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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains and Associate Members.

I hope this finds you well.

We are a little less than four months out from the Department Convention in Elkins which means your Detachments should be holding elections, if you haven't already. This means that my Department Adjutant should be receiving your ROI's. Please make sure to get this in as soon as your officers have been installed.

Speaking of the Convention, you need to call Roger Ware about billeting. Our block is quickly filling up if it hasn't already. If your detachment is close enough to Elkins not to have to spend the night, you still need to get registered for the business meeting. If you are not registered, you will not be able to enter the meeting. I have spoken to the Pack Leader, who has assured me that this will be a growl like none other. Commandants, please get with your membership and see if there is any interest in joining the Dogs and get their paperwork to your Pound Keeper and Dog Robber.

I will be heading to Mid-Winter at the end of the month. I will be discussing the 2022 National Convention as

well as training on the new membership database. I will bring any knowledge back with me to pass on to you. Speaking of membership, the Department Jr Vice should be contacting each detachment. Please be prepared to discuss your latest roster and your plan to contact those delinquent members. 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

Chaplain's Corner

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow Your Healing Hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your Compassion for others; touch my heart with Your Courage and infinite Love for all; touch my mind with Your Wisdom, and may my mouth always proclaim Your Praise. Teach me to reach out to You in all my needs, and help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most Loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever.

Amen.

Commandant Kirby:

Detachment 577 can never begin to Thank all Detachments in the state for all of the compassion and help during the passing of our Commandant Dave Finley... Especially, all the help to his daughter, Stacey. It was definitely overwhelming. All who were involved in the funeral service, rifle squad and active Marines - just so many that were involved in the service.

A special Thank You to Woody Williams for paying his respects for our Commandant. Again, we will always remember the overwhelming concern for our Detachment. Please convey our appreciation and thankfulness to all that were involved.

We are pursuing our mission and looking forward to great year.

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Commandant E. Michael Mounts
Danny M Greene, Det. 577

The Chapel of Four Chaplains - February 3

February 3, 1943 is the date that four Army chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington lost their lives. The Chapel of Four Chaplains memorializes the courageous act of these four Army Chaplains who gave their life jackets to others when the troopship USAT Dorchester sank after being torpedoed on February 3, 1943, and honors the 672 men who perished. The Chapel of Four Chaplain is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1947, which recognizes and encourages cooperation, brotherhood, and selfless service. The work of the Chapel is sustained solely by the cooperation and contributions of friends who share in the dedicated spirit of the Four Chaplains.

Many of the members in our department are recipients of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award. The Chapel is a lasting tribute to those four Army chaplains who lost their lives on Feb 3, 1943 when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine. The Chapel will soon be mailing out donation requests to every member who has been inducted into the Legion of Honor, asking for their support in keeping the Chapel of Four Chaplains vibrant. The Chapel's motto of "Unity without Uniformity and the recognition of "ordinary people who do extraordinary things" continues to be manifested in so many ways all

over the country, and to so many people. Please consider supporting the Chapel with a donation and mail to: The Chapel of Four Chaplains, 1201 Constitution Avenue, The Navy Yard, Building 649, Philadelphia, PA 19112-1307.

75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jim

75 years ago, a battle raged in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

Located roughly half way between Saipan and Tokyo, and directly under the flight path of B-29 Super fortress bombers headed to Japan, the island of Iwo Jima was a Japanese stronghold of crucial strategic importance and could not be bypassed. Not only would Iwo Jima make an excellent base for Allied fighters escorting B-29 raids, but it would also project the flank of the forthcoming invasion of Okinawa.

Three Marine divisions, more than 80,000 men, were assigned the task of taking the island, which was barely 10 square miles in area and dominated by 556-foot Mount Suribachi. The assault began on 19 Feb. 1945 following a terrific naval bombardment which Japanese Lt-Gen Kuribayashi described as “far beyond description.” The first wave of Marines had more trouble with the terrain than enemy fire, but the Japanese responded quickly from their dug in positions and swept the beaches with concentrated fire. Iwo Jima would be a very tough fight.

On 23 Feb. 1945, the Marines took control of Mount Suribachi. Onlookers cheered as the assault platoon fought to the summit and raised a small flag. Later that day, different troops raised a larger flag while others respectfully lowered the original. Several combat photographers captured these stirring events on film, but Joe Rosenthal’s snapshot of the men struggling to raise the second flag in a stiff wind became an enduring symbol of American resolve.

The battle for control of Iwo Jima lasted 36 days. The final death toll among Marines was 5,931 killed in action, died of wounds or missing in action and presumed dead — more than twice as many Marines than had been killed in all of World War One. An additional 209 deaths occurred among the Navy corpsmen and surgeons assigned to the Marines. The Fifth Fleet and participating U.S. Army and Army Air Corps units suffered other fatalities during the battle. In all, more than 800 Americans gave their lives for every square mile of Iwo Jima’s black volcanic sand.

Professional Development Training Detachment Agenda and Minutes

Detachments are required to hold meetings and take minutes. Here are a few things to consider that will help you plan your agenda and also aid in your minutes. The Detachment Board of Trustees govern the detachment and are the controlling body of the detachment. It is the duty of the Detachment Board of Trustees to manage the detachment administrative, clerical and financial procedures. It is necessary to ensure that all requirements are completed to maintain your detachment charter and to protect your detachment membership.

They must be proactive to ensure their detachment officers complete all administrative and financial duties as required. If the board members include the following in their Detachment Monthly Membership Meeting and detachment web site Locator Page, it creates continuity and serves as a reference for some of the recurring administrative duties. Changes can be made as duties are completed and these should be included in every detachment meeting minutes.

Officer Installation date: EIN: Detachment Charter date: Incorporation date:
Locator page last update: PLM Audit: 990-N-eFile date:
Annual Corporate Report filed: Financial Audit date: Property Inventory:
Rifle inventory (Every 3 years, if necessary) for those who have weapons
Membership totals: PLM: Total Paid: Total Unpaid:

In planning your agenda, look back over several of your past meetings and ensure all previous approved motions have been completed. If not place those items into your agenda and mention them in your meeting. Look back to last year's monthly meeting and review those activities and events that took place and see if any

are necessary this year and include them in your agenda. Look at all your pending reports and determine if any need to be completed this month. Contact your officers to see if they have any items to discuss or reports to present. Look at the current department newsletter and add any items that are pertinent or pending. Fully discuss fund raising events and ensure all pending events are approved as they will fall under the corporation and the insurance coverage. Special events might require a rider for insurance so look at your policy.

Have your adjutant make a template for the minutes as it aids in the completion and ensures accuracy. The minutes should follow the ritual and include all motions, activities and events discussed and approved, plus all reports completed and those pending. Your minutes are legal documents and used for audit, review and historical purposes and need to be maintained. Plan out your agenda and follow the MCL ritual. By planning your agenda and including any items for discussion, your meetings are organized and will ensure your detachment is run like a business entity.

Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster

- (1) Serve as the Detachment's treasurer and in that capacity shall be directly responsible to the Detachment's Board of Trustees. Will be responsible for paying authorized bills and will assure the legitimacy of payment requests and Board of Trustees approvals, prior to releasing funds. Will have a right to question expenditures if necessary. Will ensure that new bank signature cards are completed on new Commandant and Paymaster after Officer installation each year.
 - (2) Cause to be kept all proper and necessary books for the recording of all the financial business of the Detachment, including a correct record of all membership accounts.
 - (3) Receive all monies, keeping a record of their sources and purposes and shall deposit said monies, in an approved and federally insured account, including, but not limited to, a checking account. All monies deposited shall be in the name of the Marine Corps League Detachment only.
 - (4) Provide such assistance to the Audit Committee to ensure the annual audit of the Detachment finances is completed prior to the annual installation of officers. Monthly audits can be conducted and be combined to satisfy the audit required. Otherwise, this report along with a copy of the monthly minutes of the meetings must be forwarded to the Department Commandant no later than 10 days after the installation of officers.
 - (5) Will audit the Quarterly Member Listing of 30 June each year from National Headquarters and make corrections, additions or other adjustments and certify it to be correct as annotated and ensure that the Detachment Commandant and Paymaster sign it and forward through the Department Adjutant-Paymaster to National Headquarters before 31 December annually.
 - (6) Complete and file the annual IRS Form 990-N after the fiscal year ending 30 June or other date depending when the Detachment originally filed with IRS and ensure that the Department Paymaster receives a true and complete copy of the IRS confirmation reply.
 - (7) Submit membership National per capita and Department per capita dues, application fees and life member fees to the Department Paymaster ensuring that these arrive before the end of August each year, or when the member joins or becomes a Paid Life Member.
 - (8) Serve as a member of Detachment Membership Retention Team (MRT) and keep track of all paid and unpaid members in the detachment on a monthly basis and report on membership status at each meeting. The National Membership quarterly roster will be used to track all paid and unpaid members.
 - (9) Will draft a dues notification letter and send out to all dues paying members on June 1 yearly as all dues expire August 31. Will submit a dues transmittal form monthly for those members paying their dues in that month. All dues must be forwarded within 30 days of receipt and the Paymaster will not hold any transmittals until all boxes are filled out.
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Adjutant

The Adjutant shall be the recording secretary of the Detachment's meetings and affairs, and shall support the detachment officers through correspondence, documentation, written communication, media releases and other staff assistance as may be directed by the Detachment Commandant. The Adjutant is also responsible for official notifications to the members. When an application for new membership is received, the Adjutant shall read and record the application at the proper time, stating all pertinent data including name of sponsor, and clearly state that the required dues and fee have been verified and are in the possession of the Detachment Paymaster. Adjutant shall ensure that all applications are submitted using a 2013 or later date form.

When submitting a member for the National Marine of the Year Award or the Department Marine of the Year Award, a Letter of Nomination must be submitted by the Detachment. The Letter of Nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant stating the nominee was approved by the Detachment by a majority vote. Also ensure that the member meets all requirements as set forth in the National and/or Department By-Laws. The Adjutant will also prepare nomination letters for the Department Awards. In addition, the Detachment Adjutant shall:

- (1) Keep and transcribe complete and accurate record of the business meetings at all Board meetings and detachment meetings for a permanent record. If a separate Officers meeting has been held and if decision has been made by the Officers, then the Adjutant will read a report of that meeting at the general monthly membership meeting.
- (2) Assist the Detachment Commandant in preparing agendas for all business meetings and information for detachment special projects.
- (3) Prepare the Detachment Quarterly Report and Detachment Annual Report for presentation during any scheduled Department Quarterly meetings or convention.
- (4) Ensure the annual Report of Officer Installation is completed with renewal dues amount and is signed by the Installing Officer and forwarded through the Department. The Adjutant will also ensure a listing of the new officers is given to the Detachment Web Sgt and Department Web Sgt for the respective Locator pages. Will ensure that the detachment has 15 paid members before they elect their officers and send in their ROI.
- (5) After annual officer installations are completed, the Adjutant will complete and file the Annual Corporation Report prior to July 1 for the Detachment each year, processing the Report online with the WV Secretary of State, Business and Licensing Division website, and forward confirmation of Annual Corporate Report to the Dept. Adjutant.
- (6) If Officers are installed after 1 July the Adjutant will complete and file an Application to Appoint or change Officers, and/or Office Addresses with the WV Secretary of State and mail a copy to the Department Adjutant
- (7) The Adjutant will complete and file for a permanent WV State Tax Department Business Registration Certificate for the detachment. He will ensure this certificate is at all locations where the detachment members conduct fund raising activities.
- (8) The Adjutant will prepare new bank signature cards after annual installation of Officers that includes the Detachment Commandant and Detachment Paymaster. The Adjutant will ensure a motion is made during a membership meeting and approved by vote to change bank signature cards and that it is recorded in the Detachment Minutes.
- (9) The Adjutant will maintain desktop procedures and all Detachment turn-over files, copies of the National and Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, Detachment Bylaws, Detachment minutes and resolutions and Marine Corps League Guidebook for Detachment officers. It is recommended that the Adjutant and Paymaster maintain complete copies of all records on a flash drive, to be given to the Det Commandant at least annually, and to maintain a second flash drive at an offsite location such as the Det Meeting place.

(10) The Adjutant in addition to preparing Detachment minutes, records and other communications is responsible in the absence of a Historian for maintaining, organizing and filing correspondence and letters and certifications of merit that will preserve a chronological documentary of detachment actions and events.

(11) Maintain and publish a Detachment Directory which shall contain:

- (a) Listing of detachment officers and general membership
- (b) Past Detachment Commandants
- (c) Past Detachment Marine of the Year

(12) To aid the detachment in the accountability of all recurring reports the Adjutant will include the following in the monthly meeting minutes:

Officer Installation date:	Detachment EIN:	Detachment Charter date:
Incorporation date:	Locator page last update:	PLM Audit:
990-N-efile date:	Annual Corporate Report filed:	
Financial Audit Detachment property inventory date:		
Rifle inventory every 3 years (as necessary for those with weapons)		
PLM:	Paid members	Unpaid members

Finance

The Fiscal Year shall end at the close of business on June 30th of each year or such other period as specified when receiving your EIN from IRS. The revenue of the Detachment shall be derived from membership dues and such other sources as may be properly established at regular meetings or by the Board of Trustees.

Disbursement of Detachment funds shall be made as established for payment of National Membership per capita and Department per capita dues, annual Application to Change or Appoint Officers, Annual Corporate Report, and those items previously approved by the membership.

Donations to non-profit organizations or members in distress can be made by approval of Board of Trustees or during regular member meetings. A letter should be received from any non-profit organization or school requesting a donation in support of a function. The letter should be read during a membership meeting and any donation must be approved or denied by the membership. A budget will be established as necessary. Each Detachment shall fix the amount of its annual membership dues. Annual dues shall include the Department and National per-capita dues and fees, plus any portion the Detachment determines to retain.

All other disbursements will be approved during normal business meetings. The maximum amount of funds that the Commandant is authorized to disburse without getting general membership approval should be specified in the Detachment's Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. The maximum amount for the Board of Trustees should be specified. The Paymaster will reimburse members for approved items upon paid receipts if funds are available.

The Detachment will maintain a checking account and all funds received will be deposited. The Paymaster will draw all checks and ensure proper signatures are obtained. This account will be audited with the monthly bank statement and a report will be given during the general membership meeting by the Paymaster. An annual audit will be conducted by the Audit Committee prior to the Officer Installation.

A motion should be made by the Paymaster to change bank signature cards during a regular meeting upon Installation of officers and this must be included in the minutes. A copy of the minutes showing this vote and signed by the Commandant and Adjutant, shall be required at the Bank in order to change signatures in accordance with the new Officers. There should be two (2) signatures required on each check written; the Commandant and Paymaster. These are covered by our insurance.

The annual per capita dues shall be provided for by the National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures plus an additional Department per capita dues as determined by the Department Convention. The sum of these two accounts shall be forwarded with every membership application or renewal thereof by the Detachment Paymaster directly to the Department Paymaster who will remit the National per capita dues in each instance to the National Paymaster. The current annual per capita of \$5.00 is effective as of 1/1/2003. A member resigning

from membership shall not be entitled to any refund of per capita paid.

The Detachment Commandant and Detachment Adjutant/Paymaster or Paymaster will be bonded by a commercial crime policy paid for and administered by National. The bond limit will be in the amount of \$10,000 with deductible of \$1,000.

Checks drawn against Detachment funds shall be valid only if they cover disbursements authorized and jointly bear the signatures of the Commandant and Paymaster. The Detachment financial records will include the Detachment corporation name, address, telephone number and Employer Identification Number (EIN).

No Officer or member of the Detachment shall obligate the Detachment financially in any manner whatsoever without the prior consent of the membership or Board of Trustees.

To assure the financial integrity and credibility of the Detachment, any funds received for a charitable purpose or for a specific purpose will be deposited into the Detachment funds and will be reserved for that respective charity or specific purpose.

Detachment Audits and Reports - An annual audit of detachment finances will be conducted prior to the annual installation of officers. Monthly audits can be conducted and be combined to satisfy the annual audit required by this section if these audits are included in detachment meeting minutes and approved by members. A copy of the audit and all the minutes from the last installation will be sent to the Department Commandant.

Fund Raising

Two of the most important tasks of every detachment are the recruiting and retention of members and raising funds to run the operation and support detachment programs and objectives. A detachment cannot make the mistake of continually relying on its own membership to fund operations and projects. Brainstorming on numerous methods and ideas to generate funds will benefit your detachment.

Any fund raising must be discussed during your membership meetings. When deciding to do your event, have the membership approve your event and document in your meeting minutes. This makes it officially under the corporation and under the insurance policy. In conducting a fund raiser, ensure you specify what the funds are being collected for. If collecting funds for your detachment operating funds or for veterans you can keep those funds in your detachment general fund as long as you desire and disburse when you want. If collecting funds for an IRS registered non-profit charity you can hold those funds in your account and disburse indefinitely either yearly or all at once. However, if you collect funds for a local non-registered charity or for a local benefit, these funds have to be liquidated before the end of your detachment fiscal year. Any of these type funds held over beyond your fiscal year can be counted as profit in the event of an audit by IRS or the state.

If you do a raffle to benefit a charity, then those funds must be dedicated toward that respective purpose. The net proceeds from a drawing need to be applied to that program or project for which the money was received. From the total revenue, the cost of merchandise, printing of tickets, and an amount for the reserve fund of the detachment may be deducted.

Don't forget, when your detachment is incorporated this is your authority to conduct fund raisers within your respective area and your general business license from the state of WV supports your activity. I would highly suggest that each detachment file a copy of their detachment Bylaws and corporate papers with its respective county clerk's office as this makes everything a matter of record in the event an issue on fund raising develops.

Department Officer Nominations

Department Sr Vice Commandant Jim Doss is Chairman of the Department Nominating Committee. The following Department Officers will be elected during the Department Convention in Elkins WV on May 16, 2020. Commandant, Sr Vice Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. Nominations for these positions can be submitted to Sr Vice Commandant Doss commencing January 2020. Floor nominations will be taken at the Department Convention.

Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Foundation Applications

Foundation Chairman John Nanny has mailed out applications to every detachment Commandant in the Department. The applications may be reproduced as needed. The Foundation normally awards four scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. This is a onetime scholarship so prior recipients are not eligible. The deadline for applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2020. Please assure that all portions of the application are completed, all requested materials are included and proof of eligibility from the local Marine Corps League is verified. No awards will be given to previous recipients. The application includes additional information required to complete and submit the application properly. Paying attention to detail is necessary in submission of an application. In the seventeen years since the Scholarship Foundation was instituted, 128 scholarships totaling \$110,000 have been awarded.

-Department Awards

Department Awards Chairman Randy “Doc” Thomas will send out nomination forms for the following Department of WV awards after January 2020. Detachments should be considering those individuals who they desire to nominate for one or more of these awards. All nominations must be postmarked by March 30, 2020 to be considered.

DEPARTMENT HEART & SOUL AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member’s outstanding spirit and enhancement of the mission and principles of the U. S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

COMMANDANT OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member’s outstanding leadership and guidance in meeting all department and national guidelines, policies and procedures from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY AWARD is presented in recognition of this Detachment’s outstanding public relations contributions and community involvement from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM AWARD is presented in recognition of promoting patriotism, citizenship, participating in parade activities, and observing all traditions of U.S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/PAYMASTER AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member’s outstanding administrative and fiscal practices and procedures in the Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER AWARD is presented in recognition of this Marine Corps League member’s outstanding service performance and volunteer work to veterans and their dependents from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER AWARD is presented to Detachment _____ in recognition for publishing an outstanding newsletter that conforms to the National Newsletter guidelines from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION AWARD is presented in recognition for displaying outstanding principles and purposes of the U. S. Marine Corps and Marine Corps League from May 2019 to March 2020

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD is presented in recognition to this Marine Corps League member for recruiting the highest number of new Marine Corps League members for the period May 2019 to March 2020

Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Award

Commandant Scott Kirby, President, Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year Society will be sending out an announcement for the 2020 Department of West Virginia Marine of the Year after January 2020. Detachments should be considering and submitting a member for nomination for this prestigious award upon receipt of the announcement letter. All nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2020 to be considered.

Pending Calendar

2020 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be Feb 27 – Feb 29, 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%) Resort Charge: \$3.00. Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel or 1-800-325-3535 and mentioning the Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference Breakfast: Complimentary 2 per room daily Internet: Complimentary High Speed. Banquet Dinner: \$60 max inclusive Parking: Complimentary Self-Parking if staying at hotel.

2020 Department of Maryland Convention will be 7-9 May 2020 at Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842. 410-524-7777 Mention 'Marine Corps League' to get group room rate. Fri AM - Opening Ceremony. Fri PM -Pack Growl. Sat AM -MCL Meeting. Sat Night -Banquet More details to follow.

2020 Department of Delaware Convention will be May 9, 2020 Heritage Shores Golf Clubhouse, One Heritage Shores Circle, Bridgeville, DE 19933. Lunch will be served. POC- Frank Mathers, Commandant Department of Delaware, mcldeptdecommandant@gmail.com, 1-301-520-8051

2020 Department of Virginia Convention will be May 8, 9 2020 at Lakewood Manor 1900 Lauderdale Drive Richmond, VA. Hotel: The hotel that the Department of Virginia is working with should have additional information shortly in reference to pricing, etc. Point of Contact: Mark Moore, Commandant James M. Slay Detachment #329 usmcmason33@yahoo.com

2020 Department of West Virginia Department Convention will be May 15-17, 2020 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, 2020. 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 is a flyer attached which can be used for advance registration, hotel and banquet.

2020 Department of North Carolina Department Convention 50th Anniversary will be June 12-13, 2020 at the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel, 8629 J M Keynes Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262. 1-833-238-5101 Hosted by Pfc Bruce Larson Detachment #1242 and Charlotte Detachment #750

2020 Mideast Division Conference will be June 19-21, 2020 hosted by Dept of Virginia at Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Road, VA Beach, VA 23462. Room rate \$120 plus 14% tax – total \$138.80, 1-800-567-3856 or 757-499-4400 – (dial 0) use code: MED. You can start reservation after July 12, 2019.

2020 MCL National Convention will be August t 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. **Reservations opened on Monday August 12, 2019 at 10 AM EST.**

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 hosted by the Department of Delaware 16, 17, 18 April 2021 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 1-800-422-0600, refer to the **Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579** arriving Friday, April 16, 2021. **Reservations are open.**

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

**February 27 – March 1, 2020 Sheraton Norfolk
Waterside Hotel 2020 MCL Mid-Winter Conference
777 Waterside Drive
Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 622-6664**

Fact Sheet Room Rate: \$129 + tax

Tax Rate: \$14% Resort Charge: \$3.00

➤ **Parking: Complimentary Self-Parking if staying at hotel, otherwise its \$13 per day. Valet Parking is \$26 per day**

Breakfast: Complimentary 2 per room daily Internet:

Complimentary High-Speed Banquet Dinner: \$60 max inclusive

Reservations made by calling the hotel or 1-800-325-3535 and mentioning the Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference

All reservations will be charged one-night room and tax deposit at time of confirming reservation. This deposit will be applied toward your final bill. If you cancel within the cancellation period, the deposit will be refunded

Cancellation period is from time of making reservation until February 10, 2020. Any cancellations after February 10, 2020 will forfeit the one-night deposit

Marriott Reward points can be earned with the group rate

This is a smoke free hotel, any smoking in non-smoking rooms will incur a \$200 cleaning fee.

Each room has a mini refrigerator

On site restaurant next door to the Waterside District featuring restaurants and bars.

3 blocks from downtown mall

6 to 11 miles, depending on route, from Norfolk International Airport shuttle service will be arranged at a later date, stay tuned

Don't forget to send your Original Report of Officer Installation to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster! Keep a copy for your records, but send the original to: Patti Leib, Adjutant-Paymaster, Department of WV - MCL, PO Box 1224, Athens, OH 45701-1224. Do this as soon as your Officers are installed, and send an update if anything changes throughout the year.

Around the State:

Eastern Panhandle Marines Det 1143 - Meet for Brunch

Saturday 25 January 2020

Eastern Panhandle Marines, MC League Detachment 1143 meet monthly, on a Saturday morning for Brunch and the opportunity to meet with family, friends and our fellow Marines families. This is not a business meeting, rather it is a time to get together and share fellowship and a meal.

Today, a good time was had by all.

Semper Fi,

Tim Murphy, Adjutant-Paymaster

Det 1143, Martinsburg



Attendees: Commandant Jose Torres-Reyes; Don Lindenmuth; Alan Macauley, Tim Murphy Christine Kain. Alan Macauley landed on Iwo Jima as a member of F-2-26th Marines, 5th Marine Division. He has recently moved to VW's eastern Panhandle.

Looks like everyone was having a great time!



Minutemen Pound 215 WV Pack members left to right: Roger Martin, Det 1180 (seated); John Roberts, Det 340; Rick Shank, Det 340; Jim Doss, Det 1180 (seated); Chuck Cooper, Det 1180; Randy "Doc" Thomas, Det 340; Denny Wood, Det 340; Jerry Bain, Det 1180 (seated); Stan Legge, Det 340 – Saturday, Feb 1, 2020



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2020 DEPARTMENT OF WV MCL CONVENTION
MAY 15-17, 2020 - Elkins - Hosted by Detachment 956

Will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV 26241. Hosted by Leland D "Crow" Crawford Detachment 956. **Room rate: \$100.00** includes free continental breakfast, free parking and wireless Internet. POC Roger Ware: 304-636-4365 Email rrware@yahoo.com
To receive the block price, reservations must be booked by **04/28/20**. Make checks payable to Det. 956, MCL to avoid paying taxes. \$5 early registration fee for conference, \$7 at the door.
Banquet Cost: \$30.00 Mail registration fee, hotel room rate, and banquet reservation to:
Leland D "Crow" Crawford MCL Det. #956, PO Box 852, Elkins, WV 26241.

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**2020 MCL Department Meeting Schedule
Department of West Virginia
Elkins, WV
MAY 15-16, 2020**

Friday, May 15, 2020

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 16, 2020

0600-0930 Breakfast

0800-1000 MCL registration

0800-0815 Flag-Raising Ceremony

0820-0930 Memorial Services, all hands attending

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 Grand Banquet

* At call of Chairman for Budget and Nominations Committee