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Have a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year! from
Commandant Kirby

Chaplain's Corner

Lord of All Light,

When my days are filled with doubt, Something within me will not cease believing. When I feel despair,
Something in me still hopes. Even when I see hatred, Something within me is still moved to love.
I am not Mary: Sinless, blameless, ever virtuous. Yet something in me wants to be born in winter.

Teach me to nourish it, protect it, give it life. Teach me to say "yes" to faith, and to hope, and to love. To your
coming to live among us in this strange place. For even when I am broken, fragmented, shattered even.
Something in me wants to be born in winter.

And in that "yes," beyond any mercy I can imagine I am made whole. Something in me wants to be born in
winter. ~ Amen

Department of WV MCL Detachment Commandant's Report

2020 Department of WV Regular Meeting was held on January 4, 2020 hosted by MGM Detachment 1180 in Point Pleasant, WV Staff Officers Meeting was 0930 AM with general business meeting at 1000 AM. WV Pack Growl immediately followed Dept. Meeting. If you didn't make it, you missed a great time! And great food!! And a terrific Grow!!! The minutes will be distributed later this week.

Department Regular Meeting Reports Sept 14, 2019 to Jan 4, 2020 Detachment Commandants. The Dept. of WV requested that each detachment Commandant or appointed representative attend the department regular meeting to submit their detachment report. In the event that attendance by your detachment was not possible, the Department Commandant should have been contacted to be excused and a copy of your report should have been mailed or emailed to the Dept. Adjutant-Paymaster Patti Leib before the date of the regular meeting. If you have not submitted your report to Adjutant-Paymaster Leib, please do so now. Adjutant-Paymaster Leib will copy the other Officers and report to Commandant Kirby all Detachment Commandants who are in compliance (or not).

Some Professional Development training classes were conducted during and after this meeting. The Det Officers in attendance were invited to participate, and this is notice that Adjutant/Paymaster Leib and the other Department Officers are ready and willing to work individually with them for individual or group training. Please contact Adjutant-Paymaster Leib to set up training for your Staff.

If you have not yet submitted your report, or if you did not follow the proper outline below, you are requested to do that now. Please use the following when submitting your reports:

Membership and Retention Team:

List number of paid life members: paid members: total paid: and total unpaid as of Dec 31, 2019

Do you have a roster of every member that includes mailing address, phone number, date of birth, and email address? Do you have an accurate data base for all members?

Does your detachments MRT report membership totals in your business meetings and list the unpaid members.? How do they contact the unpaid members? How often do they contact all members?

How many new members have joined your detachment since Sept 2019 and has each new member been assigned a mentor?

What recruiting events has the detachment conducted since Sept 2019?

Do you send your monthly meeting minutes to those members who do not attend meetings and to the Dept Adjutant? Has your Detachment Jr Vice Commandant contacted or been contacted by the Department Jr Vice Commandant concerning membership?

Board of Trustees:

Is your BOT proactive. Have you delegated duties to each of them so they can help your detachment function as a business entity?

Are all your detachment events, fundraisers and activities approved by the membership and included in your meeting minutes.

Are you ensuring that only members perform those events and activities due to the insurance coverage is only for members?

Are any potential conflicts or misunderstandings discussed in membership meetings and resolved before the meeting is adjourned?

Fund Raising

Are all your fund-raising events approved by the members and included in your membership meetings. Are all funds turned over to the paymaster? If you conduct a fund-raising event for a non-IRS approved organization, are all those funds disbursed before the end of your fiscal year.

Paymaster:

Does your Paymaster have a report at each meeting of all receipts and debits and all they listed in the report?

Adjutant:

Does your adjutant keep monthly membership meeting minutes? Is a copy sent to all your members via email or mail? Is a copy forwarded to the department monthly?

Professional Development Training:

Is your detachment implementing Professional Development Training into your membership? Are you using the Guidebook for Det. Officers, Dept. DVD training disc to assist in training? What PDT classes have been conducted in your detachment meetings since Sept 2019?

What type of training would you like for the dept to conduct during the Dept Convention?

Chaplain's Report:

List deceased members from Sept 2019 to Jan 4, 2020.

Have death notices for these members been filed by your detachment Chaplain and forwarded to the Dept. Chaplain?

Funerals

What was the total numbers of funerals that your detachment participated in for the entire year 2019?

Detachment Awards:

How do you recognize your members? Do you submit recommendations for department awards?

Department Marine of Year (MOY) and Department Awards:

Is your detachment going to submit a nomination for the Dept MOY?

Is your detachment going to submit nominations for the various Dept Awards?

Dept Convention in Elkins

How many members are considering attending to support the Dept Convention? How many members are considering attending to support the Mideast Division Conference in Virginia Beach hosted by the Dept of VA?

Americanism and Civic Events:

Summarize your most important activities or significant events.

Detachment Commandants additional Comments:

In this section of your report the Detachment Commandant can make any comments, requests and or suggestions to the Dept. of WV Staff.

VA Offers Tips on Coping with PTSD During Holiday Season

The holidays are a time for coming together with family and friends, but they can also bring on added stress for veterans dealing with PTSD, according to the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

There can often be that person at holiday gatherings who just has to ask awkward questions of the veteran with post-traumatic stress, the VA said in a list of tips on its Vantage Point blog.

Rather than blow that person off, the veteran should first consider cutting them some slack, the post noted, adding that the person asking the annoying questions is probably doing so out of genuine concern, however misdirected, for the veteran's well-being.

"A polite way of handling these types of situations is by taking a few slow, deep breaths and calmly responding to someone, 'I think it is nice of you to show you care by asking, but I'd rather not talk about that right now,' or 'thanks for your concern, but I'm not comfortable answering questions about that,'" the post said.

The best course for the veteran in such a situation is to try to redirect the conversation to other topics, it added.

"Ask that family member about work, their children or their favorite sports team, and steer the conversation to safer ground," the Vantage Point post said.

Other VA tips for getting through the holidays for veterans with PTSD include these:

- **Talk with your family about how you feel.** Your family can help you. This does not mean you have to tell them everything, but let them know you're feeling stressed.
- **Set limits.** Don't join activities for longer than you can handle. You can choose when you want to be a part of the group.
- **Get plenty of rest.** You may already have difficulty sleeping, but do your best to maintain your usual bedtime or wake-up. Naps should be taken sparingly, as they may further disrupt your nighttime sleeping patterns.
- **Make the best of it, if you can.** Sometimes, people who are feeling depressed find that if they go through the motions, they just might catch themselves having fun.
- **Go easy on alcohol.** Many people have a few drinks, thinking it will relax them, but instead, alcohol causes many people to have less control over their emotions and behavior.

The VA also advised that the Veterans Crisis Line will be available throughout the winter holiday season, including Christmas and New Year's Day.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals also is available.

	2020 VA Compensation Rates
Single	Veteran with spouse
10 percent - \$142.29	\$142.29
20 percent - \$281.27	\$281.27
30 percent - \$435.69	\$487.51
40 percent - \$627.61	\$696.70
50 percent - \$893.43	\$979.79
60 percent - \$1,131.68	\$1,235.31
70 percent - \$1,426.17	\$1,547.07
80 percent - \$1,657.80	\$1,795.97

90 percent - \$1,862.96	\$2,018.41
100 percent - \$3,106.04	\$3,279.22

Medal, Decoration & Award Replacement How To do It

The military recognizes that military medals are often a cherished part of family history and makes replacement medals, decorations, and awards available to veterans or their next of kin if the veteran is no longer living or able to make the request on his or her own behalf. Requests for replacement medals, decorations, and awards should be made to the veteran's respective branch of service, with the exception of Army and Air Force (including Army Air Corps) veterans; requests should be sent to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis where the records will be reviewed and verified. The NPRC will then forward the requests to the respective service where the medal, decoration, or award will be issued.

Who Can Request Replacement Medals or Decorations? The military won't issue replacement medals or awards to just anyone. You typically need to be the veteran or next of kin to receive a replacement medal or decoration. When it comes to military records requests, there are three categories of people who can make a request. They include the veteran, Next-of-Kin (NOK), and the general public. It is important to note that Next-of-Kin doesn't include all familial relationships. According to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), NOK includes:

- ☐ For the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard, the NOK is defined as: the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister.
- ☐ For the Army, the NOK is defined as: the surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest sibling or eldest grandchild.

If you do not meet the definition of NOK, you are considered a member of the general public.

How to Submit a Request You can request replacement military medals, decorations and awards via form SF 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records. This form can be downloaded from <http://www.va.gov/vaforms>. Each request should be filled out neatly, and should include the veteran's branch of service, social security number, dates of service, and it should be signed by the veteran or the next of kin if the veteran is incapacitated or deceased. Supporting documentation such as discharge paperwork or the veteran's DD Form 214 or other military records can help speed the process. Additional information on where to send the form and who is eligible to make the request can be found at the NPRC website.

How Much Does It Cost? In general, military records requests made by the veteran are fulfilled at no cost. This includes requests made by family members who have the signed authorization of the veteran. There may be an associated fee for requests made by next of kin, especially if the request involves archival records (records are considered archival records 62 years after the veteran's date of separation from military service). Members of the general public may be able to request a copy of the service member's military records, but are not able to receive a medal issued by the service. However, they would be able to purchase these from commercial sources (see below for more information on where to buy replacement military medals, rank insignia, and other military decorations).

Where Can I Get Copies of Other Military Records? Your military personnel file is part of your legacy. It is recommended maintaining a copy of your military records forever. This can help you prove your military service, help you support a VA disability claim, serve as a record of when and where you served, and provide your family with something to commemorate your military service. Most military records are maintained at the National Archives. These records include your service contracts, separation paperwork, records of military awards, decorations, and medals, records of your duty stations, and possibly more. The following links offer

additional references for obtaining these military records:

Request copies of military records or perform historical research (click this link for more information about pictures of service members in uniform).

- ☐ Request copy of DD Form 214.
- ☐ Get a Veterans ID Card.

Where Can I Purchase Replacement Medals, Ribbons, Rank Insignia, or other Military Items? If you are a service member or retiree, you can purchase them at your base clothing sales store. Everyone else should look at military surplus stores, or any of the many online stores that specialize in military rank, insignia, medals, ribbons, uniform items, and similar military gear. A quick online search should bring up many results. It's always a good idea to shop around for quality and price. A good place to start is USAMilitaryMedals.com, which guarantees the quality of the products they sell.

What about replacement dog tags? The military, the VA, and the National Archives do not reissue dog tags to veterans. The military does issue them to currently serving military members. Refer to <https://themilitarywallet.com/replacement-dog-tags> to learn how to proceed to obtain them.

Tootsie Roll Marines

On November 26, 1950, 10,000 men of the First Marine Division, along with elements of two Army regimental combat teams, a detachment of British Royal Marine commandos and some South Korean policemen were completely surrounded by over ten divisions of Chinese troops in rugged mountains near the Chosin Reservoir. Chairman Mao himself had ordered the Marines annihilated, and Chinese General Song Shi-Lun gave it his best shot, throwing human waves of his 120,000 soldiers against the heavily outnumbered Allied forces.

A massive cold front blew in from Siberia, and with it, the coldest winter in recorded Korean history. For the encircled allies at the Chosin Reservoir, daytime temperatures averaged five degrees below zero, while nights plunged to minus 35 and lower. Jeep batteries froze and split. C-rations ran dangerously low and the cans were frozen solid. Fuel could not be spared to thaw them. If truck engines stopped, their fuel lines froze. Automatic weapons wouldn't cycle. Morphine Serrettes had to be thawed in a medical corpsman's mouth before they could be injected. Precious bottles of blood plasma were frozen and useless. Resupply could only come by air, and that was spotty and erratic because of the foul weather. High Command virtually wrote them off, believing their situation was hopeless.

Washington braced for imminent news of slaughter and defeat. Retreat was hardly an option; not through that wall of Chinese troops. If the Marines defended, they would be wiped out. Instead, they formed a 12-mile long column and attacked. There were 78 miles of narrow, crumbling, steeply-angled road and 100,000 Chinese soldiers between the Marines and the sea at Hungnam. Both sides fought savagely for every inch of it. The march out became one monstrous, moving battle.

The Chinese used the ravines between ridges, protected from rifle fire, to marshal their forces between attacks. The Marines' 60-millimeter mortars, capable of delivering high, arcing fire over the ridge lines, breaking up those human waves, became perhaps the most valuable weapon the Marines had. But their supply of mortar rounds was quickly depleted. Emergency requests for resupply were sent by radio, using code words for specific items. The code for 60mm mortar ammo was "Tootsie Rolls" but the radio operator receiving that urgent request didn't have the Marines' code sheets. All he knew was that the request came from command authority, it was extremely urgent and there were tons of Tootsie Rolls at supply bases in Japan.

Tootsie Rolls had been issued with other rations to U.S. troops since World War I, earning preferred status because they held up so well to heat, cold and rough handling compared to other candies. Tearing through the

clouds and fog, parachutes bearing pallet- loads of Tootsie Rolls descended on the Marines. After initial shocked reactions, the freezing, starving troops rejoiced. Frozen Tootsies were thawed in armpits, popped in mouths, and their sugar provided instant energy. For many, Tootsie Rolls were their only nourishment for days. The troops also learned they could use warmed Tootsie Rolls to plug bullet holes in fuel drums, gas tanks, cans, and radiators, where they would freeze solid again, sealing the leaks.

Over two weeks of unspeakable misery, movement, and murderous fighting, the 15,000- man column suffered 3,000 killed in action, 6,000 wounded and thousands of severe frostbite cases. But they reached the sea, demolishing several Chinese divisions in the process. Hundreds credited their very survival to Tootsie Rolls. Surviving Marines called themselves "The Chosin Few," and among themselves, another name: The Tootsie Roll Marines.

Department Officer Nominations

Department Sr Vice Commandant Jim Doss is Chairman of the Department Nominating Committee. The following Department Officers will be elected during the Department Convention in Elkins WV on May 16, 2020. Commandant, Sr Vice Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. Nominations for these positions can be submitted to Sr Vice Commandant Doss commencing January 2020. Floor nominations will be taken at the Department Convention.

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation Applications

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation Applications Foundation Chairman John Nanny has mailed out applications to every detachment Commandant in the Department. The applications may be reproduced as needed. The Foundation normally awards four scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. This is a one-time scholarship so prior recipients are not eligible. The deadline for applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2020. Please assure that all portions of the application are completed, all requested materials are included and proof of eligibility from the local Marine Corps League is verified. No awards will be given to previous recipients. The application includes additional information required to complete and submit the application properly. Paying attention to detail is necessary in submission of an application. In the seventeen years since the Scholarship Foundation was instituted, 128 scholarships totaling \$110,000 have been awarded.

Department Awards

Department Awards Chairman Randy "Doc" Thomas distributed 2020 Award Nomination forms at the January 4th Department of WV Quarterly Meeting for the following department awards. Adjutant-Paymaster Leib will mail the remaining packets to those Detachments not in attendance at the meeting. Detachments should be considering those individuals who they desire to nominate for one or more of these awards. All nominations must be **postmarked by March 30, 2020** to be considered. Follow the instructions included in the letter in your nominations packet. Late submissions will not be reviewed or considered.

DEPARTMENT HEART & SOUL AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member's outstanding spirit and enhancement of the mission and principles of the U. S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

COMMANDANT OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member's outstanding leadership and guidance in meeting all department and national guidelines, policies and procedures from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY AWARD is presented in recognition of this Detachment's outstanding public relations contributions and community involvement from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD is presented in recognition of promoting patriotism, citizenship,

participating in parade activities, and observing all traditions of U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member's outstanding administrative and fiscal practices and procedures in the Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member's outstanding service performance and volunteer work to veterans and their dependents from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER AWARD is presented to Detachment_____in recognition for publishing an outstanding newsletter that conforms to the National Newsletter guidelines from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION AWARD is presented in recognition for displaying outstanding principles and purposes of the U. S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented in recognition to this Marine Corps League member for recruiting the highest number of new Marine Corps League members for the period May 2019 to March 2020

Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Award

Scott Kirby, President, Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Society distributed the announcement cover letter and application for the 2020 Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year at the Department of WV Quarterly Meeting, January 4th, 2020. Detachments should be considering and submitting a member for nomination for this prestigious award upon receipt of the announcement letter. All nominations must be **postmarked by March 1, 2020** to be considered. For Detachments without a Commandant or Representative at the Meeting, Adjutant-Paymaster Leib will mail their packets to the missing Detachment Commandants. This does NOT change the due date that the application/nominations must be post marked. Please be advised to follow the detailed instructions in the cover letter when submitting your nomination forms.

For questions, email Commandant Kirby at Ronald_krby@yahoo.com or text him at 304-588-0318





Leland D. “Crow” Crawford Detachment 956 of Elkins completed their 17th year of the Toys for Tots program. Members collected and distributed almost 21,000 toys to 1,196 families with 2,358 children. Ole Santa and the elves made Christmas special again for needy and underprivileged children in nine northern WV counties.



Pending Calendar

2020 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be Feb 27 – Feb 29, 2020 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk VA 23510. Use 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%) Resort Charge: \$3.00. Please make your room reservation direct to the hotel. Make reservations by calling the hotel: 1-800-325-3535 and mention the *Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference*. Breakfast: Complimentary 2 per room daily per person, up to 4 per room per day. Internet: Complimentary High Speed. Banquet Dinner: \$60 max. Reservation includes Complimentary Self-Parking if staying at hotel.

2020 Department of Maryland Convention will be 7-9 May 2020 at Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842. 410-524-7777 Mention '*Marine Corps League*' to get group room rate. Fri AM - Opening Ceremony. Fri PM -Pack Growl. Sat AM -MCL Meeting. Sat Night -Banquet More details to follow.

2020 Department of Delaware Convention will be May 9, 2020 Heritage Shores Golf Clubhouse, One Heritage Shores Circle, Bridgeville, Delaware 19933. Lunch will be served. POC- Frank Mathers, Commandant, Department of Delaware, mcldeptdecommandant@gmail.com, 301-520-8051

2020 Department of West Virginia Department Convention will be May 15-17, 2020 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, 2020. 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. **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 and the discounted room rate. There is a flyer attached to this issue of the Straight Scoop, which can be used for advance registration, hotel and banquet.

2020 Department of North Carolina Department Convention 50th Anniversary will be June 12-13, 2020 at the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel, 8629 J M Keynes Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262. 833-238-5101 Hosted by Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750

2020 Mideast Division Conference will be June 19-21, 2020 hosted by Dept of Virginia at Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Road, VA Beach, VA 23462. Room rate \$120 plus 14% tax – total \$138.80, 1-800-567-3856 or 757-499-4400 – (dial 0) use code: MED. You can

2020 National Marine Corps League Convention will be August 10-15, 2020 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. Phone: 888-217-5507. Room rate: \$145.00 per night includes tax, Wi-Fi, parking and breakfast. Reservations opened Monday, August 12, 2019

**February 27 – March 1, 2020 Sheraton Norfolk
Waterside Hotel 2020 MCL Mid-Winter Conference
777 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510 (757) 622-6664**

Fact Sheet Room Rate: \$129 + tax

Tax Rate: \$14% Resort Charge: \$3.00

- **Parking: Complimentary Self-Parking if staying at hotel, otherwise its \$13 per day. Valet Parking is \$26 per day**

Breakfast: Complimentary 2 per room daily Internet:

Complimentary High-Speed Banquet Dinner: \$60 max inclusive

Reservations made by calling the hotel or 1-800-325-3535 and mentioning the Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference

All reservations will be charged one-night room and tax deposit at time of confirming reservation. This deposit will be applied toward your final bill. If you cancel within the cancellation period, the deposit will be refunded

Cancellation period is from time of making reservation until February 10, 2020. Any cancellations after February 10, 2020 will forfeit the one-night deposit

Marriott Reward points can be earned with the group rate

This is a smoke free hotel, any smoking in non-smoking rooms will incur a \$200 cleaning fee.

Each room has a mini refrigerator

On site restaurant next door to the Waterside District featuring restaurants and bars.

3 blocks from downtown mall

6 to 11 miles, depending on route, from Norfolk International Airport shuttle service will be arranged at a later date, stay tuned

From MED NVC Roger Ware (Commandant Det 956, Elkins)

I have a list for all current reservations at the Holiday Inn Express, for banquet and advance registration, and have marked those who have paid in advance. Please let me know if your plans have changed and if you are not attending the convention, please send me an email or call me: 304-636-4365. I have reserved a block of rooms and I need to ensure everyone or anyone who wants to attend has made their reservation for rooms, banquet and advance registration. If you are just coming for the Growl on Friday, or just the business meeting on Saturday, you still need to register as a delegate and receive your name tag as it is your credentials. Now if you attend the business meeting and then decide you want to attend the banquet, I can probably get you in as the cater has a few extra items for unexpected guests. I need a fairly accurate count of attendees so he can bring enough food. All scholarship recipients who are attending the banquet as well as their significant other and or parents need to arrange payment for the banquet in advance. In the past we have had a few recipients who made advance arrangements and indicate they will pay at the door and then they do not attend. They also might indicate that they are attending without any other guests and then show up with an entourage. We have to pay the catering service for these meals so detachments, if you sponsor someone who receives a scholarship please arrange payment for their banquet.

Here is the information and link for the train rides in the Elkins area: <https://mountainrailwv.com>

Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad Company in Elkins, West Virginia

Description: The Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad is a heritage and freight railroad in the U.S. states of Virginia and West Virginia. It operates the West Virginia State Rail Authority-owned Durbin Railroad and West Virginia Central Railroad, as well as the Shenandoah Valley Railroad in Virginia.

Address: 315 S Railroad Ave, Elkins, WV 26241

Phone: (304) 636-9477

Here is the information and link for the Gandy Dancer, Branson style dinner theatre: gandydancertheatre.com

Gandy Dancer Theatre and Conference Center

Address: 359 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV 26241

Phone: (855) 426-3998

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!! These events will both be totally booked soon, so if you want to participate in either one, be sure you make your reservation as soon as possible.

Hello,

I am Ryan Siemer and I serve as the Young Marines Liaison for the Mideast Division. For those that do not know, the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League is a nonprofit youth organization that promotes healthy lifestyle choices for youth aged 8 - 18. For years now the Young Marines have slowly become less involved with the Marine Corps League and vice versa. It has been my goal here in the department of North Carolina to ensure every Young Marines unit is contacted with some frequency by either the detachment closest to that unit or by the department officers. This has worked very well here and I would like to see this succeed across the division. Attached you will find a roster of every Young Marines unit that is within the scope of our Mideast division. The 2nd Young Marines Division lines up perfectly with the Mideast Division of the MCL. This is the only place in the country where this occurs. I simply ask that you reach out to these units and see if they need any assistance. Some Young Marines units may be in a financial hardship, some may need Adult Volunteers, and others may need some children to join them. I just ask that you make the effort to help shape the lives of the future of our country, and possibly Corps and League.

Also, if you have a Young Marines Liaison at the department or detachment level I ask that you pass my contact info along as I am also an Adult Volunteer for the Young Marines and have worked with them for years so if there are any questions they may have they can contact me. Thank you for your time

Semper Fidelis,

Ryan Siemer

Young Marines Liaison

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Danny M Greene, Detachment 577 was out and about today spreading Holiday cheer. Donations were made to Police Departments and Fire Departments and Man Lions Club. Mayor Vivian Livingood was presented with a check for their Children's Coat Drive.

Mayor Jim Blevins was presented a check for the Veterans Memorial Wall at Man, WV. Our Detachment 577 wishes all the Leagues a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Submitted by – Commandant Dave Finley (printed posthumously)

Rest in Peace, Brother – We will miss you.





**DEPARTMENT
OF
WEST VIRGINIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



2020 DEPARTMENT OF WV MCL CONVENTION
MAY 15-17, 2020 - Elkins - Hosted by Detachment 956

Will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV 26241. Hosted by Leland D "Crow" Crawford Detachment 956. **Room rate: \$100.00** includes free continental breakfast, free parking and wireless Internet. POC Roger Ware: 304-636-4365 Email rrware@yahoo.com
To receive the block price, reservations must be booked by **04/28/20**. Make checks payable to Det. 956, MCL to avoid paying taxes. \$5 early registration fee for conference, \$7 at the door.
Banquet Cost: \$30.00 Mail registration fee, hotel room rate, and banquet reservation to:
Leland D "Crow" Crawford MCL Det. #956, PO Box 852, Elkins, WV 26241.

Member

Name _____
Title _____
Detachment _____
Address _____
Email Address: _____

Guest

Name _____
Title/Relation _____
\$100.00 Hotel Reservation \$ _____
\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____
\$30.00 banquet each \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Member

Name _____
Title _____
Detachment _____
Address _____
Email Address: _____

Guest

Name _____
Title/Relation _____
\$100.00 Hotel Reservation \$ _____
\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____
\$30.00 banquet each \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Member

Name _____
Title _____
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**2020 MCL Department Meeting Schedule
Department of West Virginia
Elkins, WV
MAY 15-16, 2020**

Friday, May 15, 2020

0600-0945 Breakfast
0900-1200 MCL Registration
1000-1200 MODD Registration
1200-1300 Lunch on your own
1300-1600 MCL Registration
1300-1600 MODD Registration
1300-1600 Professional Development Training
1300-1700 Department Audit Committee
1600-1700 Commandant's Council - Detachment Commandants/Staff Officers meeting
1700-1830 Dinner on your own
1700-2230 Hospitality Room open
1830-1900 MODD Pack Board Meeting*
1900-2100 MODD Growl of the Pack
* At call of Department Commandant, MCL; Pack Leader, MODD, PMOY Chairman

Saturday, May 16, 2020

0600-0930 Breakfast
0800-1000 MCL registration
0800-0815 Flag-Raising Ceremony
0820-0930 Memorial Services, all hands attending
0930-0945 Department Budget Committee Meeting*
0930-0945 Department Nominations Committee Meeting*
1000-1200 MCL Business Meeting
1200-1315 Lunch on your own
1315-1600 MCL Business Meeting
1615-1640 New Officer Installation & Department Officers' Meeting
1800-1900 Formal Reception
1900 Grand Banquet
* At call of Chairman for Budget and Nominations Committee