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The New Keystone Leatherneck E-edition

At the June 2007 Department of Pennsylvania Convention a decision was made to cease publication of a printed department newsletter and substitute instead an electronic version that would be available on the Department of Pennsylvania's web site.

This is the first issue of the *Keystone Leatherneck* that has been produced solely for the web site. No copies have been printed and mailed.

The *Keystone Leatherneck, E-edition* is composed using Microsoft Publisher, "printed" as a graphic PDF file, and uploaded to the Department web site. It can be read there; or it can be printed out for the reader who wants hard copy, and/or it can be downloaded as a file to a personal computer.

The Department's newsletter has as its target audience the individual regular or associate member of the Marine Corps League, Department of Pennsylvania who is also a Detachment member or a member-at-large. Consequently, the content of the newsletter will be items that are individually focused and, hopefully, useful.

How can a detachment member who doesn't have a personal computer connected to the Internet read the newsletter or get a copy?

The answer to that question depends upon a proactive detachment leadership and an involved detachment *Web Sergeant*. Most detachments maintain a mailing list and send periodic mailings to their members; many have monthly or bi-monthly newsletters of their own. All detachments have been mandated to appoint a *Web Sergeant* who has Internet access. If mailing lists can include E-mail addresses as well as postal addresses, it would be practical for the detachment to identify members who do not have access to the department web site. Web Sergeants can download each new issue of the Keystone Leatherneck, save it to a file, e-mail it to members who have e-mail addresses, print and append it to the detachment's newsletter, or print and send it by mail to members who have no e-mail address or individual internet access. It will take some coordination and effort but is a practical answer to the question.

If we embrace this new form of communication with individual members of the department and the detachments, we may be able to reach more of them than we did using the U.S. Mail. We may also be able to get more information to them more frequently and more timely than in the past.

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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*

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:

Through December 31, 2008

Up to 35.....	\$400.00
Age 36 to 40.....	\$350.00
Age 41 to 50.....	\$350.00
Age 51 to 60.....	\$250.00
Age 61 and older.....	\$125.00

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 Department of Pennsylvania Officers for 2007-2008

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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 PDC JOHN J. MOYSE
401 S NEW ARDMORE AVENUE
BROOMALL, PA 19008-2480.

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.

ASK QUESTIONS BY PHONE: CALL PDC MOYSE : 610-353-2851 , or by email at jjmoyses@comcast.net.

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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As of this writing, I am receiving 23 newsletters. Could that mean 60 Detachments either have no newsletter or are not participating in the newsletter competition?

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2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
QUARTERLY STAFF MEETINGS**

4— 6 January 2008: Holiday Inn Grantville, Pa.

Exit 80 on Interstate 81.
Room Rates \$75.00 + Tax
Phone # (717) 469-0661 for reservations

Growl will be held at the hotel at 1900 (7 PM)

28—29 March 2008: Days Inn Jonestown, Pa.

(Meeting: Dept. Headquarters - Indiantown Gap)
Accommodations will be at the Days Inn, Jonestown, PA
(Exit 90 on Interstate 81)

Room Rates \$47.00 + tax (2 Double beds)
\$52.00 + tax (1 King w/micro/frig)

Phone # (717) 865-4064 for reservations

**Growl will be held at the MCL PA's Headquarters Bldg.
at 1900 (7 PM)**

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