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Commandants Letter - April 29, 2021

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

I hope everyone is packed and ready because the WV Department Convention is knocking at the door. Remember there will be Professional Development Training on Friday afternoon beginning at 1300 hrs. so come early. A lot of very useful information (some new, some a refresher, and explanation/instructions) will be presented by Rick Shank, Roger Ware and Patti Leib. Our Convention Speaker this year is Jean Lamb. She is an Associate member and Adjutant-Paymaster of Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 947. Jean worked in Washington, D.C for many years

in various positions and for some very interesting people so it should be a very entertaining and enlightening presentation.

I attended the Mideast Division Conference April 15-17 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. If you haven't heard by now our Jr Past Department Commandant Scott Kirby received the well-deserved honor of being the Mideast Division Marine of the Year. It was a long day of driving each way, almost 18 hours roundtrip, but it was an enjoyable trip. A funny experience happened as soon as I arrived. I was unloading the car when a lady walked by and introduced herself and asked if I was there on vacation. I told her I was there for the Convention. She got a real funny expression on her face and asked me if I was sure I wasn't lost and in the wrong place. She then said I see your Ohio license plate and they are in the Central Division not the Mideast. I said I am aware of that, but I am the Department Commandant of West Virginia. Then she laughed and said OOPS sorry!

Here is some useful information on future National Conventions. The 2021 Convention is being held August 8-14 in Springfield, IL. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a backup location in Chattanooga, TN, in case there is a problem with the Illinois location. The 2022 Convention will be held in Daytona Beach, FL; and both Albany, NY and Pittsburgh, PA have put in bids for 2023 National Convention.

Remember the trifold Department brochure has been updated so pick up some at the convention. They are a good recruiting tool to place in various locations in your area and to hand out to potential new members.

Also Remember: all reports are to be emailed to Patti Leib or handed to her at the Convention. Due to time constraints, there will be NO reading of reports at the Dept Convention. But please bring at least 20 copies so all Board members and Detachments may have a copy.

Please keep all members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers as they serve around the world in harms' way.

Semper Fi
Jim Doss, Commandant
Department of West Virginia
Marine Corps League

Chaplain's Corner



Korean War POW Fr. Emil Kapaun's last Easter Mass speaks to this Good Friday

As Holy Week was approaching [identification of the remains of Fr. Emil Kapaun](#)— a Catholic chaplain in the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, during the Korean War, who died in an icy cold, lice- infested North Korean prisoner-of-war camp seemed like a divine plan. With thousands of others deemed "unaccounted for," Kapaun was believed to have been buried in an unmarked grave by the bank of Yalu River.

However, recently the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency [matched Kapaun's dental records](#) and DNA provided by his younger brother Eugene with remains buried in Hawaii, specifically the National Cemetery of the Pacific. President Barack Obama had posthumously awarded Kapaun the Congressional Medal of Honor on April 11, 2013, for the gallantry and bravery he showed to his comrades during the Battle of Unsan (Nov. 1-2, 1950), days before the Chinese Volunteer Army entered into the war theater "uninvited."

Fr. Kapaun's nephew, Ray Kapaun, received the award for his uncle at the White House. The medal citation reads: Chaplain Kapaun calmly walked through withering enemy fire in order to provide comfort and medical aid to his comrades and rescue [the] wounded from No-Man's Land" No one would have heard of this fearless and compassionate priest who died in that hidden village, in the hermit kingdom of North Korea's POW camp, but like all those extraordinary men in history, the witnesses of the great soul told and retold how he made a difference in countless lives.

In Kapaun's case, his fellow prison inmates told of their fearless chaplain who laid his life before his injured combat buddies on the battlefield, and later, for his sick and dying inmate brothers in the dreadful prison camp.

On March 25, 1951, Kapaun celebrated his last Easter Sunday Mass in a war-damaged Christian church near the POW camp. The five months of starvation diet (cracked corn, millet and watery soup) had taken a toll on every prisoner in the camp.

But they were also punished for not having swallowed communist propaganda, and were forced to stand outside in minus 30-40 degrees, making them sick with pneumonia. Those who had not died yet were gravely ill. Unfortunately, Kapaun was no exception.

That Easter Sunday, he stood before a congregation made of about 60 gaunt and foul-smelling POWs from different religious faiths — some wore dirty, tattered American uniforms, some wore British uniforms, others simply wore whatever garments their captors have given them. Since they had arrived there, after a long and agonizing death march — a stretch of 85 miles on snow-covered mountain terrain — no bathing privileges were given. Some also had skin diseases that went untreated.

According to William Maher, author of *A Shepherd in Combat Boots*, Kapaun looked worse than most men in the congregation. He wore a black patch on one eye due to infection after a chip of wood had damaged it, and used a homemade cane when he walked because of the blood clot in his leg, which no one knew about. Still, he had made a small crucifix with scrap pieces of wood and carefully set it at the center of the altar table cleared of the debris.

That Easter Sunday, service was only possible because of the recent modification to the restrictions regarding religious activities in the POW camp. To prepare for this grand event, his last Easter Sunday, the chaplain led a few prisoners to church the previous day, despite his weakened physical condition, and together, they cleared heaps of broken and charred roof tiles, windowpanes, wood panels, and various debris to make room for his congregation.

There was no music prepared for this Easter Sunday service. The theme of his sermon was suffering and the Crucifixion. He didn't utter a word of the risen Christ or glory that followed. The congregation quietly listened, reflecting on the suffering they themselves had endured and what they had witnessed from their lost inmate-brothers, finally grasping the gravity of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion they had not understood before.

Unexpectedly, someone sang the Lord's Prayer, and many joined him. When finished, a chorus of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by the Americans, echoed through the damaged church. "Mine eyes have seen the glory / Of the coming of the Lord ... Glory, glory, Hallelujah! / His truth is marching on."

The Mass ended with the baptism of a prisoner. The man had confided in Kapaun earlier that he had wanted to become a Catholic, and the chaplain chose this special occasion to grant his wish. Afterward, men shared with one another what this Mass meant to them, and how special it was after having lived in the hellish prison for months. But the chaplain broke into tears, surprising them all. When one of them asked why, Kapaun responded that it hurt him for not having served them holy Communion.

Two months later, on May 23, 1951, Kapaun died alone in what the Chinese captors called "the Hospital," an abandoned, dilapidated Buddhist temple on the top of a hill where the communists sheltered their hopelessly ill prisoners. No visitors were allowed. It was two or three days after Kapaun's close friends carried him there on a stretcher that they received the chaplain's final blessings. He followed it with a promise: "When I will be up in heaven, I will say a prayer for your safe return home."

In Maher's description, as the tearful comrades were about to leave the Hospital, they saw their chaplain looking up at the Chinese guard who came to get him. One of them told the others, later, that he had heard the chaplain whispering: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they're doing." Seventy years later, having lost over half a million Americans to COVID-19, and with 30 million having been in combat with the virus, this Easter Sunday holds many questions for Americans. For more than a year since the coronavirus landed in the U.S., we have been ordered to "stay at home."

Many people could not visit their dying parents, spouses and relatives in hospitals or in nursing facilities. Some churches are still closed. Schoolchildren, too, were ordered to stay at home, and attended Zoom classrooms rather than real ones, thus isolating them from their classmates and teachers. Many people lost their jobs, forcing them to move in with others or further depend on government assistance.

In addition, Americans suffered moral injustice caused by the outgoing former president who refused to acknowledge the legitimacy of the newly elected President Joe Biden. Donald Trump incited frustrations and doubts about the future of America, "the republic for which we stand, one nation under God." Today, given our circumstance and the coming Easter Sunday, America needs God's healing grace more than ever. We must understand what Jesus went through — his suffering, his unimaginable pain, his humiliation, and his death on the cruel cross of Calvary...

Kapaun's last Easter Sunday in North Korea not only speaks to us about what he and his inmate brothers went through, but leads us to a deeper understanding of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross before his resurrection.

Semper Fi ~ Chaplain Frank

Professional Development Training – Required Reports following Officer Installation:

Annual Requirements:

- Report of Officer Installation (ROI) completed and hard copy original mailed to the Department Adjutant. ALL Officers dues Must be paid and in good standing to be able to serve as an Officer whether Elected or Appointed.
- Annual Corporation Report (ACR) must be completed online after Officer Installation and a printed copy of the receipt emailed or mailed to the Adjutant. There is a Fee of \$25 for this submission. If you need assistance, the Department Adjutant will help you, or she may process it for you, but you need to reimburse the Adjutant for the \$25 fee.
- Annual IRS990N efile due between July 1 and December 15 each year IF your Det's fiscal year is July-June; otherwise, it is due from the day your fiscal year begins until 5.5 months later. If you are in doubt when your fiscal year ends, check with the Department Adjutant-Paymaster as she keeps these records. There is no fee to file this, but if you fail to file, you can lose your Tax-Exempt status.
- Paid Life Member Audit (PLM) will be sent to you after July 1 each year by the Department Adjutant-Paymaster. You need to note any changes or corrections on it, then scan and email it back to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster ASAP. Your Detachment receives interest on the funds held by National, so it's important that you submit this back to Paymaster Patti Leib as soon as you can. She waits until she has all of them before she submits them to National, so if you delay, you are holding up the entire Department's submission!
- Financial Audit and Property Inventory: Your Detachment should hold your Elections in March of each year and your Installation of Officers in April. Between the Election and Installation, your current Officers must perform a financial audit of your checking account and all accounts/funds held by your Detachment, plus do a physical inventory of all property (gavel, Bible, Charter, tables, chairs, podium, any equipment or vehicles, etc.) listing each item's location and who has the care and custody of it. These audits and inventories should be updated and kept on file with your other permanent records, and a copy sent to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster every year prior to turning over the property and responsibility to the new Officers. (required even if the Officers do not change)
- Annual Dues Renewal Letters should be sent to all your annual members (everyone except PLMs); this should be a joint effort by your Member Retention Team (MRT) consisting of the Jr. Vice Commandant, Paymaster, and possibly your Adjutant and one other member. Letters should start going out in June, with follow up post cards and/or phone calls or in person visits so members do not become delinquent after August 31
- It is highly recommended that each Detachment recognize the efforts of your members as an encouragement and reward for their efforts. Embossed Certificates are available online from the Semper Fi Store on the

National website for only \$1.25 each. Templates are online also, or you may contact the Department Adjutant-Paymaster as she has many of these templates on file and can email them to you. You can also do plaques, gift cards, t-shirts, ribbon bars, or other incentives as appropriate or what your Det can afford. It's worth the effort.

Quarterly Requirements

- Quarterly Det Commandant Reports are due for each Quarterly Department Meeting. A copy should be emailed to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster and Department Commandant, and 20 copies brought to the meeting to be distributed to the Department Officers and other Det Commandants. Instructions for these reports will be provided via email one month prior to the scheduled Quarterly Meeting. Be sure to address each item in the protocol and be ready to read highlights of your report at the meetings if time allows. These reports are due at our September and January Quarterly Meetings.
- Some Detachments perform Quarterly Financial Audits which can be helpful if your Det has a lot of transactions. The annual Audit is much easier if you maintain quarterly audits, to catch any errors or inconsistencies, or to address potential necessary budget changes.

Monthly Requirements

- Monthly Meeting Minutes are due to the Department Commandant as per Department Bylaws, and a copy to the Department Adjutant every month. She keeps track of them and reports to the Board of Trustees on the Detachments who do or do not submit minutes. The Department Commandant uses these Minutes to help keep informed on Det progress and to spot deficiencies or places he might offer assistance or guidance to a new Det Officer. These minutes should also contain your Paymaster's monthly report, and a listing of current and future events your Det participates in.
- Paymaster's Report is due at each membership meeting.
- Member Retention Team should report monthly on progress in recruiting new members (everyone's responsibility) and especially retaining current and former members. Our members are the Most Important thing we have!

As Needed Requirements

- Whenever the Commandant and/or Paymaster change, a copy of the minutes showing that the membership voted and approved to change the signature cards on the bank accounts, must be taken to the bank along with a cover letter requesting to change the names to the newly elected or appointed Officer(s). A Report of Officer Installation showing the change(s) during the year, must be sent to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster for submission to National Headquarters.
- If the Officers change during the year, a change online to the WV Corporation Report should also be made with the WV Secretary of State. There is a \$15 fee for a change occurring during the year, after the Annual Corporation Report has been filed.
- Notice of Death and Transmittal should be prepared with the code NOD on the transmittal, and submitted together to the Department Paymaster, for submission to National Headquarters. The Department Paymaster will provide a copy to the Department Chaplain.
- Dues Transmittals are to be submitted to the Department Paymaster when members pay their dues. Do not hold onto dues or wait until you have a full transmittal – send them as you receive them. All annual members dues expire August 31 each year. Only Paid Life Member dues do not expire.

Officer Nominations, Elections, and Installation

The next item for detachment focus is Officer Nomination and Installation and completion of the ROI. The ROI is required as this lists the Commandant and Paymaster who handle money and who are covered under the insurance bond at National. Plus, the ROI has the current address of your Paymaster so National can mail the yearly PLM interest payment for your detachment (this is outdated since National now makes deposits directly to

the Detachment's bank account). National will not send the PLM interest if your ROI is not current. The Department will track all Detachment PLM audits and ROI's, and will provide your Detachment's bank account information to the COO at National. If you change bank accounts, it is important to notify the Department Paymaster so you don't miss your interest deposit.

Detachments are required to hold their Elections and Installation of Officers between Sept 1 and May 15. After the Installing Officer signs the ROI, the Adjutant ensures it is legible and completed and it is forwarded to the Department Adjutant who forwards it to National HQ. The department Adjutant tracks all detachment ROI's to make sure every detachment files one. Below is the link at national HQ Library site to download the Officer Installation Report

https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fillable-ROI_Detachment_2020- v3.pdf

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. Floor nominations will be taken at the Department Convention.

Annual Corporate Report

Every detachment must be incorporated within the state of WV so after annual Officer Installations are complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report prior to 30 June each year online with 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. This form is also completed and submitted online, and a copy should be emailed to the Department Adjutant for record purposes. Every detachment that is incorporated must file an Annual Report for Corporations. The fee is \$25, payable to the WV Secretary of State's office, and the fee for a mid-year change is an additional \$15. This must be completed before June 30 of each year. This should be done as soon as you have your elections and your officers installed. The Secretary of State has recently sent an email to all detachment and Pounds that they must file their ACR online. They no longer accept a paper copy. Detachments and Pounds that do not file their annual reports on time are at risk of being administratively dissolved or revoked and will be assessed an additional 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 2021 - 2022 terms. That also means it is time for you to submit your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) for 2021 - 2022. Remember that you must send in a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change. Thanks!
Semper Fi,

Mail them to me at:
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Athens, Ohio 45701-1224

**2021 MCL Department Convention Schedule Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV
May 14-16, 2021**

Friday, May 14, 2021 Civilian clothes

1200 Early check in and MODD Passport stamping
1300-1600 Professional Development & Leadership Training
1300-1600 MCL & MODD Registration
1200-1300 Lunch on your own
1300-1700 Department Audit Committee*
1600-1700 Commandant's Council for Detachment Commandants/**Staff Officers' Meeting**
1700-1830 Dinner on your own
1700-2230 Hospitality Room open
1830-1900 MODD Pack Board Meeting, at call of Dept Commandant, Pack Leader, MODD
1900-2100 MODD Growl of the Pack

Saturday, May 15, 2021 - White shirt uniform with black trousers

0600-0930 Breakfast on your own
0800-1000 MCL registration
0800-0815 Flag-raising Ceremony – Dept. Sgt-at-Arms
0820-0930 Memorial Services, all hands attending – Dept. Chaplain
0930-0945 Department Budget Committee Meeting*
0930-0945 Department Nominations Committee Meeting*
1000-1200 MCL Business Meeting
1200-1300 Lunch will be served
1300-1600 MCL Business Meeting
New Officer Installation & Department Officers' Meeting
1730-1830 Formal Reception
1830-2200 Grand Banquet - Red blazer, mess dress and or civilian casual
* **At call of Chairman for Audit, Budget, and Nominations Committees**

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Recipients

John B. Nanny, Chairman, Scholarship Foundation announced the recipients of the 2021 Department scholarship who were presented a check for \$1000.00 each during the Department Convention Banquet in Elkins, West Virginia on May 15, 2021 Since the inception of the program, a total of 150 scholarship have been awarded worth \$132,000 total to date.

Kenly L. Arbogast Marshall University
Grandmother: Susan Paulson, MGM Detachment 1180

Austin Patrick Coleman Bluefield State College
MCL member: Self, Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 957

Madyson Cox WVU
Father: Michael W. Cox II, Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143

Houston Wayne Kessell WVU
Grandfather: David Shockey, Walter L. Mann Detachment 1065

Joelie Meadows Concord University
Grandfather: William Gary Carden Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 957

Kristina Stone Shepherd University
Father: Deceased, Life Member Self: Associate member, Eastern Panhandle Detachment. 1143

Gavin Winter Marshall University

Grandfather: Curtis "Buddy" Winter, Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 947

Nathan Wroblewski University of Cincinnati

Grandfather: Ron Wroblewski, MGM Detachment 1180

VA's National Cemetery Scheduling Office and VA national cemeteries have received many calls from family members and funeral homes asking how they can apply for the Funeral Expense Reimbursement Program that covers funeral expenses when a loved one's death was related to COVID-19.

This new program, which began on April 12, 2021, is run entirely by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). VA has no role in creating or tracking claims for this reimbursement program.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, visit this FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>.

Before getting started

- Gather the documents FEMA requires before you call FEMA to apply. Family members must provide documentation to establish a claim. You do NOT need any paperwork from VA.
- The only way to apply is by calling FEMA's toll-free number. There is no way to apply online.
- Only the person who covered the funeral expenses can call FEMA's toll-free number, not a third party like a funeral home director or cemetery representative.
- FEMA only wants documents showing the costs you incurred. If your loved one was interred in a VA national cemetery, there was no cost to you for those things associated with the cemetery, such as the headstone or marker, the gravesite or columbarium niche, the grave liner, and assorted fees for opening and closing the grave, mounting the headstone, etc. All these items were part of the Veteran's burial benefit with VA.
- FEMA's program can be used to reimburse a family for funeral-related expenses that VA doesn't cover, such as the cost of the casket or urn, clergy fees and funeral home fees. FEMA's website has more details.
- The Veterans Benefits Administration also pays a burial allowance to the families in certain circumstances, whether or not the Veteran is interred in a VA cemetery. To learn more about this VA benefit and who qualifies, click here: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>.

Please be patient with FEMA's call center, as it is currently dealing with a very high volume of calls. If you get a busy signal, try again later. There is no deadline for submitting claims.

Finally, be prepared before calling FEMA's toll-free number. FEMA's website provides all of the details on what you need to do: [Funeral Assistance FAQ | FEMA.gov](#).

Pending Calendar

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 Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842, 800-641-0011, Reservation Code: MILITARY AUXILIARY, Fenwick Inn website, Room Rate: \$59+tax Thursday, Room Rate: \$96+tax Friday & Saturday, Convention registration and banquet information can be downloaded at: www.deptofmdmcl.org. POC: Department Paymaster Ed Dahling Phone: 410 987-5714 Email: 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. **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 25-26, 2021 at Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, 704-547- 7444. 75 Deluxe rooms are blocked for Friday night, 50 Deluxe rooms for Saturday MCL rate is \$119/night + (\$137.15), Reserve Before: June 1, 2021, to be guaranteed a Deluxe room. Reservations made after June 1 will be guaranteed the MCL rate but the room might not be available if these rooms are all booked. MCL rate is in effect for stays the nights of June 22 & 27 Breakfast for 2 is included.

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 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 . Contract rate for MCL started Aug 31, 2020.

2021 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 21-23, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA

2022 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference February 23– 27 2022 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.

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%.



April 26, 2021 – Huntington Detachment 340 presented Marine Harry L. Bunyan with the 2021 Detachment Marine of the Year award. Marine Bunyan has been an active member in Huntington Detachment 340 since 1993. He has participated in countless Parades, Memorials, funeral details, and fundraisers supporting Veterans and their families. He is one of the Detachment's treasured Korean war Veterans. He is the recipient of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award and an active member in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs being awarded Pound Dog of the Year in 2015.

Marine Bunyan has been instrumental in setting up Flag Etiquette classes for elementary school children within his community and is a big supporter of the Huntington Honor Flight for WV Veterans. Marine Harry L. Bunyan has performed above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the Marine Corps League. He has brought acclaim and prestige to his Detachment, Department, and the Mideast Division.

Semper Fidelis,

Huntington Detachment 340

Mideast Division Marine of the Year – Scott Kirby



Scott Kirby, second from left, Past Commandant for the Department of West Virginia, received the Mideast Division Marine of the Year Award on April 17 during the Mideast Division Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Participating in the presentation were, from left, Department of Delaware Commandant Frank Mathers, Mideast National Vice Commandant Roger Ware and Assistant National Vice Commandant Rick Thomason.

Here is a link to more pictures from Mideast Division Conference in Rehoboth Beach, DE:

<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandMarines/photos/pcb.1641021546085231/1641014546085931>

Congratulations!!

MED NVC Roger Ware, Past Dept of WV Commandant Scott Kirby



Roger Ware, Scott Kirby, Frank Mathers

Around the State: Featuring Hurricane Det 1474



Det 1474 Commandant Will Miller presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the widow and sons of former Sr. Vice Jerry Kessler, deceased

Hurricane, WV



Kimberly Adams putting the Detachment MOY ribbon on Commandant Miller

Hurricane, WV



Commandant Miller presented Gold Star Mother Kimberly Adams with a Certificate of Appreciation. Det 1474 was named for her son, Cpl William "Brad" Fulks



Kimberly Adams and Commandant Will Miller, winner of the Marine of the Year Award for Detachment Wm B Fulks Det 14

Hurricane, WV

Commandant Will Miller, Hurricane Det 1474
Presenting Awards to the Officers



Sr Vice Commandant, Vince Turley



Ron Allen, Jr Vice Commandant



Adjutant-Paymaster, Jim McDade



Judge Advocate Warren Bryant



Department Commandant Jim Doss,
Detachment 1474 Commandant Will Miller
Fire Team Leader/Past Dept Commandant Rick Shank



Sgt at Arms Lorn Limanen



Dept of WV Commandant Jim Doss Hurricane
Detachment 1474 Commandant Will Miller



Dept of WV Commandant Jim Doss conducted the
Installation of Officers Ceremony

*(All photos at Hurricane Det 1474 were courtesy of
Janie Legge, Huntington Det 340)*

CPL WALTER L. MANN DETACHMENT 1065
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
PRESENTS:

2021 CAVALCADE OF CUSTOMS

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH



\$20.00 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

FREE T-SHIRT

ENTRY IN PARADE OF CUSTOMS
ENTRY IN CAVALCADE OF CUSTOMS

OPEN TO CARS, MOTORCYCLES, TRACTORS...

'ANYTHING ON WHEELS'

9:30 REGISTRATION @ RIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL

12:00 PARADE OF CUSTOMS TO CAVALCADE OF CUSTOMS (MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT)

TROPHIES - FOOD VENDORS - RAIN OR SHINE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL VETERANS

Find us on Facebook at
Cavalcade of Customs Car Show WV MCL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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MCL: 2021 MED Conference Photos

Inbox



Frank Mathers, Mideast Adjutant

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Good day to all,

The photos taken during the 2021 MED Conference have been posted on the Dept of MD Facebook website <https://www.facebook.com/MarylandMarines/>, the MCL National Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MarylandMarines/photos/pcb.1641021546085231/1641014546085931/?type=3&theater> and the Dept of DE website <https://www.mcldeptofdel.com/gallery>.

Enjoy

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Marine Corps League Mud Run

Saturday, June 5, 2021. Gates open at 6:30am. Check-in starts 90 minutes before each race time. Individual runs start at 8:00am. Pollywog run starts at 10:00am. Or sooner.

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Hooray, Hooray and more Hooray... WXII-12 has done it again and updated the promotional video for this year's Marine Corps League Mud Run. Play it and **PASS IT ON to everyone you know? And, pass along our Mud Run site so they can easily register to participate....**
<http://usmcmudrunnc.com/event-information/register/>

Let's do all we can, working together, to make this year. the best Mud Run we have ever hosted. Our Charities are depending on us... More information to follow, so stand by your email.

Semper Fi,
Lewis Pleasants/Commandant
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