

Spring Message 2019

To: Members of the **Marine Corps League**
Department of Pennsylvania

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This is the last message before our Convention and before our Spring events take place. The Convention Committee and the Detachments in District 10 have been working hard to prepare for our arrival in Greensburg in June. One of the more interesting events planned for Convention is a Friday activity at the local brewery – complete with live entertainment by one of our members. The District 10 committee has been thinking well outside of the box and I'm anticipating a few other surprises as well. Our Banquet speaker will be Major John Urban – CO of Kilo Co., 3rd Bn, 25th Marines – a Marine Reserve infantry company from North Versailles, PA. This should be a memorable occasion and I encourage all members and detachments to attend.

Other events are taking place this spring and before we get to Greensburg that we should all be looking forward to:

- The Department Service Pistol Match is on June 7th through the 9th at Fort Indiantown Gap. Forms are on the website and more information in this mailing.
- The National YPF meet is once more being held in Pennsylvania. The meet is on May 18th in Palmyra, PA and the competitors will be billeted at Fort Indiantown Gap. This program needs volunteers and I'd encourage everyone to consider helping. I was amazed by the enthusiasm and politeness of the competitors last year.
- Marine for Life program has become the #1 priority of the League. We have had training at Commandant's Council in March and at District meetings. We need Detachment Liaisons and will be continuing to train and educate on this program through and beyond Convention. We are expecting the local M4L Rep to be at Convention to help explain the program. See the additional info in this mailing.

I'd like to encourage all Detachments to continue supporting our Scholarship Program. This is one of our best-known programs and supports over 120 students each year. We are trying to improve the program and make it better and more user-friendly, but we can't do it alone. My goal is to raise the scholarship awards and to expand this program to include Marine veterans year-round and sooner after becoming members. Starting this year, there will be at least one new Memorial scholarship funded by a detachment and awarded through our program.

Marines always take care of their own and Pennsylvania members are second to none in all that they do and in all that they give. I look forward to seeing you all in Greensburg in June.

Once a Marine, always a Marine. It is who we are. Semper Fidelis.