning the Department of Pennsylvania and its delegation. Your hard work and attention to detail did not go unnoticed.

The entire report may be viewed on the Department website (www.PAMCLEAGUE.ORG).



Semper Fidelis,
 Leanna L Dietrich, Commandant
 MCL of PA, Inc

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 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.

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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-904SP (2-08) 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 PNC HASTINGS : 800-747-1420 or email to: Phasti4321@aol.com

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

1. Individuals who are members in good standing of the Marine Corps League.
2. Active duty Marines belonging to an out-of-state Marine Corps League detachment who have a vehicle registered in Pennsylvania.
3. Marine Corps League Auxiliary Members who have a vehicle registered in Pennsylvania.

Adjutant Eric Fussenegger accepting The Victor T. Fisher Award from Commandant Leanna L. Dietrich at the Department's 65th Annual Convention held in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. This award is presented by the Department's Board of Trustees to one of their members best exemplifying the principles of the United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps League and Marine Fisher.



Art Mooney is the Oldest Marine in the General Smedley D. Butler Detachment, #741. It was taken Sunday July 18, Art's 104th birthday. Art is surrounded by members of the Detachment: Walt Talmadge, Connie McGinley, Tony Coladonato, John Cook and Earle Drake.

LEATHERNECK



Recently the Lewis B. Puller , Jr. Marine Corps League Detachment #524 of Carlisle Pa, unveiled their new Detachment Ensign. Members of the detachment donated the money to purchase the flag. Pictured holding the "colors" are from left to right Richard Grove, William McNaughton, William Myers, Alan Hostetter, and John Gillespie.

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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On November 7th 2010, members of Lewis B. Puller Jr. Marine Corps League Detachment #524 participated in Michael Steven Wilt's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Picture is Allen Ferguson presenting Marine Corp League Eagle Scout certificate to Michael Wilt.

Ron Hoover of Lewis B Puller Jr, Marine Corps League Carlisle, Pa, swears in his great nephew Chad Rexrode into the Marine Corps at the Harrisburg Military Entrance Processing Station. Ron is a retired Capt of the Marines and a Viet Nam veteran.



Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Detachment's Southeast Veteran's Home Visit 11/10/2010





Left: CPL John Stoud, 5th Eng. Bt. – Shared a tent with Ira Hayes
Right: CPL Bob Youngs, 1st wave, B. Co. 1st Bat., 25th Marines
Center: Detachment Judge Advocate, Joe O'Brien

Our Marine Corps League detachment recently honored these men on the 65th anniversary of their efforts to defeat the Japanese on Iwo Jima. Both were wounded twice and are here to remind us of the heroic efforts of our Marines and our Navy.

It was a humbling experience to sit and talk with these men who were only 18 years old at the time. I am sharing this with everyone I know.

Semper Fi...Tom Barron, Tri-Boro Detachment

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2011 Spring Staff Meeting

17-19 March 2011

Meetings at Headquarters Building

Sleeping Arrangements

Days Inn, Lickdale

3 Everest Lane, Johnstown/Lebanon, PA

717-865-4064

Room Rates: \$50.00/Night Double &
\$54.00/Night King

Deadline: 1 March 2011



TIMOTHY MAYZA, UPHS CLASS OF 2010,
RECIPIENT OF LT. WILLIAM GENDEBEIN AWARD.

2011 Department Convention

22-25 June 2011

Holiday Inn and Conference Center

I-83 and PA Turnpike

New Cumberland, PA

717-774-2721

(Use Code: MCL)

Additional Convention Information to be
Posted

Daniel Mack, Commandant of the **Tri Boro Detachment**, Marine Corps League, announced that Upper Perkiomen High School graduating senior Timothy Mayza had been selected by the high school staff to receive the Lt. William Gendebein Memorial Award.

Commandant Mack stated "One of our goals as a MCL detachment is to make certain that the service of our brothers killed in our country's wars are not forgotten. Lt. Gendebein was the first Marine that we know of from our area that died in Vietnam."