



**DEPARTMENT
OF
WEST VIRGINIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**2022 Department of WV Winter Quarterly Meeting
January 15, 2022
Conference Call**

Adjutant's Report

Department Membership: PLM 411 Total: 719 Unpaid: 68
(NOD PLM -10) (down net -1) (down -44)
The unpaid are down due to deleted members

Minutes of September 18, 2021 Fall Quarterly Report

Snapshot Review Page

Department Paymaster Reports: Dept of WV and HWW Scholarship

Detachment Monthly Minutes, received fairly consistently since Convention (Sept-Dec): 340, 342, 577, 947, 956, 957, 1065, 1180, and 1474

Detachment Transmittals: all Det. are submitting transmittals in a timely manner and working to achieve 100% paid. Unpaid members are at 68, which is down by 44 because some Dets have worked to delete unpaid members who no longer participate, don't ever plan to renew, or because the members have been expelled or are deceased. It is still very difficult to determine the correct expiration dates for all the annual dues paying members since National deleted that information from the Rosters, and the Atlas database is also unclear. We must keep a shadow accounting system, or I have to call National, but trying to figure how many years a member owes is difficult unless I keep an ongoing separate spreadsheet.

Board of Trustees Phone Votes: 7 Total: 6 passed, 1 Cancelled
1) Approval to hold the Dept Pistol Raffle (not voted on at the Fall Qtr. Meeting): Approved
2) Adoption of Pistol Raffle Guidelines for future raffles: Approved



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- 3) Commandant Doss's letter of support and endorsement from the Dept of WV MCL to Medal of Honor Woody Williams for a Shelter House at the Donel C. Kinard State Veteran's Cemetery: Approved
- 4) Donation for final expense and travel assistance for the widow of a Marine: Tabled
- 5) Request to reimburse Commandant Doss for floral wreath to be laid on the Marine Corps Monument at the Donel C. Kinard State Veterans Cemetery for the 246th Marine Corps Birthday: Approved
- 6) Board vote to donate to the Gold Star Family Memorial Foundation in lieu of flowers for John Nanny's funeral: Approved
- 7) Emergency vote to name George O. Gill, Det 1065, as Chairman of the Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Program after John Nanny's passing: Approved

Marine At Large Applications: 0

BMV MCL License Plate Applications: 0 processed

Transfers processed:2

Deleted members or expelled members via Transmittals: 33 from four Detachments (340, 956, 1087, 1180)

Notices of Death processed with Transmittals: 11 since the Fall Quarterly Meeting; I've also sent sympathy cards to the families.

Communications: Correspondence

- 1) We received a very nice thank you letter from Marine/Artist Clifford Leonard for our hospitality while he and his family were here for the 246th Birthday Ball, etc.



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- 2) We received a thank you card from Marine Wayne Sarapata for our prayers and support and sympathy card in the passing of his brother, Walt.
- 3) I received word that National wants all Detachments to be on the same Fiscal Year of July to June and had requested that the Departments spearhead completing and submitting the IRS form to do this. When I read the instructions for the form, I found that it must be completed and submitted by the Parent Company, which is National. When we establish a new Detachment, National, as the Parent Company, is required to write a letter to the IRS so that we get the right EIN and are identified as a non-profit. I let Past MED NVC Roger Ware know what I'd discovered, so hopefully National will take care of this if they want it to happen. It affects 2 Detachments and the Department of WV, as we are on a Calendar year, not a Fiscal year. This also means the affected units will have to submit two IRS990s this year, if it happens. I have submitted the IRS990N for the Department of WV in January for CY (FY) 2021.
- 4) Announcement: Commandant's Corner Invitation to Female Marines to participate in an online forum once a month via zoom meetings.

Other Activities:

Provided Training and assistance to Detachment Paymasters on updated Transmittals and Paid Life Member Audits when requested. The changes to the PLM Audits and Rosters are confusing and not helpful; I'm having a difficult time trying to give good information to the Detachments when I'm not sure what the right information is, and often must consult with my contacts at National to determine how much a delinquent member owes. The new Profile ID numbers are also confusing to the Detachments - many Paymasters enter the Profile numbers where they should enter the Member



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numbers on the updated transmittals. It would be helpful if the Rosters were redesigned back to the old format, and if all the Annual Dues paying Members were removed from the Paid Life Member Audits. Also the new Long Form Transmittal for multiple entries is very clunky and not an improvement.

My contact at National confirmed that they will be sending out updated Rosters for the period ending 31 December 2021 within a week or so. Hopefully they will be more accurate than the previous Rosters and more useful.

Received and submitted all Paid Life Member Audits and confirmed all Detachment banking information with National (routing and account numbers).

I worked with my home Detachment to put on the state-wide 246th Marine Corps Birthday Ball in November. We had hoped to have 40+ attendees and ended up with 93 registered. Even though we went deficit about \$1000, it was well worth the effort and expense. This was the event where MOH Woody Williams was to be presented with the bust of him created by Marine Artist Clifford Leonard of Florida; however shortly prior to the event, Woody was hospitalized for some serious injuries and not able to attend in person. We did chat with him online and sent him videos, which made the night a success.

I ended up with COVID19, along with 4 other members who either had it when they attended the Birthday Ball or contracted it at the Birthday Ball. Most of us have fully recovered, although at least one still requires oxygen 24/7

Also, I'm working on the 2022 Department of WV Convention plans including creation of the registration and grand banquet reservation form (see attached), and possibly renegotiating part of the contract with the hotel for the



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Grand Banquet prices per meal (cost of food has significantly increase).

In late October I attended the funeral services for Det 577 Commandant Michael (Jackie) Mounts son, Michael, in Gilbert WV. This was a very special service and tragic loss to the Mounts family, and they lost both their son and daughter-in-law (just two weeks prior) to COVID19. This dear family is still in my thoughts and prayers.

I've created the cover letter and nomination form for the new Associate Member of the Year Award at the Department level; made all the copies of the Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year forms and letters and mailed them out to the Detachments.

I also created the forms and cover letter for all the 2022 Department of WV Annual Awards Nomination packets & mailed them to all the Detachments, along with printing the cover letters and logging the Pistol Raffle Ticket numbers to mail them to all the Detachments, return receipt requested to verify each Detachment received their allotment.

Last but certainly not least, I attended the funeral services for Det 771 Commandant John Nanny, who was also our Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Chairman for many years (since the Scholarship's inception?). John was also Past Department of WV Commandant, and extremely active in the Wheeling community in various Military Veteran organizations and Youth programs. He will truly be missed.

Respectfully submitted

Patti Leib
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