



**DEPARTMENT
OF
WEST VIRGINIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



Minutes

Winter Quarterly Meeting – Conference Call
January 22, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Commandant Jim Doss via Conference Call due to poor weather conditions and the Department Board of Trustees phone vote to cancel an in-person meeting due to a reported elevated level of COVID19 in the Princeton area.

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.

Commandant Doss welcomed our Dignitaries:

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 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 – Present
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 – Present
Sgt at Arms Shaun Scott – Excused
Assistant Sgt at Arms Allen Miller – Present
Chief of Staff Roger Ware – Present
Legislative Woody Williams – Excused
VAWS Roger Estep – Excused
Historian Mike Lynon – Present
Public Relations Jean Lamb – Present
Aide-de-Camp Larry Goff – Excused



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

Roll Call of Detachments	Members Present
Hicks-Hamrick 339 – Absent	0
Huntington 340 – Present	6
Earl Anderson 342 – Present	3
Danny M Greene 577 – Present	2
Jones-Wolin-O’Brien 771 – Present	2
Herbert J Thomas 947 – Present	4
Leland D Crow Crawford 956 – Present	3
Mountaineer Marine 957 – Present	1
Cpl Walter L Mann 1065 – Present	1
Wood County 1087 – Present	3
Eastern Panhandle 1143 – Absent	0
MGM Det 1180 Pt Pleasant – Present	4
Sgt Mecot Camara Det 1461 – Absent	0
Cpl William B Fulks Det 1474 - Present	<u>1</u>
Total:	30

Minutes of the Previous Meeting Minutes from the Fall Quarterly Meeting 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:	\$20,623.48	September 18, 2021
Income:	\$601.00	
Expenses:	<u>\$2,334.10</u>	
Total Carry Forward:	\$18,890.38	January 15, 2022

Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Account

Balance Forward:	\$24,323.58	September 18, 2021
Deposits:	\$ 1,950.00	
Interest Received:	\$ 23.78	
Expenses:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
Total Carry Forward:	\$26,297.36	January 15, 2022



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Chaplain’s Report

Detachment Commandants reported on their deceased members Death Notices submitted since September 18, 2021: members reported this quarter are: Dexter Owsley, South Charleston Det 947; Jose Reyes-Torres, Martinsburg Det 1143; Marshall Bonecutter, Point Pleasant Det 1180; Thomas Sawyer, Princeton Det 957; Harold Cosner, Elkins Det 956; Charles Ranew, Elkins Det 956; Jack Ellis, Huntington, Det 340; Michael Doyle, Wheeling Det 771; Joseph Marshall, Morgantown Det 342; and John Nanny, Wheeling, Det 771.

Sick or Distressed: We were given updates on Roy Marcum, Det 340; Larry Brown, Det 956; Dave Rice, Det 956; 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:

Commandant Doss 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:

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

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

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| Richwood 339 | Morgantown 342 |
| Huntington 340 | Danny M Greene 577 |
| Herbert J Thomas 947 | Leland D Crow Crawford 956 |
| Wood County 1087 | MGM Det 1180 |
| Cpl William B Fulks, 1474 | |

As of 22 January 2022, no reports have been received from Jones-Wolin-O’Brien Det 771, Mountaineer Marines Det 957, Cpl Walter L Mann Det 1065, Eastern Panhandle Marines Det 1143, or Sgt Mecot Camara Det 1461; please submit to Adjutant Leib.

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:

MED Newsletter Editor Rick Shank Fire Team Leader reported no contacts made to form new



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Detachments: he noted we need 15 members minimum, a Host Det., proposed Det must be 25 miles from next nearest Det; and the Department is ready to support standing up a new Detachment.

Sr Vice Commandant Mile McLain and Jr Past Commandant Scott Kirby proposed hosting the 2023 Department Convention in Mineral Wells; hotel price is \$85.00 and includes free meeting room, hospitality suite, parking, and WiFi; 35 room block minimum. Wood County Det 1087 will submit their formal bid at the 2022 Department Convention, and the Fall Quarterly Meeting location will be decided at the Convention as well.

MED ANVC Roger Ware advised that National wants all Detachments, Departments and MODD Pounds and Packs to be on the same Fiscal Year, July 1 to June 30. COO Bob Borke will work with Department Adjutant-Paymasters to draft a generic letter to submit to National, and as the Parent Organization, National will work with the IRS to accomplish this. Then all IRS 990N reports will be due at the same time (July 1 to December 15)

Judge Advocate Randy Doc Thomas advised any requested changes to the Department Bylaws must be submitted to the Committee no later than March 1, 2022 to be considered. One change being suggested is to eliminate term limits for the Department of WV Commandant position. Members of the Bylaws Committee include Randy Doc Thomas, George Gill, and Scott Kirby.

Sr Vice Commandant Mike McLain stated if West Virginia is going to submit a bid for the 2026 National Convention, that ALL Detachments must be involved to make it successful. Commandant Doss said he understood there may be a new hotel being built in Charleston; this might be an option for the National Convention and may help bring down prices (more competition).

Jr Past Commandant/Pistol Raffle Chairman Scott Kirby noted we have purchased a Smith & Wesson 9mm for the Pistol Raffle. 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) as she will mail out the raffle tickets right away. The cover letter includes the rules governing the raffle for Detachments to be eligible for the bonus if they sell the winning raffle ticket. We purchased an extra 300 tickets this year for those wishing to sell more. Ticket stubs should be sent to Chairman Scott Kirby; checks should be sent to Paymaster Patti Leib.

The Department Awards Nomination Forms, Marine of the Year, and Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Applications have already been mailed out; 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 strictly observed.



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Department Awards Nominations should be mailed to Awards Chairman Rick Shank; MOY and AMOY Nominations should be mailed to Greg Irwin, President of the MOY Society. Chairman Shank asked that Detachments nominate their top people to recognize them for their efforts; it's a real encouragement to your volunteers. You can also type your nominations onto the forms if you ask Adjutant-Paymaster Leib to send you the Word.doc forms. You should form an awards committee with maybe your Commandant, 2 Officers, and 2 Members. Remember! Don't sign your own nomination form or it will be disqualified! If you don't have the ability to type onto the forms, then you can type your nominations on a separate piece of paper and staple it to the form.

For MOY and AMOY nominations, be sure to list out everything the nominee does or has done. They should have held an Office, been on a committee, be in good standing, and you can list community service they have performed and MODD involvement (for MOY only). Do not list anything they did while on Active Duty – only what they do since joining the Marine Corps League counts.

Scholarship packets are being sent to each Detachment Commandant. Guidelines for submission of applications must be strictly observed. Postmark due date is March 15, 2022; late submissions will not be considered. Scholarship Chairman George Gill asked for two volunteers to sit on the Scholarship committee along with Woody and George; volunteers are: Jim McDade, Det 1474 and Mike Lyon, Det 947. A motion was made to accept these Committee members; seconded and motion carried.

We had only one submission for the Department of WV 50th Anniversary mini-medal, ribbon bar, and challenge coin; it came from Dept Chief of Staff Roger Ware, Commandant of Det 956, Elkins. Everyone liked the design he submitted; PDT Leader Rick Shank made a motion to accept this design, motion was seconded and carried. Chief of Staff Roger Ware said he still has another design for the backside of the challenge coin and that we should still vote on which backside to use, but we have not yet seen the second design, so we still need to vote on that at the Convention. Adjutant Leib was asked to have Brent Casey make up a professional proof of all designs (on paper) that could be submitted to National for Committee approval, assuming the Department Membership chooses Valor Coins and Pins to make these items for us. NOTE: It has been decided that Members **MUST** be Present at the 2023 Convention to receive the ribbon and mini-medal! Challenge coins will be sold at a price yet to be determined. Scholarship Chairman George Gill asked what the cost is to produce these items? That is unknown currently. He also asked what happens if the Convention must be cancelled or postponed because of a pandemic? Chief of Staff Roger Ware said we could reschedule, and members could still “earn” the medal and ribbon by attending the rescheduled 50th Anniversary Convention, and in the meantime, we could still sell the challenge coins. Web Sgt Steve Swenton asked if any of these images are copyright protected and we might have to pay royalties? Historian Mike Lyon said Brent uses only registered stock art that is available to the general public. It was agreed that Chief of Staff Roger Ware had won the \$100 prize for the chosen designs.



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Tornado Relief: Commandant Doss advised us that the Dept of Kentucky Commandant assured him they have no members needing financial assistance after the terrible rash of tornados that struck the State of Kentucky recently. Any donations sent to Adjutant-Paymaster Patti Leib will be returned to the Detachment making the donation.

New Business:

Chapel of Four Chaplains: Chief of Staff Roger Ware made motion for the Department of WV to donate \$200.00 to the Chapel of Four Chaplains; seconded; motion carried. MODD Members present on this conference call also voted to send \$200 to the Chapel of Four Chaplains Foundation (*Rick Shank, Scott Kirby, Mike McLain, Roger Ware, and Chuck Cooper were recorded as voting*)

Past MED NVC Roger Ware made a motion for the Department of WV to donate \$500 to the MOH Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation; PDT Leader Rick Shank suggested we wait until the Convention to make the donation when more members are present to vote and be aware of the donation and Detachments could also donate. Past MED NVC Roger Ware withdrew his motion.

Det 577 Commandant Michael Mounts expressed his family's sincere appreciation for the cards and attendance at his son's funeral – this meant a lot to him and his family in their time of loss. He also mentioned that when he was stationed overseas and communication was by radio, the person speaking would say “over” to indicate he was through talking and the next person could speak, preventing confusion. Since we were on a telephone conference call, members adopted this policy for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Relations Officer Jean Lamb said Detachments need to send her a list of events for her to report on. She is also available to help promote events for the Detachments, state-wide, but most Detachments do not avail themselves of her assistance. She would like to do some training at the Convention to help Detachments promote their events and activities and be more visible to their communities. She asked that Detachments copy both her and Historian Mike Lyon.

Chief of Staff Roger Ware suggested we get all the Scholarship Awardees together at the Banquet for a group photo to be published in the Semper Fi Magazine. He stated that the Foundation has awarded \$150,000 in Scholarships over the past 20 years or so. This would be good publicity for the Department and the MOH Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation. Then he reminded members to always carry applications and business cards with the day/time/and location of your meetings, and contact information. Be sure to get the name, phone number, and address of prospective members you meet so you can follow up with them. Take Department brochures and Semper Fi Magazines to leave at Recruiters Stations, doctor's offices, hospitals, grocery stores, and staple your business cards to the brochures. Hand them out at parades and events – we're ALL recruiters for the Marine Corps League!



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Scholarship Chairman George Gill reminded us that the new MED NVC Rick Thomason had asked us to give an annual donation to the Mideast Division of \$125 per year instead of making a donation to the Department hosting the MED Conferences. We voted at the Fall Quarterly Meeting and made that donation, but he wanted to clarify that this would not be an on-going donation. He made a motion to donate just this year, and that future years would require another vote; this was seconded; motion carried.

Commandant Doss asked why the Straight Scoop Department Newsletter has never been submitted for the Newsletter of the Year Award at the Division or National level? Chief of Staff Roger Ware said other Departments use professional printing companies for their newsletters, and it's not worth the time and effort to compete – we would never win.

Sr Vice Commandant Mike McLain suggested all Devil Dogs who did not attend today's Growl would be fined 5 big bones (there was no Growl following this Quarterly meeting)

Chief of Staff Roger Ware said COO Bob Borka advised the National Convention hotel must meet the number of rooms blocked for the Convention in order to keep down the price of rooms. They are already at \$175 per night in Oklahoma City; we need to negotiate a lower priced hotel, or we won't get the bid to host the 2026 Convention in Charleston.

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 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 12:25 pm until 1300 hours, May 20, 2022, at the Department of WV Convention in Gallipolis Ohio.

Respectfully submitted by

Patti Leib
Adjutant-Paymaster
Department of WV – MCL