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Commandant's Letter ~ April, 2022

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

April is here so everyone has just one month to get their room reservations and Banquet reservations for the Department Convention in May (due April 30). Don't forget: items are needed for the Scholarship Auction at the Banquet on Saturday night and also items for the Friday night auction to be held in the hospitality room to help with the Convention expenses for Detachment 1180. Detachments can also help by placing an ad in the Convention Ad Book or making a monetary donation.

Professional Development training is conducted on Friday from 1300 to 1600. Conducting the class are Rick Shank, Roger Ware and Patti Leib and they do an excellent presentation on information that will help all Detachment officers as well as members learn how a Detachment operates. There is a tremendous amount of information in the March Straight Scoop on Professional Development and the Officer positions within a

Detachment. Roger Ware and Patti Leib do an excellent job putting out the Straight Scoop every month and the tremendous amount of useful information it contains. Patti sends it out by email every month and if you aren't reading it, you are missing out.

If you haven't turned in a nomination to the Nominating Committee for one of the Department Officer positions it's not too late; you can still do this from the floor at the Convention. Make certain that the person you wish to nominate is willing to accept that position, is qualified to hold that position, and is physically present to accept the nomination.

Detachment members should still be doing a well check on their sick or shut-in veterans or spouses that have lost a loved one. Their needs don't end when the weather improves, especially as the price of everything seems to be increasing lately. They may need groceries or a ride to a medical appointment, or just a friend to talk to. Give them a call – it will bless both of you.

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

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

Chaplain's Corner

Why Jesus Died on the Cross

For Christians, the cross is the symbol of being willing to suffer for the sake of something good.

During my life on earth, I struggle to protect my future with bank accounts, credit cards and investments. I protect my future with health plans, life insurance, Social Security, and retirement plans.

There's nothing wrong with that.

But statistics on death haven't changed. It's still one per person. There comes a moment when no amount of cash or plastic or investments or medicine protect me. I die. No material possessions go with me to the grave. Human companionship stops at the tomb, and I enter alone.

Except that the Lord goes with me. Because of His dying on the cross and rising to new life, the Lord is with me at death, through death, and takes me to the other side to share in the transformed life which God has prepared for me. Jesus is like Noah's ark which saves me from the "flood" of death. I still have to die, but my death is different. It becomes a birth. Death is no longer something to escape. It becomes something to embrace.

That's why I wore ashes on my forehead several weeks ago and heard the words, "dust to dust" without being morbid. I was entering into death and rising with Christ.

That is why the Gospel is indeed the "Good News."

– From "The Little Black Book: Six-Minute Meditations
on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle B)

Professional Development Training

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 the Detachment's money; they are covered under the insurance bond. Plus, the ROI has the current address of your paymaster so National can contact your detachment in writing if needed. National no longer sends the PLM check in the mail, but they still need your current address, and they obtain that from your ROI. The Department will track all Detachment PLM audits and ROI's, and the Department Adjutant-Paymaster will provide National with the required banking information so National can make an ACH deposit of your PLM interest directly to your Detachment's bank account.

Detachments are required to hold their elections and installation of Officer between Sept 1 and May 15, but the Department of WV requests that elections be held no later than March 31 and Installation of Officers no later than April 30. This allows the Department to record the new Officer information and forward the ROI to National prior to May 15 and our Annual Convention. After the Installing Officer signs the ROI, the Adjutant ensures it is legible and completed and it is forward 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

After your Election and Before Officer Installation, your Detachment is obligated to perform a financial audit and an inventory of all property and equipment belonging to the Detachment. This is done between the Election and Installation so that any transfer of records and property can be assured to be in order and complete. A copy of the audit and inventory or a notice of compliance with these obligations signed by the Commandant and Officers/Members conducting the audit and inventory, should be forwarded to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster to complete Department records and assure compliance with Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. Then the Installation of Officers may be conducted and the ROI submitted to the Department.

Detachment Commandants, Paymasters, Adjutants, and Adjutant/Paymasters

It is time for all Detachments to elect their Officers for the 2022 - 2023 term and submit your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) for 2022 - 2023. Remember that you must send in a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change. Thank you!
Semper Fi,

Mail them to:

Patti Leib, Adjutant-Paymaster
Department of West Virginia – MCL
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Mail to:

PO Box 1224
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Annual Corporate Report

All of our detachments must be Incorporated within the State of WV; after Elections and Annual Officer Installations are complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report prior to 30 June each year online at the WV Secretary of State website. For the initial annual filing, there is a fee of \$25 (late filings incur an additional late fee of \$25). Once the form is completed, a copy should be submitted via email (or hardcopy via US mail) to the Department Adjutant for record purposes and to assure all Detachments in WV are in compliance. The Annual Corporation Report should be done as soon as you complete your Elections and Officers are Installed, but not later than June 30. If Officers are Installed or Changed after 1 July, the

Detachment must file an Application to Appoint or Change Officers, and/or Address with the WV Secretary of State; changes made after June 30 (or after your initial filing for the year) will incur an additional fee of \$15, so it is important to wait until you've Elected and Installed the new Slate of Officers before filing. The Secretary of State recently sent a notice to all Detachments and Pounds that they must file their ACR online. They will 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 a mandatory late fee of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) for non-profit organizations as required by West Virginia code.

Annual IRS990N

National had requested all Detachments and Departments to be on the same fiscal year as National, which is July 1 to June 30 each year. Back in January/February the Department of WV and all Detachments on other than this fiscal year, submitted their IRS990N for the prior year, typically a calendar year of January 1 to December 31. Confirmation was then submitted to COO Bob Borka at National, along with a letter from each Detachment and the Department, requesting that their status be amended to the July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year. This means that as of July 1, 2022 all Detachments and the Department will need to file their IRS990N again, even those who filed in January/February. If your Detachment needs to be trained on filing, please contact Patti Leib, Dept of WV Adjutant-Paymaster; she can provide training and assistance. Once your IRS990N has been completed, a printed copy needs to be submitted to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster, and from now on everyone will file after July 1.

Reminder for all Marines:

Appropriate Wearing of the USMC Uniform:

Questions regarding these regulations should be directed to the Marine Corps Uniform Board and/or the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Link to the source document - MCO P1020.3H, Marine Corps Uniform Regulations is at the bottom of this post.

A question often asked; "I am a Marine Veteran; can I wear my USMC Uniform?" The wearing of the USMC uniform is addressed within Marine Corps Order (MCO) P1020.3H. Below are excerpts from the MCO, take note of certain specifics.

Grooming Standards:

Anyone who wears the Marine Corps Uniform must abide by the Marine Corps Grooming standards (paragraph 1004 and 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations).

Active duty/Reservists/Retirees and former Marines must also abide by the height and weight standards (paragraph 8000.2 of the Uniform Regulations).

Wear of Proper Insignia and Awards:

When wearing a Marine Corps uniform you may only wear your current rank, or the rank that you left the service with and may only wear the awards you rate per your personnel records. No deviations of this policy are authorized.

Activities where you may not wear the Uniform:

Paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations provides a list of activities that you may not wear the uniform (i.e., to an event that brings discredit to the Corps, to events in support of political interests, private and/or commercial employment...).

Retiree/Reservist Wear of Uniforms:

As a Retiree/Reservist you may wear the uniform for any event that you wore while on active duty.

As a former Marine (no longer on active duty) there are some restrictions:

You must have served during a time of war (i.e., earned the National Defense Medal during your time in service) and received an honorable discharge to wear the uniform.

Events you are restricted to wearing it to:

Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations.

Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit are taking part. 'Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.'

Recipients of the Medal of Honor may wear the Marine Corps uniforms at their pleasure except for those specific occasions listed in paragraph 11002 of the Uniform Regulations

To summarize: "Former members of the Marine Corps who served honorably during a declared or undeclared war and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service on the following occasions and when traveling to such occasions. Wearing the uniform for any other time or purpose is prohibited. All personnel wearing a U.S. military service or dress uniform are expected to comply with grooming and weight control standards."

<https://www.marines.mil/.../MCO%201020.34H%20v2.pdf>

Widowhood Major Mistakes People Make After Losing a Spouse

The days and weeks after the loss of a spouse can be overwhelming, filled with grief, confusion, and uncertainty. It's also a time when it's easy to make mistakes that have long-lasting impacts, including falling prey to scams, particularly if much of a couple's financial planning was handled by the deceased spouse. To help navigate such a stressful and challenging life chapter, we asked financial planners and money management experts to identify some of the biggest mistakes widows and widowers make in the aftermath of a spouse's passing. Following are the first 8 of the 17 they identified:

Not Knowing About the Family Finances

There's often one partner in a relationship who manages the finances. All too often, the spouse who's not involved knows little about household assets, income, and liabilities, says Neel Shah, estate planning attorney at Shah & Associates. "What happens when the spouse who's managing the finances is unable to do so due to a death or disability? One of the biggest mistakes I see widows and widowers suffer from is not taking an interest in the household finances before they become widows or widowers. To the extent that you can have a high-level understanding of your personal finances, you can avoid most of the mistakes made when the 'financial' spouse does pass away or becomes incapacitated."

Being Unaware of Income Sources

A widow or widower may not be aware of all the income sources they're entitled to and may overlook sources of income. "When my late husband passed away, I was reading through his emails and I inadvertently discovered an employer-sponsored health savings account that he had not designated a beneficiary for" financial coach Anita Wright says. "I would have lost about \$1,800 if I had not discovered it. Both spouses should be aware of all sources of income or insurance that each one has, and beneficiaries should always be current."

Missing Out on Social Security Benefits

A surviving spouse, even if they are not old enough to collect Social Security benefits, should check in with the Social Security Administration as soon as they can after the death of their partner. "There is a lump-sum survivor benefit of \$255 that is available but has to be claimed within two years of the spouse passing, or you lose it," Wright says. "Also, there are slightly different rules for widows and widowers to be able to start collecting Social Security benefits earlier than the average person. Benefits become available at age 60 for the surviving spouse, and there are options that he or she need to look at so that the best-informed decision can be made regarding Social Security benefits."

Leaving Outdated Financial Plans Intact

A surviving partner may pursue new interests or hobbies, changes that could mean adapting or altering financial plans put in place as a couple. "If a spouse was taking care of a husband or wife who was ill, they may not have been able to do certain things for a period of time. Now with more time, freedom, and flexibility, you may have different intentions with your finances, such as traveling or helping other family members," Shah says. If your finances were set up in a certain way but your goals and desires have changed, it may be time to look at your plan and see if you're still on track. Too many people simply leave their financial plan in place without regard for changed circumstances.

Focusing on Kids over Your Own Financial Stability

Women in particular tend to fall prey to this problem. "They start worrying about the kids' inheritance and well-being even though they have just been dealt a difficult situation and are now responsible for all of the assets," says Dennis Doble, a CFP and co-founder of Doble LeBranti Financial Group. "Rather than going through a well-thought-out income plan for their own future and well-being, they feel secure as they now see bigger numbers in their own accounts with one, rather than two people to take care of long-term. So, they start giving things away, putting their own financial independence success at risk."

Transferring IRA Assets

It may seem easier to put everything in the name of the surviving partner but be careful how you do it. If money was left in an IRA with the surviving partner named as the beneficiary, it may be tempting to take that money and transfer it for simplicity's sake. This could be a mistake if you're under the age of 59.5: If you end up needing the money to help pay living expenses, there will be steep early withdrawal penalties. "If the surviving spouse starts withdrawing \$50,000 a year to pay for the mortgage, there will be taxes and early withdrawal penalties of 10% due," Doble says. A wiser course is to establish an IRA-Beneficiary Designated Account for the money that avoids a 10% penalty on early withdrawals.

Making Big Decisions Too Soon

Acting on finance out of emotion can have devastating consequences, says Jacob Dayan, CEO, and co-founder of Community Tax. Take your time. "Do not sell investments you do not fully understand," Dayan says. "Save major decisions for later."

Closing Joint Accounts

Though it may be tempting to immediately cancel credit card accounts, this can backfire. "It can harm your credit scores and reduce credit lines available to you," says John Davis of ScoreSense. "To maintain your total available credit and retain your credit history, ask your lender about removing your spouse from the joint cardholder account rather than opening a new single cardholder account in your own name."

Present Century Philosopher Quotes

The only reason they say "Women and children first" is to test the strength of the lifeboats. ~ Jean Kerr

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. ~ Prince Philip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing. ~ Emo Philips

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself. ~ Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree. ~ Spike Milligan.

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror. ~ Jean Rostand

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars, but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million. ~ Arnold Schwarzenegger

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea. ~ W.H. Auden

In hotel rooms, I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked. ~ Jonathan Katz

If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. ~ Johnny Carson



Top Row: Marine of the Year Medallions for Detachment, Department, and Division Levels
Middle Row: Ribbon Bars for Marine of the Year and Associate Member of the Year Awards, All levels
Bottom Row: Associate Member of the Year Medallions for Detachment, Department and Division Levels

Associate Member of the Year

Associate Member of the Year Award Ribbon has been approved at the National, Division, Department and Detachment levels. This change/addition would be for a RIBBON ONLY. **APPROVED WITH “A” IN RIBBON VICE EGA.** Department Chief of Staff Roger Ware has the letter “A” for the Associate Member of the Year and the Eagle/Globe/Anchor for the Member of the Year awards should your Detachment need to purchase one or more. This will save you on postage/shipping charges.



Bronze A Device



Department Ribbon with A Device



**Detachment AMOY medallion and ribbon
With the “A” device**

Mideast Division Marine of the Year and Associate Member 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 2022 Mideast Division Marine of the Year. And the Associate Member 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, Rick Shank and Scott Kirby - 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 2022 Mideast Division Conference. Any Associate member from the Mideast Division can be nominated and the Mideast Division Associate MOY will be presented at the 2022 Mideast Division Conference. Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman, registered return receipt, post marked not later than May 17, 2022. Mail to Frank Mathers, Mideast Division Chairperson Marine of the Year or Associate

Member 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 or Associate Member 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 2022 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference. The above provisions are for 2022 Marine of the Year or Associate Member of the Year selection only.

Division Marine of the Year (MOY) and Associate Member of the Year (AMOY) Criteria

These awards shall be presented to a REGULAR MEMBER or Associate 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 letter signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant, stating that the nominee for Division Marine of the Year or Associate Member 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 or Associate Member 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 for Associates 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 or Associate Member 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 or AMOY Committee has developed a point system to aid them in their selection process. Consideration can be giving a point for each event, and a point giving for participation outside his detachment for either serving on department, division, or national level and on any committee.

Making Part B enrollment decisions with VA benefits

You can have both Medicare and Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, but Medicare and VA benefits do not work together. Medicare does not pay for any care that you receive at a VA facility.

- In order for your VA coverage to cover your care, you must generally receive health care services at a VA facility.
- In order for Medicare to cover your care, you must receive care at a Medicare-certified facility that works with your Medicare coverage.
- VA benefits will not pay for Medicare cost-sharing (deductibles, copayments, coinsurances).

Note: If the VA authorizes services in a non-VA hospital but does not pay for all the services you get during your hospital stay, Medicare may pay for Medicare-covered services the VA does not pay for.

If you chose not to enroll in Medicare and to keep your VA coverage, you will not have health insurance for facilities outside the VA health system. Some choose to enroll in Medicare Part A because it's premium-free but turn down Part B because of the additional monthly premium. If you want to enroll in Medicare in the future, you may face penalties and would likely have to wait to enroll during the General Enrollment Period (GEP). You will not be eligible for the Part B Special Enrollment Period (SEP) if you delay Medicare enrollment.

If you decide to enroll in Part B, you should do so during your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). Enrolling in Part B provides you with the flexibility of getting health care outside the VA system. Also, you may qualify for programs to help pay the Part B premium and Medicare cost-sharing. Remember that you can keep your VA health benefits to get coverage for health care services and items not covered by Medicare, such as over-the-counter medications, annual physical exams, and hearing aids. Also be sure to think over your drug coverage options when deciding whether or not to delay Medicare enrollment.

Military Retiree ID Card Update No More Covid-19 Extensions

ID cards for retirees and their dependents have changed to the Next Gen USID cards which are being issued now. To reduce the risk of exposure during the COVID-19 pandemic, DOD electronically extended the expiration dates of ID cards. DOD has requested that retirees and their dependents who were extended under the above conditions renew their cards before they expire on Jan. 31, 2022. Extensions of ID cards for dependents of active-duty service members, and Reserve and National Guard service members and their dependents expired on Oct. 31, 2021. DOD will not issue any further extensions, so schedule your appointment today! To locate an office, refer to <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>.

Pending Calendar

2022 Department of Maryland Convention will be 6-8 May 2022 at the Fenwick Inn 13801 Coastal Hwy Ocean City MD 1(800) 641-0011 (Code MCL) \$125.00/room. <https://www.fenwickinn.com>

2022 Department of Delaware Convention will be 7 May 2022 at the Heritage Shores Golf Club One Heritage Shores Cir, Bridgeville, DE 19933. Coffee Mess 0930, Business meeting 1000, lunch will be served after the close of the business meeting.

2022 Modern Day Marine Expo will be 10 – 12 May, 2022 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

2022 Department of North Carolina Convention will be May 13-14, 2022 It will be hosted by RDU Det #1482 in Durham, NC.

2022 Cpl. William B. Fulks Memorial Race Saturday May 14, 2022 at Meeks Mountain Trails, Hurricane City Park, Hurricane WV. Race starts at 9:00 am; To Participate, Sponsor, or Donate, Contact: Vince Turley Phone: 304-668-2896 Email: v.turley@hotmail.com Participant Fee \$40. All proceeds go to the Cpl W. B. Fulks Scholarship program (see attached flier) Race website: <https://aptimeing.com/race/1341>

2022 Department of West Virginia Convention will be May 20-21 , 2022 at The Quality Inn Gallipolis, 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, OH 45769. Phone: (740) 446-0090. MGM Detachment 1180 will be the host detachment. Rooms rate : \$89.00 plus tax Banquet includes choice of: Prime Rib \$30, Chicken \$30 Vegetarian \$25 each. Dinners include salad, entrée, 2 vegetables, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Amenities: Group Rate includes free Wi-Fi, free parking, free cable, free in-room coffee, free breakfast for two guests per room (each additional guest in a room pays \$6) Breakfast is 6 a.m. – 10 a.m. Pre-registration due by April 30, 2022. For information call Jim Doss: (740) 441-5638, Jerry Bain: (304) 593-9519, or Patti Leib: (740) 591-8611

2022 Department of Virginia Convention will be May 13-14, 2022 in Virginia Beach, Va.

2022 MCL Mideast Division Conference hosted by the Department of North Carolina in 24-26 June 2022. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Raleigh-Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park, 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, North Carolina 27703, phone (855) 605-0318 or : (919) 941-6000 The host Detachment is Cpl Alan D Lamm from Burlington. Room Rate are available from June 23rd through 27th . Group Code: Marine Corps League The room rate is \$99 per night (+ tax), one king or two doubles. Breakfast included for free for up to two people per room, per day. Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel no later than May 26, 2022.

2022 MCL National Convention Will be August 15-19, 2022 at Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL, 32118 Phone: (800) 774-1500 code MCL22 Room rate: \$127.00 plus 12.5% Room reservation open 0800 August 16, 2021. Rates good 4 days prior and 4 days after convention. Self-Parking: \$21.30 per car per night (includes 6.5% sales tax) Valet Parking: \$31.95 per car per night (includes 6.5% sales tax) This hotel is nearly full. ALTERNATE HOTEL INFORMATION: The Plaza Resort & Spa Daytona Beach's Grand Resort. 600 North Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118, Phone: (866) 500-5630 and as for MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, All-in Rate is \$142.88 per night includes 2 breakfasts per room per night. Self (\$15) and Valet (\$25) Parking is separate per day cost.

2023 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be 2/23/2023 – 2/25/2023 (check in 2/22, check out 2/26) Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive Norfolk, VA <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfsi-sheraton-norfolkwaterside-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.

2023 MCL National Convention will be August 14-18, 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK. At Omni Oklahoma City Hotel, 100 W Oklahoma City Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73109 , (405) 438-6500 Room rate \$165.48 includes tax. Parking not included but is \$10 per day. Pet friendly with service animals no charge but others is \$165.00 per week. Rate good for 3 days prior and afterwards.

In Memory of our fallen Brothers



Cpl. Jacob M. Moore, 24, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky was killed in Norway in an Osprey crash during a NATO Exercises on March 18, 2022. Marine Moore arrived back home on April 1, 2022 at the Huntington, WV Tri-State airport. His fellow Marines, Veterans, family, friends, and several members of a thankful community were proudly there to receive him.

Pictured top left: Marine Moore's family and friend await his arrival. Pictured Top right: Huntington Detachment 340 pays their respects to the fallen Marine. Pictured bottom left are 340 members L to right John Roberts, Brandy Hodgens, Maria Cain, Stan Legge, Keith Ferguson, 1st Sgt. Mays, Rick Shank, Marine Staff Sgt, and Denny Wood.

Marines Capt. Matthew J. Tomkiewicz, 27, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Capt. Ross A. Reynolds, 27, of Leominster, Massachusetts; Gunnery Sgt. James W. Speedy, 30, of Cambridge, Ohio perished in the crash with Jacob. Fair winds and following seas Marines. Semper Fidelis.



CPL. Jacob M. Moore (Neal)

December 29, 1997 - March 19, 2022

On March 19, 2022, CPL Jacob M. Moore entered the kingdom of Heaven.

"Jacob met God that day and beside him stood Jesus, and Jacob said, 'I am home.'" Standing, behind Jesus, Jacob saw Fred Moore, Ruby Kelly, Bill Kelly, Pauline Steele, and his little sister. Standing behind them, he saw many other family and friends who
← a gone on before--including thousands and thousands of his band of brothers. We are confident they all celebrated his arrival."

Jacob was born on December 29, 1997, to Michael T. and Rhea Michelle Steele Moore. He attended Mavity Freewill Baptist Church. Jacob was a 2016 Graduate of Boyd County High School, where he was on the Football and Golf teams. Jacob was also an avid sportsman, enjoying hunting, being outdoors, and going to the gun range in North Carolina, where he was a member.

Here on earth left to cherish his memories, and spread the peace and love of Jesus, are CPL Jacob M. Moore's parents, Michael T. Moore and Rhea Michelle Moore and a sister, Hannah Michelle Moore.

Other surviving family members include a grandmother, Doris Moore; aunt, Cindy and uncle, Darrell McClelland; aunt, Sandy and uncle, Darrell Tucker; aunt, Donna and uncle, Chris Reliford; great-grandpa, Jim Steele and great-grandma, Darlene Steele; grandfather, Mike Steele and grandmother, Cheryl Steele; aunt, Valerie Steele; uncle, Michael Steele and aunt, Kristen Steele.

CPL Jacob M. Moore is also survived by many beloved cousins, other extended family and friends--including his own 261 Squadron and the United States Marine Corp.

"Jacob Michael Moore your death was not in vain, and we are confident the plan of God is to bring many more souls to salvation by hearing your story. Like the father above lost his son in order to save many, we too have lost our son in order that many might be saved."

Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM, Monday, April 4th, 2022, at the Boyd County High School, 14375 Lions Lane, Ashland, KY, with The United States Marine Corp providing full Military Honors. Visiting hours for family and friends will be 12 noon until 6 PM on Sunday, April 3, at the Boyd County High School. Burial will be at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East in Grayson, KY.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family respectfully asks that donations and contributions be sent to the Jacob Michael Moore Scholarship Fund at Kentucky Farmers Bank, 6313 US 60, Ashland, KY. 41102. The family wishes to aid students who have not been deemed scholarship eligible but desire to further their education upon high school graduation.

Neal-Kilgore & Collier Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moore Family.

Events

Visitation

Sunday April 03, 2022
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Boyd County High School
14375 Lions Lane, Ashland, KY, USA

*Guaranteed delivery before CPL. Jacob's
Visitation begins.*

Funeral service

Monday April 04, 2022
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Boyd County High School
14375 Lions Lane, Ashland, KY, USA

*Guaranteed delivery before CPL. Jacob's Funeral
service begins.*

Guestbook



In Memory of Denzil Swanner



Denzil Swanner Age 86.

PDD DENZIL W SWANNER 00-069, POUND 331, WV PACK
MOUNTAINEER MARINE DETACHMENT 957, PRINCETON, WV

11-25-35/1-32-22 Life Member Of Princeton MC L957 & MODD # 331 Passed Away From Metastatic Cancer
January 31, 22. He Was 50% Service Connected With Hearing Loss, Loved To Ride His Harley Motorcycle,
hunt & fish.

He Is Survived By His Wife Carolyn, Son Denzel & Daughter Tracy. He Was Laid To Rest In The Ohio
Veterans Cemetery at Seville Ohio. His Wife Carolyn Made The Table Drape For MCL 957.

Carolyn Swanner Wife Denzil's Wife +1 440-309-4415



Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Foundation



Hershel “Woody” Williams
3450 Wire Branch Road
Ona, WV 25545
304-743-1026

Chair – George O. Gill
705 McIntosh Ave
Ravenswood, WV 26164
Phone – 304-377-1345
email – gogill@suddenlink.net



2 April 2022

Greetings;

The Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation committee met on 2 April 2022. In attendance were Chair George O. Gill, member James McDade and member R. Michael Lynon.

We received 7 scholarship applications. One (1) application was rejected. The following six (6) were approved:

Emma Martin
Marietta College
MGM Detachment 1180
Father – Roger Martin

Katelyn Miller
Fairmont State University
Earl Anderson Detachment 342
Father – Allen Miller

Victoria Elizabeth-Ann McMillian
Marshall University
Huntington Detachment 340
Grandfather – Roy Marcum

Katy Limanen
Marshall University
Cpl William B Fulks Detachment 1474
Father – Lorn Limanen

Ciarra A. M. Binkney
Marshall University
Wood County Detachment 1087
Grandfather – R. C. Heckert

Alaina Michele Miller
Bridge Valley Community & Technical College
Cpl William B Fulks Detachment 1474
Father – William D. Miller

Regards

George O. Gill

Around the State:

Cpl William B Fulks Det 1474
Officer Installation 3/21/2022



L to R: Commandant Warren Bryant, Sr Vice Vince Turley, Jr Vice Ron Allen, Adjutant-Paymaster Jim McDade, Chaplain Marnie Edwards
(Not pictured: Judge Advocate Will Miller)



Sgt at Arms Lorn Limanen giving instructions to
Commandant Warren Bryant, Det 1474



New Slate of Officers for Hurricane Det 1474



Passing the Gavel: Department Commandant
Doss to Detachment Commandant Bryant



Congratulations, Commandant Bryant!



MGM 1180 celebrating March Birthdays after the March
Detachment meeting (Martha Carson, Patti Leib, Jim
Doss, Shelly Edmonds, Sara & Ben Edwards, Jerry Bain,
Chuck Cooper, Cheryl & Ron Wroblewski)



Marine Corps League Detachment #1474 of Hurricane, WV presents the

Cpl. William B. Fulks Memorial 2nd Annual Trail Event Run, Ruck, or Walk!

When: Saturday, May 14, 2022
Start Time: 9:00AM
Location: Meeks Mountain Trails,
Hurricane, WV



Event Description:

The proceeds from this race will contribute to a scholarship fund in honor of Cpl. William B. Fulks and support this local Marine Corps League Detachment in its pursuit to serve veterans of our community.

This trail event is an annual tribute to this local hero who was assigned to the 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. On May 1, 2006, Cpl. Fulks was wounded while conducting combat operations in Anbar Province, Iraq by an improvised explosive device (IED) which detonated beneath his Humvee near Fallujah. The blast inflicted second and third degree burns along with internal injuries. Cpl. Fulks succumbed to his wounds on Thursday, May 18, 2006.

Entry Fee: \$40

- 5K Run, Ruck, or Walk, 10K Run or Ruck
- T-Shirts for all participants and prizes for podium winners
- This event will be held rain or shine

Contact: Vince Turley

Email: v.turley@hotmail.com

Phone: 304-668-2896

Race website: <https://aptiming.com/race/1341>



Cpl. William B. Fulks Memorial Race Sponsorship Letter

Saturday May 14, 2022 at Meeks Mountain Trails, Hurricane City Park

We cordially invite you to participate as a sponsor of the 2nd annual Cpl. William B. Fulks 5K / 10K Race. This is a trail event with the option to run, ruck, or walk. This event will honor Cpl. William B. Fulks. A local fallen hero who served in the United States Marine Corps and succumbed to the injuries he sustained during combat operations in Fallujah, Iraq in 2006.

Your sponsorship will help defray the cost of the event and support this local Marine Corps League Detachment in its pursuit to serve veterans of our community. Funds received will be used to purchase T-shirts for registered race participants, timing services, promotions, and medals for top finishers per category. Additional sponsorship money and race entry fees will be used to support the nonprofit mission of our local Marine Corps League to voluntarily aid and assist veterans of our community. The race proceeds will also contribute to a scholarship fund in honor of Cpl. William B. Fulks.

The following are the various levels of sponsorship that is available and the details for each level.

| Sponsorship | Cost | Benefit |
|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Platinum Sponsor | \$1000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large logo on most prominent position on Race T-Shirt • Logo on most prominent position of all race promotions • Sponsor logo on signs at race day • Company Executive to welcome participants at start of the race • Table of information at the event • Verbal recognition race day • 4 complimentary T-shirts • 4 complimentary race entries |
| Gold Sponsor | \$750 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large logo on Race T-Shirt • Logo on all race promotions including link on website • Sponsor logo on signs at race day • Table of information at the event • Verbal recognition race day • 4 complimentary T-shirts • 2 complimentary race entries |

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Silver Sponsor | \$500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on Race T-Shirt • Logo on all race promotions including link on website • Table of information at the event • Verbal recognition race day • 2 complimentary T-shirts • 1 complimentary race entry |
| Bronze Sponsor | \$250 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on Race T-Shirt • Logo on all race promotions • Verbal recognition race day • 2 complimentary T-shirts |
| Friends of the Marine Corps League | \$100 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small logo on Race T-Shirt • Logo on all race promotions • 1 complimentary T-shirt |
| In Kind | | <p>We are currently looking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and sport drinks • Post-race nourishment • Race day volunteers • Participation swag and distribution bags |

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Attached is the sponsorship letter which can be completed and submitted by mail.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Vince Turley by text / phone at 304-668-2896 or at v.turley@hotmail.com.

Race Website:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/CplWilliamBFulksMemorialRace>

Sincerely,

The Marine Corps League

Detachment #1474

Cpl. William B. Fulks Memorial Race Sponsorship Agreement Form

I. Sponsor Information

Company: _____

Contact person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company website: _____

Social media pages: _____

II. Sponsorship Level: _____ Dollars: _____

III. In kind donations / suggestions: _____

IV. Payment

Checks Payable To:

Cpl. William B. Fulks Det1474 MCL

PO Box 297

Hurricane, WV 25526

*Questions – Please contact Vince Turley at v.turley@hotmail.com or
text 304-668-2896*

***Note: Sponsorships are not confirmed until payment has been received and
confirmed by the Marine Corps League*



**DEPARTMENT
OF
WEST VIRGINIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



2022 DEPARTMENT OF WV MCL CONVENTION
MAY 20-21, 2022 – Gallipolis, OH – Hosted: Det 1180

Will be held at the Quality Inn Gallipolis, 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, OH 45631 hosted by MGM Detachment 1180. Registration is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Room rate: \$89.00 per night plus tax for a king or double room; includes free continental breakfast, free parking, and Wi-Fi Internet. **Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel no later than April 30, 2022 by calling (740) 446-0090 or toll free to (877) 424-6423.** The hotel website is www.choicehotels.com/QualityInn/Gallipolis . Reservations are currently being accepted.

Banquet Cost Choice of: Prime Rib \$30.00 – Baked Chicken \$30.00 – or Vegetarian \$25.00

Mail a check for your Convention Registration and Banquet Reservation to: MGM Det 1180, PO Box 235, Point Pleasant, WV 25550.

Please print off and mail in for advance registration and for your name tag.

Attendee

Name _____

Title _____

Detachment _____

Address _____

City/State/zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest

Title/Relation _____

Email _____

\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____

Prime Rib \$30 each \$ _____

Baked Chicken \$30 each \$ _____

Vegetarian \$25 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Attendee

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest

Name _____

Title/Relation _____

Email _____

\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____

Prime Rib \$30 each \$ _____

Baked Chicken \$30 each \$ _____

Vegetarian \$25 each \$ _____

Total \$ _____



**DEPARTMENT
OF
WEST VIRGINIA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**2022 MCL Department Meeting Schedule
Department of West Virginia
Gallipolis, OH
MAY 20-21, 2022**

Friday, May 20, 2022

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 21, 2022

0600-0930 Breakfast

0800-1000 MCL registration

0800-0815 Flag-Raising Ceremony

0830-0915 Memorial Services, all hands attending

0930-0945 Department Budget Committee Meeting*

0930-0945 Department Nominations Committee Meeting*

1000-1200 MCL Business Meeting continued

1200-1315 Lunch on your own

1315-1600 MCL Business Meeting resumed

1615-1640 New Officer Installation & Department Officers' Meeting

1800-1900 Formal Reception

1900 Grand Banquet

* At call of Chairman for Budget and Nominations Committee



**DEPARTMENT
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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



Attendee

Name: _____

Title: _____

Detachment: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest

Name: _____

Relation/Title: _____

Email: _____

\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____

Prime Rib \$30.00 each \$ _____

Baked Chicken \$30.00 each \$ _____

Vegetarian \$25.00 each \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Attendee

Name: _____

Title: _____

Detachment: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest

Name: _____

Relation/Title: _____

Email: _____

\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____

Prime Rib \$30.00 each \$ _____

Baked Chicken \$30.00 each \$ _____

Vegetarian \$25.00 each \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Attendee

Name: _____

Title: _____

Detachment: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest

Name: _____

Relation/Title: _____

Email: _____

\$5.00 pre-registration each \$ _____

Prime Rib \$30.00 each \$ _____

Baked Chicken \$30.00 each \$ _____

Vegetarian \$25.00 each \$ _____

Total: \$ _____