

**DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**Sturbridge Massachusetts  
366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566  
(508) 347-7393  
<https://sturbridgehosthotel.com>**

**2024 CONVENTION PACKAGE**

# Marine Corps League



A Message from the Department of Massachusetts Commandant:

Hello Marines and Associates,

As the Department Commandant, I would like to welcome you all to the 87th Department of Massachusetts Convention.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Commandant this past year, I look forward to your faith and trust in me as I will be running for a second term this convention.

My fellow officers and I have been working diligently this past year on setting up recruiting drives for our Detachments, we understand recruiting and retention is a major key to the success of our Detachments. We have visited many Detachments this past year and we look forward to visiting the ones we missed in the coming year.

As was the case last year, the Department is continuing to try to make things more affordable for the Detachments in the hopes this will increase attendance. Detachments that are in full compliance with the Department may submit their receipts for their first night of hotel accommodation to the Department Paymaster Bernie Heaney for reimbursement. Detachments that are not in Department Compliance will not be reimbursed.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank all of you for everything you have done for your Detachments and the League. The Detachment is the backbone of the league; we do realize the amount of paperwork can be overwhelming and monotonous, but we very much appreciate all of you working your hardest to stay up with it.

In closing, I hope you all enjoy the convention, and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League.

Semper Fidelis Marines.  
Jon Zwirblia  
Commandant  
Department of Massachusetts

A message from the Convention Committee,

Marines and Associates,

The Convention Committee would like to welcome you to Sturbridge Massachusetts for the 87<sup>th</sup> Department of Massachusetts Convention.

There are many attractions in the Sturbridge area for all to enjoy, as well as some amazing local eateries and breweries in the area. The convention committee will have a list of these local places to give to you when you check into the hotel.

The Hotel is the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center and is located at 366 Main Street, Sturbridge MA 01566. The hotel website is <https://sturbridgehosthotel.com>.

The number to call and book your room is (508) 347-7393, **the group block ID is: Marine Corps League**. Please use that group block ID to reserve your room at a low price of **\$110.00** a night. You can call and book now!

The Thursday Burger Burn was such a hit we couldn't pass it up for this year The South-Central Detachment will be hosting it at the Sturbridge American Legion, located at 507 Main St, Fiskdale, MA 01518 at 1700. This event is free to all.

The first activity Friday will be the Jim Laskey Memorial Golf Tournament, located at Hemlock Golf Course at 220 Holland Rd, Fiskdale, MA 01518 just a 15 minute drive from the hotel. This will kick off at 1300.

The Second Activity Friday will be in the afternoon and it will be a Q&A session with Department Officers. So if you or your Detachment needs help with paperwork, forms or has questions about anything this session is here for you.

The MODD Tase of Sturbridge Buffett will be at the hotel Friday evening at 1830. With the Grand Growl commencing at 1900.

Saturday will be busy with the entire business session, a Memorial Service for our fallen brothers and sisters, and then to conclude the convention we will have our Grand Banquet.

The Convention Committee highly recommends booking your rooms early we highly advise to stay overnight Thursday and get your check in completed on Thursday.

We also will have all the bugs fixed from last year on the website so that you may register and pay on the website, but you will still have to call the hotel to book your room. This feature will be available on the website March 1<sup>st</sup>. There also will be a copy of this convention packet available on the website March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We look forward to seeing all of you and having a great convention.

Thank you,

**Please Register and book your room for the  
Convention NLT May 1st**

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**NLT May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTES  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
87<sup>TH</sup> DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
0700-1000	- Convention Setup	-Executive Room
1300-1700	- MCL/MODD Registration	-Executive Room
1300-1700	-MCL/MODD Ship Store	-Executive Room
0800-2100	-Sightseeing/Shopping	-On your own
1700-2100	-Camaraderie/Burger Burn	-Sturbridge American Legion Post # 109 507 Main St Fiskdale, MA
2100-2200	-Hospitality	-Hospitality Room

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**Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

0600-0730	-Chow	-Hotel Dining Room
0800-1400	-Golf	-Hemlock Golf Course
0800-1830	-Sightseeing/Shopping	-On your own
1000-1100	-MCL Registration	- Executive Room
1000-1100	-MCL Ship Store	- Executive Room
1100-1300	-Chow	-On your own
1400-1900	-Hospitality	- Hospitality Room
1500-1630	-MCL Registration	- Executive Room
1500-1630	-MCL Ship Store	- Executive Room
1430-1630	-Q&A Session	- Seminar Theatre 1
1700-1830	-MODD Buffet	-Hotel Dining Room
1900- 2100	-Pack Growl	- Seminar Theatre 1

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**Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

0600-0730	-Chow	-Hotel Dining Room
0700-0800	-MCL/MODD Registration	- Executive Room
0700-0800	-MCL Ship Store	- Executive Room
0800-1100	- Convention Opening & Convention Meeting	- Seminar Theatre 1
1115-1145	- Memorial Service	- Side of Hotel
1145-1415	-Chow	-On your own
1430-1730	-Convention Meeting	- Pleasant Room
1730-1830	-Hospitality	- Cape Cod Room
1830-1900	-Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres	- Hotel Banquet Hall
1900-2300	-Grand Banquet	- Hotel Banquet Hall

**Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

0700-0830	-Chow	-Hotel Dining Room
0900-1000	- Departure (Check out)	- Main Lobby
1000	-Board of Trustees Mtng.	-Board Room

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**2024 Convention**  
**Meal & Event Form**

**Please Register for Convention NLT May 1st**

Name: .....

Credential Name Description: .....

Wife - Husband - Significant Other Name: .....

Cell Phone:.....

Email:.....

**Thursday Burger Burn**

Cost: FREE

Total Attending:.....

**All American Breakfast Buffer May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>):** Every morning stop down in the Hotel restaurant for an excellent meal prepared by the Hotels signature chef. This will be a buffet that will include: Scrambled Eggs; Bacon or Sausage Links; Seasoned breakfast potatoes; Chef's Breakfast Bakery Basket; Assorted Chilled Juices; Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and a selection of Herbal Teas.

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person

Friday: How many attending.....

Saturday: How many attending.....

Sunday: How many attending.....

Total Breakfast Cost:.....

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**MODD Taste of Sturbridge Buffett (May 31<sup>st</sup>):**

Buffett to include: Garden Salad, Minestrone Soup, Baked Haddock Herb Crusted In Lemon butter, Yankee Pot Roast with Jardiniere Sauce, Sturbridge Roast Turkey with Herb Dressing, Natural Gravy and Cranberry Chutney. Accompanied by Chefs Recommended Starch of the day, Fresh Vegetable of the Season, Rolls and Butter, Chefs Dessert and Coffee or Tea.

**Cost: \$50.00**

How many Attending: .....

Total MODD Banquet Cost:.....

**Grand Banquet (June 1<sup>st</sup>):**

**-All Plated Dinner Entrees start with a Garden Salad with House Dressing  
All Dinners are served with Warm Rolls, Chef's recommended starch, vegetable of the season, and Chef's Seasonal Dessert Selection  
After Dinner you will be treated to Coffee or Tea**

1. Breast of Chicken, stuffed with apples and cranberries in a cider sauce.

Cost: \$ 40.00

How Many: .....

2. Prime Rib of Beef with a rosemary-Merlot Au Jus

Cost: \$ 52.00

How Many: .....

3. Baked Haddock in a herb crusted Lemon Butter sauce

Cost: \$ 38.00

How Many: .....

4. Butternut Squash Ravioli in a sweet maple cream sauce

Cost: \$ 39.00

How Many: .....

**Total Cost of Banquet.....**

**Total Cost of all Breakfast, MODD Buffett and Grand Banquet Combined.....**



**-Golf Friday at Hemlock Golf Course**

**You Pay at Course!**

**Price still be negotiated and will be announced as soon as possible via email, the Department Website and via mail.**

How many Playing: .....

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## **Convention Registration**

### **SECTION 105 – CREDENTIALS – DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, MEMBERS –**

**(a)** Delegates, Alternates and Members desiring to attend business sessions of a Department Convention must possess a paid up membership card, plus properly executed and signed credentials, and must be registered with, and approved by the Convention Credentials Committee.

**(b)** Detachment Delegates and Alternates to the Department Convention shall be determined on the basis of said Detachment's membership on record at Department Headquarters as of 31 May, immediately preceding the Department Convention. The delegate voting strength of each detachment shall be as follows: For the first ten (10) Marine members, one (1) Delegate and (1) Alternate; for each additional full block of ten (10) Marine members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate; for a partial number of ten (10) Marine members, one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate. However, no Delegate strength of a Detachment shall be computed by including Associate members or Honorary members in such Detachment total membership.

### **SECTION 220 REGISTRATION –**

**(1)** All other members desiring to attend the Convention Activities must pay the registration fee.

**(b)** Pre-Registration fee for each Delegate or Alternate to the Convention shall be five dollars (\$5.00). Detachments that register at the Convention shall be charged a registration fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) for each Delegate or Alternate.



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**Payment instructions:**

**-Electronic payment and forms through our website <https://mcldeptofmassachusetts.org> and selecting the Convention Registration Link (This will be available on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024)**

**Or**

**-USPS- Send completed forms, with checks made payable to Department of Massachusetts MCL.**

**MAIL TO: Jon Zwirblia  
70 Crestwood Drive  
Southbridge, MA 01550**

**For Convention Committee Only.**

**Received: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Initials: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Processed for Payment: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Initials: \_\_\_\_\_**