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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**

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**Commandant's Letter**



**Welcome to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains and Associate Members:**

Our 245<sup>th</sup> November 10, 2020 Marine Corps Birthday has come and gone with most of the Marine Corps Balls being cancelled due to COVID19. The virus can dampen our celebration but not our spirit. We are still Marines. Veterans Day also arrived with major changes. No big marching parades or speaking engagements. However, there were several car caravan parades celebrating Veterans Day.

Sad to say the year is ending with several Marine Corps League members passing away and I have had to attend several funerals. Those passing are Troy LeRoy "Rudy" Varney from Danny M. Greene Detachment 577, Robert Bill Gray from Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 947, Jerry Kessler from Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 and Jerry Cook from Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957. Semper Fi to our fallen Marine Corps League Brothers.

John Nanny, Commandant of Jones, Wolin & O'Brien Detachment 771 and Woody Williams Scholarship Chairman has been in the hospital and looking at angioplasty in the coming week. With John being

incapacitated for an indeterminate amount of time I have appointed, with the approval of the Department Board of Trustees, George Gill to the temporary position of Scholarship Chairman if John is temporarily unable to full fill his duties. George is on the Board of Directors for the Scholarship and is from Cpl. Walter L. Mann Detachment 1065.

Two of our Detachments had questions concerning the use of the \$5,000 West Virginia Grant Fund they received. After information received from the offices of Dennis Davis, Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs of WV, Ann Urling, Deputy Chief of Staff under the Governor of WV and Kacey Parsons, Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff the following are the restrictions that were placed on the spending of the Grant money.

- (1) Funds Must directly benefit Veterans only. (no children or non-veterans)
- (2) Recipient organizations in the MCL must be able to document what the funds were used for specifically.
- (3) Funds may not be used for Donations to any other organization (Including Toys for Tots)
- (4) The funds should be spent on COVID 19 related expenses for the Veteran, if possible, such as medical expenses, medications etc.
- (5) Funds may also be used to help Veterans that are directly or in directly affected by COVID 19 to pay rent, utilities, groceries, or provide meals to Veterans unemployed, laid-off, furloughed or under-employed due to the pandemic.

Again, this funding is not to be used for administrative staffing or expenses.

- (6) Funds may be used to help with funeral expenses of a Veteran who has passed away due to COVID 19. It should not be used to pay 100% of a funeral bill, but should be to assist so hopefully multiple Veterans can be helped.

The spirit of the Grant is to help Veterans and especially those that may have been affected by the COVID 19 virus.

I hope this helps clarify the Governors letter but if you still have questions don't hesitate to contact me or Patti Leib, Adjutant / Paymaster, Dept. of WV

Don't forget the Quarterly Meeting January 16 at the American Legion Post 23 in Point pleasant hosted by MGM Detachment 1180. Meeting starts 10:00 hundred hours with the Department Officers meeting at 09:30 hours. The ladies of the Detachment prepare an excellent meal.

Please keep all members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers as they serve in harm's way.

Semper Fi

Jim Doss, Commandant

Dept. of WV

Marine Corps League

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### **Chaplain's Corner**

#### **A Christmas Prayer for Action**

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.

—Howard Thurman

## Pending Calendar

2021 Department of WV Fall Quarterly Meeting will be January 16, 2021 hosted by MGM Detachment 1180 at American Legion Post 23, 100 Second Street Point Pleasant, WV 25550. Staff Officers Meeting is 0930 AM with general business meeting at 1000 AM. WV Pack Growl will immediately follow Dept. Meeting.

2021 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference February 24– 28 2021 Sheraton Norfolk **Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive Norfolk, VA** <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfsi-sheraton-norfolk-waterside-hotel/> Group Code: MCL Phone: (757-622-6664) Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. \$129.00 per night + prevailing tax (currently 14%) Please make your room reservation directly to the hotel.

2021 Mideast Division Conference will be 16, 17, 18 April 2021 hosted by Department of Delaware at Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center (Oceanfront) 1 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 Phone: 800-422-0600 | 302-227-2511 <https://atlanticsandshotel.com/> Room rate \$105.00 plus fees. Discounted breakfast, parking included. **Reservations may be made now.** \*Reservation may be made now by calling 1-800- 422-0600, refer to the **Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579** arriving Friday, April 16, 2021. **Reservations are open.**

2021 Modern Day Marine Expo will be May 4-6, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA

2021 Department of Delaware Department Convention and elections of officers will be TBA on Saturday at the Heritage Shores Golf Club, Bridgeville, DE. Note to all. The Club is located on US 13 near the intersection of DE Rt. 404 and US 13. 1 hour north of Ocean City and 40 minutes south of Dover, DE.

2021 Department of Maryland Department Convention TBA at the at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842-2745. 1-800-4 ROYALE, (1-410-524-7777) Rooms: \$ Ocean-view/Pool-view. Ocean Front: Includes free continental breakfast. Convention registration and banquet information can be downloaded at: [www.deptofmdmcl.org](http://www.deptofmdmcl.org). POC: Department Paymaster Ed Dahling Phone: 410-987-5714 Email: [umpire86@aol.com](mailto:umpire86@aol.com)

2021 Department of West Virginia Department Convention will be May 14-16, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV 26241 hosted by Leland D. “Crow” Crawford Detachment #956. Room rate \$100.00 per night. Phone: 304-630-2266. Hotel registration deadline is April 29, 2021. Free parking and continental breakfast 6 -10 a.m. Banquet \$30 and will be buffet style. POC is Roger Ware 304-636-4365 or [rrware@yahoo.com](mailto:rrware@yahoo.com). **Please do not call the hotel to make your reservations as Detachment 956 will make reservations when you send them your payment. Once your payment is received your name will be given to the hotel under the Code MCL.** This is to take advantage of the tax-exempt status. There will be a pending flyer which can be used for advance registration, hotel and banquet. There is no pre- registration fee or ad book.

2021 Department of North Carolina Department Convention will be June 11-13, 2021 in Charlotte, NC. It will be hosted by Catawba Valley Detachment # 1163

2021 MCL National Convention will be August 6-14, 2021 at Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Room rate is \$129.95 with tax included. Free breakfast, free parking and WiFi. Pet friendly. [wyndhamhotels.com](http://wyndhamhotels.com) Phone. 217-789-1530 Reservations open August 17, 2020. Overflow hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton, 701 E. Adams St, Springfield, IL Phone: (217) 544-8800 Website: [doubletree1@hilton.com](mailto:doubletree1@hilton.com) Contract rate for MCL starts Aug 31, 2020.

2021 Marine South Expo will be Sept 29-30 at MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC

2022 MCL National Convention will be August 15-20, 2022 at Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL, 32118 Phone: 866-536-8477 or 1-800-HILTONS (toll free, 24-hour reservation center); 386-254-8200. Room rate: \$127.00 plus 12.5% tax





Cpl William B Fulks Det 1474 Commandant Will Miller swearing in their new Sr. Vice, Vince Turley after the passing of Sr Vice Jerry Kessler

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On 10/21/20 members of American Post 187 Winfield, WV and Marine Corp League Cpl Wm B. Fulks Det 1474 Hurricane, WV helped Terry Gipson of Milton, WV widen his sidewalk. Terry uses a motorized wheelchair and he kept running off his sidewalk. Pictured L to R: Post 187 member Chris Ryan, Post 187 Commander and Det 1474 Adjutant/Paymaster Jim McDade, Post 187 Members David Bush and Delbert Brannon, Stan Legge, Det 1474 member, Patrick Flynn.

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➤ Raffle Prizes



Marine Corps 245<sup>th</sup> Birthday







Guest Speaker Johnnie Wamsley, II and his wife,  
Rachel, Det 1180



Commandant Randy Doc Thomas and wife  
Stephanie, Det 340



Oldest & Youngest (or youngest & oldest!)  
Johnnie Wamsley, II Det 1180 & Dexter Owsley,  
Det 947

Birthday Cake Ceremony – Chuck Cooper Det  
1180



245<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ball Celebration, members and  
guests of Huntington Det 340



Det 1065 Commandant Shaun Scott



Standing L to R: Assoc John Copeland, Marine Frank  
Brown, Jr Past Commandant Randy Fisher, Judge  
Advocate Bob Brusso, Adjutant-Paymaster George Gill,  
Marine Sam Mancari, Asst Chaplain Hayden Scott, Jr.  
Vice Gary Watkins, Commandant Shaun Scott. Seated:  
Dept Commandant Jim Doss



George Gill, Adjutant-Paymaster, Ripley Det 1065



The Commandants: Shaun Scott, Det 1065 and Jim Doss, Dept of WV and Det 1180



Stephen Hartley, Sr. Vice, Ripley Det 1065



COS Ron Wroblewski and wife Cheryl, Det 1180



Missing Man Table...



Det 1065 Commandant Shaun Scott and guest Winter Winnell

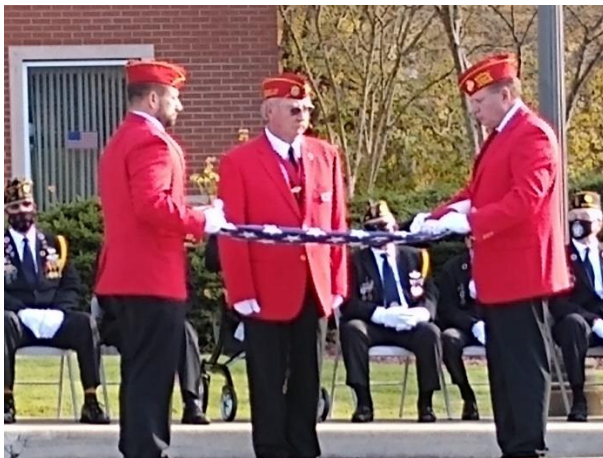




Hurricane Det 1474 Commandant Will Miller at the Veteran's Day Memorial



Swearing in a new member to Hurricane Det 1474  
L to RL Sgt at Arms Lorn Limanen, new member  
Isaac Warren Bryant, Commandant Will Miller



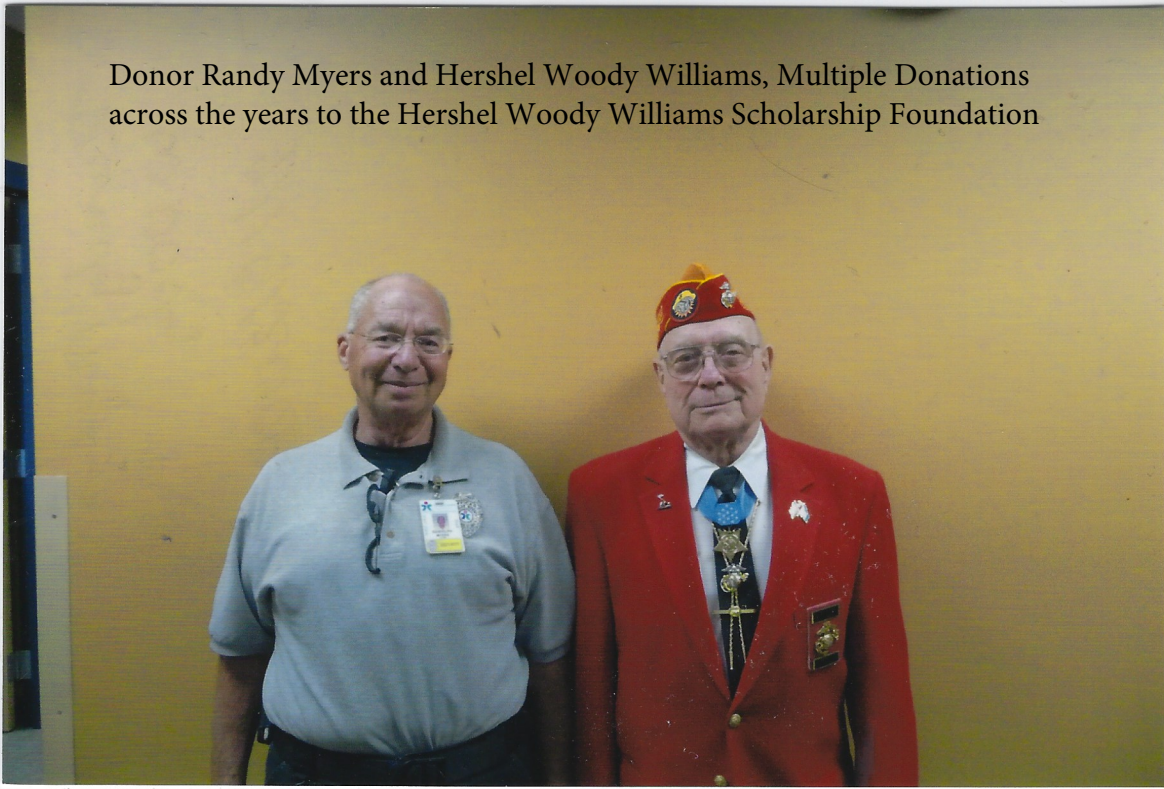
Folding the Flag Ceremony conducted by (L to R)  
Sr. Vice Vince Turley, Marine Stan Legge, and Sgt  
at Arms Lorn Limanen, Hurricane Det 1474



L to R: WV Am Legion Commander John Powell,  
Adjutant-Paymaster Jim McDade, Sgt at Arms Lorn  
Limanen, Sr. Vice Vince Turley, Marine Stan  
Legge, and Commandant Will Miller, Hurricane  
Det 1474



Donor Randy Myers and Hershel Woody Williams, Multiple Donations  
across the years to the Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation



Randall K Myers, faithful donor to the  
Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation



Randall "Randy" K. Myers,  
Distinguished Service Award





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## Medal of Honor Book



**Randy Myers** 4:37 PM

To: hwoodysemper@yahoo.com

Woody, I can not thank you enough for signing the book. It is so important to me that the kids (present and future) know about the heroic deeds so many did. Many, many service men, from every branch, gave the ultimate sacrifice to save others and protect our country.

On a very personnel note: the day I spent with you and in particular the evening at the Paramount Theater in Denver on September 18, 2008 was a life changer for me. It was on my way home from that event I realized that my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ loved me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing Him into my life. I have changed so much and now know that I have a friend in Christ. I have changed for because of you.

Thank you my friend,

Randy

Randy



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