

To: Membership, Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania  
Commandant Leanna Dietrich

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Subject; National Convention Report

I request all of the members reading this to take the time to read the report of our Commandant Dietrich. As you will see she has put together a complete report one of which I have not seen in many years.

Our Department was well represented on the floor at all times. As National Sgt at Arms I can tell you that we did the best to represent the interests of the Marine Corps League and those of us in Pa.

I believe the most promising item was the National Headquarters approval to purchase the new database by the body to pay on line, join on line and to have our own roster at any time we wish. This is going the route that Eric and our Commandant has wanted and many of you have asked for it. It will take at least one year to bring up on line but the future looks bright. With that said it will be the job of all Detachments to get a web master for their detachments even if it means some may need to ask for help from those who have the knowledge and willingness to work with computers.

The bylaw changes have been spelled out very well by the Commandant. In the cases of those that were sent back to Committee, it was for the purpose of a rewrite. For the most part they were very promising. The Insignia worn on the cover was just to correct (Gold) with what we sell in ship stores.

I believed that the change from the Khaki shirt to the white shirt for all is a good move since many members were not adhering to the proper wear of the Khaki shirt.

The resolution to buying only American Flags manufactured in the USA refers to the National and local Ship Stores. I would be prudent if we all did the same but that is a Detachment decision.

Besides all of the awards that were received by our members in Pennsylvania many of our members will again this year hold additional positions on the National Level. This is an example of what you all have to contribute to the overall operations of our Marine Corps League.

One such appointment is our own PDD James Powell being chosen to be the NE Div. Vice Chief Devil Dog along with the many positions he holds in our Department and his Detachment and Pound and Pack.

With the help of PNC Hastings once again we were able to set up a Ship Store in Rochester, MN. Although he has been turning some of the things over to other members that he has done for years, he continues to see that things run well.

Everyone should keep in mind the different awards that they can put other members and non members in for at the National level. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains is one of those. As you can see from the Commandants report that only one Detachment went the extra mile to honor those that deserve to be recognized. Next year either at the Department level or National search out that member or non member and request that honor for them.