

## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KEYSTONE RIFLE MATCH

From: David G. Pavey, Rifle Match Chairman.  
To: Staff, Detachments, Auxiliary, Regular and Reserve Units.  
Subj: 2007 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Rifle Match.

1. This message is to confirm that the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Pennsylvania Marine Corps League Rifle Match is scheduled for 28, 29 and 30 September at Fort Indiantown Gap. This will be a two day match. Be prepared to shoot Saturday, 29 September and Sunday, 30 September. No guarantee which day you will be scheduled. Friday, 28 September will be a working party day to repair targets and butts. Members wishing to volunteer for an extra day of work contact David Pavey.

The enclosed registration form must be submitted as soon as possible. **ALL FORMS MUST BE TYPE WRITTEN OR PRINTED AND MUST CONTAIN THE COMPETITORS FULL NAME i.e., (John P. Doe) (Enclosure #1).** Include MCL membership number or active duty serial number. A fee of \$30.00 per competitor must accompany the registration form. Checks shall be made payable to Dept of Pa Rifle Match. **THE CUT OFF DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT WILL BE 1 SEPTEMBER. TEAM COMPOSITION IS FINAL AS OF 5 SEPTEMBER. ENCLOSED WITH THE REGISTRATION FORMS ARE TWO (2) MILITARY RELEASE FORMS. ONE FORM IS FOR THE GAP THE OTHER FORM IS FOR THE MCL. ADDITIONAL FORMS MAY BE REPRODUCED (ENCLOSURE #2). PLEASE DO NOT DUPLICATE THE FORMS ON ONE (1) SHEET OF PAPER. THE FORMS HAVE TO BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED. THE TWO FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED OR EACH PERSON ATTENDING THE MATCH. THESE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE REGISTRATION TO DAVE PAVEY.**

2. When you fire a fellow competitor **not related to your unit** located to your rear records your score on the line card and signs his name and Detachment, (Enclosure #3). This is a two day shoot. Butt pullers will be needed Sunday morning and score keepers on the line. We cannot have a match without your help. **NON ATTENDANCE SUNDAY MORNING WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR DETACHMENT SCORES. DETACHMENTS THAT WISH TO LEAVE THE MATCH AFTER REGISTERING MUST TURN IN THE LINE CARDS TO THE RIFLE CHAIRMAN DAVID PAVEY BEFORE LEAVING THE GAP.**
- 3 CHOW: Saturday will be provided on the line. The cost is included in the Registration Fee. Breakfast and Evening meals are on your own.

4. AMMO: All ammo will be inspected on the line. If you use AMMO THAT YOU HAVE RELOADED WRITTEN SPECIFICATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN AMMO. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM CAPTAINS TO AQUAINT THEIR MEMBERS WITH THE RULES. MEMBERS NOT KNOWING THE RULES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FOR SOME INFRACTION. THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR TEAM.**
5. TEAM COMPOSITION: More than one team may be entered from an organization. However each team must be designated by classification on the registration form. Each team will consist of five (5) members. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WILL BE USED THE SAME AS REGULAR MEMBERS ON A TEAM AS NOTED IN THE NATIONAL AND STATE BY-LAWS. A team may consist of four (4) members when the Detachment cannot field a full team. A blind (dummy) score will be used to fill out a team score. A shooter from another Detachment may fill in a team that may be short a member to make up the detachment team.
6. HANDICAPPED competitors cannot fire for any team.
7. Only two (2) Active duty personnel can fire on a MCL team. Teams that are registered as a Military team can only compete against other Military teams that are in their classification. MCL members that are also active or reserve members must be registered as either MCL or Military. They can not fire MCL individual and on a Military team.
8. BILLETING: All shooters must supply their own bedding. Mattress are provided. Barracks and bunks will be assigned to Detachments based on registration. WE MUST KNOW HOW MANY FROM EACH DETACHMENT WILL BE STAYING IN THE BARRACKS. DO NOT OCCUPY ANY BILLETS UNLESS THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO YOU. IF THE BARRACKS ARE LOCKED DO NOT FORCE ENTRY.
9. SAFETY: The safety of the match due to physical limitations of some competitors requires continuous self-discipline. All range rules must be adhered to.
10. SERVICE RIFLE: Defined as any caliber rifle as issued by the U.S. Armed Forces having not less than the required trigger pull as determined by the Armed Forces and a standard type stock. External alterations to the stock will not be allowed. The front and rear sights must be U.S. Military design.
11. CLIP: Modified clip or magazine for single loading will be permitted. Match Rifles modified by military standards will be permitted.

12. SIGHTS: Metallic only and no front sights apertures. Irises attached to Glasses are permitted providing they contain no type of magnification.
13. SHOOTING KITS: The kit and or shooting stool may not be forward of the Shooters forward shoulder on the line.
14. GROUND CLOTH: Ground cloth or pad may be used, but cannot be used to supply support in any shooting position.
15. ROLL PADS: Kneeling soft roll pads (approx 8" dia) are permitted.
16. SHOOTING GLOVES: Shooting gloves are permitted.
17. PADDLING: Shoulder pads, sling pads and elbow pads may be worn provided they do not provide artificial support.
18. SLINGS: May be strap or straps of leather, webbing or synthetic material with necessary attachments for adjustments. Clip on slings may be used if they do not supply support in any position.
19. POSITIONS:

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| Prone position    | 3 rounds sighters |
| Prone position    | 10 rounds         |
| Sitting position  | 10 rounds         |
| Kneeling position | 10 rounds         |
| Offhand position  | 10 rounds         |

ALL SLOW FIRE:

Inability to assume an approved position will require that string of fire be shot from the next required position. No points will be deducted under this rule. **NOTATION MUST BE MADE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM THAT A COMPETIOR CANNOT ASSUME AN APPROVED POSITION.**

HANDICAP CLASS:

All firing will be from the prone position. In case of ties V's will be counted then the score in what would be the offhand, kneeling and sitting positions will be scored to break the tie. Handicapped shooters cannot fire for any team.

REGULAR SHOOTERS:

Prone position: Sling may be used. No other type of support will be allowed.  
 Sitting position: Only a three point position will be permitted. **Elbows on the ground will not be permitted.**  
 Kneeling position: Regulation roll may be used. No other type support.  
 Offhand position: Sling may be used. No other type of support is allowed.

**ALL SHOOTERS ON LINE MUST REMAIN IN EACH POSITION UNTIL THE LINE IS CLEARED.**

20. AMMUNITION:

Due to the cut in government funding ammunition is not available. Therefore be prepared to bring your own. Personal ammunition may be used during the match. All personal ammunition must be inspected for safety before firing. Specification on personal ammunition or reloads must be in writing and submitted on the rear of the registration form, i.e., bullet grain, type of power, etc. Names of competitors using personal ammunition must be indicated on the registration forms.

21. DISQUALIFICATION: The Officer in Charge and staff have the authority to disqualify any competitor, rifle or equipment.

22. PROTECTION: You are urged to wear eye and ear protection on the line and in the butts.

23. AWARDS: Will consist of team plaques in each classification. Military Teams will be the same. Individual awards will be the same. Individual awards will be in four (4) classifications both MCL and Military. One (1) award in the handicapped class for high shooter and is known as the Lawrence Tinney Handicap award.

24. LINE RULES AND FIRING COMMANDS:

Alibis, Protects, and Challenges **MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE LINE OFFICERS OR OIC AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE.** Notations must be made on the line card and the score card in the butts and be verified by the line officer. Notations must be made on the score cards in the butts and be verified by the butt officer.

25. RICOCHETS: Butt officer will be called to verify the ricochet (keyhole) and a miss.

26. EXCESSIVE HITS: If your target has more than ten (10) hits and any other shooter on the same relay within a reasonable distance to your target has less than ten (10) hits the score will be the ten (10) highest values. If any shooter within a reasonable distance does not have less than ten(10) hits the score will be the ten (10) lowest values.

27. PREPARATION: Competitors will be allowed three (3) minutes to take their places on the line and prepare to fire.

28. LINE COMMANDS:

Relay No 1 On the firing line  
The preparation period starts now  
The three (3) minute preparation starts for each competitor  
The preparation period has ended  
Load single round only

Any competitor that is not ready will raise his arm and call out in a Loud voice  
**NOT READY ON TARGET # \_\_\_\_\_.**

All ready on the right/// All ready on the left/// All ready on the firing Line///  
When your target appears commence firing.

Cease firing///any alibis/// unload, remain in position until the line is clear///. The  
command will be given The line is clear. You may move out of position. Get into next  
position or police your area.

29. GENERAL RULES:

Conduct: We are guest on a military base. Conduct yourselves accordingly. Any team  
or individual is subject to disqualification and suspension from future matches. Also you  
are subject to rules and regulations of the Military.

30. SUBSTANCES: There will be no ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed on the Range  
property or at the PARKING AREA. There will be no private vehicles allowed on or in  
the range area. Drop off equipment and personal at the range parking lot and park in the  
designated areas. It is wise to make a car pool as parking is scarce. **DO NOT PARK ON  
TANK ROADS OR YOUR VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED AWAY.**

31. EMERGENCY: Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ ask for duty officer and request information  
be given to MCL duty officer in HQ Building Number 3-95.

32. FEES: In order that we may run this match and successive matches a fee of Thirty  
Dollars (\$30.00) per person be submitted. **This fee and a copy of the registration form  
must be mailed to David G. Pavey, 207 Pine Street, Towanda, Pa 18848  
The registration form and both release forms must be mailed to David G.  
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All entry forms must be typewritten or printed legibly. Two (2) entry forms will be  
supplied. If more are needed copy them.

**WE CAN FIRE NO MORE THAN 260 SHOOTERS DURING THE TWO DAYS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED AT THE GAP. DEAD LINE FOR REGISTRATION WILL BE 31 AUGUST . FIRST RECEIVED FIRST ACCEPTED. CALL IN TEAM CHANGES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 5 SEPTEMBER. ONLY ONE CHANGE WILL BE PERMITTED.**

**33. METHOD OF SCORING AND CLASSIFICATION:**

OFFICAL SCORE WILL BE RECORDED IN THE BUTTS (Enclosure 4). The following method of scoring and classification were agreed to by all at the rifle match staff meeting. The first time shooter must fire in the Master class. A first time shooter that fires high in master class will compete with the master shooters and is eligible to be awarded trophies. After their first attended match their score shall be classified as follows: Master 100 to 185, Expert 184-156, Sharpshooter 155 to 136, Marksman 135 and below. If a contestant drops to a lower class they must compete in that class for a period of two consecutive years before being able to obtain a trophy in the third year of competition. A master shooter who drops to Expert will be marked as E+1. In the following year E+2. If he continues to fire in expert class he becomes eligible to obtain a expert trophy the third year. The competitor that has dropped to a lower class Master E+1 and fires high in that class may move up into the higher class as indicated by their score and be eligible to obtain a trophy in the second year of competition.

**34 TEAM CLASSIFICATION AND SCORING:**

The teams will be classified as Master, Expert, etc, according to classification and number of Competitors, i.e., 5 Masters will be classified as a Master team. 3 Masters and 2 Experts will be classified as a Master team. 1 Master 4 Experts will be classified as a Expert team. This type of classification will be the same for Sharpshooter and Marksman teams.

**ALL DETACHMENTS MUST DIVIDE ITS SHOOTERS INTO FIVE (5) MAN TEAMS. IF THERE ARE FOUR (4) SHOOTERS LEFT THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF ONE (1) DUMMY SCORE. DO NOT MAKE FOUR MAN TEAMS. IF YOU ONLY HAVE EIGHT (8) SHOOTERS YOU CAN ENTER ONE TEAM.**

The dummy score shall be computed from the classified marksman scores fired in the current match. Teams with mixed class of competitors will be classified according to number and class of competitors. This classification will be made by staff. Any contestant that has not fired within the last five years will be dropped from roster and upon reentering will have to fire as first time shooter. Master.

**35. SCORING THE TARGETS (ENCLOSURE #5):**

THE LARGE RED SPOTTER IN THE TOP LEFT HAND SIDE OF TARGET IS  
A VALUE OF TWO (2)

THE TOP CENTER OF TARGET IS A MISS (0)

THE TOP RIGHT SIDE OF TARGET IS A VALUE OF THREE (3)

THE BOTTOM RIGHT SIDE OF TARGET IS VALUE OF FOUR (4)

THE BOTTOM CENTER OF TARGET IS VALUE OF FIVE (5)

THE BOTTOM LEFT SIDE OF TARGET IS A FIVE V (V)

When the spotter is placed in the value hole it is left there until the next round is fired and the target is pulled down. If the value of the following round has changed the spotter is moved to correspond with that value and left in target until the next round. A small black spotter is placed in the hole where the round hit to show the competitor where the round had hit the target. By using this method of scoring the target, it eliminates the time to re-disk the target and allows the scorer on the line to observe the marked target until the next round is fired. This also allows the person in the butts time to check the score on the score card while waiting for the next round to be fired.

**WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN ABIDING WITH THE ABOVE RULES.**

**36. OFFICIAL SUBSIDIARY UNITS OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE.**

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary and other official subsidiaries with the Marine Corps League are permitted to enter the Department of Pennsylvania Service Rifle Match as a unit. All units must adhere to the rules and regulations as set fourth for the Marine Corps League Detachments.

**37. THERE ARE TWO FORMS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT WHEN THE OCCASION WARRANTS:**

**INJURY REPORT FORMS WHEN ANY TYPE OF INJURY OCCURS.**

**INCIDENT FORM RELATING TO ANY TYPE OF OCCURRENCE WITH THE BASE SECURITY OR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY THE BASE.**

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