

Marine Corps League



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

To: All Hands – Marine Corps League
From: Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League
Subject: Report of Progress: August 1, 2022- August 1, 2023

Detachments:

We have consolidated membership of previously closed detachments. The closed detachments' members were never transferred out, preventing the detachments from coming off National's roster. This has now been done, with the permission of the receiving detachments. The department has ensured all ceremonial rifles held by those detachments were returned to TACOM.

The following were transferred: Boston P.D to Honorable Few; Captain Jennifer J Harris to Honorable Few; Kelly Sullivan to Norfolk County; Cape & Islands to Cape Cod; Blackstone Valley to Worcester.

The department of Massachusetts staff has been working tirelessly with detachments to ensure all detachments are within compliance.

We are actively working on recruiting in our department to help detachments rejuvenate our ranks; most detachment Marines and department Marines wear multiple hats and bear a tremendous amount of work pushed down the chain.

Department Staff:

The department staff represented the department of Massachusetts at the Quad State Convention and the Connecticut Department Convention.

The department of Massachusetts conducted its annual Department Convention June 1st to June 4th, 2023, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Almost all registrations were conducted online through our department website. The following officers were elected and duly installed:

Commandant: Jon Zwirblia
Sr. Vice Commandant Mike Hinds
Jr. Vice Commandant Steven Cheney
Judge Advocate: Bruce Katz
Finance Chairman: Bill Maguire
Finance Officer: Clint Read
Finance Officer: Tim McCrory
Finance Officer: Frank Serra
Jr Past Commandant: Brian Brooks

Department Admin Procedure Changes:

At our Department Convention in June of this year, the department officers notified the detachments of two new Department of Massachusetts administrative procedures that were added at a department Board of Trustees Meeting. A brief synopsis is below:

Admin addition 1: Detachment Relief Eligibility Committee:

- (H) Detachment Relief Eligibility Committee
 - (1) Composition
 - (a) The Department of Massachusetts Detachment Relief Eligibility Committee be composed of seven (7) members. The Department Financial Committee, The Department Compliance Officer, The Department Inspector General and the Department Paymaster.
 - (b) The Chairman of the Detachment Relief Eligibility Committee shall be the Financial Committee Chairman.
 - (2) Duties
 - (a) Cause to be kept all proper and necessary books for the recording of all business of the Compliance Committee.
 - (b) Periodically report to the Department Commandant and National Vice Commandant, New England Division the status of Massachusetts Detachment compliance status. Required reporting shall be for all Department Quarterly meetings, and prior to the Department Convention, the Quad State Convention, National Convention, and National Mid-Winter Conference.
 - (c) Assist in the compliance training of all Detachment Commandants and Paymasters
 - (d) Support any and all efforts to assist, train, and report compliance issues.

Admin addition 2: Department of Massachusetts Associate of the Year Committee:

- (I) Department Associate of the Year Committee - The Department Associate of the Year Committee shall have the duty of reviewing nominations and selecting the Department of Massachusetts Associate of the Year.
 - (1) Composition
 - (a) The Department of Massachusetts Associate of the Year Committee shall be comprised of the Jr. Past Department of Massachusetts Commandant, the current Department of Massachusetts Commandant, and all past Department of Massachusetts associates of the year.
 - (b) The Department of Massachusetts Associate of Year Committee chairman shall be the current Department of Massachusetts Commandant.

Department Awards:

At the Department of Massachusetts Convention this past June, the following awards were presented:

Department Marine of the Year: Frank Serra

Department Associates of the Year: Tabitha Marsden and Latrice Cheney

(It was a tie between the two associates and the Department Officers deemed it fit to award both Associates the award.)

MUC: Detachment 1094 South Central

Department Social Media:

We have vigorously updated our Department Website and Facebook Page. Please visit them:

URL: www.mcldeptofmassachusetts.org

Facebook: Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League

We also created website domain emails that facilitate transfer of information and to ensure that constant contact with department officers is available.

For example, the Department of Massachusetts Commandant will always have the email Commandant@mcldeptofmassachusetts.org no matter what Marine gets elected into that position. This goes for other elected officers within the department.

Department Donations

The Department has donated as of June 30th 2023, a combined total of \$22,500. They are as follows:

USMC Youth Foundation - \$1,000.00
Young Marines Programs - \$2,000.00
Marine Corps League Foundation - \$2,000.00
Chapel of the Four Chaplains - \$2,000.00
Holyoke Soldiers Home - \$1,000.00
Brockton VAMC - \$750.00
Boston VAMC - \$750.00
Northampton VACWM - \$1,000.00
Jamaica Plain VAMC - \$750.00
Huntington House \$750.00
Department Humanitarian Awards - \$2,000.00
MCLA Little Angels - \$1,000.00
Massachusetts Women's Shelters - \$1,000.00
Lynn JROTC -\$1,000.00
Other JROTC's - \$5,000.00

Department Recruitment and Public Relations

The Department of Massachusetts had a Recruitment Drive at the Worcester Woo Sox, which is a Minor league baseball team located in Central Massachusetts. Our department performed the color guard services for the team and represented the Marine Corps League well in the eyes of the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

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