



DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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MARINES and ASSOCIATES:

Due to the existing emergency it has become necessary for your Department Board of Trustees to postpone the 2020 Department Convention. However, there are some activities related to the Convention that cannot be postponed. We hope to provide you guidance for your Detachment and membership in this letter.

ELECTION and INSTALLATION of Department Officers – will be held during an abbreviated Convention in October 2020. The location for the event is the Department Headquarters building at Fort Indiantown Gap. More details will be forthcoming but be assured that efforts are being made to provide a safe environment for all attendees.

HOSPITALITY - Members of District 10 Detachments will provide the hospitality in conjunction with Keystone Headquarters Detachment.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Information on available lodging is enclosed and may be downloaded from the Department website www.pamcleague.org .

DELEGATE REGISTRATION – Revised form is enclosed and a fillable form may be downloaded from the Department website www.pamcleague.org .

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK – Revised form is enclosed and a fillable form may be downloaded from the Department website www.pamcleague.org. Ads that have already been submitted may be recalled by contacting Commandant Ziltz at marine1975@comcast.net or 717-215-0520 and leave a message.

CONVENTION BANQUET – is cancelled.

AWARDS – The deadlines remain the same and electronic submissions are preferred. For additional guidance on this activity please contact SVC Joe Kier (cplkier90@gmail.com or 267-249-4882).

SCOUTING – Reports of Eagle Scout awards should be submitted to Commandant Ziltz at marine1975@comcast.net no later than 30 June.

VETERANS and YOUTH RAFFLE – the drawing will be held at the day and time printed on the tickets, but at an alternate location. See the enclosure from JVC Diana Henry on the procedure for getting your tickets and checks to the drawing location on time.

SCHOLARSHIPS – We are encouraging applicants to submit applications now, even if there are issues with your schools. At least get the application to the committee before 1 June. Do not worry about the letters and transcripts, at this time. We will get through these trying times. For additional guidance on this activity please contact Committee Chairman Gene Irvin (geneirvin@comcast.net or 610-277-4355). Students requiring signatures can find the address for the appropriate Detachment Officers on the Department webpage at this link <http://pamcleague.org/AboutMCL/Detachments/Districts/tabid/855/Default.aspx>

AMERICANISM – Reviewed and updated questionnaire and criteria to follow in a separate email via your DVC prior to 15MAY20. All submissions must be received at Department Headquarters by close of business 23JUN20. Judging to take place that weekend. Any questions may be directed to the Americanism Committee Chairman Doc Hockenbury 610.984.3821, DocHockenbury@yahoo.com.

MARINE OF THE YEAR – Postponed until October. See the enclosure from the President of the Marine of the Year Society NVC/Paymaster PDC Jim Powell for details. (usmc80@comcast.net or 215-801-0432)

MODD Growl Pennsylvania Pack is postponed to October. For additional guidance contact Pack Leader SVC Joe Kier (cplkier90@gmail.com or 267-249-4882) and/or visit <http://www.moddpapack.org/index.html>

OFFICER, STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Because of the postponement, it is even more important to keep the lines of communication to our membership open. We can do that, as always, with the Quarterly reports posted to the Department website. **1 June 2020 remains as the deadline** for the final quarter reports. Those reports will be posted no later than 10 June. Keep the focus of the report to how you have improvised, adapted and overcome the current limitations, as well as information our members need to know. Reports are to be sent in .doc; .txt; or .pdf format to pamcl.adjutant@outlook.com. If necessary, offline reports may be sent by snail-mail to the attention of the Adjutant at the Department P.O. Box also by 1 June 2020.

REPORTS OF INSTALLATION – Planning continues for the 2020 National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida and your Department looks forward to maintaining its dominance on the convention floor. But we can't do that if Detachments do not submit their Report of Installation on time! Those reports must be to the Department Adjutant and National Headquarters no later than **30 June** for your votes to count. The Detachments listed below have not submitted a valid ROI for this year (15 September, 2019 to now). The National Board of Trustees understands there are limitations on meetings and established an Emergency Election & Installation Procedure. If you need a copy, please contact your District Vice Commandant or download from the Member Library on the National MCL website. I am able and willing to offer guidance or answer any questions you may have. A **new form** is available at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION – The Department Convention Committee is soliciting bids from Detachments for the Convention in 2023. The Department Convention will be held in New Cumberland in 2021 & 2022. For details please review Department of Pennsylvania Administrative Procedures Chapter TWO Section 2070 (AP-6).

2022 NATIONAL CONVENTION – The Department Convention Committee and the Board of Trustees have agreed to submit a bid to host the 2022 National Convention of the Marine Corps League in **PITTSBURGH**. The Detachments of District 10 have stepped up to coordinate the hospitality and activities. A decision is expected at the 2020 National Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. Your attendance at the National Convention can help sway the votes on the floor to make it happen!

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