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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains and Associate Members. I hope this finds you well. We have crossed the Line of Departure and are two weeks away from conquering our objective known as the Department Convention. It is still not too late to register as you can also register the day of the Convention. I have spoken to the Worthy Pack Leader and the Dawgs of the Pack and have been assured that this will be one of the best Grand Growls had in recent times. So, bring your sense of humor and a bunch of big bones and get ready to have a Howling good time. I am very proud of our Professional Development Team as I have had a chance to review the training that will be given. Please bring as many Marines and Detachment Officers to this training as possible as it is very informative and probably the best training that I have seen in a very long time. We will also be discussing and voting on the new Department bylaws that the Committee has spent some long and arduous hours preparing for your review. This is the business of our Department, so you need to be there to have a say in how we operate going forward.

We will have a great guest speaker for the banquet as well as our friend and Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams will be on hand for the banquet and scholarship auction.

I want to thank Denny Wood, our Department Raffle Ticket Chairman, and all of the Detachments that sold tickets this year. Last count is all detachments sold all the tickets that were issued. Bravo Zulu Marines.

In closing, pack your bags and get to Morgantown. Stay safe and watch each other's six.

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

Semper Fidelis,

Scott Kirby

Commandant

Dept. of WV

Marine Corps League

Chaplains Corner

At the end of the Civil War, the Southern Confederate General Robert E. Lee was being pursued by Ulysses S. Grant. Lee told his associate he could not surrender his country, meaning the Confederacy. The associate replied, "Sir, there is no country, there has been no country for the last four years." In other words, the Confederacy was, for all intents and purposes, non-existent.

If Lee had only realized that it did not exist, he wouldn't have wasted so much time fighting a fruitless battle. If Lee had only nothing to go to war about, and nothing to lose, there would have been peace much sooner, and Lee would have been a much happier man.

It's the same with us! So many of the battles, conflicts, anxieties, fears and problems happen because we still think we have something to lose. But in Jesus, our old life is over! So, don't be like Robert E. Lee, fighting, striving, and worrying about something that no longer exists. Your old life is over! That "country" no longer exists. Now live free and blessed!

Johnathan Cann

Chaplain Frank Armentrout

Annual Corporate Report

Every detachment must be incorporated within the state. As soon as annual Officer Installations are complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report. This report is due prior to 30 June each year to avoid a \$25 late fee. If paying with a credit or debit card, or electronic check, your Detachment Paymaster or Adjutant-Paymaster can complete this form on line. If Officers are installed or changed after July 1st, the Detachment must file an Application to Appoint or Change Officers, and/or Office Addresses with the WV Secretary of State. There is an additional fee of \$15 to make changes during the year.

Once the form is completed, a copy should be mailed to the Department Adjutant for record purposes and to assure compliance. Every detachment that is incorporated must file an Annual Corporation Report. The cost is \$26 and is payable to the WV Secretary of State's office. This must be completed before June 30 of each year and should be done as soon as you have your elections and your Officers are installed. The Secretary of State has recently sent an email to all Detachments and MODD Pounds that they must file their ACR on line. They will no longer accept a paper copy. Detachments and Pounds that do not file their annual reports on time are at risk of being administratively dissolved or revoked and at the very least, will be assessed a mandatory late fee of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) for non-profit organizations as required by West Virginia Code.

MCL National Convention 2022 site in Eastern Quadrant

In 2014, the Department of WV and Detachment 947 hosted the 2014 MCL National Convention in Charleston, WV. It was extremely successful and set a modern record for attendance. The National Convention for 2022 will be selected from a site within the eastern quadrant. The Mideast Division is in that quadrant. The Department of WV is considering submitting a formal bid to host this event in August 2022. This will be discussed at our department convention in Morgantown. We need support from the detachments in our department to host this event. Detachments can sell local ads, collect various items for the Mountaineer Room Silent Auction/ Raffles, sell coins, patches, t-shirts and 50/50 daily, drive vehicles, staff information booths and have support personnel to assist in WV Room. In addition, the WV MODD Pack will host the MODD Hospitality suite and will require support with securing food and serving food and beverages, set up and clean up upon completion. Talk with your members, as your detachment can benefit from assisting and this would be a great fund-raising event as you would share in the profits after all expenses are paid.

2019 MCL Department Convention Schedule Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place, Morgantown, WV May 17 -19, 2019

Friday, May 17, 2019

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 18, 2019

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

1200-1315 Lunch on your own

1315-1600 MCL Business Meeting

1615-1640 New Officer Installation & Department Officers' Meeting

1800-1900 Formal Reception

1900-2200 Grand Banquet

* At call of Chairman for Audit, Budget and Nominations Committee

Professional Development Training

There will be a training class conducted on Friday, May 17, 2019 from 1300 until 1600 during the Department Convention. The presentation will be mock membership meeting and will encompass every aspect of a meeting based on various activities that might be discussed during a meeting. It is imperative that all new detachment officers & any other members who desire more knowledge of the functions involved with conducting a meeting attend. It will be very informative and no uniform is required to attend. It will be presented by members of the department professional development training team.

Department Convention - Dept Staff Officers Meeting

1600, May 18, 2019 in Morgantown, WV

Dept Membership: PLM Total Paid Unpaid as of May 1, 2019

Detachments and renewal notice letters: RE all dues expire Sept 1 yearly

Membership Retention Team: work on renewal and increase membership

Detachment Admin: Reference Dept snapshot page

Professional Development Training – Detachment meetings and ritual

Guidebook for Conventions

Detachment ROI with installation send copy to Dept Adjutant

New National MCL dues transmittal form - <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>

Det Adj/Paymasters: ensure you use current forms listed on national sites

Annual Corporate Report due before July 1 or you will incur a \$25 late fee – send copy to Dept Adjutant

990 N efile annual requirement After July 1; send IRS confirmation copy to Dept Paymaster Dept

MOY packages, Dept Awards packages, Member recognition - MCL certification

Dept BY and AP rewrite – seek approval

2019 Department of WV Fall Quarterly Meeting site, Henlawson – Det 577 Bid

2020 Spring Quarterly Meeting site --

2020 Dept Convention – Elkins - Det 956 Bid

2019 Mideast Division Conference in WV June 21-23 Princeton, WV

Pistol raffle – department only- detachment can only sell in their area

Nominations – floor nomination will be taken for 2019-2020 term for Department of WV Officers

2022 National Convention in Charleston, WV – seek approval for bid in Nov 2019.

National Convention – Attendees must be registered on National Convention Registration Form

2019 Mideast Division Conference will be June 21-23, 2019 hosted by Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 and the Department of WV at the Days Inn, 347 Meadow Field Lane, Princeton, WV, 24739, Telephone: 304-425-8100. Room rate \$75.60 with tax. Includes free breakfast, parking, Wi-Fi. Reservation start January 7, 2019. Code: 2019 Mideast Division Conference. Reserve by June 7. Banquet \$30.00. POC: Al Harman 304-921-2165

2019 MCL National Convention will be August 5-9, 2019 hosted by Eugene Sara Detachment 418 at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Billings, Montana. Telephone: 1-406-248-7151. Room rate: \$99.50 plus tax. **Reservation open on Monday August 20, 2018 at 10 AM EST.** Free breakfast, parking and WI fi. Link: www.mclnationalconvention2019 .

2019 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 17-19, 2019 at MCB, Quantico, VA

2020 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be Feb 26 – Mar 1 2020 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside - 777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk, VA 23510. 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 with the hotel.

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

2019 Department of West Virginia MCL State Convention Detachment

Commandant Report

Detachment Commandant Report Uniforms of the Day for May 18, 2019

Flag-Raising Ceremony – Undress long or short sleeve. - Memorial Service – Same MCL Business Meeting – Undress long or short sleeve. Minimum Uniform MCL Cover.

Grand Banquet - Red Blazer, dinner dress or business attire. MCL covers not worn at the Grand Banquet.

Note: Ensure your members in attendance at the convention wear their name tags (credentials) received at registration on their uniforms.

Detachment Commandants: The Dept. of WV request that each detachment Commandant or appointed representative attend the Department Convention to present their detachment report. Commandants have around 3 min. to give a condensed oral report due to time constraints at the convention meeting; please keep it short so everyone gets a chance to report. If attendance by your detachment is not possible, please contact Department Commandant Kirby to be excused and mail or e-mail a copy of your report to the Dept. Adjutant/Paymaster Patti Leib before the date of the Department Convention.

Bring 15 copies of your detachment quarterly report for period January 1, 2019 through May 18, 2019 and place on reports table for other detachment Commandants and Officers to view. Ensure the Dept. Adjutant/Paymaster has a copy of your report for inclusion with the minutes.

Commandants modify your reports to include the following:

Membership and Retention Team:

*Number of Paid Life Members: Total Paid members and Total Unpaid.

*Please list names and contact numbers for your detachment MT Team. How many new members have joined your detachment this quarter?

*How many Honorary members (active duty marines) do you have on your roster?

*Does your detachment Paymaster send out dues renewal notices to members?

*What recruiting programs have brought the most success to your detachment?

*Is the paymaster using the new dues 2019 transmittal form?

Report of Officer Installation (ROI):

*Has your detachment ensured that you use the most current forms listed on the MCL National library site?

<https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>

*Has your detachment Adjutant filed your Report of Officer Installation for this year with the Dept. Adjutant/Paymaster? Include the Officer Installation date in your report.

*Have you filed your Annual Corporate Report with WV Sec of State? Include the date of filing (this MUST be done prior to June 30 each year to avoid a \$25 late fee!!) A general rule to follow: submit your ACR immediately after your slate of Officers is sworn in – then you won't risk the late fee.

Detachment Audit and property inventory

*Has your detachment completed their annual financial audit and annual detachment property inventory prior to the election of new Detachment Officers?

*Has your detachment forwarded this information to the Dept. Commandant? Reference Section 607 in the Dept. Bylaws. Also, you should submit a copy of your financial audit and property inventory to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster, Patti Leib (by mail or by email)

Fund raising

*Has your detachment supported the dept pistol raffle for the Woody Williams Scholarship Foundation?

*Do you have any funds remaining from a non-IRS registered charity? These funds must be spent before the end of your fiscal year. (Registered IRS charity funds can be spent indefinitely as well as detachment designated funds)

Detachment Bylaws:

*Does your detachment Board of Trustees have the current versions of the National, Department & Detachment Bylaws?

Professional Development Training:

*Is your detachment implementing Professional Development Training into your membership by using the Dept. DVD training disc or National Web Site usage? Does your Detachment use and follow the instructions in the Detachment Guidebook? The Guidebook can be found on the MCL-National website at:

https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Detachment_Guidebook_MCL.pdf

Chaplain's Report:

*List deceased members for this quarter.

*Have death notices been filed by detachment Chaplain and forwarded to Dept. Chaplain?

Funerals, Color Guard, Parades

- *How many funerals has your detachment performed or assisted with this period?
- *How many Color Guard activities did you perform this period?
- *How many parades, flag raising or flag etiquette classes has your detachment performed this period?

VAVS:

- *Do you have members in your detachment volunteering in the VAMC VAVS program?
- *List name and contact info of your Detachment VAVS Rep.
- *Have you reported your Vol. Hours to the Dept. VAVS Officer Roger Estep List Vol. numbers and hours for this quarter in your report?
- *Dept. VAVS Officer Roger Estep contact info: restep53@hotmail.com or 304-380-7930.

Marine for Life

- *Have you had any contact with recently discharged Marines to interact with network, job search or to offer assistance?

Boy Scout Chairman:

- *Is your Detachment involved in the MCL Eagle Scout Program?
- *Total number of Eagle Scouts Good Citizenship Awards since May 2018
- *Is this reported to the Dept. Boy Scout Chairman Dave Finley 304-752-2055 or email: dsarge232@aol.com

Member Recognition:

- *Have you recognized any of your members for their support in the past year?
- *Did you submit members for Dept awards or Dept MOY? Or MED MOY?

Americanism and Civic Events:

- *Summarize your most important activities or significant events for the period of Jan 2019 - May 2019

Detachment Goals for 2019-2020

- *Will your detachment support a department bid for the 2022 MCL National Convention in Charleston, WV? If so, what support can you offer? (manpower, raffle items, ads etc.)
- *Do you have any members who are attending the Mideast division Conference this year in Princeton?
- *What are some of your detachment's goals for the upcoming year?
- *What can the Department do to help your Detachment? What can we do better?

Thank you for preparing your Convention reports, it is truly appreciated. The Department is here to support our detachments, if you need us or have any questions feel free to contact me.

Semper Fi,

Roger Ware COS
304-636-4365

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Recipients

John B. Nanny, Chairman, Scholarship Foundation announced the recipients who have been chosen for the Department's 2019 Hershel Woody Williams Scholarship. The recipients will be presented a check for \$1000.00 each during the Department Convention Grand Banquet in Morgantown, WV on May 18, 2019. Since the inception of the program, a total of 128 scholarship have been awarded at a grand total of \$110,000 total to date. This year's recipients are:

Summer A. Aguiar WVU
Leland D. "Crow" Crawford Det. 956
Grandparents: Jack and Donna Marteney

Alexandria Arline Kent State Huntington
Huntington Det. 340
Grandfather: Roy G. Marcum

Tyler S. Baylor WVU
Earl Anderson Det. 342
Self: MCL member

Allison Coen Wheeling Jesuit Nursing Program
Jones-Wolin-O'Brien Det. 771
Grandfather: James F. Coen (deceased) Grandfather: Dewayne Meeker

Emily N. Craddock Concord University
Mountaineer Marine Det. 957
Grandfather: David Harper

Erica Hupp West Liberty University
Walter L. Mann Det. 1065
Grandfather: Wayne Findley

Alyssa Rae Lester Shepherd University
Mountaineer Marine Det. 957
Grandfather: Freddie L. Harvey

Marissa Lipscomb WVU
Earl Anderson Det 342
Grandfather: William McCulla (deceased)

Amanda Marteney West Virginia Wesleyan
Leland D. "Crow" Crawford Det. 956
Grandparents: Jack and Donna Marteney

Robert John Weiford Davis & Elkins
Herbert J. Thomas Det. 947
Grandfather: Robert E. Weiford

Kylie Woodrum Bellevue College
Walter L Mann Det. 1065
Grandfather: Herman Woodrum

Detachment Commandants, Paymasters, Adjutants and Adjutant/Paymasters;

It is time for most; if not all; of the Detachments to elect their officers for the 2019 - 2020 terms. That also means it is time for you to submit your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) for 2019 - 2020.

Remember that you have to send in a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change. Please feel free to call or email me if you have questions or problems. It's easier to answer questions than to fix problems, and there are No dumb questions!

Mail them to me at:

Patti Leib, Adjutant-Paymaster
Department of West Virginia – MCL
PO Box 1224
Athens, Ohio 45701-1224

Semper Fi!

Patti Leib
(740) 591-8611

Patleib024@gmail.com

Marine Corps Hymn - Stand at Attention, Face the Music and 'SING' The Words

Marines better make sure they remember all the words to the Marines' Hymn. As of 15 APR, the top Marine wants them to sing it out loud when it's played, according to Marine officials. That's one of a slew of changes coming to the Corps' new drill and ceremonies manual, which is expected to be published around on that date said Training and Education Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Grigsby told Marine Corps Times in an interview. "It is now directed that Marines, present and who have served honorably, who are not in formation or part of an actual ceremony, or marching in a parade or review, who when they hear the playing of the Marines Hymn will stand at attention, face the music and sing the words to the Hymn," the updated drill and ceremonies manual reads. Previously Marines were directed to stand at attention during the playing of the Corps' official song, the Marines' Hymn — a tradition that dates back to just after World War II.

Pending Calendar

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MIDEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

Mideast Division



June 21 -23, 2019

**Hosted by the Department of West Virginia
& Mountaineer Marine Detachment #957**

At the Days Inn, Princeton, WV

HOTEL INFORMATION

Days Inn
347 Meadow Field Lane
Princeton, WV, 24739
Telephone: 304-425-8100.

Room rates \$67.50 plus 12% tax - \$75.60 total

Free breakfast, free Wi-Fi, free parking
Continental breakfast served 0600-1000

To make reservations, contact the hotel directly and mention Mid-East
Convention. Reservations start: January 7, 2019

**Rooms for the Conference attendees have been blocked with a group rate
of \$67.50 per night (+12% tax), King or Double**

Rooms will be made available starting Thursday June 20th through Monday June
24th, for those who like to come early and stay an extra day.

**Please make your room reservations directly with the hotel no later
than June 7, 2019 for this reserved room rate. Mention Code: 2019
Mideast Division Marine Corps League Conference.**

***There will be a Hospitality Room starting Friday at 5:00 PM
And Saturday 12 Noon – 4:00 PM***

***Hosted by the Department of West Virginia and
Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957***

***Banquet Speaker – Hershel “Woody” Williams, Medal of Honor Recipient
at Iwo Jima***

MIDEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

Hosted by
Department of West Virginia
& the Mountaineer Marine Detachment #957
Princeton, WV

June 21-23, 2019

Friday, June 21 2019

(Schedule subject to change)

Time	Location	Description
1100-2000	Days Inn	Registration/check-in
1700	Days Inn	Hospitality Suite
1900-2000	Days Inn	Mideast Division Growl

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Time	Location	Description
0800	Front of Hotel	Morning Colors
0830-1200	Days Inn	Registration/check-in
0900-0930	Conference Room	Joint opening session – MCL & MCLA Joint Memorial Service
0930-0945	Days Inn	Break so that the MCL and MCLA can separate into their own meeting rooms
0945-1200	Conference Room	MCL meeting Business meeting session
0945-1200	Days Inn	MCLA Business meeting session
1200-1300		Lunch (On your own)
1200-1600	Days Inn	Hospitality Suite
1300-1500	Conference Room	MCL/MCLA Business meetings resume
1500-1545	Conference Room	Professional Development Training
1730-1830	Banquet Room	Social hour
1830-2030	Banquet Room	Banquet; buffet meal (Formal; Mess dress, Red Blazer or suit and tie); POW/MIA ceremony

Banquet Guest Speaker: Hershel “Woody” Williams, Medal of Honor Recipient Iwo Jima

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Time	Location	Description
0900-1000	Days Inn	Mideast Division Staff Meeting



MIDEAST DIVISION CONFERENCE

*Hosted by the Department of West Virginia and the
Mountaineer Marine Detachment #957*

Banquet Dinner

The banquet dinner will be served buffet style with a choice of meat

Menu

Garden Salad

Choice of Roast Beef or Chicken

Chef's Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Selection

Green beans

Rolls & Butter

Fruit Salad

Cheesecake

Marble Cake

Freshly Brewed Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

SPECIAL MEALS AVAILABLE: Vegetarian Lasagna

NOTE: A cash bar will be available at the banquet

The price per person for the banquet is \$30.00

The deadline to register for the banquet is -June 1, 2019



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Mideast Division
Annual Conference Registration Form
June 21-23, 2019

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Please complete this form and make your check payable to "MCL Department of WV" and note on your check that it is for the 2019 Mideast Division Conference,

and then mail both to:

Patti Leib, Adjutant-Paymaster, Dept. of WV
PO Box 1224
Athens, OH 45701-1224
(740) 591-8611

For Questions, call:
POC: Al Harman, Commandant Det 957
(304) 921-2165
itsbigal2007@yahoo.com

Please print and complete the following information as you want it to appear on your name tag.

Attendee

Guest

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Det/Unit: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Choice of meat item per person: _____

Roast Beef

Chicken

Vegetable Lasagna

Total \$ enclosed for pre-registration @ \$10 each X quantity _____ = \$ _____

Total \$ enclosed for banquet tickets @ \$30 each X quantity _____ = \$ _____

Grand total of both lines above \$ _____