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COMMANDANT KIRBY hopes that everyone is doing okay and he looks forward to seeing you all at the Quarterly Meeting September 12th in Parkersburg, WV. Stay safe and take care of those you love.

Chaplain's Corner

Creator God, as this new day dawns, guide my thoughts and actions. Help me to listen attentively to what the events of this day have to teach me. When I encounter challenges, remind me of your constant care and deepen my appreciation of the beauty and goodness around me. As I look back on this day, may I be grateful for all that I have been given and for each encounter with another child of God. Where I have treated anyone in a way that did not honor that they, too, are your beloved, I ask for your help to do better in the days to come. Amen.

What a month this has been! I pray that all of you are safe and well and that you remain so. Let's pray for those who have lost their lives, especially those heroes, those health care workers that made the ultimate sacrifice to help save others.

A short essay has made its way around the internet over the past month. It spoke to me and I would like to refer to it and the comparison of these last weeks.

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid...If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk.

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Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that God's love was the most powerful... Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided. They went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth. This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like.

Although the author is unknown, it's a sobering thought to remember that the disciples were worried, scared, hiding alone... "sheltering in place."

Perhaps being with our loved ones for this extended period of time has opened your eyes a bit. I know it has opened mine. What's really important in my life? What are my priorities? What are my opportunities to serve... to love?

As we pray for a return to our normal lives let's pledge to not let the lessons of these past weeks be forgotten when we return to the hustle and bustle of "normalcy."

Viva Jesus!

Memo from John Nanny, Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation Chair

Two weeks ago, today, May, 15, 2020 I put 14 packages in the mail to this year's Scholarship recipients. They should have them by now.

Keeping in mind with the cancellation of this year's Convention we are missing out on the funds we usually raise with the Auction and sharing gun raffle proceeds so this puts us behind for next year.

I am so proud of the fact that with this year's numbers added in we have now awarded a total of 134 Scholarships totaling \$116,000.00 dollars

I would ask the local Detachments who sponsored recipients do something locally and acknowledge their honors... Newspapers, TV any media source. The Department can be proud for their part in making this year so successful.

John B. Nanny

Scholarship Chairman

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation. 304-281-2950

Annual Dues Expire August 31

Paymasters, it's time to generate and mail a letter to all your dues paying members with a reminder that their dues expire August 31. National does not send out a reminder notice so you must be proactive and send them one. Be sure to inform them of the amount of your Detachment's dues payment and to make the check payable to your detachment. Most important is to include your mailing address so they know where to send their payment, if they are homebound and need to mail it instead. You need to track all those who pay; a good tool to use for this is a copy of your last quarterly roster you received from our Department Paymaster. Just mark 'paid' in the margin beside the member's name as you receive their dues. In addition, if you add new members they should be included on your list. Plus, if a member passes away make a notation on the list. If you have any address changes this must be changed on a transmittal, and on your master list too. Each month you should review your list and make contact with all those who do not pay their dues with your initial mailing.

Memo from COO Bob Borka, National MCL

Department Commandants:

This year we had 720 detachments slated to receive PLM distribution.

339 received via direct deposit (47%)

381 received via check (in the mail) (53%)

All checks have been cut and placed in the mail.

All direct deposit (ACH) have been released.

It may take a couple business days for folks to see the dollars in the mailbox or their bank account.

Please pass to your Detachments to be looking for the distribution if they qualified.

Note: If a detachment does not receive it by 6/9 (Tuesday) please ask them to contact you or the Department Paymaster first. We will address on a case by case basis.

Thank you,

S/F

Bob Borka

COO/HQMCL

#EmbraceTheTribe

Professional Development Training

Finance

The Fiscal Year shall end at the close of business on June 30th of each year. The revenue of the Detachment shall be derived from membership dues and such other sources as may be properly established at regular meetings or by the Board of Trustees. Disbursement of Detachment funds shall be made as established for payment of National Membership per capita and Department per capita dues, annual Application to Change or Appoint Officers, Corporate Annual Report and those items previously approved by the membership.

Donations to non-profit organizations or members in distress can be made by approval of Board of Trustees or during regular member meetings. A letter should be received from any non-profit organization or school requesting a donation in support of a function. The letter should be read during a membership meeting and any donation must be approved or denied by the membership. A budget will be established as necessary. Each Detachment shall fix the amount of its annual membership dues. Annual dues shall include the Department and National per-capita dues and fees.

All other disbursements will be approved during normal business meetings. The maximum amount of funds that the Commandant is authorized to disburse without getting general membership approval should be specified. The maximum amount for the Board of Trustees should be specified. The Paymaster will reimburse members for approved items upon paid receipts if funds are available.

The Detachment will maintain a checking account and all funds received will be deposited. The Paymaster will draw all checks and ensure proper signatures are obtained. This account will be audited with the monthly bank statement and a report will be given during the general membership meeting by the Paymaster. An annual audit will be conducted by the Audit Committee prior to the Officer Installation.

A motion should be made by the Paymaster to change bank signature cards during a regular meeting upon Installation of officers and this must be included in the minutes.

The annual per capita dues shall be provided for by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures plus an additional Department per capita dues as determined by the Department Convention. The sum of these two accounts shall be forwarded with every membership application or renewal thereof by the Detachment Paymaster directly to the Department Paymaster who will remit the National per capita dues in each instance to the National Paymaster. The current annual per capita of \$5.00 is effective as of 1/1/2003. A member resigning from membership shall not be entitled to any refund of per capita paid.

The Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster or Paymaster will be bonded by a commercial crime policy paid for and administered by National. The bond limit will be in the amount of \$10,000 with deductible of \$1,000.

Checks drawn against Detachment funds shall be valid only if they cover disbursements authorized and jointly bear the signatures of the Commandant and Paymaster. The Detachment financial records will include the Detachment corporation name, address, telephone number and Employer Identification Number (EIN).

No Officer or member of the Detachment shall obligate the Detachment financially in any manner whatsoever without the prior consent of the membership or Board of Trustees.

To assure the financial integrity and credibility of the Detachment, any funds received for a charitable purpose or for a specific purpose will be deposited into the Detachment funds and will be reserved for that respective charity or specific purpose.

Detachment Audits and Reports

An annual audit of detachment finances will be conducted prior to the annual installation of officers. Monthly audits can be conducted and be combined to satisfy the annual audit required by this section if these audits are included in detachment meeting minutes and approved by members. A copy of the audit and all the minutes from the last installation will be sent to the department commandant.

Fund Raising

Two of the most important tasks of every detachment are the recruiting and retention of members and raising funds to run the operation and support detachment programs and objectives. A detachment cannot make the mistake of continually relying on its own membership to fund operations and projects. Brainstorming on numerous methods and ideas to generate funds will benefit your detachment.

Any fund raising must be discussed during your membership meetings. When deciding to do your event, have the membership approve your event and document in your meeting minutes. This makes it official under the corporation and under the insurance policy. In conducting a fund raiser, ensure you specify what the funds are being collected for. If collecting funds for your detachment operating funds or for veterans, you can keep those funds in your detachment general fund as long as you desire and disburse when you want. If collecting funds for an IRS registered non-profit charity, you can hold those funds in your account and disburse indefinitely either yearly or all at once. **However, if you collect funds for a local non-registered charity or for a local benefit, these funds have to be liquidated before the end of your detachment fiscal year. Any of these type funds held over your fiscal year can be counted as profit in the event of an audit by IRS or the state.** If you do a raffle to benefit a charity, then those funds must be dedicated toward that respective purpose. The net proceeds from a drawing need to be applied to that program or project for which the money was received. From the total revenue, the cost of merchandise, printing of tickets, and an amount for the reserve fund of the detachment may be deducted.

Don't forget, when your detachment is incorporated, this is your authority to conduct fund raisers within your respective area and your general business license from the state of WV supports your activity. I would highly suggest that each detachment file a copy of their detachment Bylaws and corporate papers with its respective county clerk's office as this makes everything a matter of record in the event an issue on fund raising develops.

Make posters listing your prizes and drawing dates, set up a small table at a mall entrance or large department store -- Wal-Mart, Kmart, Tractor Supply Company, etc. You might even have a donation jar for anyone who wants to make a donation to a local charity, such as Humane Society, Relay for Life, Make-A-Wish, or any other non-profit organization (ensure any funds collected this way go to that organization). When you collect these funds and then make the donation, be sure to get a photo of the event in a local paper as it gets your detachment some visibility and further supports future events.

Annual Corporate Report

Every detachment must be incorporated within the state so after annual officer installations are complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report prior to 30 June each year and mail to the WV Secretary of State, Business and Licensing Division. If Officers are installed or changed after 1 July, the Detachment must file an Application to Appoint or Change Officers, and/or Office Addresses with the WV Secretary of State. Once the form is completed, a copy should be mailed to the Department Adjutant for record purposes. Every detachment that is incorporated must file an Annual Report for Corporations. The cost is \$25 and is payable to the WV Secretary of State's office. This must be completed before June 30 of each year. This should be done as soon as you have your elections and officers installed. The Secretary of State has recently sent an email to all detachment and Pounds that they must file their ACR on line. They will no longer accept a paper copy. Detachments and Pounds that do not file their annual reports on time risk being administratively dissolved or revoked and will be assessed a mandatory late fee of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) for non- profit organizations as required by West Virginia code.

Detachment Commandants, Paymasters, Adjutants and Adjutant/Paymasters;

It is time for most; if not all; of the Detachments to elect their officers for the 2020 - 2021 terms. That also means it is time for you to submit your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) for 2020 - 2021.

Remember that you have to send in a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change. Feel free to call or email me if you have questions or problems. Cell Phone # (740) 591-8611
Email address: pattileib024@gmail.com Thanks! Semper Fi,

Mail them to me at:

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IRS 990 -N -e-file - postcard

All detachments MODD Pounds, WV Pack and Department of WV are required to file an annual IRS 990 N-e-file. It should be filed after your fiscal year ends. For most it is June 30. You can file commencing July 1. Below is the information required. Read over the info and then log onto this site to get a new user name and password.

<https://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Annual-Electronic-Filing-Requirement-for-Small-Exempt-Organizations-Form-990-N-e-Postcard>

NOTE: IRS has changed how they accept the filings and does not send a confirmation back to your mail so when you finally get logged into the site and answer all the questions and file, make a copy of what you entered before sending. IRS does not send you a confirmation copy or acceptance. Once you create a user name and password, Be Sure to write it down. Log into your email account and you will be given a code to enter your information. It's only good for 15 minutes. When you try to log into the site, you can enter your user name okay but you will have to enter your password twice as it will deny you on the first attempt. After logging in and answering all the question, copy off what you entered. After filing, wait for about an hour and log back into the site and see if IRS accepted your file. Copy off the IRS acceptance and send a copy to your Paymaster and or Dog Robber

Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e- Postcard)

How to file

To electronically submit Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990EZ*, use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system (e-Postcard).

All organizations are required to register at IRS.gov prior to filing Form 990-N. You won't be asked to register again the next time you file.

Form 990-N must be completed and filed electronically. **There is no paper form.** Form 990-N filers may choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

Use the Form 990-N Electronic Filing System (e-Postcard) [User Guide](#) while registering and filing.

For filing system and website issues, refer to the second question on the [How to File: Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. Prior to filing your form, please review the following information:

Who must file Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less can satisfy their annual reporting requirement by electronically submitting Form 990-N if they choose not to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead. Exceptions to this requirement include: Organizations that are included in a group return, [Churches](#), their integrated auxiliaries, conventions or associations of churches, and Organizations [required to file a different return](#)

Form 990-N filing due date

Form 990-N is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. **You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your tax year ends.**

Example: If your tax year ended on December 31, the e-Postcard is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day.

If your 990-N is late, the IRS will send a reminder notice to the last address we received. While there is no penalty assessment for filing Form 990-N late, organizations that fail to file required Forms 990, 990-EZ or 990-N for three consecutive years will automatically lose their tax-exempt status. Revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will happen on the filing due date of the third consecutively-missed year. Watch this IRS [YouTube presentation](#) for more information.

Information you will need when filing Form 990-N

Form 990-N is easy to complete. You'll need only eight items of basic information about your organization.

Search for Form 990-N filings to search for organizations that have filed Form 990-N and to view their filings, see [Exempt Organizations Select Check](#). You can also download the entire database of Form 990-N filing

Coronavirus Q&A for Nontaxable Recovery Rebate

(Q) How do I get my rebate? For most Americans, no action is required. The IRS will use data from the most current tax returns or Social Security data to provide a rebate to Americans either via direct deposit (if such information is available) or through a paper check in the mail to the last address on file. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he hopes to distribute rebates to taxpayers who e-filed with direct deposit banking information in three weeks. Taxpayers receiving rebate checks may have to wait six to eight weeks to receive a paper check in the mail. Treasury will be developing a web-based portal for individuals to provide their banking information to the IRS online. Taxpayers will be able to receive payments immediately as opposed to checks in the mail.

(Q) Can I file taxes now for 2019 and have it applied for rebate eligibility? Yes. The IRS has recommended taxpayers to e-file as soon as possible if they think they will be owed a refund and has specifically advised taxpayers not to wait until July 15, the extended deadline from the usual April 15 date.

(Q) Is there a way for me to get my check faster? The IRS has stated that those who filed their taxes electronically and provided direct deposit information will get their money the fastest. Treasury will be developing a web-based portal for individuals to provide their banking information to the IRS online. Taxpayers will be able to receive payments faster as opposed to waiting for checks in the mail.

(Q) Is there any minimum income amount to qualify for the rebate and claim dependents? No, even filers with \$0 of income can file for the rebate. However, they must file a tax return to ensure the IRS can process the rebate. Additionally, they must have a Social Security Number and not be claimed as a dependent on another person's return.

(Q) Which dependents qualify for a rebate? The CARES Act uses the Child Tax Credit (CTC) eligibility standards. All qualifying children who are under age 17 who have not provided for more than half of their own expenses and lived with the taxpayer for more than six months are eligible. This means that adult dependents, such as college students aged 17 and over, and elderly dependents do not qualify for the \$500 rebate. Adult dependents do not qualify for their own rebate either.

(Q) How many dependents can I claim? The CARES Act does not provide a maximum number of children that can be claimed. However, for each dependent to qualify they must be claimed by the taxpayer on their tax return.

(Q) What if I had a baby in 2019 or earlier this year and haven't filed a return? If a taxpayer has not already filed a 2019 return with the name and Social Security Number (SSN) of the eligible dependent being claimed, the filer will not receive credit for those dependents born after they filed their 2018 return. However, the taxpayer may claim a \$500 credit for each eligible child on their 2020 return.

(Q) What if I am divorced? Does each parent receive a \$500 check for each of their dependents? Only the parental taxpayer claiming the child as a dependent will receive the \$500.

(Q) Tax filing and payments for tax year 2019 have been delayed until July 15. What information will Treasury use to determine my rebate? Treasury will use tax year 2019 returns if available. If a taxpayer has not filed for tax year 2019, Treasury can fall back on 2018 return information. For those relying on Social Security and Veterans benefits but who have not filed in 2019 or 2018, the IRS requires they submit a simplified return to process the rebate (they will owe no tax when filing the simplified return).

(Q) What if I have not filed my taxes for 2019, is there still an opportunity to get my money? Yes, the IRS will look at your 2018 tax return to check for rebate eligibility but has also advised all taxpayers expecting a refund to file their 2019 tax return as soon as possible.

(Q) If I had high income in 2019 but lost my job, do I still qualify? If a taxpayer's high income in 2019 puts them above the threshold, they may be in the phaseout range and remain eligible for a partial refund. If their income is lower in 2020 when they file taxes, any remaining credit that they are eligible for will also be refunded or deducted from their tax liability when they file taxes for 2020.

(Q) What if my income rises in 2020 and I received a higher rebate using my 2019 return? There is no penalty for receiving a rebate based on a lower income on 2019 or 2018 tax returns. If a filer's eligible rebate rises when using 2020 tax returns, that will be remedied on their 2020 return. If the filer is given too much, the IRS will not penalize them.

(Q) If my rebate is too large due to dependent eligibility mistakes, will I have to pay it back? Will my rebate be considered part of my taxable income in 2020? No. Like all refundable tax credits (e.g., Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)), any part of the rebate, even in excess, is not considered as part of taxable income.

(Q) If my income drops in 2020, can I get additional rebate if I got a lower rebate based on 2019 income? Yes, if a taxpayer's income drops in 2020, they will be eligible for any remaining rebate credit they were not able to claim using their 2019 or 2018 return.

(Q) If I make more income in 2020, do I have to pay any amount back? No, if the amount of credit a taxpayer qualifies for in 2020 is less than it was based on their 2019 return, it does not have to be paid back and it is not considered taxable income.

(Q) Will those receiving Social Security benefits still receive a rebate check? Yes, all taxpayers are eligible for the rebate, including those receiving Social Security benefits, subject to the same eligibility rules as other taxpayers. Individuals with Social Security benefits will have to submit a simplified return to the IRS, however.

(Q) Do I still receive a check if I am on disability? Yes, although you may need to ensure you have filed a tax return for 2018 or 2019 (or a simplified return) even if you earned no income.

(Q) What if I receive Supplemental Security Income but not Social Security benefits? Do I qualify for a rebate? Yes, taxpayers will qualify for the rebate as long as their Adjusted Gross Income is below the rebate thresholds depending on their filing status. If a taxpayer did not file for taxes in 2018 or 2019, the IRS recommends they do so as soon as possible to ensure they receive the rebate.

Pending Calendar

2020 Department of North Carolina Department Convention: The 50th Anniversary Convention date has moved 4 weeks to 10-11 July, 2020 It will still be held at the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel, 8629 J M Keynes Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262. Reservations: 800-445-8667 or 704-547-7444 use Block Code – NCMARI. Hosted by Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750. MCL rate is \$119 ++ (Regular Rate: \$129 ++ to \$149 ++). Reserve before 6/15/2020. 75 Rooms are blocked until 6/15/2020. Reservations made 6/16 to 7/10 will be guaranteed the MCL rate but the room might not be available if the hotel is filled. MCL rate is in effect for stays between 7/8 and 7/13. Room choice is one King or two Double beds. Breakfast for 2 is included. No charge for parking. Questions, contact DCMathias@aol.com or call 704- 451-1397 Note that all dates have been corrected for the date change of the Convention

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 start reservation after July 12, 2019. **CANCELED**

2020 MCL National Convention will be August 10-15, 2020 at Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL, 32118 Phone: 888-217- 5507. Room rate: \$145.00 includes tax, Wi-Fi, parking and breakfast. Reservation open on Monday August 12, 2019 at 10 AM EST.

2020 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 22-24, 2020 at MCB, Quantico, VA

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 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. Tickets for the Grand Banquet are \$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. 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 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 Phone. 217-789-1530

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

Around the State:



May 29, 2020 Past Dept. of WV Commandant Rick Shank provides overwatch for Marine widow Linda Fetty during the pandemic. Marine Ben Fetty's memorial flag case is pictured behind them. Widows of our fallen brothers and sisters in the Marine Corps League remain a special part of our dynamic Marine Corps family. We check on their welfare periodically to ensure that they are ok and not forgotten. Semper Fidelis Ben and Linda!



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
National Headquarters

May 12, 2020

From: Dennis Tobin, National Commandant
To: Board of Trustees
Department Commandants
Subj: Easing of Restrictions and Funeral Honors

Marines,

It has come my attention that some states are easing burial restrictions and are reaching out the MCL for Funeral Honors. Sitting here in New York, I do not have first-hand knowledge of what other cities and states are doing. We will need to make decisions on a State by State basis.

Division Vices, you will need to stay updated on any changes in burial procedures within your Division. Have your Department Commandants keep you informed as to any changes within their Departments regarding burials and Funeral Honors and restrictions as to manpower. This should be easy to verify within your state.

Department Commandants, if you can verify ahead of time that restrictions are being lifted, please pass that information on to your Division Vice and they will pass it on to me. Once we verify restrictions have been lifted, and we are not walking into an ambush, I have no problem with a Detachment performing Funeral Honors as long as all state guidelines are followed.

We do not want any unnecessary problems with law enforcement over this. If you know that your state is easing restrictions and allowing Funeral Honors, please let me know ASAP.

Semper Fi

Dennis Tobin
National Commandant
Marine Corps League



Department of West Virginia Department Convention

May 14-16, 2021

**Hosted by the Leland D. “Crow” Crawford
Detachment #956**

At the Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV

HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Express
50 Martin Street
Elkins, WV 26241
304-630-2266

Rooms for the Conference attendees have been blocked with a group rate of \$100.00 per night, King or Double. Free breakfast, free WI-fi, free parking. Continental breakfast served 0600-1000. For reservations, contact Detachment 956 Reservations start: June 1, 2020. POC is Roger Ware 304-636-4365 or rrware@yahoo.com. There will be no pre-registration fee or an ad book.



Rooms will be made available starting Thursday May 13th through Monday May 17th, for those who like to come early and stay an extra day.

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 Hospitality Room Friday 5 PM – 11 PM

Banquet Dinner

The banquet dinner will be served via buffet line with choice of meat

Menu

*Baked Steak
Grilled Chicken
Penne Pasta
Tossed Salad
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Green Beans
Steamed Corn
Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts*

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea or Water

The price per person for the banquet is \$30.00
The deadline to register for the banquet is -May 10, 2021



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1. This order hereby authorizes the award of the COVID-19 CROSS OF GALLANTRY RIBBON to all Marines, retired or active duty, who have successfully completed AT HOME QUARANTINE without killing their Dependapotomus, their Spawn or Annoying Neighbors.

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HQMC Awards Branch

Dept Pistol Raffle

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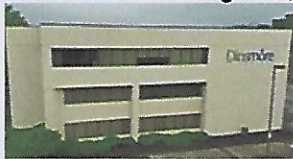
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Hi, Patti. I received your e-mail where you said that the winning ticket for the Dept. Pistol was drawn at The Sportsman's Gun and Pawn on May 16, 2020. It was actually done at Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP. Let me



tell you how this day went down. It was Denny Wood's intent to have the drawing at however, the weather was looking bad, so, he had a back-up plan. It was done at Dinsmore & Shohl,



where I work.

Jane Legge had made these great masks for the Honor Guard,



and we put them on since we couldn't practice social distancing. Denny

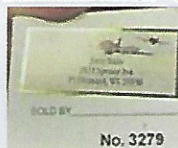


explained to Stan Legge the game plan

Jane Legge did draw the winning ticket



which, as you said, was Jerry Baine's



. Afterward, we took a group picture to



commemorate the occasion.

As you can see, Rick Shank was busted looking at his



phone during the photo shoot, so we took another one. In the back row, going left to right, is Stan Legge, Rick Shank and Roy Marcum. In the front row is Jane Legge, Denny Wood and me.

Then, Rick Shank presented me with the Department Challenge coin for work I had done for the Department Commandant. It was totally unexpected and truly appreciated. Afterward, we decided to



go to anyway, because, who could resist? We saw John Mishoe, an associate with our Detachment. He was kind enough to give up his place so we could get a table. We also saw Jim



Terry, a friend. It started to rain and although we were under an awning of sorts, the rain came through in different spots. Denny jumped up away from the table. He's sweet, so he thought he was going



to melt.



Stan Legge thought it was a great time to have a cigarette.



Big John

Roberts wasn't budging. He just finished a cold Budweiser and moved on to "save" one of Denny's Bud Lites. Jane Legge, seeing this, thought she should stand guard over the ribs



she and Stan ordered.



Meanwhile, Roy Marcum had maintained his cool, and nonchalantly

moved his food and beer. He continued to eat and drink, taking in all that was going on. It was a great time! You all should join us someday. No meeting necessary!



Hope to see you soon!

Semper Fil

NOTE: Maria obviously put a lot of effort into this email; I'm including it for your entertainment!

Patti Leib

Maria