



# Marine Corps League

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## Past Commandant Paul B. Porter, 70

**LUNENBURG, Mass.**—Paul B. Porter, 70 of Lunenburg, died Tuesday, January 31, in the Highlands in Fitchburg after a courageous battle with cancer.

Paul was born in Fitchburg, Nov. 20, 1941, son of the late Earl L Porter and Winona (Greene) Porter of Leominster. He grew up in Lunenburg and graduated from Lunenburg High School in 1959. Following his graduation, Paul joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served four years. He was honorable discharged in 1963 having attained the rank of corporal.

Paul returned to Fitchburg and became a reserve police officer with the Lunenburg Police Department and served in that capacity for 46 years, retiring last month. He also held several other positions, including a job with the former New England Telephone Co. and the State of Massachusetts as a fraud investigator.

Paul served on the Lunenburg Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He was president of the Lunenburg Historical Society, a member of the Masons, served as a town constable, a member and past president of the Lunenburg Police Relief Association and was senior vice commander of American Legion Post 283.

Paul was past commandant of the Dept. of Mass., Marine Corps League (MCL) past commandant of Fitchburg Detachment 1076, MCL, a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs of the MCL and was named "Marine of The Year" 2010-2011 by the Mass. Dept. on his retirement as its commandant.

Mass. Dept. Commandant Bernie Henie said Paul Porter's death will leave a big hole in the ranks of his community and the MCL. "Paul was a unique person in that all those he served with were inspired by his dedication and sense of duty."

He was lovingly called the "Mayor of Lunenburg" by his daughter. Everyone who knew him loved him, He enjoyed working police detains, attending Marine functions and traveling to Maine for walks on the Marginal Way.

Paul's wife Caroline C. (Fisher) Porter died on Sept. 4, 2011. Besides his mother, he leaves two daughters, Pamela Porter-Joseph, with whom he resided; Kimberly Roy and her husband Lee of Henderson, Tenn.; and five grandchildren, Allyson Joseph, Colton Joseph, Quinn Joseph, Alexis Roy and Danielle Roy. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Christine Kiuru in 1969.

Paul's funeral will be Friday, Feb. 10, at 10 AM at the Masciarelli Funeral Home, 763 Massachusetts Ave. Burial will be in the North Cemetery. Calling hours in the funeral home are Thursday, Feb. 9, from 1-3 and 5-9 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Paul B. Porter Memorial Fund, c/o Workers Credit Union, 603 Massachusetts Ave., Lunenburg, MA 01462.

Dept of Mass., MCL, will perform its service at 4 PM.