



# DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA MARINE CORPS LEAGUE



## Minutes

Fall Quarterly Meeting – Winfield, WV  
September 18, 2021

**Meeting was called to order** at 10:08 am by Sr Vice Commandant Mike McLain (Commandant Jim Doss is sick with COVID19 at home)

A motion was made and seconded to drape the Charter in honor of those MCL Members and loved ones we have lost in the past year. The motion was approved, and the Charter was draped.

### **Sr Vice Commandant McLain welcomed our Dignitaries:**

Mideast Division NVC Rick Thomason  
National MOY Recipient/Mideast Division Chaplain Scott Kirby  
Mideast Division Newsletter Editor Rick Shank  
Past Mideast Division NVC Roger Ware, National MOY Recipient  
Past Mideast Division NVC Mike McLain, National MOY Recipient  
National MODD Kennel Deputy Mad Dog Greg Irwin

Past Department Commandant John Nanny  
Past Department Commandant Roger Ware  
Past Department Commandant Rick Shank  
Past Department Commandant Mike McLain  
Past Department Commandant Scott Kirby

Worthy Pack Leader PDD Mike McLain

### **Roll Call of Department Officers:**

Commandant Jim Doss – Excused (COVID)  
Sr Vice Commandant Mike McLain – Present  
Jr Vice Commandant Greg Irwin – Present  
Judge Advocate Randy “Doc” Thomas – Present  
Jr Past Department Commandant Scott Kirby – Present  
Adjutant-Paymaster Patti Leib – Present  
Chaplain Frank Armentrout – Excused  
Sgt at Arms Shaun Scott – Excused  
Assistant Sgt at Arms Allen Miller – Excused  
Chief of Staff Roger Ware – Present  
Legislative Woody Williams – Excused  
VAWS Roger Estep – Excused  
Historian Mike Lynon – Excused  
Public Relations Jean Lamb – Excused



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Aide-de-Camp Larry Goff – Present  
Aide-de-Camp Rich Sneigle – Present  
Web Sergeant Steve Swenton – Excused  
Assistant Chaplain Roy Vanscoy – Present

**Roll Call of Detachments**                      **Members Present**

Hicks-Hamrick 339 – Absent	0
Huntington 340 – Present	2
Earl Anderson 342 – Absent	0
Danny M Greene 577 – Present	3
Jones-Wolin-O'Brien 771 – Present	3
Herbert J Thomas 947 – Absent	0
Leland D Crow Crawford 956 – Present	2
Mountaineer Marine 957 – Present	3
Cpl Walter L Mann 1065 – Present	1
Wood County 1087 – Present	8
Eastern Panhandle 1143 – Absent	0
MGM Det 1180 Pt Pleasant – Present	1
Sgt Mecot Camara Det 1461 – Absent	0
Cpl William B Fulks Det 1474 - Present	<u>5</u>
Total:	28

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Minutes from the Annual Convention have been distributed to the membership; a motion was made to accept and voted on; motion carried.

**Paymaster Reports:** There were no corrections to the Paymaster Reports. A motion was made to accept the Paymaster's Reports without correction. Motion carried

Department of WV Checking Account

Beginning Balance:	\$23,810.13	May 15, 2021
Income:	\$7,906.40	
Expenses:	<u>\$11,043.05</u>	
Total Carry Forward:	<b>\$20,673.48</b>	September 18, 2021

Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Account

Balance Forward:	\$21,406.60	May 15, 2021
Deposits:	\$10,896.09	
Interest Received:	\$ 20.89	
Expenses:	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	
Total Carry Forward:	<b>\$24,323.58</b>	September 18, 2021



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### Chaplain's Report

Detachment Commandants reported on their deceased members Death Notices submitted since May 15, 2021: members reported this quarter are: Jon Wayt, Wheeling Det 771, Tom Powers, Wheeling Det 771 Arthur Gene Jeffers, Point Pleasant Det 1180, Joe Ward Huntington Det 340, Al Harman Princeton Det 957, Lyman Greenlee Point Pleasant Det 1180, Mark Fulton Wheeling Det 771, Robert O'Connor Martinsburg Det 1143, Larry Ott Martinsburg Det 1143, Bill Hamilton Huntington Det 340.

**Sick or Distressed:** We were given updates on Jose Reyes-Torres, Det 1143; Roy Marcum, Det 340; Larry Brown, Det 956; Dave Rice, Det 956; Robert McClure, Jim Doss, Jerry Bain, Chuck Cooper, and Roger Martin all from Det 1180; Jack Martin, Det 1087; Wayne Fridley, Det 1065; Robert Sigler, Det 771. Please keep these members in your prayers, and be sure to pray for all Veterans, Marine Corps League members and families, those afflicted with COVID19, and those serving in harm's way.

### Report of Officers:

Sr. Vice Commandant McLain dispensed with all verbal reports from Department Officers; all reports were to be submitted to the Adjutant. Reports from the following Officers have been received:

Sr. Vice Commandant	Adjutant
Jr. Vice Commandant	Paymaster
Chief of Staff	Historical
Marine for Life	Public Relations
Web Sergeant	

Sr. Vice Commandant McLain observed some Detachments are still having difficulty meeting in person or on virtual meetings such as Zoom or freeconferencecalling.com but if your Detachment plans to conduct a virtual meeting and needs assistance, contact Adjutant Leib.

**Detachments Reporting:** *We dispensed with verbal reports from Detachments, but all reports are required to be submitted to the Adjutant.* Reports were received from:

Huntington 340	Morgantown 342
Danny M Greene 577	Herbert J Thomas 947
Leland D Crow Crawford 956	Mountaineer Marine 957
Cpl. Walter L Mann 1065	Wood County 1087
Martinsburg 1143	MGM Det 1180
Cpl William B Fulks, 1474	

As of 18 September 2021, no reports have been received from Hicks-Hamrick Det 339, Jones-Wolin-O'Brien Det 771, or Sgt Mecot Camara Det 1461; please submit to Adjutant Leib.



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**Standing Committees and Special Committees:** were dispensed with all verbal reports from Committee Chairmen; all reports should be submitted to the Adjutant for record purposes.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Sr Vice Commandant McLain noted the Department Pistol Raffle will be conducted at the Convention in May 2022 as in the past, with the same rules and regulations. Jr Past Commandant Scott Kirby will be the Pistol Raffle Chairman this year; MED Newsletter Editor Rick Shank will work with Minuteman Press Printing Company in Huntington to have the raffle tickets printed up for the annual convention, to then be distributed to the Detachments at the January Quarterly meeting.

Detachments were advised they are responsible to check their PO Boxes for their allotment of Pistol Raffle tickets, or to provide Adjutant Leib with an alternate address (such as the Det Commandant's home address). The Department Awards Nomination Forms, Marine of the Year, and Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Applications will also be distributed or mailed/emailed to any Detachment that does not have a representative present at the January Quarterly Meeting. All the packets are mailed out with a tracking number, so the Department Adjutant-Paymaster can verify who has or has not picked up their packets, and when. Late submissions for Department Awards, Dept MOY, AMOY, and Scholarship Applications will not be honored. The POST MARK DUE DATES are identified in the Department Bylaws and in the cover letters with instructions, and will be observed.

### **New Business:**

**Mideast Division NVC Rick Thomason** was invited to give a brief presentation and called Jr. Past Commandant Scott Kirby to come forward. At the National Convention (August 2021) in Springfield, IL, the recipient of the National Marine of the Year was not present to accept his award. MED NVC Rick Thomason presented the **2021 National Marine of the Year Award to Ronald Scott Kirby**, Det 1087. Congratulations to The National 2021 MOY Kirby!!

**Past MED NVC Roger Ware** announced the new Associate Member of the Year Award for the Detachment level, Department level, Division level, and National level. In order to qualify for this award, the Associate Member must hold or have held an appointed position in the Detachment or served on a committee, along with the same guidelines for being a Member in Good Standing (dues current and meet minimum requirements for attendance at Detachment, quarterly, and annual meetings) There is a ribbon bar and device for this award at each level. Be sure to recognize your Associate Members (one per year) as they often do much of the grunt work for the Detachments and contribute significantly to the success of your Detachment.

**MED NVC Rick Thomason** presented a proposed recommendation from the Mideast Division, requesting that the Departments in the Division would no longer submit their \$100 donation to the Detachment hosting the MED Conference each year, but would instead submit \$125 directly to support the Division. MED NVC Thomason discussed the various expenses the Division must cover and their



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difficulties in generating funds. There was some discussion on ways the Division could generate operating capital to fund their travel, etc., such as holding a Division auction or a 50/50 Split the Pot., but no vote was taken or final decision if the Department of WV would send our donation to the Mideast Division or continue to assist the host Detachment with the cost of the MED Conference.

**Detachment 957 Commandant Mike Atwell and Detachment 1087 Commandant Wayne Starcher** both submitted proposals to host the January 2022 Department of WV Quarterly Meeting. There was some discussion concerning winter travel and concerns about COVID, then Detachment 1087 withdrew their bid to allow a vote for Princeton Detachment 957 to host the meeting. The date agreed upon will be January 15, 2022, with a contingency date of January 22, 2022, should circumstances delay the event. A motion was made to accept the bid from Detachment 957; seconded and the motion carried.

**Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Chairman John Nanny** reported he has been the Chair of the Scholarship Committee for 21 years, and that the income for the scholarships comes from Detachment donations, private donations, sales of challenge coins, 50% of the pistol raffle profit, the annual Scholarship Auctions, and sales of Gold Star Family Memorial pins. He mentioned scholarships have been given to members of Detachments (plus their children and grandchildren) even though some Detachments have never donated. All Dets are asked to donate each year. Assistant Chairman George Gill advised that the scholarships are available to the children of Marines who were killed in action, even though they were not members of the MCL, plus stepchildren, grandchildren, and now great grandchildren.

**Modern Day Marine Expo** scheduled for September 21-23, 2021, was to be the final time it's held in Quantico (all future will be in DC) but was cancelled due to COVID.

**Adjutant's Report, Correspondence (attached to Adjutant's Report), Minutes of 2021 Department of WV Annual Convention May 15, 2021, Paymaster's Reports for Department General Account and Scholarship Account are available on the table with the Detachment Commandant's Reports.**

**Note to all Officers:** Be sure your Det uses the new/current forms on the National MCL Website, including Report of Officer Installation (Det version), Death Notices, and Transmittals. All Annual Corporation Reports (WV Secretary of State) were submitted prior to June 30; Elections and Installations, and Report of Officer Installations were all submitted prior to the April 30 deadline. Paid Life Member Audits were distributed after July 1<sup>st</sup> and several Detachments need to audit and return them to Adjutant Leib ASAP. If you have trouble with any of your reports or required forms, please contact Adjutant Leib for training or assistance.

**Atlas Database on the National Website:**

National has allowed access to the National Database at the Department and Detachment level to allow





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Det Commandants and Paymasters to update addresses, phone numbers, email addresses.

Note the new Bylaws on the National Website (pass code dd4)

Note the new Death Notices done on the National website (fillable form)

Note the new Long Form Transmittal for larger numbers of annual dues renewals (fillable form)

Adjutant-Paymaster Leib gave COO Bob Borka the names and contact information from each Detachment so National could assign access and passwords to each Commandant and Paymaster; these Detachment Officers should now be able to update their membership's information with correct addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and dates of birth. If your Detachment is experiencing difficulty, check with Adjutant Leib for assistance. If you can't find your user name or password, you will need to contact COO Bob Borka.

### **For the Good of the League:**

Remember to use the New Forms on the National Website/Library. Sr Vice Commandant Mike McLain asked Detachments to contact all members on a regular basis – everyone is important to the League!

### **Announcements:**

**2021 Modern Day Marine Expo:** September 21-23, 2021, Quantico VA (*Cancelled*)

**2021 Marine Corps Birthday Balls:** 11/06/2021 MGM Det 1180, Wood County Det 1087; 11/13/2021 Earl Anderson Det 342; 11/20/2021 Cpl Walter L Mann Det 1065

**2022 Department of WV Quarterly Meeting:** Princeton Det 957, January 15, 2022

**2021 Department of WV Convention:** May 20-21, 2022, hosted by MGM Det 1180, Gallipolis, OH

**2022 National Convention:** August 15-20, 2022, Daytona Beach, FL

**There being no Further Business;** The Meeting was adjourned at 1155 until 1000 hours, January 15, 2022, at the Department of WV Quarterly Meeting, Princeton, WV.

Respectfully submitted by

Patti Leib  
Adjutant-Paymaster  
Department of WV – MCL