



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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To: All Hands – Marine Corps League
From: Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League
Subject: Report of Progress: August 1, 2023- February 1, 2024

Detachments:

The Department of Massachusetts officers and staff have 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.

We have been going around and visiting Detachments to train them on the new Marine Corps League application as well as help out Detachments with TACOM triennial Certification.

Department:

The Department Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant and Paymaster represented the Department of Massachusetts at the National Convention in Oklahoma.

The Department of Massachusetts will be conducting its annual Department Convention May 30th to June 2nd, 2024, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Registrations can be conducted online through our Department website, as well as Detachments will receive convention packets in the mail to disseminate to the members.

The Department Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be attending the Quad State/NE Division Conference in Nashua, NH on April 19th 2024.

The Department Commandant, and members from across the Department had a Q&A session with the SGMAJ of the Marine Corps on January 6th 2024. We were able to discuss the work the Marine Corps League does and how we can better help the Marine Corps, as well as the Marine Corps helping us in having access to recruiters and Marines separating from the Marine Corps.

Department Awards:

The Department recognized it's Junior Past Commandant Brian Brooks with the Past Department Commandant's medal, a special plaque with a gavel, and certificate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House.

Department Social Media:

We are vigorously updating our Department Website and Facebook Page. Please visit them:

URL: www.mcldeptofmassachusetts.org

Facebook: Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League

We also have 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 July 1st 2023, a combined total of \$9,000.00. They are as follows:

USMC Youth Foundation \$1,000.00

Young Marines \$2,000.00

Chapel of Four Chaplains \$2,000.00

MCL Foundation \$2,000.00

MCLA Little Angels \$1,000.00

Rucks 2 Pucks \$1,000.00

Department Recruitment and Public Relations

The Department of Massachusetts has a Recruitment Drive at the Worcester Railers Military Appreciation night March 30th 2024, which is a AAA Hockey team located in Central Massachusetts. Our department will be performing the color guard services for the game and will represent the Marine Corps League well in the eyes of the general public.

The Department hosted a Burger Burn for the 25th Marine Regiment this past summer, which Marines from the Department of Massachusetts purchased and cooked food, snacks and drinks for the Regiments Family day.

The Department is helping to host an Iwo Jima Day at the State House in Boston on February 20th 2024. This is a well attended event with people coming in from all across the Commonwealth.

The Department is helping out two Veterans organization one called Rucks 2 Pucks based out of Massachusetts and the other called Irreverent Warriors.

Rucks 2 Pucks

Rucks 2 Pucks is a non-profit 501c3 charity where their mission is to help veterans and their families by promoting an active lifestyle through hockey. They promote the lifestyle to provide a sense of community and camaraderie, something veterans often lose once leaving the service. This is a key component in fighting veteran suicide and reducing the 22 a day.

How they do it is throughout the year they host events where veterans and their families can come together, talk hockey and just enjoy each other company. They rent ice for open skate, sponsor teams and/or players in leagues and tournaments.

How the Department of Massachusetts helps them is by donating to their organization as well as show up to their games to support them. The game we have supported them at was against the Boston Warriors which is a USA Hockey sanctioned all Veteran team. We will be supporting them at there next games which are against the Boston Bruins Alumni, a local Police Department, a local EMS Department and at the Heros Cup which will have 75 teams all consisting of local fire, EMS and Police Departments.

The Department looks at this as a “win-win” as we are helping out a fellow Veterans Group and getting access to prior service members who play hockey that we can recruit into the Marine Corps League.

We have already recruited 5 of their Marine members to the Marine Corps League. The average age of the members in the organization is 29, which helps bolster our ranks with younger Marines.

Irreverent Warriors

Irreverent Warriors is a nation wide group that brings Veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent Veteran suicide.

We will be working with them and supporting them when they have their Hikes in Worcester and one in the Boston area.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Detachment	Funeral Honors	Community Service Hours	TFT Children Helped	Toys Collected	Dollars Collected	Transitioning Marines and Family	Eagle Scout
127 Essex County	36	120	0	0	500	0	0
128 Capt. Glynn	0	60	0	75	0	0	0
1037 Metro West	0	20	0	300	0	0	0
123 Burlington	6	200	0	0	0	0	11
144 Worcester	16	550	400	1000	3000	0	0
1115 Brian McPhillips	87	20	0	0	0	5	0
141 Westfield	4	790	0	4	300	0	9
125 Cape Cod	2	456	0	0	0	0	0
1399 New Bedford	15	284	200	6426	1500	8	0
628 Oak Ridge	5	325	1250	5480	250	40	0
124 Caddy	6	400	10	40	0	10	0
1094 South Central	1	2247	0	0	0	0	0
139 Schutt	3	1180	350	1140	0	64	0
1168 Pequig	2	1261	432	865	0	6	10
1302 Honorbale Few	0	875	24,035	30,000	500	0	0
1285 VanGyzen	4	300	6525	19577	4,767	0	0
136 Norfolk	1	200	100	1000	450	0	0
Totals	188	9288	33302	65907	11267	133	30

Non Reporting
137 Pittsfield
1443 PNC Laskey
140 Ware
1306 Plymouth
130 Leo T Fortier

Massachusetts				
Detach #	# of rifles	Last Reported	detachment email	
Metro West 1037	7	3/2/2022	jerryblanch@verizon.net	
Brian McPhillips 1115	6	5/19/2023	jmcgrathpolice@yahoo.com	
Pequoig 1168	6	11/15/2021	bernieandnancy1@comcast.net	
Caddy 124	2	1/2/2024	w.r.caddycom@gmail.com	
Cape Cod 125	8	1/1/1993	tim2pallets@gmail.com	
Essex County 127	10	12/7/2022	jcole190@comcast.net	
VanGyzen 1285	5	10/4/2023	MURPHY100@COMCAST.NET	needs update
130	12		none	
Schutt 139	9	5/4/2023	shutt139usmc@shuttdetachmen	Need CDG
New Bedford 1399	10	11/8/2022	gnbmcl1775@gmail.com	
Westfield 141	8	2/10/2023	kbuckhout@hotmail.com	
Worcester 144	12	3/23/2023	jzwirblia@worcestermcl.org	
Oak Ridge 628	8	6/15/2020	charlies1@comcast.net	

Detachment	Completed	Not Completed
127 Essex County	X	
128 Capt. Glynn		Not Completed
1037 Metro West		Not Completed
123 Burlington	X	
144 Worcester	X	
1115 Brian McPhillips		Not Completed
141 Westfield	X	
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1399 New Bedford		Not Completed
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Detachment	Completed	Not Completed
127 Essex County		12/11/2021
128 Capt. Glynn		2/22/2021
1037 Metro West	4/18/2023	
123 Burlington	3/22/2023	
144 Worcester	10/17/2023	
1115 Brian McPhillips		4/6/2022
141 Westfield	11/13/2023	
125 Cape Cod	4/26/2023	
1399 New Bedford	11/16/2023	
628 Oak Ridge	10/4/2023	
124 Caddy	11/5/2023	
1094 South Central	12/16/2023	
139 Schutt		5/5/2022
1168 Pequoig	4/5/2023	
136 Norfolk	4/19/2023	
137 Pittsfield	6/13/2023	
1285 VanGyzen	4/1/2023	
1302 Hoborable Few	2/4/2024	
1443 PNC Laskey		12/29/2022
140 Ware	5/1/2023	
1306 Plymouth	5/18/2023	
130 Leo T Fortier		11/15/2016

Membership as of 6/30/23	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	913	221	1134	66
Associate	43	40	83	7
Mulitple	9	0	9	3
Total	965	261	1226	76

Membership as of 1/17/24	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	908	192	1100	74
Associate	45	31	76	18
Mulitple	10	0	10	1
Total	963	223	1186	93

Difference Since 6/30/23	PLM	Paid	Total Paid	Unpaid
Regular	-5	-29	-34	8
Associate	-2	-9	-7	11
Mulitple	1	0	1	-2
Total	-6	-38	-40	17