

December 2018 Message

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

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Department Commandant



December is the one month of the year when most of our members are busy and fully engaged in supporting their Detachments and the League's Programs. Toys for Tots is in full-swing, Wreaths Across America happens this month, many Detachments hold their Installations and there are many holiday functions as well. Not to mention the time we will all spend with our families and loved-ones. Please take some time over the next month to remember those currently serving our country and especially those in harm's way. Be they soldier, sailor, airman or Marine, they are all on the front line keeping our nation safe. We should keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

The Department Winter Membership meeting will be held on January 18 & 19, 2019 at the Grantville Holiday Inn. I want to stress that this is a membership meeting – not staff meeting – and I encourage all members to attend. The Department staff and I are making every effort to make the meetings more focused and efficient. Commandant's Council, held in the Saturday morning session, is an important forum for all members to meet, discuss and propose new directions for the Department and our programs. This is the forum for all members to provide the input the Department needs to continue to grow and improve. The Saturday afternoon session is important too and is where the business of the Department is conducted. Finally, Saturday evening the Foundation will be holding their annual banquet and auction. This is a wonderful event and a great way to enjoy the company of your fellows and raise funds for the Foundation's humanitarian programs at the same time. Remember, reservations at the Holiday Inn are due by December 18th to insure the group rate. Contact information is on our website.

Please accept a "well done" for all you do both in your Communities and for our Marine Corps League. Marines always give back and Pennsylvania members are second to none in all that they do and in all that they give. I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

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