



The Straight Scoop

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Commandant Doss: October Letter



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

I would like to thank everyone for their support and vote of confidence in electing me DEPARTMENT Commandant.

Since Covid-19 prevented us from having a State Convention in May 2020 we were finally able to have a combination Department Quarterly Meeting and State Convention in September 2020. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Wood County Detachment 1087 for hosting. They did a superb job.

To Scott Kirby, now Jr. Past Commandant, a sincere thank you for all the help and guidance you gave me under your Command. You did a hell of a job running the Department with all of the problems and stress that occurred. I hope I can do a fraction as well as you did.

I know I have big shoes to fill but with the help and guidance of Past Commandants and the great staff I have to work with along with the Detachments, I look forward to this opportunity to serve the Detachments and Department for the rest of this term. To all Detachments and members that were not able to attend you missed an excellent Quarterly Meeting. There were 57 members in attendance which resulted in some great discussions as well as great camaraderie.

In looking at the Snap Shot or Department Member Information page almost half of the Detachments have a large number of unpaid members and several are close to not having enough members, which is 15, to maintain their Charter. So, in the coming months we need to focus not only on recruitment but also on retaining the members we have which is through letters, phone calls and face to face meetings to encourage them to pay their DUES.

I have an open-door policy for any suggestions, ideas or problems a Detachment may have and I am always available to the Detachment Commandants but remember we are Marines and we have a Chain of Command that I hope Detachment members will follow.

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

Semper Fi

Jim Doss, Commandant
Dept. of WV
Marine Corp League

Chaplain's Corner

Mother Teresa's *Anyway* Poem:

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

(Reportedly inscribed on Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta.)

Department Officers

Installed during Department Fall Quarterly Meeting in Parkersburg, WV on Sept 12, 2020 are:

Commandant: Jim Doss – Detachment 1180
Senior Vice Commandant: Jerry Bain – Detachment 1180
Jr. Vice Commandant: Gregory Irwin – Detachment 956
Judge Advocate: Randy Doc Thomas – Detachment 340
Jr. Past Commandant: Scott Kirby – Detachment 1087
Adjutant: Patti Leib – Detachment 1180
Paymaster: Patti Leib – Detachment 1180
Chief of Staff: Roger Ware – Detachment 956
Chaplain: Frank Armentrout – Detachment 947
Sergeant at Arms: Jason Lowe – Detachment 1087
Asst: Sergeant at Arms: (Position Open) – Detachment
Legislative: Hershel L. “Woody” Williams – Detachment 340
Service/VAVS: Roger Estep – Detachment 340
Historian: Michael Lynon – Detachment 947
Public Relations: Jean Lamb – Detachment 947
Aide de Camp – Richard Sneigle – Detachment 1087
Web Sgt; Steven Swenton – Detachment 771

Military Order of the Devil Dogs WV Pack Officers

Pack Leader PDD	Michael McLain	304-464-5049	Pound 153
Sr Vice PDD	Chuck Cooper	304- 937-2665	Pound 215
Jr Vice PDD	Richard Shank	304-633-1814	Pound 215
Smart Dog PDD	Scott Kirby	304-588-0318	Pound 153
Dog Trainer PDD	Richard Lipscomb	304- 965-0406	Pound 343
Police Dog DD	Jason Lowe	304-893-2025	Pound 153
Mad Dog PDD	Richard Sneigle	304-588-7901	Pound 153
Dog Robber PDD	Roger Ware	304-636-4365	Pound 358
Watch Dog PDD	Greg Irwin	304-740-5758	Pound 358
Barking Dog PDD	Steven Swenton	304-277-3550	Pound 153
Quartermaster PDD	Donald Dearth	304-481-9595	Pound 153
Asst Police Dog PUP	Jason Clyburn	304-890-3008	Pound 331

- 2012 Pack Dog of the Year – Denny Wood – Pound 215
2013 Pack Dog of the Year – Mike McLain – Pound 153 – Pound 358
2014 Pack Dog of the Year – Roger Ware - Pound 358
2015 Pack Dog of the Year – Richard Shank – Pound 215
2018 Pack Dog of the Year – Gregory Irwin – Pound 358
2019 Pack Dog of the Year – Roger Estep – Pound 215
2020 Pack Dog of the Year – Chuck Cooper – Pound 215
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2020 Awards Presented September 12, 2020 at Department Meeting

Department Board of Trustees Victor T Fisher Commendation presented by Commandant Kirby

Sr. Vice Commandant Jim Doss
Jr. Vice Commandant Jerry Bain
Judge Advocate Rod Mayberry
Adjutant-Paymaster
Chaplain Frank Armentrout
Fire Team Leader Rick Shank
Past Commandant Mike McLain
Chief of Staff Roger Ware

Distinguished Service Medal (God, Country and Corps)

340 Huntington – Huntington Det
339 Richwood – Hicks Hamrick
342 Morgantown – Earl Anderson
577 Henlawson – Danny M. Greene
771 Wheeling – Jones, Wolin, O'Brien
947 South Charleston – Herbert J. Thomas Memorial
956 Elkins – Leland D. "Crow" Crawford
1065 Ripley – Cpl. Walter L. Mann
1087 Parkersburg – Wood County
1143 Martinsburg – Eastern Panhandle

1180 Point Pleasant – MGM
1461 Beckley – Sgt. Mecot Camara
1474 Hurricane – Cpl. William B. Fulks

Distinguished Citizen Silver Award

William Miller – Hurricane Det 1474
Jim McDade – Hurricane Det 1474
Chuck Cooper – Pt. Pleasant Det 1180
Greg Irwin – Elkins Det 956
Wayne Starcher – Parkersburg 1087
Jerry Smith – Parkersburg 1087
Jason Lowe – Parkersburg 1087

Department Awards – Heart & Soul

Gregory Irwin – Detachment 956

Commandant of The Year

Jim Doss – Detachment 1180

Americanism Award

Gregory Irwin – Detachment 956

Department Adjutant / Paymaster

Patti Leib – Detachment 1180

Department Service Officer

Jerry Bain – Detachment 1180

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Jackie Mounts – Danny M. Greene – Detachment 577

Department Commendation

Ron Wroblewski – Detachment 1180

Recruiter of the Year - Authorized to wear Department Recruiter Medal Silver

Mike McLain – Detachment 1087

Department Marine of the Year – Authorized to wear Department MOY Medallion

Gregory Irwin – Detachment 956

MED NVC Roger Ware presented Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion Award

Rick Shank, Huntington Det 340

The following members are authorized to wear Department Staff Medal (Elected):

James Doss	Randy Thomas	Scott Kirby
Jerry Bain	Gregory Irwin	

The following members are authorized to wear Department Staff Medal (Appointed):

Patti Leib	Roger Ware
Frank J. Armentrout	Michael Lynon
Steven E. Swenton	Jason Lowe
Jean Lamb	Hershel "Woody" Williams
Roger Estep	Rich Sneigle

Professional Development Training

Recruiting Points

We as Marines all have the honor of belonging to the premier service organization in the world. One of the Marine Corps League's primary responsibility is to not only identify but to recruit new members.

First on your agenda to recruit is to create a list of the great things about the Marine Corps League.

One goal is to enlist younger members to join the League. They bring fresh ideas and energy. We want to attract young people who want to get involved. When trying to recruit new members, talk about the League wherever you go noting work, parties, sporting events, family gatherings and church to name a few.

There's never a place that's inappropriate to talk about the League. The fear of rejection shouldn't stop current members from seeking out new members. I think that people, even if they are not interested, just appreciate being asked. It's like getting asked to go to a party whether you plan to go or not. There's never a wrong time to ask a potential member to a meeting. You never know when or where you'll meet your next member.

While speaking to someone about joining the League be sure to emphasize the service aspect of the organization. Being a member provides a pathway to getting involved in the League but also in the community and provides an excellent opportunity to network on civic projects.

Embracing diversity is another point and be sure to congratulate your new members once they join. Make sure your new members feel wanted and welcome and has a mentor assigned (usually the member who recruited, but could be any member who is seasoned and has the time to devote to acclimating the new member)

Pending Calendar

2021 Department of WV Winter Quarterly Meeting will be January 16, 2021 hosted by MGM Detachment 1180 at American Legion Post 23, 100 Second Street Point Pleasant, WV 25550. Staff Officers Meeting is 0930 AM with general business meeting at 1000 AM. WV Pack Growl will immediately follow Dept. Meeting.

2021 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference February 24– 28 2021 Sheraton Norfolk **Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive Norfolk, VA** <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfsi-sheraton-norfolk-waterside-hotel/> Group Code: MCL Phone: (757-622-6664) Room rate includes up to 4 breakfast vouchers per occupancy. \$129.00 per night + prevailing tax (currently 14%) Please make your room reservation directly to the hotel.

2021 Mideast Division Conference will be 16, 17, 18 April 2021 hosted by Department of Delaware at Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center (Oceanfront) 1 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 Phone: 800-422-0600 | 302-227-2511 <https://atlanticsandshotel.com/> Room rate \$105.00 plus fees. Discounted breakfast, parking included. **Reservations may be made now.** *Reservation may be made now by calling 1-800422-0600, refer to the **Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579** arriving Friday, April 16,

2021. Reservations are open.

2021 Modern Day Marine Expo will be May 4-6, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA

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 preregistration fee or ad book.

2021 Department of North Carolina Department Convention will be June 11-13, 2021 in Hickory, NC. It will be hosted by Catawba Valley Detachment #1163

2021 MCL National Convention will be August 6-14, 2021 at Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Room rate is \$129.95 with tax included. Free breakfast, free parking and WiFi. Pet friendly. wyndhamhotels.com 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 starts Aug 31, 2020.

2021 Marine South Expo will be Sept 29-30 at MCB, Camp Lejeune, NC

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% tax