



NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM
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From: National Marksmanship Chairman Joe Kier

We started the 2021 shooting season with four members on the committee, in addition to myself we had Lynn Stanton from the Dept. of New York and my two daughters Bree Ann and Alex. On March 1st, 2021, I released the details for the 2021 Postal Match, also requested to the MCL community for assistance with the Marksmanship Committee. In April 2021 Jeremy Williams a member from the Dept. of Texas contacted me with interest in helping to take the MCL Marksmanship to the next level and build the program. In May 2021 Jeremy accepted the position of Assistant Marksmanship Chairman and started the marketing campaign to get sponsorship for the program and sponsorship for a MCL National Marksmanship Team. The National Marksmanship Team would travel through the year to EIC, CMP, and NRA National Matches, while attending these matches, they would be getting the word out about the Marine Corps League. We messaged Nancy Humphrey about the MCL being an official organization that could host and run EIC matches. We also in May 2021 contacted John Teachy the VP of Operations at Creedmoor Sports which is the go-to company for equipment to shoot competitively in the National Matches. We followed up with John in a Zoom Meeting where we set up a way Creedmoor Sports could support MCL Shooting, we met with several employees at Creedmoor who could help with marketing the MCL Shooting program, the first thing we set up is a three-tiered set of shooting packages Basic, Intermediate, and Expert. These packages would be set up at each level and have a generous discount to MCL Members and will include all of the equipment needed for someone who wants to shoot the National Matches.

We had a Zoom Meeting with the Team at Creedmoor the Agenda was as follows.

- Review overall program and goals for the MCL's Marksmanship Committee
 - MCL is currently hosting a nationwide postal match to engage shooters (Nearly 100 Marines are participating and Submitting scores);
 - Mission of the MCL NMC is to promote marksmanship as core value in our efforts to preserve the history and traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps.
 - 12–18-month Goal is to Field and support a National Shooting Team to compete in CMP EIC matches.
 - Growth objectives for the MCL (all pending National MCL Board approval)
 - Host a national MCL marksmanship championship
 - Service Rifle Championship (M1, M14, M16)
 - Pistol Championship
 - Team Championship



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- Field a National Rifle and Pistol Team to compete at the National Level (Camp Perry, Marine Corps Marksmanship Championships, local EIC Matches)
- In FY-21/22 Build a team of 3 National Partners to support the mission to the MCL - NMC
 - Glock (Confirmed)
 - Creedmoor Sports
- Potential structure of a mutually beneficial program for MCL and Creedmoor Sports
 - Level and Type of Support
 - Team Shooting Coats
 - Product and Parts Discount Program
 - National Match and Shooting Team Sponsorship (pending MCL Board approval)
 - Possible Joint Ventures
 - Marine Corps League, National Marksmanship Championships
 - Number of shooters supported (YTD through the Postal Match)
 - Rifle - 28
 - Pistol - 53
- Next steps and follow up.

On June 23rd, 2021, Andrew McCormack from the Dept. of Minnesota joined the Marksmanship Team. Lynn Stanton recruited Van Dyke Bergen for the committee as well. We also contacted Trijicon and Leupold Optics in June to discuss Sponsorship. Neither of these companies panned out.

In July we contacted and set up a conference call with Winchester Ammunition, and Director of Marketing Jason Gilbertson. We had a very productive meeting with them and found that if needed we could access Ammunition in bulk if needed for our National Match in Quantico. Jeremy visited the Marine Corps Shooting Team on MCB Quantico, VA. He spoke with Major Martinez the OIC of the shooting team and started the organization of our National Match in October 2022. Clinton Anderson, President of the Quantico Shooting Club (located on the base) contacted us to let us know that pending a review of the scope of the match we could begin serious planning of the 2022 National Match. He also informed us that going forward Major Martinez would be taking the lead from their end on the MCL National match in 2022. We will be putting together a proposal for the National Board of Trustees to form a National Team and host a match in October 2022 on MCB Quantico VA. In Mid to end July we put out the first draft of the General Safety brief that Detachments and Departments can use at their matches, this was authored by Andrew McCormack we also had the first draft of the new complete S.O.P. for National MCL Marksmanship. Jeremy Williams attended the Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio from July 31st thru August 4th, 2021. He shot well and made several contacts while there, he shot with Dan Duitsman and Tim McGrattan who then joined the League and the Marksmanship Committee. He also ran into Christopher Wu from Hi-Lux optics, who we have since started a great relationship with, their Marksmanship Department is doing Graphics for shirts



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and Jackets, they also are editing the S.O.P. and starting to work on a recruiting video and marketing material to grow the Marksmanship Program. Hi-Lux Optics has done all the fillable forms and score cards for us also, so we have newly, properly formatted fillable PDFs for registration and score cards. In August I attended the National Convention in Springfield Illinois and acquired a long list of Members, Detachment and Departments email addresses and some phone numbers so we have an extensive list of emails and phone numbers nationwide to communicate better with the entire League. We also were I to give out the 2020 awards to many of the 2020 Postal Competitors while some had to be mailed to the team captains. On August 18th, 2021, we signed and sent the request for the National Match to be held in Quantico Va. To the OIC, USMC Shooting Team, Weapons Training Battalion. As stated earlier this is all pending a decision from the National MCL Board.

In October 2021 the Committee started evaluating the Hollis Sling, for recommendation for use by MCL shooters. Also, Jeremy and Andrew started talking to the San Margarita Gun Club, Near MCAS El Torro and the MCL El Torro Detachment about hosting a Pistol match in the West this year. Andrew has taken the lead on this project. We received some additional Graphics from Hi- Lux for tee shirts and or jackets. In December the National MCL Marksmanship Committee starting testing for the Hi-Lux XTC (across the course) scope. Hi-Lux sent the committee (5) scopes (1) each so we could test them out for the Optics Class in the MCL Postal match. These scopes are what the current USMC shooters use so when we get New Young USMC Shooters, they can also shoot with what they are used to. The tests went very well, and we are recommending these scopes for MCL members, Hi- Lux will also set up a special MCL price and expediated shipping.

In January we had a Marksmanship Zoom meeting, and we were happy to have the National Commandant on the call our agenda included Mid-Winter awards and attendance, New Member Sponsorship, 2022 Postal Match changes SOP Distribution (Hi-Lux), Quantico and El Torro 2022, the committee made motions to appoint Dan Duitsman to National Match Director, and Andrew McCormack to National Pistol Match Director.

Semper Fi,
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National Marksmanship Chairman