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Commandant's Letter

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

I hope everyone has been able to survive the power outages, snow, and ice storms. Remember we have veterans and their families, widows and widowers out there so please check on them to be certain they have power or at least heat and water and food to survive the cold. They may not have transportation or are afraid to drive in the ice and snow so check to see if they need you to provide transportation to the grocery store or doctor's office. They may not have a computer so they may need help in setting up an appointment if they are so inclined to get their Covid-19 shot.

Don't forget the Mideast Division is coming up shortly April 16-17 in Delaware and if you plan on going you need to get your reservation in like yesterday.

The West Virginia State Convention will be here before you know it May 14-15. Do not forget that each Detachment coming should try to bring 2 or 3 nice items to Auction off for the Woody Williams Scholarship Fund.

Patti Leib the Department Adjutant sent out an email to all Detachment Commandants, Adjutants and Paymasters on February 13, 2021 on how to get to the National Web Site and how to access the Database 101 for Detachments. I hope all have at least looked at it. This is going to be the future for all member information, so everyone needs to get familiar with it. Remember guys and gals it's the future and the FUTURE IS NOW. Patti will be doing a Paymaster Training Session on Database 101 sometime on Friday afternoon May 14 at the State Convention followed by Rick Shank and his Committee on Professional Development.

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 WV

Marine Corps League

Chaplain's Corner Iwo Jima Memorial Service

Memorial sermon delivered by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn dedicating the 5th Marine Division Marine Cemetery on Iwo Jima on 21 March 1945

“Here lie men who loved America because their ancestors, generations ago, helped in her founding. And other men who loved her with equal passion because they themselves, or their own fathers, escaped from oppression to her blessed shores. Here lie officers and men, Negroes and Whites, rich men and poor, together. Here are Protestants, Catholics, and Jews together. Here no man prefers another because of his faith or despises him because of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are admitted or allowed.

Among these men there is no discrimination. No prejudices. No hatred. Theirs is the highest and purest democracy! Whosoever of us lifts his hand in hate against a brother, or who thinks himself superior to those who happen to be in the minority, makes of this ceremony and the bloody sacrifice it commemorates, an empty, hollow mockery. To this then, as our solemn sacred duty, do we, the living, now dedicate ourselves: To the right of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, of White men and Negroes alike, to enjoy the democracy for which all of them have here paid the price.

We here solemnly swear this shall not be in vain. Out of this, and from the suffering and sorrow of those who mourn this, will come, we promise, the birth of a new freedom for the sons of men everywhere.”

~ Chaplain Frank Armentrout ~

Professional Development Training

On Friday May 14 during the Department Convention in Elkins there will be Professional Development training starting at 1 PM until 4 PM. Dept Adj/Paymaster Patti Leib will hold an Adj/Paymaster class starting at 1 PM. In addition, she will run the national data base video 101 that is currently featured on the national MCL web site library. This session is open to all members who might be interested in the position of Adjutant-Paymaster, or who just want to understand how the processes work. Questions are encouraged, and individual assistance will be available after the training. There will also be other administrative classes given so try to come early so you can attend these training sessions. In the meantime, you are welcome to view the video on the National MCL website at <https://www.mclnational.org> and go to the Member Library, put in the password (if you don't know it by now, contact Adjutant-Paymaster Patti Leib at pattileib024@gmail.com and she will give it to you) and click on the link to the Database 101 video. Watch the video and get a head start on the class.

Detachment Commandants, Paymasters, Adjutants and Adjutant/Paymasters

It is time for most, if not all, of the Detachments to elect their officers for the 2021 - 2022 terms. That also means it is time for you to submit your Report of Officer Installation (ROI) for 2021 - 2022. Remember that you are required to send in a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change.

Please, Mail them to me at:

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

PO Box 1224

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For Assistance, email me at pattileib024@gmail.com or call (740) 591-8611

MESSAGE From MED NVC Roger Ware: The Zoom Commandant's Council meeting was held last evening, and we got a lot of updates. One thing we might pass down to all Detachments is about Bad addresses for members. If we cannot successfully contact members to do our annual audit, or if any correspondence comes back undeliverable, then we need to change their address in the Database and list National's address instead. This way National will not send them the magazine or membership card or any other correspondence. This will alert NHQ that it's a bad address and nothing will go out.

Plus, with any death notices, we now need to fill out a transmittal form and mark death on it. It should go out **with** the death notice and be coded "NOD". This aids them in taking these members off the rolls right away. The Department Adjutant-Paymaster can PDF them to National. Plus, if our detachments cannot verify their members are still alive, they can do an obituary search. To accomplish this, they type in member's full name, the state they lived in, and add the word 'obituary'. If they passed away their name will come up, but they must scroll through the names to ensure this member was a Marine and in MCL and is their member. After this they send in the death notice to the Department Adjutant-Paymaster along with the transmittal, Code: "NOD".

Officer Nominations, Elections, and Installation

The next item for Detachment focus is Officer Nomination, Installation, and completion of the ROI. The ROI is required as it lists the Commandant and Paymaster who handle money and they are covered under the insurance bond. Plus, the ROI has the current address of your Paymaster so National can mail the yearly PLM interest payment for your Detachment. National will not send the PLM check if your ROI is not current. The Department tracks all Detachment PLM Audits and ROI's, so send them to the Department Adjutant Paymaster and she will forward them to the correct Office at National.

Detachments are required to hold their Elections and Installation of Officer between Sept 1 and May 15 every year, even if you don't change Officers. 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, and she requests that this be done PRIOR to April 30 each year. She also reports to the Department Board of Trustees at the Dept Annual Convention, so she needs time to update her reports and submit everything to National. Please be respectful of her time prior to Convention; she is very busy preparing everything required for Convention, so you can really help her by submitting early.

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

Annual Corporate Report

Every detachment must be incorporated within the state so after annual officer installations are complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report prior to 30 June each year online with the WV Secretary of State, Business and Licensing Division. If Officers are installed or changed after 1 July, the Detachment must file an Application to Appoint or Change Officers, and/or Office Addresses with the WV

Secretary of State. Once the form is complete, a copy should be emailed to the Department Adjutant for record purposes. Every detachment that is incorporated must file an Annual Report for Corporations. The cost is \$25 and is payable to the WV Secretary of State's office. This must be completed before June 30 of each year. This should be done as soon as you have your elections and officers installed. The Secretary of State has recently sent an email to all detachment 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.

If you need assistance with this requirement, contact Adjutant Leib for help – DO NOT PAY an outside agency to file your forms for you!! This is a WASTE of your Detachment's funds!!

Department Quarterly or Convention Bid

Any Detachment can submit a bid to host a Department Quarterly Meeting or Department Annual Convention. The membership of the Detachment must approve the bid and the Detachment Commandant must submit the bid during a regular Department meeting or at Convention. This bid can be oral or in writing to the Time and Place Committee.

When a Detachment considers a bid, it must ensure a hotel or conference site large enough to accommodate those members attending the event. For the convention, a suitable hotel with adequate rooms, meeting spaces for the MODD Pack Growl, business meeting and banquet is available on site. In addition, when considering a hotel, visit 2-3 to compare prices per room and select one that provides free breakfast and parking with the room price. Get the hotel to donate space for the Hospitality Room and give them a free ad. Have a Hospitality Room on Friday night from 5 PM till 11 PM. Have local businesses donate items for this. Leverage one against the other for best price for those members attending. The lower the cost, the more members who can attend. When considering a site, factor in the distance to travel, room rate plus tax, meals, the Grand Banquet, and incidental costs to attend.

Wait until your bid has been approved before you do anything. Form a Convention Committee with a Chairman. The host detachment receives the advance registration fee of \$5 for each member. An ad book is where your Detachment makes money as you keep everything after the print expense. Prices for various pages in the book have usually been: \$100 full page, \$50 half page and \$25 quarter page and a price (maybe \$10) for business card ads. There can also be a Patriot's Page or Patron's Page where you can remember former members who have passed away, or honor someone special to you, like a child or grandchild currently serving in the Military. These are typically \$5 per name and are quite popular. The detachment can shop and get the best price for printing in black and white. Various Detachments will often purchase an ad in your book, but it is not mandatory.

Detachments are also asked to donate funds toward the expense of hosting the Convention. In selling ads, use a previous ad book from a recent convention to sell suggested ads. Be sure to go to your local Visitors Center and any Veteran's organizations in your area. Give free ads to businesses for food items for the Hospitality Room as well as for room decorations and or door prizes. Give a free full-page ad to printer. Suggest ad to match cost of items. In selling ads, have members target selected businesses in your area. Brainstorm and write them down during one of your meeting as it saves time and duplication of effort. Suggest those businesses that visitors might want to use. Don't waste your time trying to see fast food establishments if they are corporate because it takes too long to get approval and the ad back.

Accept free coupons from them to help promote the event. Have the business make a check out to your Detachment and give them a pre-made receipt. There is no limit on the number of pages you can have in your ad book. Suggest making 120 copies and give a free copy to any business that purchases a half page or more. Suggest inviting VIP's and dignitaries for the Grand Banquet that are long-time supporters of your Detachment. Be sure to coordinate with the Department staff thus ensuring a smooth event.

Department Officer Nominations

Department Sr Vice Commandant Jerry Bain is Chairman of the Department Nominating Committee. The following Department Officers will be elected during the Department Convention in Elkins WV on May 15, 2021. Commandant, Sr Vice Commandant, Jr Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. Nominations for these positions can be submitted to Sr Vice Commandant Bain commencing January 2021. Floor nominations will be taken at the Department Convention.

Hershel "Woody" Williams Scholarship Foundation Applications

Foundation Temporary Chairman George Gill has mailed out applications to every detachment Commandant in the Department. The applications may be reproduced as needed. The Foundation normally awards four to six scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each. This is a one-time scholarship so prior recipients are not eligible. The deadline for applications must be postmarked no later than March 15th, 2021. 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.

The application includes additional information required to complete and submit the application properly. Pay special attention to detail as this is necessary in submission of a successful application. In the eighteen years since the Scholarship Foundation was instituted, 134 scholarships totaling \$116,000 have been awarded.

Department Awards

Department Awards Chairman Randy Thomas had Adjutant Leib send out nomination forms for the following department awards on January 6, 2021. She mailed them Certified for tracking purposes to each Det's PO Box. 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, 2021 to be considered. If you lost or damaged your nomination forms, contact Adjutant Leib and she will email you the forms in Word so you can fill them out online and print, or print the forms and fill them out manually.

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY AWARD is presented in recognition of this Detachment's outstanding public relations contributions and community involvement from May 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER AWARD is presented to Detachment in recognition for publishing an outstanding newsletter that conforms to the National Newsletter guidelines from May 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

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 2020 to March 2021

NOTE: *Department of WV Marine of the Year* Nomination Forms were required to be postmarked no later than March 1, 2021. This deadline will most likely have passed by the time you read the Straight Scoop for March, but Adjutant Leib mailed that packet out along with the other Department Nomination Forms on January 6th so all Detachments should have received it in sufficient time to submit their nominee.

Mideast Division Marine 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 2021 Mideast Division Marine 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, and Rick Shank - 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 2021 Mideast Division Conference, April 17, 2021 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Each letter of nomination must be mailed to the above chairman, registered return receipt, post marked not later than March 17, 2021. Mail to Frank Mathers, Mideast Division Chairperson Marine 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 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 2021 recipient during the Mideast Division Conference. The above provisions are for 2021 Marine of the Year selection only.

Division Marine of the Year Criteria

This award shall be presented to a REGULAR 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 **Cover Letter** signed by the Detachment Commandant and Adjutant, stating that the nominee for Division Marine 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 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 position

within his detachment and department. List how many years he or she 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?

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 work 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 Committee has developed a point system to aid them in their selection process. Consideration can be given as a point for each event, and a point given for participation outside his detachment for either serving on Department, Division or National level and on any committee.

2021 MCL Department Convention Schedule
Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV
May 14-16, 2021

Friday, May 14, 2021

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 15, 2021

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

COVID Vaccines

The vaccine is now available, and we encourage everyone who wants to, to consider getting the immunization. In a way this COVID is like biological warfare and in the military we all took various immunizations to protect us so we could function if exposed to a biological agent. This virus is the same way. Consider getting the vaccine to protect yourself and those you love. The VA Medical Centers have the vaccines and are scheduling veterans now. The Clarksburg VA phone number is 304-623-3461. Call this number and ask to speak to a nurse about scheduling yourself to receive a vaccine. They do a first come, first serve on Saturday so get yourself locked in. Our department convention is just around the corner so come prepared by getting your shot. The WV Pack will also be giving rabies shots to all members of the MODD, so Dogs come prepared. The Pack Leader mentioned that for a small nominal fee he would grant a waiver to those Dogs who have gotten weak and wimpy since leaving the real Marine Corps. This is purely voluntary; members should not feel pressured or coerced to take the injections.

Detachment Awards

It is the responsibility of the Commandant to ensure that members are recognized for performing Detachment events, displaying USMC or MCL Principles and Purposes, outstanding community involvement and promoting patriotism. There are various awards and MCL certificates that can be created and presented.

Actual performance must exceed normal expectations and merits a respective award to ensure integrity of the Award. No award should be given because they are a member. Must be able to justify award. The impact upon detachment or community will determine the award level.

Thanking members is also a reward. Certificates can be presented to businesses or organizations.

Ceremonial Guard Ribbon (with authorization noted on the certificate to wear the Ribbon) Must participate in 10 events for each award. Events include Color Guard, Funeral/Honor Detail, Rifle Detail or Marching Squad. Just walking or riding on a float in a parade does not qualify unless it is part of a specific detail or program such as a Marching Unit. This Award is retroactive to 1 January 2010 for all individuals who have met the qualifications for the Award.

Distinguished Citizen Medal - Bronze

Awarded to detachment members and community citizens for outstanding service or those who have been examples of patriotism and exemplary citizenship.

Distinguished Service Award (with authorization noted on the certificate to wear the Medal/Ribbon)

Awarded to detachment members for outstanding service and those who have excelled and exceeded expectations.

Distinguished Recruiter Medal – Bronze – (with authorization noted on the certificate to wear the Medal/Ribbon)

Awarded to the member who signs up most new members within the year.

MCL Community Service, VAVS Service, or JROTC Service Ribbon

Awarded to an individual member for either Community Service, VAVS and or JROTC Service

Meritorious Individual Commendation Ribbon

Awarded for individual meritorious action or contributions to the Detachment or community.

Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded for performance that reflects on the Detachment or other community service. This award can be given to a civilian, an organization or business, or a member of the Detachment.

The following Awards are automatically authorized to be worn by Detachment Members:

- Detachment Commandant Medal**
- Detachment Marine of the Year Medal**
- Detachment Staff Medal - Elected**
- Detachment Staff Medal – Appointed**

MCL Medal (Membership) is automatically authorized for a member who has been in the League for five (5) continuous years and has not had their membership revoked.

Detachment Marine of the Year (with authorization noted on the certificate to wear the Medallion and ribbon)

This award is presented to the Detachment member demonstrating outstanding performance and dedication above and beyond expectations of the principles of the MCL that merit nomination for the award. The selection for the Detachment Marine of the Year (DMOY) may be selected by the membership or by a committee of all previous Detachment Marine of the Year recipients. This will be the Detachment Marine of the Year Committee. The criteria for selecting the annual DOY will be determined by the Committee. The previous recipient will be the Chairman and will call for the Committee to meet. The Leaguer selected will be presented the Detachment Marine of the Year Medal at a ceremony and will be authorized to wear it in accordance with the prescribed Uniform Code. A suitable certificate will be presented and will be included in the Detachment Minutes.

Boy Scout Eagle Scout – Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award - Presented to a Boy Scout who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Usually presented during Boy Scout Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony. Appropriate words or remarks should be made during presentation by the Marine Corps League representative.

Membership Incentives

We have more and more wives that are getting involved in our detachment activities. They support our fund drives, BBQ's, picnics, community and civic projects, and even in the planning our birthday balls. Membership is the lifeblood of our League and what a better way to increase our detachment membership than getting more wives to join as Associate members. In doing this more members will show up at meetings because your wife will want to come and interact with the other wives. So, if you want to increase your total detachment membership, join up your wives. Plus, the department is fabricating a new recruitment brochure. Marines love doing outdoor activities including skiing, snowboarding, biking, camping, hunting and fishing, hiking, visiting parks and historic sites. I'd highly suggest you target some of these areas with some of these brochures. Think like a tourist and put some in high traffic areas or popular bars and restaurants. Detachments show brainstorm and consider new ways in recruit members.

Semper Fi,
Greg Irwin
Jr. Vice Commandant

PENDING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021 Mideast Division Conference will be 16, 17, 18 April 2021 hosted by the Department of Delaware at Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center (Oceanfront) 1 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 Phone 800-422-0600, refer to the **Mideast Division Marine Corps League Block #9579** arriving Friday, April 16, 2021. **Reservations are open.**

2021 Department of Virginia Department Convention will be April 30- May 1, 2021 at the Lakewood Retirement Community Clubhouse at 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23238. Hotel is the Hyatt House

Richmond West, 2809 Charles City Road. Rooms rate \$98.00/night Reservations can be made up to 4/16/21 by mentioning the group name Marine Corps League. phone number is 804-360-7021

2021 Department of Delaware Department Convention and elections of officers will be on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Heritage Shores Golf Club, Bridgeville, DE. Note to all. The Club is located on US 13 near the intersection of DE Rt. 404 and US 13. 1 hour north of Ocean City and 40 minutes south of Dover, DE.

2021 Department of Maryland Department Convention will be May 7-9, 2021 at the at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842-2745. 1-800-4 ROYALE, (1-410-524-7777) Rooms: \$ Ocean-view/Pool-view. Ocean Front: Includes free continental breakfast. Convention registration and banquet information can be downloaded at: www.deptofmdmcl.org. POC: Department Paymaster Ed Dahling Phone: 410-987-5714 Email: umpire86@aol.com

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. Grand Banquet cost is \$30 per person 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. There is no pre-registration fee or ad book.**

2021 Department of North Carolina Department Convention will be June 25-26, 2021 at Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, 704-547- 7444. 75 Deluxe rooms are blocked for Friday night, 50 Deluxe rooms for Saturday MCL rate is \$119/night + (\$137.15), Reserve Before: June 1, 2021, to be guaranteed a Deluxe room. Reservations made after June 1 will be guaranteed the MCL rate but the room might not be available if these rooms are all booked. MCL rate is in effect for stays the nights of June 22 & 27 Breakfast for 2 is included.

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 Modern Day Marine Expo will be Sept 21-23, 2021 at MCB, Quantico, VA

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

2022 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference February 23– 27 2022 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.

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%



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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



2021 DEPARTMENT OF WV MCL CONVENTION
MAY 14-15, 2021 - 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. Phone: 304-636-4365 for reservations; to receive the block price, reservations must be booked by **04/29/21**. Make checks payable to Det. 956, MCL to avoid paying taxes. The registration fee for conference is waived. Banquet Cost: \$30.00
Mail a check for your hotel room and banquet reservation to: Leland D "Crow" Crawford MCL Det. #956, PO Box 852, Elkins, WV 26241.

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

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WEST VIRGINIA
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**2021 MCL Department Meeting Schedule
Department of West Virginia Elkins, WV
MAY 14-15, 2021**

Friday, May 14, 2021

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 15, 2021

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

THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top,
The bird, despite its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner.
The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet.
Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly,
But will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air,
Cannot take off from a level place.
If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and,
No doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air.
Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLEBEE

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out.
It never sees the means of escape at the top but persists in trying to find some way out
Through the sides near the bottom.
It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee.
We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!
That's the answer, the escape route, and the solution to any problem...
Just look up!

Sorrow looks back,
Worry looks around,
But faith looks up!
Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly, and
Trust in our Creator,
Who loves us

Share this with a friend... I just did.