



## *The Straight Scoop*

Department Newsletter of the  
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*Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in March*

### \*\*\*\*\* **Commandant's Letter** ~ Greetings Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League Members:



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 I had my surgery on my right ear. This had me restricted to home confinement for about a month and a half. I am now cleared to drive and do light activities but unable to wear my hearing aid in my right ear. I hope to be able to return to normal after my follow up appointment in Huntington on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. I hope that this has not inconvenienced anyone. Hearing problems is an unseen disability and should not be taken lightly. If you or your family members think that you have a hearing problem, be sure to have your hearing checked.

I hope all of the Detachments are well along on selling their Department Pistol Raffle tickets. My Detachment has sold over 750 of the 800 tickets that we took. Remember that ½ of the proceeds of this fundraiser goes to the Department general fund and the other ½ goes to support the Hershel "Woody" Scholarship Foundation.

All of the Detachments should have their Department Awards Nomination packages, the Department Marine of the Year and Department Associate Member of the Year nomination packages. Commandants remember to check the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures as well as the instructions with each package before your Detachments vote on their

nominations. If there are contradictions between the instructions and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedure then the Bylaws take precedence. Also make sure you check to see if an award is for a person, a Detachment or both before you vote. Hopefully every Detachment will send in nominations this year. Remember that your members cannot get an award unless your Detachment submits them. The MOY and AMOY must be postmarked no later than 1 March and make sure to write MOY and AMOY over the envelope flap. The deadline for submission of the Department Awards is March 30.

We still have a few of the Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal, ribbons and challenge coins. If you want to purchase them please contact Department Adjutant/Paymaster Leib.

My wife and I attended the National Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference on 21 – 24 February 2024 in Arlington, VA. The only other attendees from West Virginia were Detachment 1065 Jr Vice Commandant Joe Burge and Associate Life Member Debbie Burge from Cpl Walter L. Mann Detachment 1065. Included in this newsletter is my After Action Report on the conference.

At 1000 on Saturday 16 March 2024 we will have a Department of West Virginia Board of Trustees Spring Staff Meeting at the Ripley American Legion Post 107. All Department Board of Trustee members, Department staff members and Department Committee Chairs should do their best to attend. Other members may attend if they desire. We will have the building all day so if you want to use it to have a committee meeting afterwards let me know.

Hope you have a great March and please share this newsletter with anyone who may be interested!

Semper Fidelis and Gung Ho!

*George*

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### Chaplain's Corner

It seems we've been losing too many members in death lately. The losses can be very difficult not only for the families, and our hearts go out to them for sure! But to their Marine Corps League family, too. The bond of brotherhood that is forged when we're young, and even when we join a Detachment later in life, those bonds are just as strong as family. So how do we cope with the loss? We offer support and meals and prayers, but we also must first turn to our Heavenly Father for comfort, as only He can provide.

*Father, Help me to be aware of others who are hurting and in need of comfort; and help me show others the way to you through the life I live as an example of Christ's love and compassion, especially through this time of Easter as we remember the price you paid to redeem us, and celebrate your resurrection! Mark 15:25-39*

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### **A Message from Sr Vice Commandant Jim McDade:**

The Department Convention is less than 3 months away and we will be electing Department Officers for the upcoming year, so if you are interested in running for any Department Officer position please let me know. We will also take nominations from the convention floor.

We will also be accepting bids for the Fall & Winter Conferences and the 2025 Department Convention. We would like some different Detachments to hold the Conferences and Convention, going to the same places gets a little boring and we want all Detachments to feel like they are part of something, plus it's a good way to show off your Detachment and community.

As I've said before, the conferences are a lot easier to host than the Department Convention. If there are 2 Detachments that are close together there is nothing saying you can't co-host a Department Convention or Conference. The Department Convention might require the Detachment to pay for the Conference Room and other incidental expenses, but it's not impossible. You might consider borrowing items from other Detachments; it's worth giving them a call to see if they have what you need and would be willing to loan it. Also, on the Department Website on the left side of page under Administrative Procedures, there is a link to the Department of WV Guide Book for Detachments that has a section called "guide to hosting a conference or convention" and I suggest you read that prior to submitting a bid.

Department Awards packets were distributed to each Detachment and Adjutant Leib has electronic versions if that would make it easier for your Detachment to type up your nominees and submit. Submissions still need to be mailed according to the directions, but electronic forms are available. The Department Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year nominations must be postmarked by the end of TODAY, March 1st. If you haven't already mailed them, you must take these packets to the post office and have the postmaster stamp it with TODAY'S postmark. All other award nominations must be postmarked by March 30th.

Every year we only have 4 or 5 Detachments submitting award nominations. We know we have more members doing great things across the state and we want to make sure that they are being recognized for their efforts, even if they don't win a Department award just being nominated makes them feel appreciated. You should also be recognizing your members at the Detachment level; it can be a simple Certificate of Appreciation, but if you don't recognize their efforts, you are doing them a disservice. It really is an encouragement to your members.

Jim McDade  
Sr. Vice Commandant  
Dept WV, MCL

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### **Department of WV Jr Vice Commandant's Message:**

Marines and Associate members. We are beginning to gain some new, younger members! If we want our League to prosper and continue this is what it will take! I know that the Huntington Detachment (Hershel Woody Williams Det 340) just swore in three new members, and my own Detachment (Earl Anderson Det 342) also gained two new members in February. Also, Det 340 will be hosting a recruiting event Saturday, March 23rd so hopefully they will gain even more members. Let us know if your Detachment is doing something like this and the Department will help advertise it for you.

Be sure to check out the pictures in "*Around the State*" and continue your efforts to spread the word about our Marine Corps League.

Marines are always on point.

We lead - not follow.

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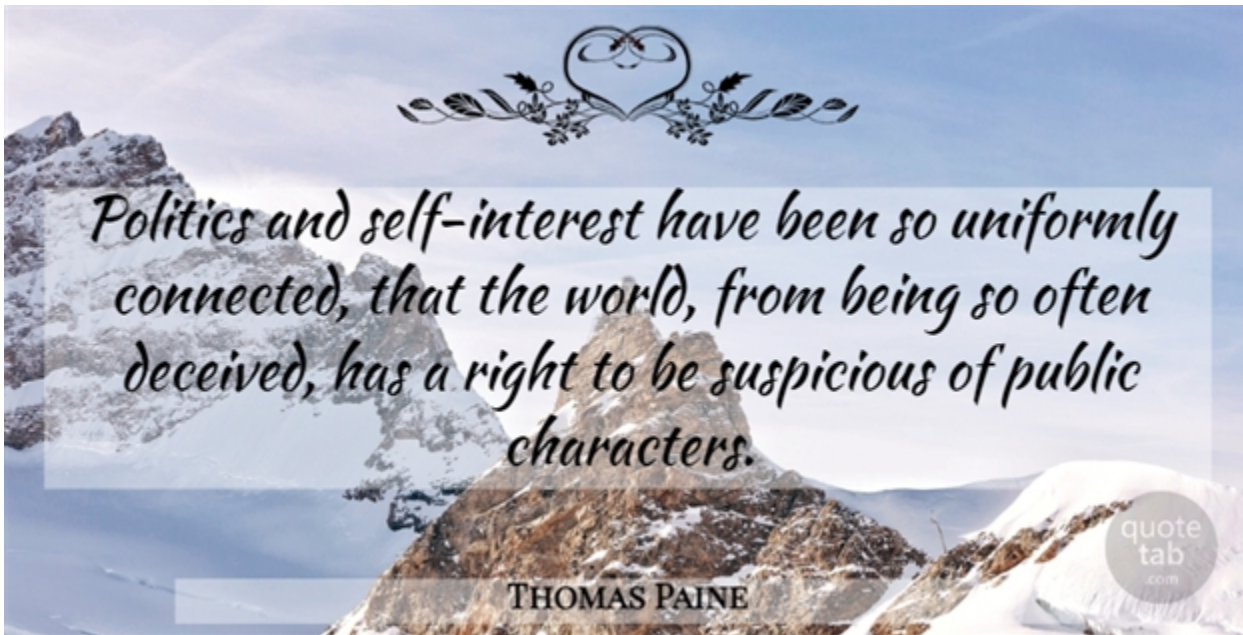
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## Judge Advocates Corner

### **Older and Ongoing Business:**

1. Attendance at political events in any manner that might suggest such an endorsement by the League is prohibited. Any manner includes wearing of the uniform or any part of the uniform and/or "speaking on behalf of" the League.
2. National has released the 2023 By Laws and Administrative Procedures. Log on to the member library to review.

### **New Business:** A Quote worth remembering:



**God Bless America:** 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; *then* will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above contact;

Department of West Virginia Judge Advocate, Warren Bryant, [hmc8404mcl@gmail.com](mailto:hmc8404mcl@gmail.com)

### Semper Fi

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### **Memorial for Members Reported lost in February 2024:**

We have a report on the loss of Curtis "Buddy" Winter who went home to be with the Lord Thursday night, February 22, 2024. Our thoughts and prayers are with Buddy's family and the MODD - he was well loved and a big part of the MODD... he will surely be missed.



**Sick and Distress Member Update:** *(Please notify Straight Scoop Editor of Members to include)*

\*Chuck Cooper is back at Celebration Villa in Teays valley after suffering two heart attacks. St Mary's Medical Center installed 4 stents in his heart, and he is recovering well. Many of his friends have stopped to visit right after he returned, but he was usually asleep. He is awake now and welcomes visitors; we will keep you informed via email on his status. Friends and family are welcome to visit.

\*Ron Wroblewski is home recovering well after receiving a pacemaker and TAVR valve in his heart.

\* Todd Morris has been in the hospital for 100 days for infection where he had both knees and one hip replaced. It became necessary to remove the artificial joints and as yet, the doctors have not been able to replace them again. Todd is being released to continue recovery at home and as soon as we have a good address for him, we'll share it via email. With this ordeal, he surely could use some cheerful cards to let him know we're thinking of him and praying for his recovery!

\* Mike and Debbie McLain have had health problems while in FL; Debbie had stents placed in her heart and Mike has some kind of virus or infection in his lungs. Debbie should be out of the hospital by now and Mike was to see a doctor or go to urgent care. Please keep the McLain's in your prayers.

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Dear Officers:

Most Detachments hold their Elections in March and Install their Officers in April (both Elected and Appointed Officers must be installed and sworn in). National MCL Bylaws recommend Elections and Installations as early September but must be completed no later than June 30 each year. There may be a month in between Elections and Installations to allow for an annual financial audit and property inventory. Please Note: Detachments are required to submit their Report of Officer Installation within 15 days after the Installation has taken place; please send me your ROI (Report of Officer Installation) signed by both the Installing Officer and the Detachment Adjutant as soon as it is completed.

Once your Officer Installation has taken place, the Adjutant-Paymaster (or Paymaster) should file the Annual Corporation Report (ACR) with the WV Secretary of State. This is an online form ONLY, and has a \$25.00 fee. If you file before your election/installation and your key Officers change, then you will have to file again and pay another fee, so Wait until after your election and installation to file! If your Detachment HAS installed your Newly Elected Officers for FY 2024-2025, and you need assistance to file this Annual Corporation Report, please contact me and I'll help you.

If your Detachment HAS installed your Newly Elected Officers for FY 2024-2025 and you know how to file on your own, then please feel free to do so, but don't forget!! **I need a copy** of the page that says you filed and it was **ACCEPTED**.

Since I report all of this to the Department Board of Trustees and on the Snapshot Report that is also distributed to the membership at the Convention in May, it is extremely helpful to me if I have your ROI and ACR by April 30th at the latest. Don't let your Detachment show as unreported.

If you have any questions, please be sure to call me - it's SO much easier to answer questions than to fix a problem, and I enjoy helping Detachments! And there are no dumb questions!

*Semper Fi*

*Patti Leib*

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## 2024 Mid-Winter National Conference After Action Report

My wife and I attended the Mid-Winter National Conference on 21 February through 25 February. It was held in Arlington Virginia at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel.

We went on a tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. They had 4 buses to take everyone down but we chose to drive as we also wanted to go to the Marine Corps Exchange. We also visited the Iwo Jima Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

On 22 February 2024 I attended the Department Commandants Council. I found out that anyone can attend this meeting, not just the Commandants. They did a roll call of the Commandants and 38 of the 47 Departments were in attendance. 25 is a quorum. Some of the points discussed were:

- 1.) We were told that currently only 25% of the members have their email address in the Member Portal. We need to get every member's email address added to the Portal so emailed information can go straight from national to the members.
- 2.) They suggested that if you have a Facebook page that you have a private for members only page and a community page that anyone can see but make both so that no one can add articles without an admins approval.
- 3.) They have an App now that members can access on their smartphones. Currently only 850 members are using it. The App can be loaded on your phone from Apple or Google App Stores. Just search for Marine Corps League and get the free app. You login with your profile number and your last name. If you do not know your profile number (this is not your member number) see your Detachment Paymaster.
- 4.) The Department Judge Advocate can now email (preferred) or mail your Bylaws to Nation Judge Advocate David Porter. His email address is [DPorter@MCLeague.org](mailto:DPorter@MCLeague.org).

On 23 February 2024 I attended the General Session. This was a joint session in the morning with the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. It started with the escorting the Organizational Heads and Distinguished guests to their seats followed by the Presentation of the Colors by the Quantico Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The colors were then retired. The Chaplain open the Bible and gave the opening Prayer. We Then had a Joint Memorial Service followed by a presentation on the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

After a break we had reports in this order from the National Judge Advocate David Porter, the National Jr Vice Commandant Russ Miller, the National Sr Vice Commandant TJ Morgan and then the National Commandant Warren Griffin. Most of their reports can be found on the National Marine Corps League Library at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/>. Please take the time to go read them.

After the lunch break we had reports from the Chairs of the following Committees;

The Americanism Awards by Thomas Arcuri.

Budget Midyear Report by Bob Ziltz. There will be no dues increase for this year.

Marksmanship by Phil Zamora.

Marine Corps League Foundation by Howard Schaeffer. Go to link

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/helping-marines-family/> and scroll down to the title Marine Corps League Foundation.

A presentation on Help a Marine, Save a Marine (Life)(HAMSAL) by Brian Gillespie. Brian Gillespie will give this presentation at the Mideast Division Conference in Martinsburg, WV on 28 June 2024.

Convention Update by Jim Ranson. The convention information is at the link

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/convention/>.

Public Relations by Victoria McCoy. Go to the <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/conference/> page. Go to the bottom of the page and read her report very carefully. Remember that they are checking out every MCL Facebook and other pages constantly and reporting anything they find wrong. Over 500 Detachments have pages on Facebook as well as Departments and Divisions. National has a Facebook page, an Instagram page, a LinkedIn page and a YouTube channel.

On 24 February 2024 I attended the Business Session. There were more reports and presentations: MCL Youth Physical Fitness Program by Sean Patton. They are trying to get the program going again now that the pandemic is over. Here is the link to their page: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/youth-programs/youth-physical-fitness-ypf/>

Military Historical Tours Presentation by Shayne Jarosz. See their ad in the last Semper Fi magazine. Uniforms by Ray Morrell. They are going to completely rewrite the Enclosure 3 Uniform Code in the National Administrative Procedures and also create an SOP.

Veterans Services by Tom Mueller. There is a LOT of information on the Marine Corps Leagues Veterans Services page. Go check it out at <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/veterans-service-officer/>.

Department of Veterans Affairs presentation by two VA representatives.

Young Marines by Bill Davis. They get funds from the federal government. Currently waiting on the budget bill to pass. National presented them with a \$2,500.00 donation.

Marine Corps League Scholarships by Ronnie Broussard. They had 214 applications from all across the country. 80% were approved so 171 got scholarships. 121 Detachment from 36 Departments were represented. The students received about \$600.00 each. They have a lump sum that they get each year and it is divided by the number of recipients. This year was a little over \$102,000.00. There was one recipient from the Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474. Katy M. Limanen and her sponsor was her father, Lorn Limanen. Katy received a Hershel "Woody" Williams scholarship in 2022.

Marine For Life by David Ossian. They actually work with all military and their spouses who need assistance.

Toys For Tots by David Cooper and Ted Silvester. National Jr Vice Commandant Russ Miller is the Marine Corps League liaison to the Toys For Tots Foundation.

The photos from this event will be on the Facebook page The Marine Corps League and on the Marine Corps League app.

Respectfully Submitted  
Semper Fidelis and Gung Ho

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## **Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Foundation Report**

As I have reported to the Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Foundation members, Mike Lynon, Jim McDade and Scott Kirby, we have only received two scholarship applications so far. Not to worry there is still over 2 weeks to get them in.

The Scholarship application and instructions can be downloaded from the Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League web page at the link below. The application should be typewritten as much as possible except for the page that says “A brief **handwritten** life history to include school, community and church involvement, extra-curricular activities, and goals, not to exceed one (1) page.”

This page **MUST** be handwritten and **MUST** be only one page.

<http://www.mcleaguedeptofwv.org/CONTENT/HershelWoodyWilliamsScholarship.html>

Applications must be postmarked no later than 15 March 2024. Again tell your students to take the application into the Post Office and ask to have them postmarked by hand. Any application received after 15 March without a postmark or with a postmark after 15 March will be rejected. Please note on the back of the envelope that it is a scholarship application.

The applications will not be opened until the committee meets after the 15 March 2024 deadline.

After the meeting all communication will be with the student except for a congratulatory letter to the Detachments Commandant for any student selected for the scholarship.

If you have any questions about anything, first check the instructions, second check the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures Chapter 3, Section 301(4) and if you still have questions then call me at 304-377-1345. Remember if there is any contradiction between the application and the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures then the Bylaws take precedence.

This is a one time scholarship. If you have gotten one before then you are not eligible to apply again.

Semper Fi

George Gill, Scholarship Chairman

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### **We Still Have several 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative items available!!**

One of the Detachments failed to complete taking possession of their Challenge Coins, Medals, and Ribbons, so we are offering them to anyone in the Department of WV who would like to purchase them. Currently we have 16 Challenge Coins @ \$10 each, 19 Medals @ \$12 each, and 31 Ribbons @ \$5.50 each. Ribbons and Medals include the devices. These are limited and will never be made again, so if you missed your chance and want to buy some for your collection, now is your final chance! Please contact Adjutant-Paymaster Patti Leib to get yours today! Phone: (740)591-8611 or via email to [pattileib024@gmail.com](mailto:pattileib024@gmail.com)

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Greetings everyone;

The Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League Board of Trustees per the Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures will hold a Spring Staff Meeting at 1000 on 16 March 2024 at the Ripley American Legion Post 107 in Ripley, WV. The meeting will probably last about two hours.

The address is 340 Main St W, Ripley, WV 25271.

Remember that all members are invited to attend this meeting.

The Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures says the Board of Trustees will have a Spring Staff Meeting in February or March. I felt that a February meeting was too close to the Department Winter Conference in January plus I have to go to the National Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, DC area in February. Also the 16 March date would actually be just three days prior to the first day of spring in March.

If you have any questions please feel free to call, email or text me.

Semper Fidelis and Gung Ho

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## **Military Historical Tours and the Marine Corps League**

One of the presentations at the 2024 National Midwinter Conference last week was by the company Military Historical Tours. If you look at any Semper Fi magazine you will notice that they have an ad in them. The ad includes chances to sign up for a free tour. The chances cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The money goes to the National Marine Corps League to help with their various programs such as Marines Helping Marines and Toys For Tots. The winner is drawn each year at the Midwinter Conference and you do not have to be present to win.

Next year Military Historical Tours will be leading a tour of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. They did not do a tour for the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary as some volcanoes were erupting around Iwo Jima and the Japanese government canceled their permit. They reported that this may be the last time they get to do a tour on Iwo Jima. They requested that we ask all of our members to call or write their congressional representatives and ask them to insist that the Japanese government follow the guidelines set up when the island was returned in 1968 and let the tours continue.

If you chose to go on one of their many battlefield tours and you are a Marine Corps League member then you will get a 10% discount on your trip. Their website is [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com).

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## **Membership, Emails and the Marine Corps League's App**

1. ) Some information about the Marine Corps League and membership. Currently the MCL have about 54,000 members. I read that it was 53,853 but that changes constantly. That 54,000 consists of Life Members, Regular Members, Associate Members and Dual Members. I am a Life Member of Detachment 1065 and a dual member of Detachment 1461. That means that I count as two members of that 54,000 members. If you are a dual member of 4 detachments and a regular member of your home detachment then you are counted as 5 of the 54,000 members. Currently 64% (34,560) of the members are Life Members. That number eats into the funds that National has to operate with. They get very little money each year from the life member compared to the \$20.00 for the other member types.

2.) The national database only has email addresses for 25% of the 54,000 members. They would like to get that up and have an email address for all or most of the members. If they can do that then they can change and start sending emails directly to the members instead of having to filter them down to the Division Commandant who should send it down to the Department Commandant who should send it down to the Detachment Commandant who should then send it to all of the Detachment members. If anyone drops the ball and forgets to forward the email down then the Detachment members may never see the information. I would like to challenge every Detachment Commandant and Detachment Paymaster to go out to the National Database portal and add the emails of all of your members to the database. If you do not know how to do this then contact the Department Adjutant/Paymaster Leib and she will teach you how to do it.

3.) National also has an App for smart phones and a channel on YouTube. Currently less than 900 members are using them. They would like to have a lot more members accessing them. Please Detachment Commandants tell your members at your next meeting about these useful tools. For YouTube you just go into YouTube and search for Marine Corps League. You can then look at all of the information that they have available. To get the App, if they have an iPhone, iPad or iPod got to the Apple Store and search Marine Corps League and get it. If they have an android phone then go to Google Play and search Marine Corps League and get it. For both the sign in is their Profile Number and last name. If they do not know their Profile Number then tell them to see their Detachment Paymaster.

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### **Overview of Required Reports Following Annual Officer Installation**

Following reports and where they are sent:

\*Financial Audit and Property Inventory should be conducted before Installation; verification must be sent to Department Adjutant prior to Convention, preferably no later than April 30

\*Triennial Certification of ceremonial rifles every 3 years (only detachments having rifles) sent to TACOM.

\*Copy of Monthly Detachment Minutes should be forwarded to Department Commandant and Department Adjutant following every meeting as per Department Bylaws.

\*Paymaster Report due each membership meeting showing deposits, debits, credits, & outstanding transactions

\*Membership update to Dept Jr Vice Commandant Quarterly, submitted by the Det MRT/Det Jr. Vice

\*Report of Officer Installation (ROI) completed and Original mailed to Department Adjutant by April 30th.

\*Letter to Bank to change signature cards adding new Commandant and Paymaster after a motion to make change approved by members. A copy of the Det Minutes showing this vote should accompany the letter.

\*Annual Corporate Report will be completed ONLINE after Officers are installed; form is on the WV Sec of State website at cost of \$25.00 (email confirmation to Dept Adjutant-Paymaster, or it may be completed by the Department Adjutant-Paymaster; Det should reimburse Dept Adjutant-Paymaster if she submitted it for you)

\*Letters mailed to all dues paying members in June & July informing them that their dues expire August 31. If a member is 1 year and 15 days delinquent, member shall be dropped from the Roster by National and require a new application to renew/reinstate.

\*National Convention Delegate Registration Form mailed from detachments that have members attending National Convention

\*Annual IRS 990N e-file due after June 30 (up to 5 months after fiscal year expires) All are on July-June FY.

\*Paid Life Member (PLM) Audit June 30 on PLM Audit Form, must be submitted to Department Adjutant-Paymaster after it's received in July, but no later than November 30 ( ALL Det's are submitted as a group)

\*Dues transmittals are submitted when members pay their dues to the Department Paymaster as all dues expire August 31 yearly.

\*Detachment Commandant Conference Report to Department due September and January, sent via email to Department Adjutant (Prepared by Commandant, Adjutant-Paymaster, Chaplain, and Chief of Staff as needed)

\*Detachment Annual Commandant's Report to Department Commandant and Department Adjutant for Annual Convention should be submitted no later than April 30

\*Death notices are filled out and a dues transmittal form coded NOD for \$0.00 is sent to the Department Paymaster for submission to National HQ and copied to the Department Chaplain and Asst Chaplain

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## **PENDING EVENTS**

**Department of WV Board of Trustees and Staff Officers Meeting** March 16, 2024 at the American Legion Post in Ripley, starting time 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. All Officers and Members are welcome & encouraged to attend. UOD is red polo, black trousers, and cover. Coffee & donuts will be available prior to the meeting. Location: American Legion Post 107, 340 Main Street, Ripley, WV 25271  
For more information contact Commandant Gill at (304)377-1345 or by email: [gogill1950@gmail.com](mailto:gogill1950@gmail.com)

**Hershel Woody Williams Det 340** will conduct a *Meet and Greet Recruiting* event in Huntington at the American Legion Post 16, address 1421 6th Avenue, Huntington Saturday March 23, 2024 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm (see attached flier)

**Modern Day Marine Expo:** April 16-18, 2024 at 901 Mt Vernon Pl NW, Washington, DC. To register go to [Marine Corps League \(mcleaguelibrary.org\)](http://mcleaguelibrary.org) registration is online

**Cpl William B Fulks Det 1474** Hurricane will hold their *4th Annual Memorial 5K & 10K Trail Race* at Meeks Mountain Trails, Hurricane, WV starting at 0900 on Saturday May 4, 2024 (see attached flier and registration form). For more information contact:  
Sr Vice Commandant Vince Turley (304)668-2896 or [v.turley@hotmail.com](mailto:v.turley@hotmail.com)

**Department of WV 2024 Convention** Hosted by MGM Detachment 1180, Point Pleasant – May 17-18, 2024; at the Quality Inn Gallipolis (740) 446-0090 (should be the Candlewick Hotel by May, if construction is complete). Room rate is \$94 plus tax; reference the **Marine Corps League** when making your reservations to secure this reduced rate. Detachment 1180 is now taking Convention Registration and Grand Banquet Reservations (see attached registration form).

For more information contact:

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**Mideast Division Conference** Hosted by Eastern Panhandle Marines Det. 1143, Martinsburg. Conference dates are June 28-29, 2024; Room rate is \$117 per night plus tax; free parking & wireless Internet. To receive the block price, reservations must be booked by **05/30/24**. To pay by credit card and hotel taxes, contact the hotel directly at (304)267-5500.

Or, make checks payable to **Eastern Panhandle Marines** to avoid paying taxes on the hotel.

Registration fee for conference, \$10.

**\*\*NOTE\*\* If you make your own reservation directly with the hotel you still need to send the registration fee and lunch/banquet fees to Eastern Panhandle Marines at the below address.**

Mail registration fee, hotel room rate, and lunch/banquet reservation/fees to:  
Eastern Panhandle Marines, MCL Detachment #1143,  
PO Box 1934,  
Martinsburg, WV 25402-1934

POC Tim Murphy: 703-980-3878 Email [Timurf@comcast.net](mailto:Timurf@comcast.net)  
2nd POC: John S Stollery Jr (757)748-1783 Email: [stollz74@gmail.com](mailto:stollz74@gmail.com)  
Registration is due by 5/31/2024 (See attached registration form)

**2024 MCL National Convention** will be August 2024 WESTIN RANCHO MIRAGE GOLF  
RESORT AND SPA 7133 Dinah Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. To Register online go to:  
[Convention – Marine Corps League \(mcleaguelibrary.org\)](http://mcleaguelibrary.org)

**HOTEL RESERVATION PHONE: (888) 627-7086**

**RESERVATION CODE: “MCL” or “Marine Corps League”**

Dates: Monday August 12, 2024 to Friday, August 16, 2024

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