



***The Straight Scoop***  
**Department Newsletter of the**  
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April 2, 2021

Welcome to all MCL Members, Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains and Associate Members: Its April 1<sup>st</sup> and April Fool's Day and those Detachments that did not get their Department Awards sent in, not only got fooled they didn't get to award their members by giving them the chance to get an award from the Department. It's now too late as they were due by March 30<sup>th</sup>. The last I heard Dept Awards Chairman Randy "Doc" Thomas had only received nominations from 4 Detachments. Members often complain at Department meetings that they never get any recognition. It is hard to recognize Detachments and their members when they they're not nominated! One problem may be the Detachment officers do not know how to fill out the awards applications but MED NCV Roger Ware will do a training session at the Department Convention on how to write up the nominations for your members. Don't miss it!

It's election time for All Detachments and some have already completed this. But don't forget! as soon as your election is done, and your Officers are sworn in, you need to get your ROI (Report of Officer Installation) sent into Department Adjutant / Paymaster Patti Leib. Even if you keep the same slate of Officers, you still need to fill out an ROI and get it sent in. This is what National uses to make sure your Detachment is covered by the insurance.

Also, as members pay their dues do not hold on to the money or wait for a full transmittal... get it sent into Adjutant / Paymaster Patti Leib immediately. Waiting can sometimes cause renewals to slip through the cracks and get lost, or at least take longer for the Member to receive his new card. Your members don't like to wait, and they really shouldn't have to.

The Department Convention will be here before you know it May 14 - 15, 2021. Plan on coming and attending the Professional Development class on Friday. A lot of really good information is presented. Paymasters need to come and attend the class put on by the Professional Development Team (Roger Ware, Rick Shank, Patti Leib) Even if you think you know everything there is about your job there is still more to learn as National frequently makes changes.

Also, Department officers will be elected at the Convention. The Department Nominating Committee will present their Slate of Officers for FY2021-2022 which is the current slate now, as I am running again for Commandant, Jerry Bain for Sr Vice Commandant, Greg Irwin for Jr Vice Commandant and Randy "Doc" Thomas for Judge Advocate. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Attend the Convention and get involved but most of all come and enjoy yourself. The Committee I appointed of Jr Past Commandant Rick Shank and Historian Michael Lyon, redesigned and had printed a new brochure highlighting the Department of West Virginia and the Marine Corps League. There is also a small blank section where Detachments can enter their information to highlight their contact information.

Please keep all members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers as they serve around the world in harms' way especially on this Easter weekend.

Semper Fi  
Jim Doss, Commandant  
Department of West Virginia  
Marine Corps League

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### **Chaplain's Corner**

#### **Why Jesus Died on the Cross**

For Christians, the cross is the symbol of being willing to suffer for the sake of something good. During my life on earth, I struggle to protect my future with bank accounts, credit cards and investments. I protect my future with health plans, life insurance, Social Security, and retirement plans. There's nothing wrong with that.

But statistics on death haven't changed. It's still one per person. There comes a moment when no amount of cash or plastic or investments protect me. I die. No material possessions go with me to the grave. Human companionship stops at the tomb and I enter alone.

Except that the Lord goes with me. Because of His dying on the cross and rising to new life, the Lord is with me at death, through death, and takes me to the other side to share in the transformed life which God has prepared for me. Jesus is like Noah's ark which saves me from the "flood" of death. I still have to die, but death is different. It becomes a birth. Death is no longer something to escape. It becomes something to embrace.

That's why I wore ashes on my forehead several weeks ago and heard the words, "dust to dust" without being morbid. I was entering into death and rising with Christ.

That is why the Gospel is indeed the "Good News."

– From "The Little Black Book: Six-Minute Meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle B)

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### **COVID 19 Vaccine Expanded Availability**

Congress has passed a new law that allows VA to soon offer COVID-19 vaccines to more Veterans, including non-enrolled Veterans, as well as some spouses and caregivers of Veterans.

- The expanded authority depends on readily available COVID-19 vaccine supply and requires VA to continue to prioritize vaccinations and healthcare delivery for our nation's Veterans enrolled in VA care.

- At this time, we still have a limited number of vaccines. We're working to determine how quickly we can begin to offer vaccines to these other groups.
- To date, VA has successfully fully vaccinated over one million Veterans in a safe environment, and as we expand to all Veterans, we will take the same care to plan in a way that keeps these additional groups safe.
- We're working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines to eligible Veterans, spouses, and caregivers.
- Those eligible under the new legislation include:
  - o All enrolled Veterans
  - o Non-enrolled Veterans as defined in the new legislation, including those without service-connected disabilities and who have incomes above VA's threshold.
  - o Overseas Veterans who rely on the Foreign Medical Program.
  - o Veteran caregivers who are enrolled in either the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers or the Program of General Caregiver Support Services.
  - o Veteran caregivers enrolled in certain Geriatrics and Extended Care Programs, such as Veteran-Directed Care, Bowel and Bladder, Home Based Primary Care and VA's Medical Foster Home Program.
  - o Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs recipients.
  - o Veteran spouses.
- Veterans, caregivers, spouses, and CHAMPVA beneficiaries newly eligible under the law can go to [www.va.gov/covid-19-vaccine](http://www.va.gov/covid-19-vaccine) to register and indicate their interest in receiving a vaccine from VA. Signing up will also give users regular updates about VA's vaccine rollout process. COVID-19 Vaccine Expanded Availability 2 Released: 03/23/2021 Your Safe Care is Our Mission.
- Those eligible will be contacted by their closest VA facility by text message, email, or phone about vaccination events, scheduling, and other opportunities.
- We appreciate everyone's patience as we prepare to offer more vaccines.

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**Professional Development Training  
Officer Nominations, Elections, and Installation**

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 must submit a Report of Officer Installation (ROI) every year even if none of your Officers change. The ROI is required and lists name and contact information of the Commandant and Paymaster who handle money, as they are covered under the insurance bond. Plus, the ROI has the current email address of your paymaster so National can return completed transmittals and also notify your Detachment of the yearly PLM interest payment deposited into your detachment's checking account. National will not send the PLM payment if your ROI is not current. The Department will track all Detachment PLM audits and ROI's.

Detachments are required to hold their Elections and Installation of Officers between Sept 1 and May 15. 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 ROIs to make sure every Detachment files one. 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\\_2020v3.pdf](https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Fillable-ROI_Detachment_2020v3.pdf)

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### **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.

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### **Annual Corporate Report**

Every detachment must be incorporated within the state. After annual Officer Installation is complete, the Detachment must complete and file a Corporation Annual Report prior to 30 June each year online to 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 completed, 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 an additional mandatory late fee of \$25 (twenty-five dollars) for nonprofit organizations as required by West Virginia code to be reactivated.

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### **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  
1200-1300 Lunch will be served  
1300-1600 MCL Business Meeting  
1615-1640 New Officer Installation & Department Officers’ Meeting  
1730-1830 Formal Reception  
1830-2200 Grand Banquet

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

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**Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Recipients**

John B. Nanny, Chairman, of the Scholarship Foundation announced the recipients of the 2021 Department scholarships who will be presented a check for \$1000.00 each during the Department Convention Banquet in Elkins, West Virginia on May 15, 2021. Since the inception of the program, a total of 150 scholarship have been awarded with \$132,000 total to date.

Kenly L. Arbogast  
Marshall University  
Grandmother: Susan Paulson MGM Detachment 1180

Austin Patrick Coleman  
Bluefield State College  
MCL member: Self  
Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 957

Madyson Cox  
WVU  
Father: Michael W. Cox II  
Eastern Panhandle Detachment 1143

Houston Wayne Kessell  
WVU  
Grandfather: David Shockey  
Walter L. Mann Detachment 1065

Jolie Meadows  
Concord University  
Grandfather: William Gary Carden  
Herbert J. Thomas Detachment 957

Kristina Stone  
Shepherd University  
Father: Deceased Life Member  
Self: Associate member  
Eastern Panhandle Detachment. 1143

Gavin Winter  
Marshall University  
Grandfather: Curtis "Buddy" Winter Herbert J. Thomas  
Detachment 947

Nathan Wroblewski  
University of Cincinnati  
Grandfather: Ron Wroblewski  
MGM Detachment 1180

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## **VA Pension/Disability**

VA Pension by definition says that the person does not have and cannot hold gainful employment due to disability and their total income is below the threshold set by law and regulation. The rules for working on a VA Disability are not so cut and dry and vary with the type of service compensation and each veteran's circumstances. There are several types of VA Service Compensation 100% disability for work purposes.

1. 100% Scheduler - rated 100% for physical disabilities based on the VA CFR schedule. Disabled veterans on a 100% scheduler disability can work without limitations except where the definition of the disability makes the presumption that the veteran is unable to hold a job.
2. 100% TDIU - Individual Unemployability - You are only allowed to be marginally employed. You can only make a certain amount of money, and if you make more than that marginally amount of money, your IU rating will be reviewed for possible reduction in your current rating!
3. 100% Scheduler for PTSD or other psychiatric disability - Veterans receiving 100% disability for PTSD may not work, as that is part of the definition of 100% disabled by psychiatric disability. The definition of 100% PTSD is, "Total occupational and social impairment, due to such symptoms as: gross impairment in thought processes or communication; persistent delusions or hallucinations; grossly inappropriate behavior; persistent danger of hurting self or others; intermittent inability to perform activities of daily living (including maintenance of minimal personal hygiene); disorientation to time or place; memory loss for names of close relatives, own occupation, or own name."
4. 70% TDIU - Individual Unemployability - The PTSD 70% definition is, "Occupational and social impairment, with deficiencies in most areas, such as work, school, family relations, judgment, thinking, or mood, due to such symptoms as: suicidal ideation; obsessional rituals which interfere with routine activities; speech intermittently illogical, obscure, or irrelevant; near-continuous panic or depression affecting the ability to function independently, appropriately and effectively; impaired impulse control (such as unprovoked irritability with periods of violence); spatial disorientation; neglect of personal appearance and hygiene; difficulty in adapting to stressful circumstances (including work or a work like setting); inability to establish and maintain effective relationships." You can see that even at 70% employment is not consistent with the rating, and at 100%, "inability to perform activities of daily living" and "Total occupational and social impairment" says that work is an issue. Having this problem implies a person is unable to work. Veterans should exercise caution even if working as a volunteer. If the VA determines that the nature and amount of unpaid work that you are performing demonstrates that you are not unemployable, TDIU can be revoked. Anytime the VA revokes a TDIU rating, the amount of disability compensation drops to the level of the veteran's actual rating under the rating schedule. There are laws and regulations that protect VA disability ratings that have been in place for certain periods of time. If a VA award of service connection for a disability has been in effect for ten years or more, absent evidence of fraud in applying for compensation for that disability, the VA may not revoke service connection but can reduce the rating percentage. Similarly, if a

specific rating percentage has been in effect for 20 years or more, absent evidence of fraud, the VA may not revoke service connection nor reduce that rating.

Bottom line, veterans assigned a VA disability rating are subject to reevaluation based on employment or improved condition. Lowering a rating is possible up to a point and the criteria for lowering can vary with each veteran's circumstances. The type and duration of any work is a major factor in the VA's decision on whether to lower or remove a preassigned percentage. If in doubt check with your assigned primary physician and/or local VARO for clarification on any limitations placed on you regarding employment or voluntary endeavors.

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### **Public Relations and Recruiting**

The primary reason Marines join the League is to associate with a Marine organization. Among Marines there are three specific reasons for joining and actively participating:

1. Camaraderie and association with other marines and FMF Corpsmen
2. The fact that Marines get things done.
3. Marines take care of their own.

The second and third reasons refer to the certainty that when programs and projects are initiated, Marines follow through and accomplish tasks in an outstanding manner, and Marines are there for each other, and their families. Every Marine who joins and participates in some manner is seeking some personal satisfaction from being a member of the detachment.

Some reasons cited by members include:

Participating in patriotic events, ceremonies, parades, and color guards.

Developing and supporting programs to cultivate positive youth activities.

Provide service for and support the annual Toys for Tots campaign.

Develop and/or assist in Veterans programs that support Veterans in need such as VAVS programs at VA hospitals.

Support Marines, Marine units, and Marine families.

Develop programs and events that raise funds for detachment and MCL objectives.

Develop programs of special interest to honor Marines on special occasions and events; Support and/or develop programs that lend assistance to those in need within the community.

Take care to support members, Marines, and their families in time of distress, or need.

Develop social events on a regular basis that develop detachment esprit de corps.

Acknowledge members, Marines and community citizens for deeds and actions.

Participating members need challenges by setting goals and objectives that will pique interest and stretch capabilities to draw members to meetings and activities.

### **Suggested letter for Detachments to use to mail to delinquent members:**

Dear Marine,

The National Marine Corps League is a nonprofit veterans' organization for Marines of all eras and ranks and for Fleet Marine Force Corpsmen who served with Marines. The detachment holds meetings at \_\_\_ p.m. each \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. We are contacting previous members of our detachment asking them to rejoin and continue their camaraderie in the Marine Corps League. Below are some reasons to renew your membership and some accomplishments and projects within the regional and local community that our Detachment supports.

The purposes of the Marine Corps League are as follows:

- a. To preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps.
- b. To band those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service together in fellowship that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy.
- c. To fit its members for duties of citizenship and to encourage them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation under arms.
- d. To hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have given their lives to the Nation.
- e. To foster love for the principles which they have supported by blood and valor since the founding of the Republic.
- f. To maintain true allegiance to American institutions.
- g. To create a bond of comradeship between those in the service and those who have returned to civilian life.
- h. To aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all Marines, honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains, as well as to their families, their widows, and their orphans.
- i. To perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps, and by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions that are of particular interest to Marines.

Here are some projects that the Detachment supports:

Providing Marine presence at Veterans' programs including memorial services, POW/MIA memorial services, Veterans Day observances and banquets, flag-raising, and parades; conducting flag etiquette and flag-raising classes for school children; assisting with full military honors during funeral services for Veterans and with community and civic activities and military tributes and remembrances. Annual Toys for Tots Program. Assist with donations for Wounded Warriors Program, and Marines Helping Marines. We also support the Hershel Woody Williams Department Scholarship Foundation which annually provides scholarships for dependents of League members.

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your membership in the Marine Corps League. Our membership is growing, and we are supporting events in our area. Our members supported all the Detachment's events and thus has made a tremendous Marine Corps presence in the community and surrounding area. You can be proud your Detachment has continued to set the pace and lead from the point and will continue to be enthusiastic with pending events which guarantees that Marines can do anything. It's just like when the Marines raised the American flag over Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945 that Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal said to General Holland Smith, "Holland, the raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years".

Our detachment continues to grow, and we are asking for your help to allow us to continue with the Marine Corps' visibility in the region and throughout the state. Your monies from dues helps provide operating funds to continue supporting the events and activities we sponsor and provide. We are also conducting a survey and asking for various reasons why our inactive members let their memberships lapse and what would entice them to stay with the League. We would appreciate any comments on these. We have previously approved your application for membership and have your DD-214 or discharge certificate on file. We are asking you to please consider renewing your membership and helping our Detachment be more visible in the region. Reconnect with your Marine Corps heritage and renew the spirit and camaraderie in the legacy that Marines share. We are asking you to please pay your reinstatement fee so we can continue your active membership and you will again receive the Marine Corps League Semper Fi magazine. We are enclosing an application so you can fill out and mail with your reinstatement fee.

If you have any questions, contact Marine Corps League \_\_\_\_ Detachment \_\_\_\_ or call Detachment Commandant \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_, (give complete mailing address) or e-mail at \_\_\_\_\_. To rejoin, send a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to MCL Det \_\_\_\_\_ along with your full address and telephone number and mail to the above address. Once we receive your check, we will process your membership and send it to MCL National Headquarters. Thank you for your consideration. Semper Fidelis,

Detachment XXX Commandant

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### Pending Calendar

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** by calling 1-800422-0600, 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](http://www.deptofmdmcl.org). POC: Dept. Paymaster Ed Dahling Phone: 410-987-5714 Email: [umpire86@aol.com](mailto: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. Banquet \$30 and will be buffet style. POC is Roger Ware 304-636-4365 or [rrware@yahoo.com](mailto: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 25-26, 2021 at Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, 704-5477444. 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

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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](http://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](http://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

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.

2023 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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Please see Around the State below, and the Department of WV 2021 Convention Registration Form and consider attending – it’s not too late!!

## Around the State:

March 19, 2021 Navy Veteran Bob Tanner's wish was to donate his Marine son's medical equipment to a fellow Marine that could use it as his son had answered his final call to our supreme Commandant. He contacted Marine John Roberts from Detachment 340 and made the request. The next day on a cold and windy morning, Marine Stan Legge, and his wife Jane also an associate member of Detachment 340 picked up the scooter and delivered it to Marine Buddy Winter who lives outside of Nitro, WV.



Pictured above left is Jane and Stan Legge loading up the Scooter on their trailer in Huntington, WV and pictured on the above right is Marine Buddy Winter after he had received the scooter.



Bottom left: A MCL Dist. Service Award from Det. 340 Commandant Randy "Doc" Thomas was presented to Mr. Tanner. Pictured left to right Past Commandant Rick Shank, Asst. Honor Guard Capt. John Roberts, Mr. Bob Tanner, and Det. 340 Sr. Vice Commandant Stan Legge. The certificate read: Distinguished Service award presented to Bob Tanner for honoring the memory of his son Marine Bobby Tanner by donating Bobby's medical equipment to a fellow Marine. May Bobby's spirit fill with pride as he has carried on our faithful tradition of Marines helping Marines. Semper Fidelis! Awarded this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

Pictures from Eagle Scout ceremony on 3/7/21 for Eagle Scout Aiden Bernard.

Pictured in Red Blazers are Will Miller Lorn Limanen and Vince Turley of Cpl Wm B. Fulks Det 1474 Hurricane, WV. In white shirt and MCL cover Jim McDade.





**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
WEST VIRGINIA  
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.

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

Attendee  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30.00 banquet each        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30.00 banquet each        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30.00 banquet each        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title/Relation \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30.00 banquet each        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**DEPARTMENT  
OF  
WEST VIRGINIA  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**



**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