



The Straight Scoop

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Department Financial Report

Marine Corps League, Department of West Virginia Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation:

22 Aug 2010 beginning balance: \$12,523.06 Deposits: \$0.00 Interest: \$3.40

22 Sept 2010 ending balance: \$12,526.46

Please send all donations to John Nanny, P.O. Box 2121, Wheeling, WV 26003-0234.

Marine Corps League, Department of West Virginia General Account and Paymaster Report:

20 Aug 2010 statement beginning balance: \$4,133.63 Deposits: \$75.00

Debits: \$0.00

20 Sept. 2010 statement ending balance: \$4,208.63

Paymaster Gill reminds detachments they each need to send in a paid life membership listing of their detachment members based on the June 30, 2010, original listing from National. The detachment's paymaster and commandant must sign the listing to verify it is true and accurate. This must be done and received at National before Dec 30 or any detachment not performing this will not receive their annual PLM interest payment.

2011 MCL State Convention Slated for May 13-15 in Wheeling

The MCL Department of West Virginia State Convention hosted by Jones, Wolin & O'Brien Detachment 771 will be May 13-15 at the Wilson Lodge at Oglebay Park Resort on Route 88 north of Wheeling. Room cost is \$99.00 per night and rooms are reserved. The cost and type of banquet meals has not yet been determined. Convention registration will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. More information will be released as it becomes available. The phone number for Oglebay Resort Center is 304-243-4000.

Free Dinners for Veterans at Golden Corral on Nov. 15

The Golden Corral restaurant is offering a free dinner to all veterans from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 15. The dinner includes one free buffet dinner and drink. For more information, check out Golden Corral's website on Internet at <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>

Donations Needed to Complete American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will soon be constructed at a magnificent site only a couple of blocks from the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Monetary donations are needed to make this project a reality. Over \$1 million remains to be pledged and collected for groundbreaking to take place.

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial is unique in that it honors all disabled veterans from all branches of our armed forces and from all conflicts past, present, and future. More than three million veterans suffer permanently from their military service.

More than one million individual donations from veterans of all service branches have been received, but donations have been received from many Marines. But, Michael C. Corbett, veterans fundraising coordinator for the Disabled Veteran's LIFE Memorial Foundation, said “As a Marine, I would like to see our ‘breed’ much better represented.”

“We are so sure that fund raising for groundbreaking will reach its goal that we are already planning this event for later this year -- no actual date has yet been set, but an announcement may soon be made – wouldn’t it be wonderful, and apropos, that the big day coincides with Veteran’s Day?” he said. And in about 24–30 months afterward, the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will be held.

“This would be a most fulfilling and fitting tribute, as well, to the more than 34,000 wounded during ‘Operation Iraqi Freedom.’ And, with the Lord’s blessing, all those finally returned home at the end of the war in Afghanistan,” he said.

The Disabled Veterans Life Memorial Foundation, Inc., designated by Federal law (PL 106-348) to conduct fund raising and administer the design and construction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, is an IRS 501c(3) nonprofit organization, making your donation tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. This law stipulates that “... no Federal funds may be used to pay any expense of the memorial ...” therefore, the \$86 Million required to design and build the Memorial must come from private sources.

Further information is available at www.avdlm.org or you may make inquiries by contacting Michael C. Corbett, Veterans Fundraising Coordinator, Disabled Veteran's LIFE Memorial Foundation, 6274 Linton Blvd, Suite 105, Delray Beach, FL 33484, phone 800-331-7590 or 561-637-1525, ext. 1105.

More than \$14 Million Approved for New Veterans’ Cemetery; Groundbreaking on Oct. 14

Ground will be broken at 10 a.m. Oct. 14 for the Donal Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, named for a former Marine and West Virginia Veterans Council chairman who will be the first to be buried there.

The ceremonies, to be attended by veterans and officials from throughout the state, will be at the West Virginia State Police Academy, 135 Academy Dr., Dunbar, WV. The cemetery is made possible by a Department of Veterans Affairs grant of \$14,118,455, the largest grant given by the

VA for a state veterans cemetery.

Kinnard, also a Navy SEAL, was a recipient of the Navy Cross and served seven tours in Vietnam. He later was chair of the West Virginia Veterans Council until his death and worked with U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin to make the cemetery a reality.

Dept COS Rick Given said MCL members will begin gathering at 9 a.m. at the groundbreaking site. He said those in attendance should wear red blazers and be in compliance with all other MCL uniform regulations.

“He (Kinnard) fought tirelessly for all veterans,” Given said. “All of the state and local dignitaries will be present and it is important that we as Marines and other branches of the service be there to show our appreciation and support.”

In February Rockefeller, Manchin, Dow representatives and VA officials joined to honor a land donation agreement between Dow and the state for the new veterans’ cemetery. Rockefeller had been part of a longstanding effort to develop the agreement, inviting then VA Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs Bill Tuerk to discuss with West Virginia veterans the State Cemetery Grant Program offered by the VA.

The VA will provide 100 percent of the construction cost and the state will be responsible for operational costs thereafter. The West Virginia Division of Veterans Affairs, at the direction of the West Virginia Veterans Council, prepared a feasibility study for the governor’s approval in December 2007. In 2008, the West Virginia Legislature enacted legislation permitting lottery proceeds to provide operational funding for the cemetery, then the state applied for the VA grant.

For information, call Given at 304-965-3541.

Department Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications and cover letter have been mailed to every detachment Commandant. Please read over this information and pass on to any eligible individual as the deadline is March 15, 2011.

Calendar of Events

Department Quarterly meeting 10 a.m. Jan. 15, 2011, at American Legion Post 104 on Avery Street in Parkersburg. Department Staff Officers meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. and Pack Growl will follow.

Marine Corps League Midwinter National Staff Conference: February 10-12, 2011 at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 USA Phone: 1-703-849-9400 Fax: 1-703-849-8692

2011 Mid East Division Conference will be held in Delaware. Location and date TBA.

2011 Department Convention will be hosted by Jones, Wolin & O’Brien Detachment 771 in Wheeling, May 13-14 at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center.

2011 MCL National Convention Jul 31-August 6 at Doubletree Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho. 1-800-222-TREE or 1-208-343-1871. Room rates are \$86.00 plus 13% tax. Hosted by Treasure Valley MCL Detachment 878, Boise, Idaho.

2012 Department Convention will be hosted by Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Detachment 947 in Charleston, WV at Charleston Marriott.

2012 MCL National Convention Aug 12-18 at Renaissance in Mobile, Alabama in The Battle House Hotel & Spa Mobile and Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. Tel: 1-800-922-3298 or 251-438-4000. Room rates \$107.00 plus 14% tax. Hosted by P.L. Wilson Detachment 447.

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