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Commandant's Letter

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

The National Convention is over, and we have new National Officers. The National Commandant is Johnny Baker, Senior Vice Commandant is Warren Griffin, Junior Vice Commandant is T. J. Morgan, and the Judge Advocate is Phil Zamora. In the Mideast Division the National Division Vice is Rick Thomason from North Carolina, the Assistant Natl. Vice is Frank Mathers from Delaware, and the Mideast Adjutant is Laura Hamilton from North Carolina.

There were numerous motions voted on for the National By-Laws and Administrative Procedures. Some were approved and some were not approved. Check the Library on the National web site for the changes and the minutes for the various meetings, or here in the Straight Scoop.

Don't forget the September Department Fall Meeting is rapidly approaching. Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 Hurricane, WV is the host. The meeting will be at the Winfield Community Center, 178 Second St.

Winfield, WV on September 18, 2021, with meeting starting at 10:00 AM. Any Detachment wanting to host the Spring Department meeting in January 2022 should turn in a bid at this meeting so it can be voted on by the members.

The Department of WV will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2023. The Department can have a Ribbon, Pin and Challenge Coin made to commemorate the event, but they must first be approved by National. I am requesting the Detachments and Members to turn in suggestions for a design on each which need to be in the form of a drawing to be sent to me and later to the Committee I need to appoint. The Committee will review all the designs and pick several which will then be voted on by the membership at either the 2022 January Spring Meeting or the Department Convention in May of 2022. The winning submission will then be submitted to National for their approval. The Department must then find a vendor to have them made so they will be ready for the 2023 Spring Meeting so get your submission drawings in right away.

THE WINNING DESIGN WHETHER IT'S A DETACHMENT OR MEMBER WILL RECEIVE \$100

Remember your dues membership is expired on September 1st. To those Detachments that don't have their Transmittals in to Department Paymaster Patti Leib in time for her to check them and send to National, will see their September roster incorrect for paid and unpaid members.

The M.O.D.D. has a new web site which is Militaryorderdevildogs.org

National C.O.O. Bob Borka has been receiving quite a lot of phone calls lately some nice and some not so nice and belligerent. These should be going to your Detachment or Department officers. Remember you have a chain of Command to go by. If you have problems, go to your Detachment officers.

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

Semper Fi

Jim Doss, Commandant
Department of West Virginia
Marine Corps League

Chaplain's Corner

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home,
May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures,
May all life's passing seasons, bring the best to you and yours.

~ Department of WV Chaplain Frank Armentrout

Department Fall Quarterly Meeting

Department of WV MCL Detachment Commandant's Report

2021 Department of WV Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held on September 18, 2021, hosted by Cpl William B Fulks Detachment 1474 in the Winfield Community Center, 178 Second Street, Winfield WV 25213, Staff Officers Meeting is 0930 AM with general business meeting at 1000 AM. WV Pack Growl will immediately follow Dept. Meeting. The uniform code has been modified for the department regular meetings as members can wear polo shirts and black pants, with fore and aft cover. The uniform code must be followed for the Department Convention. Would recommend bringing a mask (depending on COVID) and keep social distancing during meeting.

Directions to Winfield Community Center for September 18, 2021, Quarterly meeting.

From the North: Take I-79 S to Charleston then take exit 40 from I-64 W Exit on US-35 N. Take WV-34 N to Garfield St in Winfield Community Center, 178 Second St, Winfield, WV 25213

From the South. Take I-64 E towards Charleston, Exit on US-35 N. Take WV-34 N to Garfield St in Winfield Community Center, 178 Second St, Winfield, WV 25213

Department of WV MCL Detachment Commandant's Report Instructions:

Detachment Commandants. The Dept. of WV requests that each detachment Commandant or appointed representative attend the department regular meeting to submit their detachment report. In the event that attendance by your detachment is not possible, please contact the Department Commandant to be excused and mail or email a copy of your report to the Dept. Adjutant/Paymaster Patti Leib before the date of the regular meeting. Bring 1 copy of your detachment report and give to the Dept. Adjutant/Paymaster.

No oral reports will be given as all will be submitted to Dept. Adjutant Patti Leib for file.

Use the following criteria when submitting your reports:

Administration:

Have you conducted any conference calls with your members in lieu of active meeting?

Have you conducted a property inventory and filed a report that it has been completed?

Have you completed your PLM (Paid Life Member) audit and sent to the Dept. Paymaster?

Have you updated your detachment bylaws to comply with the National BL and AP?

Has your membership been updated in the member portal on the National site?

Have you informed your members of the 2021 National BL and AP CHANGES?

Membership and Retention Team:

List number of paid life members: paid members: total paid: and total unpaid as of Sept 1, 2021

Do you have a roster of every member that includes mailing address, phone number, date of birth, and email address? Do you have an accurate data base for all members?

Does your detachments MRT report membership totals in your business meetings and list the unpaid members?

How often do they contact all members?

How many new members have joined your detachment since May 1, 2021, and has each new member been assigned a mentor?

What recruiting events has the detachment conducted since May 1, 2021?

Do you send your monthly meeting minutes to those members who do not attend meetings and to the Dept. Adjutant?

Professional Development Training:

Is your detachment implementing Professional Development Training into your membership? Are you using the Guidebook for Det. Officers, Dept. DVD training disc to assist in training? What PDT classes have been conducted in your detachment meetings since May 1, 2021?

What type of training would you like for the dept. to conduct during the Dept. Convention?

Chaplain's Report:

List deceased members from May 1, 2021

Have death notices for these members been filed by your detachment Chaplain and forwarded to the Dept.

Paymaster and Chaplain? Did you complete a dues transmittal and mark code NOD for your deceased members?

Detachment Awards:

How do you recognize your members? How many members have the Chapel of Four Chaplains Award?

Have you recognized any Associate members with the MOY medallion?

Americanism and Civic Events:

Summarize your most important activities or significant events.

Detachment Commandants additional Comments:

In this section of your report the Detachment Commandant can make any comments, requests and or suggestions to the Dept. of WV Staff.

Marine Corps League Members.

Veterans from all eras are reacting to the events in Afghanistan, such as the U.S withdrawal and the takeover by the Taliban. Our Marine Corps League members are also affected by this matter happening in Afghanistan. All veterans may question the meaning of their service or whether it was worth the sacrifices they made. Some of our members may feel more moral distress about experiences they had during their service. It's normal to feel this way. Talk with your friends and families, reach out to battle buddies, connect with a peer-to-peer network, or sign up for mental health services.

Please read the below e-mail and PLEASE check out the resources that are listed. With our "battle buddies" system and these resources, hopefully all Marine Corps League members and all veterans may try to make some sense of what is happening. We owe it to all veterans to ensure their health and well-being is paramount. There are many among us that need this assistance at a time like this. As Marines as well as Marine Corps League members, we have the ability to make a difference in any veteran's life. We always step up and help our fellow brothers and sisters in time of need. IT IS WHAT WE DO!

These feelings are normal, but there is much that we can do to help others. First, let's talk to our fellow Marines in your local Detachments and any veteran that is in your life. Tell them these feelings are normal. It is alright to feel that way. But what you and I do next is most important, to continue talking to them and be there when they need us the most. PLEASE provide the below resources to anyone needing them. Don't just provide them these resources but discuss with them and even look through the resources with them and give them encouragement. We all need that.

Marines, this is our time to step up and make a difference. It is our mission, and it is just the right thing to do.

Semper Fi Marines,

Johnny Baker
Chief Executive Officer (CEO) / National Commandant
Marine Corps League

Professional Development Training Duties of the Adjutant

Adjutant: Shall be the recording secretary of the Detachment meetings and affairs. 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 shall read and record the application at the proper time, starting 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 staff. 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. In addition, the Detachment Adjutant shall:

- (1) Keep and transcribe complete and accurate record of the business meetings at all Board meetings, detachment meetings for a permanent record for a period not to exceed three (3) years. If a separate Officers meeting has been held and if decision have been made by the Officers, then the Adjutant will read a report of that meeting at the general membership meeting. Will send a copy to the monthly minutes to the Department Adjutant or Adjutant/Paymaster.
- (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. He will also ensure a listing of the new officers is given to the Detachment Web Sgt for the Locator page. 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 Corporation Annual Report prior to July 1 for the Detachment each year and mail to the WV Secretary of State, Business and Licensing Division 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.
- (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 (yearly):	Detachment property inventory (Yearly):	Paid members	Unpaid members

Duties of Historian

Historian: Shall, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, assemble and maintain a record of the Detachment history and achievements. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Trustees

2021 National BL and AP Proposed Changes Results

1. The purpose of this amendment is to establish an awards system to recognize our Associate Members at their Detachment, Department Division and a National Associate of the Year award and Society. **APPROVED**
2. When a Charter is sought for a Detachment which is to be located within 25 straight-miles from another Detachment's meeting site, the written consent of the existing Detachment shall accompany the application. **APPROVED**
3. Section 830. Department Convention. Each Department shall hold one convention each year between April 1 and prior to the National Convention but no later than June 30th. The Department Charter or a copy, the National Ensign, and a Bible shall be displayed at all business sessions of the convention.

RATIONAL Section 830 and 855 conflicted with dates. July is a normal “Admin Month” for MCL HQ and therefor June 30th should be the date to amend Section 830 in order to eliminate the date conflict. It also allows ample time to meet the ROI submission date of July 31st to MCL Headquarters

APPROVED

4. RA Specialists would be eligible to join as regular members if they serve with FMF units **REJECT**

5. The purpose of this amendment is to establish an awards system to recognize our Associate Members at their Detachment, Department Division and a National Associate of the Year award and Society. **REJECT**

6. PROPOSED CHANGE: Revise and add (c) ARTICLE IX, Section 825.a. (6) Causes for Vacancy. In addition to death, resignation, or incapacity; (a) an elected officer vacancy will occur through failure to attend two consecutive, officially called meetings of the Department Board of Trustees. (b) an elected or appointed officer vacancy will occur through removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the National Administrative Procedure, (c) an elected or appointed officer vacancy will occur when a member is no longer in good standing. **APPROVED**

7. PROPOSED CHANGE: Revise and add (c) ARTICLE IX, Section 925.a. (6) Causes for Vacancy. In addition to death, resignation, or incapacity; (a) an elected officer vacancy will occur through failure to attend two consecutive, officially called meetings of the Detachment Board of Trustees. (b) an elected or appointed officer vacancy will occur through removal from office by disciplinary action in accordance with the National Administrative Procedure, (c) an elected or appointed officer vacancy will occur when a member is no longer in good standing. **APPROVED**

8. PROPOSED SECTION 1100 Section 1100. National Bylaws Amendments. The National Bylaws may be revised, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and approved delegates voting at a National Convention. The proposed revision, amendment, or repeal shall be submitted following the procedures in the Administrative Procedures, Chapter Ten, Section 10020. Amendments.

CHANGE RATIONALE: The current NBL Section 1100 is not consistent with the NAP Section 10020.

APPROVED

9. PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: Section 7032. Not in Good Standing. Remaining as a member in good standing is what all activities of The League rely upon and paramount to the success of a detachment. All members shall be considered not in good standing in the Marine Corps League if they meet any of the criteria set forth in Section 7030 above. It is the members’ responsibility to pay their dues in a timely manner in order to remain as a member in good standing. It is the responsibility of the Commandant to inform the members that this procedure is in place and do everything possible to have all members remain in good standing. It is desirable that any responsible elected or appointed officer submit their resignation to that office if they do not intend to remain a member in good standing. **APPROVED**

10. Section 7060. Dual Membership. A member of the Marine Corps League becomes a dual member in good standing in more than one detachment upon submission of the Request for Transfer form, with Section 4 completed, and acceptance by both detachments. The form is then submitted to the National Headquarters office via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster if a department exists. Such dual membership a. shall be counted for voting strength at Department and National Conventions only as an associate member unless he/she makes a signed written request for transfer of voting rights to the one of the member’s dual-membership detachments. (1) Upon acceptance by both detachments concerned, copies of the transfer of voting rights shall be submitted to National Headquarters via the jurisdictional Department Paymaster or Adjutant/Paymaster if a department exists. (2) The Transfer Form, Enclosure Seven, will be utilized for the purpose of transfer of voting rights to another detachment. Being accepted into a detachment as a dual member does not transfer voting rights unless Section 4 of the Transfer Form has been completed. b. members upon acceptance, shall be regular voting members, thus permitting them to be elected 15 March 2021 Proposed National AP Amendment – CHAPTER SEVEN, Section 7060 Page 2 or appointed to positions in all their detachments and departments concurrently unless stated differently in the detachment or department bylaws **REJECTED**

11...PROPOSED SECTION 10020, a, b, and c: Final Version Section 10020. Amendments. a. The Bylaws and Administrative Procedures may be revised, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the properly registered and

approved Delegates voting at a National Convention, provided that the proposed revision, amendment, or repeal is submitted to the National Chief Operating Officer (COO) at National Headquarters no later than April 1 prior to the National Convention at which said proposal is to be considered. Submission of proposed revisions, amendments or repeals will be in typewritten form, and will be in the exact wording intended. Submission can be sent via Email, Certified U.S. Mail, or by other carriers where Certified delivery may be verified, and a Return Receipt may be requested. If the proposal is mailed, a PDF or copy of the source document will be emailed to the COO. Receipt of the email submission will be acknowledged by the COO. **APPROVED**

12. Holding more than one office. CHANGE TO READ A member that is elected to the National Board of Trustees to include, Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant, Judge Advocate, Past National Commandant and Division Vice Commandant may not hold an elected office in his/her Department or Detachment. If this be the case, then they shall resign from the lower office upon being sworn into the National office. **REJECTED**

13. Wants to change the period of dues for new members. **REJECTED**

14. Membership cards. Charge a \$5 fee for undelivered cards **REJECTED**

15. Change wording for resignation with prejudice Change the last sentence of Part 4 to read: Place the Respondent's name on the Expulsion/Resignation ILH list, which will permanently bar any future membership in the Marine Corps League. Add a sentence to the text of the Sample Letter so that the entire text will read: In lieu of appearing before a hearing board to defend myself against disciplinary charges, I hereby resign with prejudice, my membership in the Marine Corps League effective immediately. I understand that this action will bar the possibility of my having any future Membership in the Marine Corps League. **REJECTED**

16. Honor Guard patch on shirt above MCL patch. **REJECTED**

17. Anniversary ribbons and medals. **APPROVED WITH SENTENCE REMOVED**

18. U.S. Navy Personnel (i) who are serving or have served honorably* in the United States Navy who have trained with Marine FMF units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps device (clasp) worn on the Service Ribbon, (i.e.: Southwest Asia Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, etc.) or (ii) earn the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Device (FMFEWS) (1 Oct 2006 to Present) or the Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer (FMFQO) Insignia (1 Jan 2006-Present) which must be noted on the DD Form 214. An Award of the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon (FMF Ribbon) (1 Sept 1984-30 Sep 2006), the FMFEWS or FMFQO may serve as prima facie evidence of eligibility. **APPROVED**

19. Remove MODD patch from shirt and replace with USA flag REJECTED

20 Employment Identification Number [EIN] and Incorporation

a. EIN. Each subsidiary organization group in addition to its incorporation, shall obtain and maintain its own EIN under the MCL's Group Exemption Code "0955" under IRS Code 501c (4), within six months from the charter date. The exception is that the Marine Corps League Foundation must maintain its EIN as a 501c (3). If for any reason any subsidiary does not maintain good standing with the Fed IRS as determined by the Fed IRS Database (EOBMF) and receives a Letter of Revocation, that subsidiary shall cease to be in Good Standing effective as of that date on the letter or the Fed IRS Database (EOBMF). All operations as a non-profit shall cease and the subsidiary shall not receive any compensation or voting privileges at National Headquarters conferences and conventions until such time their status is returned to normal status.

b. Incorporation. Any of the foregoing which engage in services or business in their respective state or commonwealth either for profit or non-profit, or which use the name of the MCL, will be incorporated within one year from the charter date unless their state or commonwealth requires incorporation to be completed within a shorter time period. If for any reason any subsidiary does not maintain good standing with the state or commonwealth incorporation as determined by the Secretary of State Database and receives a Letter of Revocation, that subsidiary shall cease to be in Good Standing effective as of that date on the letter or the state or commonwealth. All operations as a non-profit shall cease and the subsidiary shall not receive any compensation or voting privileges at National Headquarters conferences and conventions until such time their status is returned to normal status. **APPROVED**

21. Grievances Wording if adopted will read: “Prior to the grievance being filed with the Jurisdictional Judge Advocate, the grievance must be considered by the Detachment to mediate the problem. The Petitioner shall file the grievance in writing with the Detachment. The Detachment shall have 10 days in which to mediate the grievance to the satisfaction of the aggrieved member. If within 10 days the Petitioner feels the grievance was not resolved by the Detachment, the petitioner shall file the grievance in writing with the Jurisdictional judge Advocate clearly stating the basis for the grievance. When a grievance is filed with the Jurisdictional Judge Advocate by the aggrieved member, the role of the Detachment is then terminated, and the grievance moves forward in accordance with Section 9025.” **APPROVED**

22. Create an Associate Member of the Year Award Medallion & Ribbon at the National, Division, Department and Detachment levels. This change/addition would be for both the Medallion & Ribbon. **WITHDRAWN**

23. Create an Associate Member of the Year Award Ribbon at the National, Division, Department and Detachment levels. This change/addition would be for a RIBBON ONLY. **APPROVED WITH “A” IN RIBBON VICE EGA**

Bronze A Device



Department Ribbon with A Device



24. Gold Star Lapel Pin or Next of Kin Deceased Personnel Pin Rationale: Members and Associate Members who are surviving family members of a loved one who died while serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces and qualify by

law to wear either pin should be allowed to wear it on their Red Blazer or Evening Dress Jacket to memorialize their loved one. **APPROVED**

25. Currently the Marine Corps League has no emergency procedures in place in the case of emergencies that would affect the functioning of the League - During emergencies as defined in subsection (a); the Board of Trustees by vote must agree that they are operating under emergency conditions. The vote must be by a 75% or higher vote of the entire Board of Trustees. Upon approval of this Invocation of Powers all Departments and Detachments must be notified immediately **REJECTED**

26. Heroism medal Since a League member can be awarded this medal, it should be authorized for wear such as with state commendation medals. If passed, this Medal should be added to the Order of Precedence by the National Board of Trustees via the National Uniform Committee. **APPROVED**

27. MOY ribbon. Marine of the Year Medallions are not part of any Order of Precedence list this section should be changed as follows: Locate the Medallion descriptions just prior to the Order of Precedence (Large Medals) and leave the actual ribbon descriptions in place. **WITHDRAWN**

28. MOY Medallion Since Marine of the Year Medallions are not part of any Order of Precedence list this section should be located just prior to the Order of Precedence (Large Medals) **WITHDRAWN**

29. EMERGENCY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES MARINE CORPS LEAGUE These guidelines are presented to establish a baseline and definition of appropriate operating procedures for the Marine Corps

League while under emergency powers. These procedures are not all inclusive as each emergency has its own set of challenges and circumstances. They are setup to be a guide or baseline from which to operate during times of emergency. **WITHDRAWN**

30. MOY ribbon: The last line of the current NOTE 3 talks about the Distinguished Citizens Awards. This is confusing as NOTE 3 is about the Marine of the Year ribbon. This line is removed. Since multiple awards are rare, especially for National, Division and Department Marines of the Year no indications of multiple awards should be noted. **WITHDRAWN**

31. Delinquent members how to get them back in the MCL it must be made easier. We already have the information on those Delinquent Members. Putting the onus on the Detachment to make sure the Delinquent Members understand that their time in the Marine Corps League starts over. Detachments will also be required to get basic information from the Delinquent member to ensure that they are of good standing to remain in the Marine Corps League. A standard form can be created to make this process easier for processing by National Headquarters such as the one attached to this amendment **APPROVED**

32. Remove age category Remove the Age Categories and Fees from the National Administrative Procedures. 32_AP_032921 RATIONAL: The Marine Corps League life membership is well over 62%. The monies from our annual dues paying members are dwindling and at some time in the very near future will not provide the revenues to sustain the League. Therefore, this bylaw change will give the Board of Trustees a tool to deal with the realities of keeping the League on solid financial grounds. **APPROVED**

33. Life member fee distribution Those Detachments and Departments shall not share in the proceeds if they: 33_AP_032921 1. Are not in compliance with their Report of Installation; or 2. Have had their non-profit status revoked by the IRS; or 3. Have not submitted their banking information to National Headquarters; or 4. Have not submitted their Paid Life Member Audit on time. Their share of the proceeds shall be distributed to National Headquarters. **WITHDRAWN**

34. Offenses Section 9105. Offenses. The following offenses are recognized: a. Violation of oath of membership. b. Violation of oath of office. c. Conduct unbecoming a member of the Marine Corps League. d. Any action detrimental to the League. e. Conviction of any crime where the victim is a child. f. Conviction of any crime which constitutes a felony in a County, City, State, or Federal Court in the United States of America. A charge filed alleging a violation of any of the above offenses shall be processed in accordance with the procedures in Chapter Nine. Additionally, if a member is charged with a crime where the victim is a child as stated in 9105(e) or a felony as stated in 9105(f) the Jurisdictional or National Judge Advocate shall immediately suspend the member temporarily until such time as the charges are fully adjudicated. **WITHDRAWN**

35. Temporary Suspension. Under NAP SECTION 9090 the Department Judge Advocate may order a Temporary Suspension, but is not required to do so, after a disciplinary charge is formally filed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested with the Department Judge Advocate. The Temporary Suspension: 35_AP_032921 a. Is effective on the date of service* on the Respondent; and b. Includes NAP Section 9095 (b) restrictions; and c. Ends on the date of the Findings of the Hearing Board (Findings). A member cannot be suspended unless Disciplinary Charges have been properly filed in accordance with Chapter Nine. Then, only the Jurisdictional Judge Advocate can suspend a MCL member. Section 9105 provides an exception to this rule. **REJECTED**

36. National Convention Meetings. The National Convention shall be convened once each calendar year during the month of August unless prevented by a declared National Emergency, a declared State Emergency (state where convention is to be held) or other unpreventable cause. The time and place of the meeting shall be in accordance with the National Administrative Procedures. **WITHDRAWN**

37. PROPOSED: Rename ARTICLE XII to ARTICLE XIII Rename Section 1200 to Section 1300. Replace Article XII with the following: ARTICLE XII Emergencies Section 1200. Emergencies. In the case of a declared national emergency, a declared state emergency or other unpreventable cause the Marine Corps League shall proceed in accordance with CHAPTER ELEVEN of the National Administrative Procedures. RATIONAL: This adds procedures to follow in the cases of emergencies. **WITHDRAWN**

38. Department Bylaw changes There is no requirement that anyone must be notified of any revision, amendment or repeal of the Department Bylaws or Administrative Procedures. This sets a minimum requirement to notify the membership **WITHDRAWN**
39. Department Restrictions. No member shall hold the office of Commandant and Paymaster concurrently. Additionally, the Commandant, Paymaster and any authorized financial signer shall not be related by blood or marriage or reside in the same household. **NO**
40. Detachment Bylaws changes There is no requirement that anyone must be notified of any revision, amendment or repeal of the Detachment Bylaws or Administrative Procedures prior to voting on the revision, amendment, or repeal. This sets a minimum requirement to notify the Detachment membership prior to voting on the revision, amendment, or repeal. **WITHDRAWN**
41. Detachment restrictions Section 920. Detachment Officers g. Restrictions. No member shall hold the office of Commandant and Paymaster concurrently. Additionally, the Commandant, Paymaster, or any authorized financial signer shall not be related by blood or marriage or reside in the same household. **REJECTED**
42. Section 935. Detachment Board of Trustees. The elected officers of a detachment shall be its Board of Trustees. However, a detachment is authorized to appoint the outgoing Junior Past Commandant or a Past Detachment Commandant to serve a one-year term as a member of the Detachment Board of Trustees. No member of the Detachment shall serve in more than one (1) position on the Detachment Board of Trustees **APPROVED**
43. Membership To widen our membership base with the Active Navy and Marine Corps, and to enable Detachments to recognize current active-duty individuals who are involved with the local detachment's programs, this proposed change extends the Honorary Active-Duty Membership invitation to those who (1) qualify for Associate Membership under the provisions of Bylaws Paragraph 515 b. and (2) who are serving on Active Duty. **REJECTED**
44. Allows Medical officers and religious program specialists to join MCL **REJECTED**
45. MO Medallion or ribbons. It is inconsistent to wear both the ribbons and the medal which the ribbon represents on the same uniform. To resolve this inconsistency, either the medal or the ribbon must be removed. This proposed amendment removes the medal from the undress uniforms in favor of the ribbon(s) **NO**
46. - Add the option for females to wear the Army White ASU shirt for both the long and short sleeve undress uniforms. Rationale: The Airline pilot style shirt must be tucked in, however, as noted in the uniform code, female dress blue trousers do not have belt loops, nor can they be modified to have belt loops. In order to wear the Airline Pilot style shirt, females must wear the male uniform. The Women's White USMC shirt is not available in long sleeve. The female ASU shirt has the Airline pilot style epaulets and is untuckable, effectively combining the style with the Women's USMC shirt. The two shirts are distinguishable only by the shoulder epaulets. **APPROVED**
47. Female hose - Hose, nylon, flesh tone (with pumps) or socks, black (with trousers.) to match skin tone. **APPROVED**
48. Would authorize remote attendance at conventions due to various restrictions or reasons. **REJECTED**

Post Traumatic Winning: This was presented by Michael F. McNamara at the 2021 MCL National Convention. It is how to cope with Stress and PTSD. Additional information can be found at posttraumaticwinning.com

The 3 Goals and 10 Commandments of Post-Traumatic Winning

1) We don't "get over" the things that traumatize us

- a. Neither God nor any other cosmic force has invented the amount of time to heal traumatic wounds
- b. The phrase "*time heals all wounds*" is a well-intentioned lie
- c. Some days we can talk about traumatic events without issue and other days thoughts alone bring tears... don't overreact to the difficult days that will certainly occur – expect them and *be gentle with yourself*.
- d. **IMPORTANT:** to struggle with traumatic experiences is normal, there is absolutely nothing wrong with us when we do struggle – ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

2) Trauma is a normal part of life and affects all of us at some point

- a. We're not unique because we've lived through a traumatic event... most people do at some point in their lives

- b. Remember this quote: “*nobody gets through the car wash without getting wet*” – it’s true.
- c. Remember this insight: lots of people live great lives after trauma enters their life, we can live great lives, too

3) Trauma is Trauma is Trauma

- a. Whether the source of one’s trauma is child abuse, sexual assault, violent crime, terminal illness, drug overdose, personal tragedy, death of a loved one, combat, or some other traumatic incident... the source of trauma *ultimately doesn’t matter*
- b. Traumatic experiences, no matter what their origin is, have a deep and lasting impact on our lives

4) Feeling “damaged” by trauma is normal

- a. Traumatic experiences change us, they’re a lot to deal with... but we’re still the same people, capable of living great lives... some call the part of us that is changed “*damaged*” – that feeling is a normal part of post-traumatic life

5) STOP FAKING MENTAL HEALTH – all of us are dealing with our own traumatic experiences

- a. With the people who care about you, don’t fake like you’re doing fine when you’re not
- b. With the people who care about you, don’t be afraid to say the words “*I’m struggling today*”
- c. When we’re honest about our mental health, we give others permission to talk about their struggles... and they will.

6) WE GOTTA TALK ABOUT OUR TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES

- a. In order to live a great life, we gotta talk about our traumatic experiences and the feelings that develop due to them
- b. We talk about our traumatic experiences for our own benefit and for the benefit of those we love and for no one else!
- c. The phrase “*I’ll never go there with you because I love you...*” is the path to destroyed relationships and isolation
- d. The first person we should talk with is our spouse or significant other, if you don’t have one, then someone you trust.
- e. Stay connected to your “tribe” for life; the raw honesty of “tribal” relationships sustains us during life’s difficult times

GOAL #1: *Learn to coexist with trauma*

- *Once you accept the first six Commandments as valid... there is only one course of action – to coexist*
- *Coexisting with our traumatic experiences and the feelings we feel in their aftermath becomes our “new normal”*

7) Physical fitness is essential to long-term mental health

- a. Every one of us knows the mental health benefits of physical fitness – so get active and remain active for life

8) Learn how to handle money WELL

- a. Financial stress creates feelings of life being “out of control” and is often a major factor in destructive behaviors
- b. Financial fitness creates stability and the feeling of control in our lives; stable finances are a part of mental health

9) IF YOU STRUBBLE WITH TRAUMA – QUIT DRINKING – QUIT USING DRUGS

- a. FACT: no person has ever successfully dealt with traumatic experiences by abusing drugs or alcohol
- b. FACT: substance abuse is the single most detrimental thing we do when dealing with trauma’s aftermath
- c. Alcohol and drugs unleash our emotional pain on those who love us most... often driving them away – leaving us isolated.

10) Develop “Wellness Practices” to positively channel post-traumatic stress reactions

- a. Wellness Practices are productive ways we “vent” the reactions that result from living with traumatic experiences... *meditation, music, physical fitness, writing, yoga, talking, and walking* are examples... and there are countless others
- b. Wellness Practices help keep us on the life-path that we choose – and outta life’s ditch
- c. Be deliberate and thorough when considering prescription medications... to include a plan to get off them
- d. Be deliberate and understand what you are supposed to “get out of” individual or group “talk therapy”

GOAL #2: *Embrace self-discipline in your life*

- *Self-discipline is a positive force in your life and will push against life’s negative forces on a daily basis*
- *The path to sustained success in life is paved with self-discipline and that is especially necessary after traumatic experiences.*

GOAL #3: *Give*

- *By giving the traumatic wisdom embodied in these “3 Goals & 10 Commandments” to others as often as we can... by guiding others to a path that will transform their lives – we in turn transform our own lives*
- *Giving becomes the key to transforming our lives – and over time – moving from trauma to joy*
- *By guiding and coaching others affected by trauma, we live purpose driven lives of service... we make our communities stronger, and our nation better*
- *Overwhelming traumatic experiences with joyful experiences is ultimately the key to transforming our lives and how we WIN!*

Date: Tue, Aug 17, 2021 at 2:14 PM

From: Martinez, Andrea

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:35 PM

Subject: VA Press Release - 9/11 Anniversary and Afghanistan withdrawal

VA ensures access to health care as 9/11 anniversary nears <<https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5705>>

WASHINGTON - As the 20th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, the Department of Veterans Affairs is providing those who served awareness of and access to all their health care services, specifically in areas of mental health and post-traumatic stress care.

VA Mental Health officials said there has been an uptick in Veterans seeking help, which could increase more as they come to terms with their service and as the Afghanistan withdrawal comes to completion.

"Our nation is indebted to the men and women who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, because they made our world infinitely safer," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Their service did not come without sacrifice as some carry physical and emotional wounds. We must ensure they get the world-class care they've earned and deserve."

VA's Vantage Point blog<<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92731/afghanistan-how-veterans-can-learn-from-vietnam-veterans/>> is running a four-part series on Afghanistan featuring Veterans' thoughts and perspectives on their time there and the drawdown. The series will run each Tuesday until completed.

The series focuses on:

- Recognizing warning signs of posttraumatic stress.
- How spouses, family members and friends can respond to and assist someone with PTSD.
- Where and how to get help within VA.
- Mobile apps and tips for recovery.

"Our purpose for being there was to prevent further attacks on the homeland," said Chief Master Sgt. Ramón Colón-López. Colón-López is an Air Force pararescue man who served in Afghanistan and is currently the senior enlisted adviser to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He adds his fellow service members should be proud of their actions over the last 20 years but also be cognizant of any mental health difficulties.

Colón-López spent years hiding and ignoring his PTSD, which led to heavy drinking and reckless behavior. It wasn't until he had a mountain biking accident that his wife gave him an ultimatum to get help.

"Veterans should be on the lookout for red flags if news of Afghanistan starts changing behavior," said the Director of the National Center for PTSD<<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>> Consultation Program Sonya Norman, Ph.D.

"These include isolating, using alcohol and drugs or any increase in unhealthy behaviors compared to normal."

Norman points out excessive working or video game playing could be signs someone is struggling and needs help. The series provides information on Vet Centers<<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>> which started after the Vietnam War and addresses the parallels between conflicts and how they can help through readjustment counseling.

"I've got Vietnam Veterans who are still coming here, not because we failed to resolve any issue in their life, but because they found a home in the community," said Director of the Las Vegas Vet Center Joe Lasky. "They found friendships and a way to come talk and deal with issues that may have started in Vietnam, but now affect their current health."

Lasky added he's seen a willingness among Vietnam Veterans to mentor more recent Veterans. Decades removed from their own service; many will offer advice to younger Veterans to not repeat mistakes they might have made. About 1.9 million post-9/11 era Veterans are enrolled for care.

The full four-part series on Afghanistan is available the VA Vantage Point blog<<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/92731/afghanistan-how-veterans-can-learn-from-vietnam-veterans/>>.

Sincerely,

Andi Martinez, MHA

Veterans Experience Office (VEO), Special Assistant, Partnerships and Agreements Advisor, Department of Veterans Affairs VACO

How are we doing? VA Internal Customer Experience Feedback Survey (research.net)<https://linkproTECT.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.research.net%2fr%2fVEOCustomer&c=E,1,Y7VoT-eRN01icZBgPCkAbRLqBZ1H0F7xBMaxuGLJ6u-glwak15tbeZ-wmJ45tfX_xeH6ubS68yVMTBXk1yggqXB3CO8cb33-vgFvL0pdAlmGuBvh6t&typo=0>

A Message to All Detachments from our Department of WV Boy Scout Coordinator

The Detachment can determine what Boy Scout Troops are in your area by going to beascouting.org and follow the instructions. Basically, all you have to do is enter your zip code and you will get a listing of the Troops, their locations and distance from the zip code. There may also be contact information and meeting times.

After the Detachment determines what Troops are within a reasonable distance contact should be made and a follow-up kept on those Scouts that are on track to earn their Eagle Scout. A discussion with the Troop leader to arrange for the presentation of the Certificates should ensue.

Semper Fi.

Fred Brunner
Boy Scout Coordinator

All,

Below is an update from Laura Reyes-Torres:

Miracle Marine Jose is doing as well as can be expected. Monday morning, he was in surgery to remove the dead tissue from 3rd degree burns on his right leg. He does not have internal injuries, smoke inhalation injuries, or organ failure from the extensive burns. The staff at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, burn ICU are remarkable. Thank you so much for your continuing positive thoughts and prayers. This is going to be a long haul, but for a Marine I have faith that, if possible, he will never give up, never surrender.

I asked if he would like visitors and he said yes. You are all his closest friends and I think he would welcome your visits. It takes about two hours to get there, and he can tolerate about 15 minutes.

Directions: MEDSTAR, Washington Hospital Center, parking garage, 110 Irving St NW

Visiting hours: Strictly 14:00-16:00 Mon-Sun. When you get to the hospital entrance, there will be a line formed to the right. They don't let anyone in until 14:00, then take 4 people at a time. They'll ask you who you're visiting, who you are (Marine Corps Family) and where he is located (Burn ICU, unit 4H). They'll tell you to take the C/D elevators to the 4th floor, then follow signs to 4H. When you get there, there is an intercom to the right. Tell them you're there for Bed 18. He is heavily bandaged and has lots of tubes, but he can see you and speak.

Laura has also set up a site that you can register at to receive updates if you would like. I have registered so I can still provide update.

The link for that is:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/josetorres-reyes

Semper Fi, Christine Kain, Commandant Det 1143

The VA's Veterans Experience Office (VEO) is privileged to gather our VA accomplishments each quarter and frame it around customer experience.

In just [two months](#) (May – June) VA has provided care for 3.8M Veteran, completed more than 266K disability claims, processed more than half a million education benefits claims, answered 9.7M phone calls across VA's contact centers, gave more than 15K Veterans Appeals decisions, and laid more than 27K Veterans and their family members to rest at a VA National Cemetery. Download the "Serving America's Veterans May – June 2021" report [here](#).

Sincerely,

Andi Martinez, MHA, Special Assistant, Veterans Experience Office (VEO)

Partnerships and Agreements Advisor

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How are we doing? [VA Internal Customer Experience Feedback Survey \(research.net\)](http://VA Internal Customer Experience Feedback Survey (research.net))

Recall alert for certain Philips medical devices

Philips recently issued a product recall for specific ventilators and sleep apnea devices.

If you own or rent one of the Philips products that was recalled, **talk to your doctor as soon as possible about whether to continue using your recalled equipment.**

If you would like to replace or repair your equipment, the supplier you bought the equipment from is responsible for replacing or repairing rental equipment at no cost to you when the equipment is less than 5 years old. If the equipment is more than 5 years old, [Medicare will help pay](#) for a replacement.

Important: [Register your recalled equipment with Philips](#) so they know you need a replacement, and can provide information on the next steps for a permanent corrective solution.

To register your equipment:

Visit philips.com/src-update, or

Call 1-877-907-7508

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

Pending Calendar

2021 Department Fall Meeting will be September 18, 2021, at 10 AM hosted by Cpl William B Fulks Detachment 1474 in the Winfield Community Center, 178 Second Street, Winfield WV 25213, Staff Officers Meeting is 0930 AM with general business meeting at 1000 AM. WV Pack Growl will immediately follow Dept. Meeting. The uniform code has been modified for the department regular meetings as members can wear polo shirts and black pants, with fore and aft cover. The uniform code must be followed for the Department Convention.

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

2022 MCL Midwinter Staff Conference will be 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. 2/24/2022 – 2/26/2022 (check in 2/23, check out 2/26) Thursday arrivals & stores are open in the afternoon, Friday opening session & agenda items, Saturday sessions continue

2022 Marine South will be March 30-31, 2022, at Camp Lejeune, NC

2022 Modern Day Marine Expo will be 10 – 12 May 2022 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

2022 Department of West Virginia Convention will be May 20-21, 2022, at The Quality Inn Gallipolis, 577 State Route 7 North, Gallipolis, OH 45769. Phone: (740) 446-0090. MGM Detachment 1180 will be the host detachment. Rooms rate: \$85.00 plus tax Banquet includes choice of: Prime Rib \$25, Chicken \$20 Dinners include salad, 2 vegetables, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Amenities: Group Rate includes free Wi-Fi, free parking, free cable, free in-room coffee, free breakfast for two guests per room (each additional guest in a room pays \$6) Breakfast is 6 a.m. – 10 a.m. Pre-registration due by April 15, 2022. For information call Jim Doss – (740) 441-5638, Jerry Bain – (304) 593-9519, Patti Leib – (740) 591-8611

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: 800-774-1500 code MCL22 Room rate: \$127.00 plus 12.5% Room reservation open 0800 August 16, 2021.
Rates good 4 days prior and 4 days after convention.

2023 MCL National Convention will be August 14-18, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK. At Omni Oklahoma City Hotel, 100 W Oklahoma City Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73109, (405) 438-6500 Room rate \$165.48 includes tax. Parking not included but is \$10 per day. Pet friendly with service animals no charge but others is \$165.00 per week. Rate good for 3 days prior and afterwards.