

# Marine Corps League



## 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- August July 1, 2024

### **Detachments:**

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

We have a few Marines left to transfer their membership to a active detachments from their previously closed detachment. We are able to ensure they end up in a Detachment and not as a MAL. This is still being done, with the permission of the receiving detachments. The department has ensured all ceremonial rifles held by those detachments were returned to TACOM.

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 2023 National Convention, 2024 Mid-Winter Conference, 2024 Modern Day Marine, 2024 Iwo Jima Day at the Massachusetts State House, 2024 NE Division Conference/Quad State Convention, the 2024 Connecticut Department Convention and the Semper Fi Society Luncheon in Boston.

The department of Massachusetts conducted its annual Department Convention May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 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: Seth Mansur  
Finance Officer: Tim McCrory  
Finance Officer: Frank Serra  
Jr Past Commandant: Brian Brooks

**Department Admin Procedure Changes and By Laws Changes:**

The Department officers are in the works of proposed by-law changes and AP changes for the 2025 Department Convention. The changes have to do specifically with the Department Convention. This will give more flexibility to the Department, Detachments and Delegates, as well as help ease the financial burden of attending a Department Convention.

**Department Awards:**

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

Department Marine of the Year: **Dominic Ricci**

Department Associates of the Year: **Kyle Torpey**

**Distinguished Citizen Gold: Roger Hoffman and Tom Beder**

(Awarded by the National Commandant who was in attendance.)

Distinguished Citizen Silver: **Mark Ellis**

National Meritorious Unit Commendation: **Department of Massachusetts**

(Awarded by the National Commandant who was in attendance.)

MUC: **Detachment South Central**

**Detachment Pequoig**

**Detachment New Bedford**

**Detachment VanGyzen**

**Detachment Worcester**

**Detachment Oakridge**

**Detachment Honorable Few-Capt. JJ Harris**

**Detachment Westfield River Valley**

**Department Social Media:**

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

URL: [www.mcldeptofmassachusetts.org](http://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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, a combined total of \$34,650.00. They are as follows:

**USMC Youth Foundation - \$1,000.00**  
**Young Marines Programs - \$4,000.00**  
**Marine Corps League Foundation - \$2,000.00**  
**Chapel of the Four Chaplains - \$2,000.00**  
**Fisher House of Boston - \$1,500.00**  
**Chelsea Soldiers Home - \$1,000.00**  
**Holyoke Soldiers Home - \$1,000.00**  
**Brockton VAMC - \$750.00**  
**West Roxbury VAMC - \$750.00**  
**Northampton VACWM - \$1,000.00**  
**Jamaica Plain VAMC - \$750.00**  
**New Bedford 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**  
**Clear Path for Veterans - \$1000.00**  
**Wreaths Across America - \$500.00**  
**Civil Air Patrol - \$400.00**  
**Rucks 2 Pucks - \$1,750.00**  
**Irreverent Warriors - \$750.00**  
**Project Focus - \$500.00**  
**Iwo Jima Day at the State House - \$2,500.00**

### Department Recruitment and Public Relations

The Department of Massachusetts had a Recruitment Drive at the Worcester Railers, which is an AAA hockey team located in Central Massachusetts. Our department performed the color guard services for the game and represented the Marine Corps League well in the eyes of the general public.

The Department participated in a IRR Muster in which a recruiting booth was set up and we informed IRR Marines of the Marine Corps League and membership in the League.

The Department held a recruiting drive at a hockey game between Rucks 2 Pucks and the Boston Bruins Alumni. Rucks 2 Pucks is an all veteran team.

The local Detachments are constantly working with their local communities doing recruiting, fundraising and community awareness.

Respectfully submitted,



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