



# *The Straight Scoop*

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## Commandant's Letter

I hope everyone is surviving the COVID-19 Virus. The vaccine shot is now being given so don't hesitate to get yours when the opportunity arises.

I attended the funeral of West Virginia Secretary of Veterans Assistance Dennis Davis. It was Monday January 25 at the Donel C. Kinnard Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar, WV. He was one of the individuals who was instrumental in securing the \$5,000 Grant funds for the Veterans organizations in WV. I was also able to attend Huntington Detachment 340's meeting on Monday night January 25 at the American Legion Post 16. They served a meal before the meeting consisting of chili, a sandwich and dessert. I hope to be able to attend other Detachments meetings before the Dept Convention in May in Elkins.

The Winter Quarterly meeting on Saturday January 16 was held by conference call instead of in person. It went well but not as satisfying as in person. Hopefully, the virus is brought under control soon so we can go back to business as usual.

Below is an excerpt from the message National Commandant Dennis Tobin sent out on January 21.

**We are a non-political, non-sectarian organization. We DO NOT discuss political or religious issues at any Marine Corps League meetings or functions. It is a violation of our By-Laws and our Charter, and IRS regulations.**

**The Marine Corps League as a 501(c)4 cannot engage in political campaign activity. In return for its favored tax-status a charitable non-profit promises the Federal Govt. that it will not engage in political campaign activity, and if it does, IRS regulations mandate that the non-profit will lose its tax-exempt status. The prohibition against political campaign activity (defined as "supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.")**

**All Detachment, Department and National social media sites represent the Marine Corps League and put our non-profit status and our charter in jeopardy. When political views are posted under the Marine Corps League it gives the appearance of being Marine Corps League views.**

Semper Fi

Jim Doss, Commandant

Department of West Virginia

Marine Corps League

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### **Chaplain's Corner**

#### **THE EIGHT BEATITUDES OF JESUS**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Gospel of [Matthew](#) 5:3-10

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### **The Chapel of Four Chaplains - February 3**

February 3, 1943 is the date that four Army chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington lost their lives. The Chapel of Four Chaplains memorializes the courageous act of these four Army Chaplains who gave their life jackets to others when the troopship USAT Dorchester sank after being torpedoed on February 3, 1943 and honors the 672 men who perished. The Chapel of Four Chaplains is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1947, which recognizes and encourages cooperation, brotherhood, and selfless service. The work of the Chapel is sustained solely by the cooperation and contributions of friends who share in the dedicated spirit of the Four Chaplains.

Many of the members in our department are recipients of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award. The Chapel is a lasting tribute to those four Army chaplains who lost their lives on Feb 3, 1943 when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine. The Chapel will soon be mailing out donation requests to every member who has been inducted into the Legion of Honor, asking for their support in keeping the Chapel of Four Chaplains vibrant. The Chapel's motto of "Unity without Uniformity and the recognition of "ordinary people who do extraordinary things continues to be manifested in so many ways all over the country, and to so many people. Please consider supporting the Chapel with a donation and mail to: The Chapel of Four Chaplains, 1201 Constitution Avenue, The Navy Yard, Building 649, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1307.

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## **Statements/Letter from MCL National Commandant Dennis Tobin**

Marines:

**1st-** Let me start with yesterday's training class (Jan 23) and some backlash due to top National Officers not being on the zoom class. I sincerely apologize for my absence; I am definitely not above the need for training. It was definitely on my schedule but due to circumstances beyond my control and "Family comes first" I was forced to miss the class. My son had shoulder surgery on Friday and Saturday during the class time I had nurses coming in to give injections that the Doctor requested. I will make the next one.

**2nd-** Complaints regarding the processing of transmittal and membership cards and the lack of trust in the ability of our office staff to get the job done.

**PANDEMIC, PANDEMIC AND PANDEMIC.**

Not an excuse but a very big factor. The printing company was shut down for a long period of time. So, if you have a problem with a transmittal and/or the return of your membership card, before you cast stones at National please do the following, 1- check with your Detachment to see when they forwarded the transmittal to your department. 2- Check with your Department and see when they forwarded the transmittal to National HDQ's. Many times a Detachment will hold a transmittal until they have more than 1 or 2 names on it, then a Department may hold it until they have more than 1 transmittal to National. This can lead to a delay of a couple of months. So, once you verify when your transmittal was sent to National then you can call National, membership and speak to them and they will gladly and happily find you an answer.

**3rd-** Please keep in mind that the state of Virginia is still operating under strict Covid19 restrictions. Our HDQ's staff supervised by our COO has done one Hell of a job under the current conditions. They work from home, go into the office at staggered times and days to try and keep up and get the work done. Please Marines, let's keep in mind that we have all been under a great deal of pressure and trying to operate under high stress levels. Many of our members have not been out in months, Some Detachments and departments are just now starting to meet again. Virtual meetings are great to get the work done but they cannot replace handshakes, bear hugs and slaps on the back and good old face to face conversations. So, let's all remember that there is no problem that cannot be solved, no questions that cannot be answered. Do not sit home and get aggravated because you have an issue. Send an email or a phone call up your chain of command and you will get an answer. Remember we are all working toward same goals, HDQ's does not want to hold your transmittals or membership cards. Please be civil and polite to the people that are working to keep us all happy. Thank you all for your outstanding work during these trying times.

### **In Addition:**

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More than ever with the current political issues in our country we must be extra vigilant in making sure we do not allow political posts at any level throughout the League. Every social media page at the Detachment, Department and National level must have a control mechanism in place to help prevent such posts from getting through. There should be 2-3 members, to include the Commandant, to oversee social media sites on a daily basis. They should have the ability to stop and to remove posts.

At the National Level we have our Public Relations team that monitors all activity on our Facebook

page. If they see a post that they feel might be out of line they stop it and review it before deciding whether or not it should be posted. If it is of a political nature it is stopped from being posted. If one does slip through it is taken down as soon as they see it. All Detachments and Departments need to have the same type of fail-safes in place to protect themselves and the Marine Corps League from any kind of repercussions. All Commandants should have a team in place that they can depend on to oversee all posts on their sites. All Commandants should also have access to the sites to review posts.

Over the past few weeks there have been many political posts and discussions started on Facebook, political posters posted on Facebook, and most without the Commandants knowledge. Let us also remember it is a violation of our oaths of membership and the by-laws.

We need to immediately get control over this situation, it cannot be allowed to continue. We cannot risk the Marine Corps League's status to be put in jeopardy. This is our organization, it's our responsibility to protect it and not let a few nay-sayers put the Marine Corps League in a bad light. Remember, it not only reflects badly on us but also the organization that we represent and love: The United States Marine Corps.

I would like all Division Vices to put together a list their Departments and Detachments that do have Facebook and other social media pages and, if possible, keep an eye on those sites for any political activity. In the end, if the political posts continue to show up, someone responsible for the site will have to answer for it.

In closing, let me stress the fact that this in no way restricts your freedom of speech regarding your own personnel social media pages, as long as you do not refer to the Marine Corps League in any manner.

Semper Fi Dennis Tobin  
National Commandant - Marine Corps League

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### **Detachment Agenda and Minutes**

Detachments are required to hold meetings and take minutes. Here are a few things to consider that will help you plan your agenda and also to aid in writing up your minutes.

The Detachment Board of Trustees govern the detachment and are the controlling body of the detachment. It is the duty of the Detachment Board of Trustees to manage the detachment administrative, clerical, and financial procedures. It is necessary to ensure that all requirements are completed to maintain your detachment charter and to protect your detachment membership.

They must be proactive to ensure their detachment officers complete all administrative and financial duties as required. If the board members include the following in their Detachment Monthly Membership Meeting and detachment web site Locator Page, it creates continuity and serves as a reference for some of the recurring administrative duties. Changes can be made as duties are completed and these should be included in every detachment meeting minutes.

Officer Installation date:	EIN:	Detachment Charter date:	Incorporation date:
Locator page last update:	PLM Audit:	990-N-eFile date:	
Annual Corporate Report date filed:	Financial Audit date:	Property Inventory:	
Rifle inventory (Every 3 years, if necessary, for those Detachments who have weapons)			
Membership totals: PLM:	Total Paid:	Total Unpaid:	

In planning your agenda, look back over several of your past meetings to ensure all previously approved motions have been completed. If not place those items into your agenda and mention them in your meeting. Look back to last year's monthly meeting and review those activities and events that took

place and see if any are necessary this year and include them in your agenda.

Look at all your pending reports to determine if any need to be completed this month. Contact your officers to see if they have any items to discuss or reports to present. Look at the current department newsletter and add any items that are pertinent or pending. Fully discuss fund raising events and ensure all pending events are approved as they will fall under the corporation and the insurance coverage.

Special events might require a rider for insurance so look at your policy. Have your adjutant make a template for the minutes as it aids in the completion and ensures accuracy. The minutes should follow the ritual and include all motions, activities and events discussed and approved. All reports completed and those pending. Your minutes are legal documents and used for audit, review and historical purposes and need to be maintained. Plan out your agenda and follow the MCL ritual. By planning your agenda and including any items for discussion, your meetings are organized and will ensure your detachment is run like a business entity.

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### **Recruiting new members**

When you are trying to recruit new members, you need to be prepared to distribute MCL material on the spot as you may meet a potential new member anywhere at any time. You should always carry a membership application with you and have some in your vehicle in case you run across more than one potential new member. Being properly prepared is part of the process. Everyone is a salesman, and you should be ready to give someone your elevator speech as we say. Being able to inform a new member of what the MCL is and what your detachment does in the community is extremely important. That is why it is paramount that you keep your detachment activities in the eyes of the public through promotional and media articles in the local newspaper or television station. Informing them of your event in advance can pay dividend as it's free advertising that these prospective members might see. You can always submit photos and an article of your events and activities to the media. Always promote your detachment. The department has promotional brochures where you can staple a membership application with it and include your mailing address and phone number. It does no good if they cannot contact you. Make yourself some business type cards through vistprint.com and attach one to the brochure; this is immensely helpful.

Distribute some of the brochures in your post office, local library, other military organizations, local bulletin boards in shopping centers or malls and in your visitor and convention centers. If you have a National guard unit in your area go talk with the members about the MCL as often there are several Marines in these units. If there is a truck stop or popular restaurant near by drop off some brochures there. Go talk with the local police or fire departments as Marines always seek positions where they are in demand. Wear something that defines who you are. Marine gear is popular so wear it. If you see a vehicle in a parking lot with USMC decals, insert one of your brochures under the windshield wiper or wait and contact that person. Establish a relationship with your local Marine recruiters as this will pay numerous dividends with recruitment. The idea is to get in places where there is a lot of foot traffic.

A good initiative that detachments might consider is to have a collaborative effort to sign one new member per month. Every member in the detachment can help place focus on signing that one new member. By setting a goal of one new member for the detachment to recruit per month is a lot easier than everyone trying to sign up a new member themselves. Work as a unit on this and communicate with each other to find that new member. Make it your mission and start working on this. Be sure to invite potential new members to your events and social activities and include their families. A good idea is to recruit some of the wives in your detachment as Associate members and this is often a good draw for new members knowing that their wives can also join serves as a great social outlet for the wives. These are just some general ideas on recruitment, but I am sure you can think of others, but this can get you kick started.

Semper Fi, Greg Irwin  
Jr. Vice Commandant Department of WV

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## **Department Officer Nominations**

Department Sr Vice Commandant Jerry Bain is Chairman of the Department Nominating Committee. The following Department Officers will be elected during the Department Convention in Elkins WV on May 15, 2021. Commandant, Sr Vice Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. Nominations for these positions can be submitted to Sr Vice Commandant Doss commencing January 2021. Floor nominations will be taken at the Department Convention.

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### **Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation Applications**

Foundation Temporary Chairman George Gill 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 onetime scholarship so prior recipients are not eligible. The deadline for applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2021. 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. (John Nanny is home from the hospital and recovering slowly; cards are welcome!) 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 eighteen years since the Scholarship Foundation was instituted, 134 scholarships totaling \$116,000 have been awarded.

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### **Department Awards**

Department Awards Chairman Randy Thomas will send out nomination forms for the following department awards after January 2021 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, 2021 to be 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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY AWARD is presented in recognition of this Detachment's outstanding public relations contributions and community involvement from May 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER AWARD is presented to Detachment in recognition for publishing an outstanding newsletter that conforms to the National Newsletter guidelines from May 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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## **Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Award**

Denny Wood President, Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Society will be sending out an announcement for the 2021 Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year after January 2021. Detachments should be considering and submitting a member for nomination for this prestige award upon receipt of the announcement letter. All nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2021 to be considered.

### **Mideast Division Marine of the Year**

Section 300 (h) of the National Administrative Procedures outlines the criteria for selection of the National Marine of the Year. Using these provisions, the following Mideast Division MOY recipients are the committee to select a 2021 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. The Chairman is Frank Mathers - Department of Delaware. The other committee members are Richard Tanner - Department of Delaware, Roger Ware, Mike McLain, and Rick Shank - Department of West Virginia and Jeffrey Jones and Rick Thomason - Department of North Carolina. The guidelines in Section 300 (h) (2) of the above reference must be followed for each nomination. Please insert "Division" in lieu of "National", as appropriate. Any regular member from the Mideast Division can be nominated and the Mideast Division MOY will be presented at the 2021 Mideast Division Conference, April 17, 2021 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman, registered return receipt, post marked not later than March 17, 2021. Mail to Frank Mathers, Mideast Division Chairperson Marine of the Year Committee, 17 Fairway Drive, Ocean View, Delaware 18870. Telephone: 301-520-8051. It must have a cover letter signed by the Commandant and Adjutant or other officers if one of them is nominated. An inner envelope must be addressed to the Mideast Division Chairperson Marine of the Year Committee. A second envelope must be addressed to the Chairperson. It must be sent Certified, Return Receipt Requested for your records, before the postmark deadline. The Marine of the Year Committee will announce the 2021 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference. The above provisions are for 2021 Marine of the Year selection only.

### **Division Marine of the Year Criteria**

This award shall be presented to a REGULAR MEMBER of the Marine Corps League who has rendered service(s) and/or performed a deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League, or a meritorious deed(s) so identified as being within the scope of these rules shall be of such substance that the weight will or shall have brought acclaim and prestige to the Marine Corps League; or has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety

Letters of nomination must originate only at the DETACHMENT LEVEL. No individual nor any subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League shall submit a letter of nomination.

All letters of nomination shall include a cover letter signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant, stating that the nominee for Division Marine of the Year was approved at a regular meeting of the detachment by a majority vote. (In the event a nominee is the Commandant, the letter of nomination shall be signed by the Senior Vice Commandant and the Adjutant. In the event a nominee is the Detachment Adjutant, the letter of nomination shall be signed by the Detachment Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant).

Each nomination submitted shall be placed in a sealed envelope and addressed to "Chairperson, Division Marine of the Year Society". THIS ENVELOPE SHALL THEN BE PLACED IN ANOTHER ENVELOPE and mailed, certified/return receipt requested, to:  
the Chairman at the address listed on the announcement.

The member must be a member in good standing and have served at least either an elected or appointed position within his detachment and department. List how many years he has been a member. List his positions and what was the significance of each if any. Is he a Detachment or Department Marine of the Year?

The recommendation should summarize what the member has done in his detachment, and or department. It should be brief and only impact areas where the candidate performed that brought credit upon his detachment and not merely list that he performed the duties expected of his position and or attended meetings. What were the results of any activities he participated in that were above the normal expected duties of his position?

List those activities where he was the chairman or committee lead. Examples: Toys for Tots for 15 years and how many toys collected and how many children benefited. Chairman of numerous fund-raising events that benefited detachment or selected charities. What was the total amount generated? Did he teach flag etiquette or flag folding to children, how many classes and how many kids for how many years.

What civic projects or volunteer did he do to enhance the league. If he did not participate as a league member in an event or activity, do not list it. What did he do as a volunteer outside of his detachment for the league? Was he recognized within his community for a project?

The nomination should be a snapshot of the member's achievements and not just listing his MCL awards. Did he attend his department quarterly meetings or convention, Mideast Division Conference, National Mid-Winter Staff Conference, National Convention?

The Division MOY Committee has developed a point system to aid them in their selection process. Consideration can be a point given for each event, and a point given for participation outside his detachment for either serving on department, division, or national level, and on any committee.

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### **Department and Detachment Board of Trustees Duties**

- (1) The elected Officers of the Department and Detachment shall be their respective Board of Trustees; however, a Department Convention is authorized to appoint the outgoing Department Commandant or a Past Department Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees. A Detachment is authorized to appoint the outgoing Detachment Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees. The Department Board of Trustees recommendation is that no more than two members from one detachment can serve on the Board during the year. This ensures there is parity in the Department. No individual member of the Department shall serve in more than one position on the Board of Trustees.
- (2) All Officers serving in elective offices must be Regular Members in good standing and have attended a high percentage of regular or special meetings of the Department or Detachment in which they are elected to serve. Each officer is to take possession of those materials previously in the possession of the officer they replaced, and they will turn over all materials in their possession to their successor.
- (3) Each member of the Board of Trustees has the special duty to act in good faith with reasonable judgment for the interest of all its members and to examine all aspects of the department or detachment business including adherence to procedures, financial reports, submission of reports and substantiated expense accounts. Full transparency of financial records is imperative for the benefit of the membership. Every member of the Board should be held accountable to their ethical and fiduciary responsibilities because they serve as a corporate officer too.
- (4) The Department and Detachment will have an ongoing officer training program to ensure that every current or prospective officer has a working knowledge of the National and Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures and Robert's Rules of Order. On the detachment level the officers should be well versed in their own Bylaws and Administrative procedures. Every officer must be well versed in the duties of all other officers within the department or detachment so they can take over and fulfill these duties, as necessary. The Commandant and 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.
- (5) The Board members must ensure that proper administrative, clerical, and financial functions are being performed as necessary by all elected and appointed officers. This includes knowing their department or detachment EIN number, Charter date and Incorporation date, It also includes: holding staff and monthly meetings and keeping minutes, electing officers annually between September 1 and June 30 (Department) and September 1 and May 15 (Detachment) ensuring the Report of Officer Installation (ROI) is submitted, filing of the IRS 990N as soon as possible after June 30 yearly, or when their fiscal year ends, the audit and completion using the National June 30 detachment membership roster of all Paid Life Members (PLM), Department or



Detachment has a Web Sgt and functioning web page, recruitment and retention of members and as required the filing of Annual Corporate Report prior to July 1 annually. Ensure that a TACOM Rifle inspection and inventory is conducted every 3 years of those detachments with rifles. If a detachment Charter is surrendered or revoked, a letter must be submitted with the Charter that the detachment has no rifles, or they have been returned to the arsenal. The submission of all membership dues transmittal and completion of the Paymaster Report each month. Detachments need to conduct a property inventory yearly to account for all detachment property, so they know where everything is located. The responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are not only limited to these duties but all other that arise. The department will monitor and use a system to track their detachments for all administrative reports. Detachments can list all report filing dates in their monthly minutes and can include their Charter date, EIN, incorporation number and date as well as their financial audit and property inventory dates. This allows them to track all reports and is a snapshot for aiding in future filings. The department will ensure their adjutant and paymaster maintain a working relationship with all detachments and offer assistance when necessary if any required reports are not submitted as required. The department BOT will take immediate action on any item requested from National HQ or their Division. They must be proactive to ensure their department and detachment officers complete all administrative and financial duties as required.

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### **Pending Calendar**

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 Department of Virginia Department Convention will be April 30- May 1, 2021 at the Lakewood Retirement Community Clubhouse at 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238. Hotel is the Hyatt House Richmond West, 2809 Charles City Road. Rooms rate \$98.00/night Reservations can be made up to 4/16/21 by mentioning the group name Marine Corps League. phone number is 804-360-7021

2021 Department of Delaware Department Convention and elections of officers will be on Saturday, May 8, 2021 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 will be May 7-9, 2021 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](http://doubletree1.hilton.com) . Contract rate for MCL starts Aug 31, 2020.

2021 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 21-23, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA  
2021 Marine South Expo will be Sept 29-30 at MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC **Canceled**

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%

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## Around the State:



The boyfriend of the sister of Cpl William “Brad” Fulks (Det 1474, Hurricane) wanted to surprise the Gold Star Mother of Cpl Fulks with a very special Christmas gift: he put together a flag case for the Flag that he obtained, that was flown over the State capitol on Cpl Fulks’ birthday this past year, and include a custom-made cover for the Detachment. In this photo, Marine Stan Legge is presenting the cover while they’re standing by Cpl Fulks’ tombstone We don’t know this young man’s name, but his thoughtfulness would make him a “keeper”.

*PLEASE – be sure to send in your pictures and stories for the Straight Scoop to let everyone know what your Det is doing to make an impact in your community!!*



## **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](mailto: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***



**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
WEST VIRGINIA  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**2021 DEPARTMENT OF WV MCL CONVENTION**  
**MAY 14-15, 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 [rware@yahoo.com](mailto:rware@yahoo.com)  
To receive the block price, reservations must be booked by **04/30/21**. Make checks payable to Det. 956, MCL to avoid paying taxes. **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. *(The Registration Fee has been waived and is not required this year)*

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**2021 MCL Department Meeting  
Schedule Department of West Virginia  
Elkins, WV  
MAY 14-15, 2021**

Friday, May 14, 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 15, 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

**Marine Corps League**  
**2021 Mideast Division Conference Registration**

The MCL Mideast Division Annual Conference, hosted by the Department of Delaware, is scheduled for 16-18 April 2021 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center (Ocean Front), 1 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, <https://atlanticsandshotel.com>.

Guestrooms are \$105. per night. Safe rental is \$1.50 per day and there is an 8% hotel occupancy tax. A 10% discount coupon will be provided for a full breakfast buffet in The Grille, which includes both waffle and omelet stations. There is complimentary wireless internet access and parking is provided for guests. The hotel is a non-smoking facility, which includes the balconies. There will be two outside smoking areas provided.

A Hospitality Room will be provided on Friday starting at 1700 and on Saturday from 1200 - 1600. Check - in time is after 1600. Guests arriving before 1600 will be accommodated as rooms become available. Check-out time is 1100.

Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 800.422.0600. When calling, please refer to the Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579 arriving Friday, 16 April 2021.

**TO HAVE YOUR NAME TAG PRINTED AND PACKET PREPARED PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL, YOU MUST BE PREREGISTERED BY 1 MARCH 2021.**

**Please make your check payable to "Department of Delaware", Memo: "Mideast Division Conference," and mail your completed registration to:**

**Neil Greenstein, MCL Dept. of DE Paymaster, 742 Montgomery Woods Drive, Hockessin, DE 19707**

**[JNeil22@gmail.com](mailto:JNeil22@gmail.com)**

**302-530-4750**

**Marine Corps League**  
**2021 Mideast Division Conference Registration**

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REGISTRATION NO. PERSONS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15. EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET TICKET(S) NO. TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40. EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOUVENIR SHIRT(S) TOTAL SHIRT ORDER = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUVENIR SHIRT: (Place quantity next to size)**

**Golf Shirts: (Gold color)**

\_\_\_\_ Small x \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Medium x \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Large x \$25= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ XL x \$27= \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ 5XL x \$35= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 6XL x \$40= \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Marine Corps League** **2021 Mideast Division Conference Registration**

Mideast Division Conference



16 – 18 April 2021  
Rehoboth Beach, DE

# MID-WINTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 25 – 27, 2021 Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510

Phone: (757) 622-6664 \$129.00 per night (Includes Breakfast)

## ALL DEADLINES ARE FEBRUARY 5, 2021

To have your name tag printed and packet prepared prior to your arrival you must be pre-registered. Pre-registration in \$10; registration at the conference is \$12. Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____
Det/Unit/Pound/Pack: _____	Det/Unit/Pound/Pack: _____
Dog Tag #: _____	Dog Tag #: _____
Title 2: _____	Title 2: _____
Street Address: _____	Street Address: _____
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Email: _____	Email: _____

A program book will be printed. All units of the MCL, MODD, and MCLA are all encouraged to support the program book to help offset the cost of the Conference. **It is recommended that you E-mail your ad for better resolution**

### Program Book (place number of ads on the appropriate line)

Full page @ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Half page @ \$60 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarter page @ \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Business card @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patron listing @ \$2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Banquet Meals @ \$60 Each

No. of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 of Meals  
 # Beef \_\_\_\_\_ # Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Total number pre-registration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of banquet meals \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program book ads \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check or money order enclosed ☐ Check / MO # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks and money orders payable to MCL, Inc. or Marine Corps League, Inc.

We gladly accept ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*CVV # \_\_\_\_\_

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*\* For Visa, MasterCard and Discover; please look in the signature strip on the back of your credit card. In the signature strip there are several numbers, some of which may be part of your credit card number. The last 3-digit number is your CVV card security number. For AMEX; your CVV card security number is on the front.*

Please mail to: National Marine Corps League, Attn: Mid-Winter Conference, 3619 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 115 Stafford, VA 22554.

For credit card payment call 703.207.9588 or email forms and ad copy to lwilliamson@MCLLeague.org

Please Cc the Chief Operating Officer Bob Borka at bborka@MCLLeague.org