



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.

Commandant Corley called the Fall Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 1245 on 15 October 2011 at the Department Headquarters Building, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Opening ceremonies were held.

Commandant Corley recognized the following: Past National Commandant - PNC Hastings; Past Department Commandants - PNC Hastings, PDC Semanco, PDC Tanner and PDC Dietrich; National Staff – National Northeast Division Vice Commandant PDC Dennis Tobin, National Rocky Mountain Division Vice Commandant and 52<sup>nd</sup> CDD Laurel Hull, PNC Paul Hastings (Comptroller, Exhibition Review, MCL Foundation, US Marines Youth Foundation, Allen Ferguson (Assistant Comptroller), Thomas Minchin (Asst Chaplain, Boy Scout), Johnny Gill (Asst Chaplain), Anthony Capelli (Awards and Citations), PDC Leanna Dietrich (Professional Development Program Coordinator), Liz McCleaster (Newsletter) and Lisa Solarczyk (Asst Sgt at Arms).

Commandant Corley recognized 2011 Department Marine of the Year Gordy Sheriff. He also recognized Past Department Marines of the year: PNC Paul Hastings, James Mineo, Richard Kondash, PDC Leanna Dietrich and PDC Tom Tanner.

Adjutant PDC Dietrich called a [roll call](#) of Elected Officers and Detachments.

Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made a motion to appoint Stan Solarczyk to represent District Four Vice Commandant Pienta at the Fall Staff Meeting. Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger made a motion to appoint District Eight Assistant Vice Commandant DeSantis to represent District Eight Vice Commandant Radaker at the Fall Staff Meeting. Jr. Vice Commandant Powell seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings made a motion to dedicate the Fall Staff meeting in memory of PDC Don Kohler. Adjutant PDC Dietrich made a motion to dedicate the Fall Staff meeting in memory of PDC Dick Brown. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried. PDC Semanco and PDC Tanner draped the Department charter.

Commandant Corley called for sick and in distress: Joe Best, Dolores Ascensi, Don Campanile, Bill Miller, Tony Capelli, Robert Bunce, Dave Pavey and Edmund Pienta.

**Correspondence** - Adjutant PDC Dietrich read thank notes/letters from Caring and Sharing, Scotland School Alumni Association and Kings Strings.

## **Elected Officers Reports -**

**District One Vice Commandant** Drake stated his report was written and submitted.

[District Two Vice Commandant](#) Miller stated his report was written and submitted.

[District Three Vice Commandant](#) Pokjoni stated his report was written and submitted.

District Four Vice Commandant represented by Stan Solarczyk stated he had no report.

[District Five Vice Commandant](#) Brunson stated her report was written and submitted.

[District Six Vice Commandant](#) Fussenegger stated his report was written and submitted. A District meeting will be held at Department Headquarters Building on 19 November at 1000.

[District Seven Vice Commandant](#) Forster stated his report was written and submitted.

District Eight Assistant Vice Commandant DeSantis stated [District Eight Vice Commandant](#) Radaker's report was written and submitted.

Adjutant PDC Dietrich stated [District Nine Vice Commandant](#) Witt's report stated his report was written and submitted.

[District Ten Vice Commandant](#) Walters stated his report was written and submitted.

Jr. Vice Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Paul Hastings stated he had no report at this time.

[Chaplain](#) Gill stated his report was written and submitted.

[Paymaster](#) Ferguson reviewed his report. He encouraged the Detachments to look at the National MAPs listing and attempt to reinstate our past members.

[Adjutant](#) PDC Dietrich stated her report was written and submitted.

[Judge Advocate](#) Cero stated his report was written and submitted.

[Jr. Vice Commandant](#) Powell stated his report was written and submitted.

[Sr. Vice Commandant](#) Sheriff stated his report was written and submitted.

[Commandant](#) Corley spoke on Caring and Sharing Boat Ride. He informed the membership that PNC Hastings received the 2011 Iron Mike Award. He announced that he had been elected President of the Pennsylvania War Council.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to receive all elected officer reports given. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made a motion to receive all elected officer reports given. District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger seconded the motion. Commandant called for the motion. Motion was carried.

#### **Appointed staff reports -**

Chief of Staff PDC Semanco stated he had no report.

Convention Committee Chair PNC Hastings reported the banquet price was set at \$40.00 per person if pre-ordered and \$45.00 at the convention. The committee is working on a Convention Shirt they will be red or black and will be available as pre-orders. The contract for the 2013 at the Park Inn has been signed.

Department Trainer PNC Hastings stated the training during Commandants Council went well.

[Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Memorial Council](#) Assistant Liaison PNC Hastings reviewed Liaison Fiola's report. He recognized Memorial Council officers and committee members present.

Youth Physical Fitness Liaison PNC Hastings stated local meets have been scheduled. There will be a regional meet at Parkland High School and the national meeting will be held at MCRD San Diego. All dates are posted on the YPF website.

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation, Inc President PNC Hastings recognized all board members present. He stated the Foundation is looking at grant writing and a fundraiser to be discussed under new business.

Aide de Camp Capelli stated he had no report.

Uniform Committee Chair Capelli stated the white duty belt was approved at the National Convention. He encouraged detachments to wear it accordance with the National Administrative Procedures. He stressed the cover was the uniform and encourage all members to obtain one.

[Scholarship Committee](#) Chair Capelli stated he presented the new forms to the board in Executive Session to review. The members asked if the program was restricted to undergraduate studies, he stated it was restricted to undergraduate studies.

4<sup>th</sup> District Liaison Owen was not present.

1<sup>st</sup> District Liaison Shroeder was not present.

[Holidaysburg Veterans Home Advisory Board](#) member Fiola was excused. Adjutant PDC Dietrich stated his report had been submitted.

Marine of the Year Society member PDC Tanner presented a "cased" K-bar to 2011 Marine of the Year Sheriff.

Southeast Veterans Home Advisory Board member Tilghman was not present.

Northeast Veterans Home Advisory Board member Brogna had no report.

[Southwest Veterans Home Advisory Board](#) member Ussack was not present. Adjutant PDC Dietrich stated his report was submitted.

[Marine For Life Liaison](#) Ussack was not present. Adjutant PDC Dietrich stated his report was submitted.

Soldiers & Sailors Veterans Home Advisory Board member PDC Chambers was not present.

[Delaware Valley Veterans Home Advisory Board](#) member Murray stated his report was written and submitted.

Americanism Committee Chair Kulick stated he had no report at this time.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary Liaison Harper stated he had no report at this time.

Awards Committee Chair Sheriff stated the forms are on the Department website.

Membership Chair Sheriff stated he has challenged the District Vice to increase our Department membership by 1,000 members by Department Convention.

JROTC/ROTC Committee Chair Miller stated the certificates and medals have been ordered.

[Boy Scouts of America Committee](#) member Minchin stated there were forty (40) Eagle Scouts certificates presented in the first quarter. Last year the Northeast Division presented 1,000 Eagle Scouts certificates.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Powell stated 2012 – 2013 budget requests need to be submitted as soon as possible.

[Calendar Committee Chair](#) Powell asked that all calendar money be turned in as soon as possible so the books can be closed out by year end.

Bylaws and Resolution Chair Cero stated he had no report.

Chapel of the Four Chaplains Chair Spano stated this award is not for League members only and the detachments should look around their communities. The awards take between four and six weeks to process, please allow enough time between the request and the presentation date to allow processing.

[Headquarters Building Committee](#) Vice Chair PDC Dietrich reviewed her written report.

[Homeless Veterans Committee](#) Chair PDC Dietrich reviewed her written report.

[Legislative Committee](#) Chair PDC Dietrich reviewed her written report.

Internet (Website) Coordinator Miller was not present.

POW/MIA Liaison Hughes was not present.

Pistol Match Committee Chair Pienta was not present.

Protocol Committee Chair Pokonji stated he had no report.

[Public Relation Officer](#) McCleaster stated her report was submitted.

[Newsletter Committee](#) Chair McCleaster stated her report was submitted. She suggested the Department use the same criteria as National when judging the Newsletters.

[Rifle Match Committee](#) Chair Hazlett reviewed his report.

[Sgt-at-Arms](#) Foster was excused. Adjutant PDC Dietrich stated his report was submitted.

[Toys For Tots Committee](#) Chair Washington stated his report was submitted. He asked Detachments in the Philadelphia step up to assist the program as the Marines of 3<sup>rd</sup> BN 14<sup>th</sup> Marines funding has been cut. He stated that MGySgt John W. Zaengle has done an outstanding job when Willow Grove shut down their operation last year.

Ship Stores Quartermaster Campanile stated sales were good today.

VAVS Coordinator Miller reminded all detachment their reports were due 1 January. He also encouraged all detachments consider a nomination for the Mary Cody Award.

Audit Committee Chair Minchin stated the audit was complete.

Commandant Corley asked for motion to receive all appointed staff report submitted/given. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made a motion to receive all appointed staff reports. Jr. Vice Commandant Powell seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

Department Auxiliary President Harper stated they need more members to attend the meetings.

Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings stated the Past Department Commandants in attendance met at lunch. They are recommending that the Department purchase a brick at the Marine Corps Museum on the Marine Corps League Pathway. They also recommended placing black ribbons over the corner of the name plate of all deceased Past Department Commandants name plates on the pictures in the hall.

Commandant Corley called for the motion on the recommendation to purchase a brick. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley called for the motion on the black ribbon on the name plate. Motion carried.

Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff reported there were 29 detachments in attendance at Commandants Council. Retention and membership was the main topic. Training was done during Commandants Council.

Commandant Corley presented awards received at the National Convention in Boise.

National Rocky Mountain Division Vice Commandant and 52<sup>nd</sup> Chief Devil Hull stated she was just happy to be here. She stated she was going to take some of our training back to the Rocky Mountain Division.

National Northeast Division Vice Commandant Tobin stressed the need to file 990s. For one year the fine failure to file is being dropped from \$400.00 to \$100.00. The Paymaster can be fined \$10.00 a day until the 990 is filed. He encouraged all members to read the mission statement of the Marine Corps League.

National Comptroller PNC Hastings thanked those Marines who attended the Modern Day Marine Expo at Quantico. He especially wanted to thank those Marines who assisted at the Expo: Commandant Corley, Marine Chamberlain, Chaplain Gill and Asst Sgt-at-Arms Solarczyk. He stated he will be visiting the 2012 convention site in Mobile, AL at the request of the National Commandant.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to receive all reports given. District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger made a motion to receive all reports given. Jr. Vice Commandant Powell seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion was carried.

Commandant Corley called for any unfinished business. There was no unfinished business.

Commandant Corley called for new business.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to accept the following resignations: PDC David G. Pavey as Department Historian, from the Headquarters Building Committee and Rifle Match Committee; Edmund Pienta as District Four Vice Commandant, from the Pistol Match Committee and Rifle Match Committee; and Don Campanile as Department Quartermaster (Ship Stores). Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made the requested motion. District Eight Assistant Vice Commandant DeSantis seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to remove Edward Forster from the Scholarship Committee. Sr. Vice Commandant made the requested motion. District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to make the following appointments: PDC Leanna L. Dietrich as Headquarters Building Chair; PNC Paul F. Hastings as Headquarters Building Vice Chair; Tom Hazlett as Pistol/Rifle Match Committee Chair; PDC Leanna L. Dietrich as Pistol/Rifle Match Committee Vice Chair; Pistol/Rifle Match Committee members Roy Schrimp, Sean Leighton and Joe Pokojni. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made the requested motion. District Seven Vice Commandant Forster seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried, two abstentions (PNC Hastings, PDC Dietrich).

Commandant Corley called for a motion to approve the 2012 Scholarship Program. Adjutant PDC Dietrich made a motion to approve the 2012 Scholarship Program as presented to the Board of Trustees. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff seconded the motion. Adjutant PDC Dietrich made a motion to amend the program to include undergraduate studies only. Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings seconded the motion. Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings made a motion to change Boy Scout to Eagle Scout. District Six Vice Commandant Fussenegger seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion on the seconded amendment. Motion carried. Commandant Corley called for the motion on the first amendment. Motion carried. Commandant Corley called for the original motion as amended. Motion was carried.

Commandant Corley asked for a motion to waive the Department Dues for all new Detachment formed this fiscal year. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made the requested motion. Jr. Vice Commandant Powell seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley called for a motion to all the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania Foundation Inc to work with Stream Energy and receive all commissions. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff made the requested motion. Jr. Past Commandant (appointed) PNC Hastings seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Commandant Corley called for a motion for the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania to be a co-sponsor for the Veterans Day Program at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Jr. Vice Commandant Powell made the requested motion. Sr. Vice Commandant Sheriff seconded the motion. Commandant Corley called for the motion. Motion carried.

Good of the League. There was nothing under the Good of the League.

Commandant Corley called for announcements.

The Winter Staff meeting will be held on 7 January 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Grantville/Hershey.

The next mailing deadline is 18 November 2011.

The National Northeast Division Conference will be held 30/31 March 2012 at Vernon Downs Casino and Race Track, Vernon Downs, New York. There will be more information in the Division mailing.

Ceremonies will be held at the Beirut Memorial at Dock and Locust Streets in Philadelphia on 23 October 2011 at 1000. All Detachments are welcome.

There being no further business Commandant Corley proceeded to close the Fall Staff Meeting. The appropriate ceremonies were held. The fall staff meeting officially closed at 1600.

Respectfully submitted,



PDC Leanna L. Dietrich, Adjutant  
Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.